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briefs

Theft arrests made in Pikeville

Two men were charged with several felony charges and lodged in the Pike County Detention Center on Wednesday after one of the suspects was observed in the parking lot of the Landmark Inn with tools in hand.

Officer Eddie Sword of the Pikeville Police Department observed the suspect attempting to exit a vehicle in the parking lot of the Landmark with some tools in his hand. The man then attempted to flee the scene on foot after spotting Sword. Officer Aaron Thompson spotted another suspect in another vehicle and made a second arrest.

Gary D. Murphey, 21, and Emil K. Rogers, 21, both of Pikeville, were arrested and charged with theft, receiving stolen property, and first-degree fleeing or evading police. This investigation is the latest of several arrests made by Pikeville Police related to theft.

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Today
Partly cloudy
High: 74 • Low: 50

Tomorrow
Scattered storms
High: 75 • Low: 30

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

Deputies will plead guilty, attorney says

Thornsberry, Morris among six accused of falsifying concealed weapon permit documents

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Two Floyd County Sheriff's deputies were among six Eastern Kentuckians indicted yesterday in U.S. District Court in Lexington in connection to a scheme

which permitted concealed weapon applicants to gain certification without completing the required training.

Lt. Ricky Thornsberry, 42, of Prestonsburg, and Lt. Herman Morris, 41, of Ivel, were indicted and will plead guilty to one count of mail fraud, according to the

two officers' attorney in the case, Ned Pillersdorf.

Pillersdorf said yesterday that Thornsberry and Morris plan to plead guilty to the charges, which, according to federal law could result in up to five years in prison, and are now looking at a possi-

ble six months in jail. But Pillersdorf added his intentions to seek probation for the two was met with favorable response. The offense could also bring a fine of up to \$250,000 in addition a prison sentence.

"I'm representing both Ricky Thornsberry and Herman Morris in the case and both have agreed to plead guilty to one count of mail fraud each," said Pillersdorf. "The government has advised me they will not oppose our request for probation."

The indictments alleged that

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photo by Loretta Blackburn

Residents of the community of Little Paint joined to support one another in an effort to fight crime in their area by forming a neighborhood watch group.

Neighborhood residents join together to fight crime

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

Residents of Little Paint Creek met Tuesday at the Little Paint Church of God to discuss the formation of a neighborhood watch group in an effort to protect themselves against recent criminal activity in their area.

The meeting was facilitated by Tim Boyd, a resident of Little Paint, who was concerned about the recent burglary of the home of his neighbors, Clarence and Carol Rice.

"This is a tight-knit community," said Boyd. "If they unite, they may be able to prevent it in the future."

Boyd said that he had seen crime in neighborhoods that he

had lived in before and he wanted to do what he could to prevent that from happening to this one.

Boyd invited a variety of people to inform the community about how they could help to fight crime and to answer any questions that they may have.

Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn, Deputy Shawn Roop, and Kentucky State Police Trooper Ron Diddle were present to show support for the effort. Blackburn and Roop answered questions from concerned citizens regarding their rights concerning laws such as criminal trespassing.

Other concerns of criminal activity that prompted discussion were things such as thefts, prowlers and illegal drug activity.

Carol Rice said she suspects

she interrupted a burglar after returning from the church where she was cooking. According to Rice, there was jewelry on the floor and some pieces that were in her armoire were still there.

Rice said it was not the material things she lost that caused her the most agitation, but the feelings of violation, and the fears that she had not previously felt before the incident that continued to plague her.

Rice voiced her appreciation to Boyd and the rest of the community for responding to her misfortune by being there.

Others attending the meeting to offer their services and knowledge in the situation were Wes

(See WATCH, page seven)

Committee begins effort to form city school district

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin issued a cry of support for an independent Prestonsburg city school system at an early morning press conference held just outside the home of Floyd County Board of Education Chairman Rev. Johnnie E. Ross.

The press conference, held primarily to dispel rumors of double taxation in the event Prestonsburg implements a city system, also served as a rebuttal of sorts to comments recently voiced by Ross through an opinion column in Wednesday's Floyd County Times, which pointed to the likelihood of a tax increase if the city were to initiate an inde-

pendent school system.

Also, Fannin took the opportunity during the conference to publicize his selection of a five-member referendum committee, responsible for circulating a recently-formed petition for a referendum vote on the school system proposal.

Prestonsburg city council members Harry Adams and Robert Allen, insurance agent Dick Clark, local dentist Rob Herrick and Mayor Fannin's wife, Maggie Fannin, will comprise the committee charged with the task of circulating the petition. That petition will seek to place a question on the November ballot seeking to establish an independent school district known as the

(See DISTRICT, page seven)

Gunnels found competent for trial

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Based in large part on testimony from Dr. Victoria Yunker, the psychiatrist saddled with the task of evaluating confessed murderer James Austin Gunnels at the Kentucky Psychiatric Correctional Center, Judge John David Caudill found the 23-year-old Dwayne man competent to stand trial during a hearing on Wednesday.

Yunker's testimony came via speaker phone during the afternoon hearing.

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James Gunnels

Busts provide 11 of 20 indictments

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

In a group of 20 indictments handed down by a Floyd County grand jury last week, over half were suspected drug dealers who have been indicted in connection to drug raids conducted late last summer and early fall by both the Floyd County's Sheriff's Department and the Kentucky State Police.

In back-to-back raids in August

and September, both agencies were successful in arresting and jailing a substantial number of suspects from across the county.

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Hazard man faces reckless homicide charge.

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Also included in recent indictments were suspects arrested and brought in afterwards through continued investigative and undercover efforts after the initial roundups.

In all 11 of the 20 indictments presented by the grand jury were drug-

related. Those indicted for drug-related

charges were:

■ George Adkins, 53, Grethel, first-degree possession in a controlled substance, a class D felony, possession of marijuana, a class A misdemeanor, second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, a class D felony and second-degree persistent felony offender, a class C felony.

■ Lafe Hall, 56, Prestonsburg, four counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, a class C felony and second-degree persistent felony offender,

(See DRUGS, page six)



The Betsy Layne High School academic team includes, back row, left to right, Marcus Allen, Bretton Akers, Trent Tackett, Josh N. Allen, Nick Hall, Michael Stewartson and Mollie McMillan; front row, left to right, Robert Collum, Mike Stone, Sara Fraley, Brittany Mitchell, Adam Chaffins, M.J. Meade and Casey McMillan. Full story appears on page A3.

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Odds and Ends

■ WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — Call this bobcat Jonah. Workers at the Science Center of Connecticut got a surprise Wednesday morning when they came across an 8-month-old bobcat that had been placed inside a whale statue that sits in front of the building.

The 20-inch bobcat was left in a pet carrier in the belly of the 60-foot statue. A note attached to the box said the animal was not relating well with humans.

"What a way to start the day, to have to take a bobcat out of a whale," said Hank Gruner, the center's vice president of programs and exhibits.

Bobcats are not a serious threat to humans, said Paul Rego, a wildlife biologist for the state Department of Environmental Protection. They are native to the area around Hartford, and sightings are not uncommon, he said.

Initially very agitated, the animal eventually calmed down and workers placed it in an outdoor cage.

"Given his surroundings, he's doing well," said Gruner, who said that inappropriate pets are frequently abandoned to the center. It is illegal to possess a bobcat in Connecticut.

The science center will assess whether the animal is healthy, and whether it will remain at the museum or be given to another agency which can better care for it, he said.

■ SIDNEY, Neb. — People in this western Nebraska city were left scratching their heads over a recent bit of recognition.

This city of about 6,000 people has knocked Denver out of the top spot as the "itchiest" city in the nation, according to the Lanacane Dry Itchy Skin Index. The February study placed

Goodland, Kan., second, followed by the Colorado cities of Colorado Springs, Denver and Pueblo.

"It's a safe bet you won't see us putting up a sign saying, 'Welcome to the itchiest city in America,'" Sidney City Manager Gary Person said with a laugh.

The itch index was created by the University of Delaware's Center for Climatic Research and Lanacane, a manufacturer of lotions and skin cremes. The itchiest cities are usually in mountainous areas and the high plains, where dry winds and heavy use of heating systems rob skin of its moisture.

A dry climate has its advantages, Person said. The lack of humidity makes for mild summer evenings and winters don't seem as bitter. Besides, Person said he's never heard anyone complain about the dry climate during his 25 years in Sidney.

"I don't see that many wrinkled people running around here," he said.

■ NEW YORK — The creator of Superman has decided it simply can't allow Kryptonite to be sold on store shelves.

DC Comics filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Manhattan on Wednesday to try to stop a hair company from marketing a green hair gel called Kryptonite.

The comics company sued Wella Corp. for unspecified damages, claiming that the gel's name infringes on the name given to an element from Superman's home planet, Krypton, that weakens the hero.

According to the suit, DC Comics first used the word "Kryptonite" in a 1943 Superman radio show. It said the word gained particular fame in a 1945 radio episode when the

Scarlet Widow obtained a chunk of Kryptonite and gave it to several fellow villains to use against Superman.

Leila Meresman, a Wella spokeswoman, said the company would not comment on the Kryptonite lawsuit.

The possible effect on the man of steel notwithstanding, the company said in its online advertising that Kryptonite gel offers humans "extreme styling" and an "acrylic shine."

■ MADISON, Wis. — Legislators tired of worrying about the state budget enjoyed a perfect diversion, zipping around in the Capitol on a battery-operated scooter.

Segway, maker of the Segway Human Transporter, wants the Legislature to regulate it like a bicycle when it is operated on roads, but like a wheelchair when it is operated elsewhere.

The company offered lawmakers rides Wednesday to show what they mean.

"This would be perfect for meter maids," said Sen. Roger Breske, 63, who tested out the two-wheeled scooter. "Man, they could write tickets like crazy."

The Democrat from Eland rode forward and backward across the marble floor outside his office on the scooter, which uses gyroscopes to detect shifts in a rider's weight and move in that direction. The 85-pound scooter has a top speed of about 12 mph.

The Assembly and Senate were expected to vote Thursday on measures to regulate the vehicle. The proposals would give the rider the same rights as a pedestrian, said Matthew Dailida, a lobbyist for Segway.

Rep. Dan Schooff was

among those eager for a ride. "We're going to have to outlaw it unless I can ride it," Schooff said, before taking the scooter on a spin around the Capitol rotunda.

■ MEDFORD, Ore. — Some prisoners at the Jackson County Jail haven't exactly found religion in the Bible.

They've discovered that pages ripped from the Bible make excellent rolling paper for smoking tobacco products and anything else they can get their hands on, jail officials said.

Homemade cigarettes and tobacco are the most common form of contraband that correctional deputies find. But sauerkraut, lettuce leaves, coffee grounds and orange peels have also been smuggled out of the cafeteria, dried and substituted for tobacco.

"It's much more of a problem than drugs, although they still try that, too," said jail Sgt. Dan Penland. "They do everything they can to find something to smoke."

The screening process for inmates' mail has reduced the

amount of contraband smuggled in over the years but the inmates can be creative.

They even have a recipe for making alcohol with rotting fruit that is stashed away and stored. The concoction isn't as common as cigarettes, mostly because of the strong, foul odor that emanates when a batch is fermenting.

■ HERMOSA BEACH, Calif. — To catch an alleged quarter thief at his coin-operated laundry, the owner of Espresso Wash staked out his business for hours, hardly eating or drinking so he wouldn't have to go to the bathroom. And the plan paid off.

Peter Buccoleri, a retired policeman, sat on a stool in a cramped space by a water heater for 14 hours last Thursday peering at his change machine and waiting to nab the alleged thief.

Buccoleri said on Tuesday he saw a man slip a \$20 bill into the change machine, then yank it back while the quarters poured out.

"I snuck out and I told him, 'You are under arrest. Get your hands up against that wall,'"

Buccoleri recalled. "He said, 'I'll give you your money back. I'll give you your money back.'"

Police identified the alleged thief as Zaprian Kostadino Kitchkov, 39, a transient from Bulgaria.

He was booked for investigation of burglary, and officers said they found about \$325 worth of quarters in his car.

■ COLUMBUS, Ohio — Police have recovered 15 tons of microwaveable popcorn, worth \$50,000, that was stacked from floor to ceiling in a two-car garage.

The 1,920 cases of popcorn were stolen a month ago along with an unmarked trailer from ConAgra Foods, the plant in Marion, Ohio, where it was produced, company officials said.

James Conway Jr., 48, and his daughter, Jennifer, 22, both of Columbus, each were charged with one felony count of receiving stolen property. They were scheduled to appear Wednesday in Franklin County

(See ODDS, page nine)

House committee approves charitable gaming bill

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A bill meant to give Kentucky's bingo halls an infusion of new players by modernizing and expanding the games was approved Wednesday by a House committee.

To make charitable gaming more attractive to people lured by riverboat casinos on the state's border, the bill would allow higher cash prizes at bingo games. Prize limits on pulltab cards would be eliminated.

The bill would also allow a new concept — combined bingo games linking players across the state through an electronic hookup. The state would run the combined games, which would offer prizes reaching \$50,000.

Bingo halls also could run more bingo games each week.

The bill cleared the Licensing and Occupations Committee with little criticism and moved on to the full House.

Ray Franklin, commissioner of the state Department of Charitable Gaming, said the bill is meant to enhance bingo and other charitable gaming in the face of competition.

Franklin said charitable gaming is a vital revenue source, generating \$48 million for charities last year. Nearly 800 groups have state charitable gaming licenses. The money through charitable gaming helps pay tuition for thousands of students, and helps dozens of volunteer fire departments buy equipment and attend training sessions, he said.

Franklin said that revenue source is threatened unless the state takes action to re-energize charitable gaming.

Some of Kentucky's bingo halls also have been hurt by the higher prizes offered in neighboring states, he said.

Franklin said bingo halls are especially having trouble attracting younger people. "The patrons are graying and aging," he said.

The bill's supporters hope the combined bingo games, with the big prizes, could get more people into the halls.

Higher prizes proposed for

traditional bingo games also are seen as an incentive to fill bingo halls.

Current law limits bingo prizes to \$5,000 per session. The bill would eventually raise that limit to \$7,500. Prizes for single pulltab tickets are now limited to \$599. The bill would eliminate that cap on prizes.

The bill also would raise non-cash prizes for children under 18 from \$10 to \$100. Minors can play bingo when accompanied by parents.

Also, bingo facilities could hold up to 20 sessions per week. Currently, bingo halls in larger cities are limited to 18 sessions weekly. Halls in smaller towns are restricted to eight sessions weekly.

Rep. Paul Marcotte, R-Union, raised concerns about the higher number of bingo sessions. "This looks like big-time gambling to me," he said.

Franklin responded that bingo is strictly regulated.

The bill also would set up a seven-member Charitable Gaming Regulatory Commission to oversee bingo and other charitable gaming.

Rep. Jon Draud, R-Crestview Hills, said charitable gaming is important, but said it won't bring in tax revenue. Draud put in a plug for another bill allowing Kentucky's racetracks to operate slot machines, which he said would generate significant revenue for the state.

Mike Stone, executive director of the Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling, said the charitable gaming bill didn't pass the "responsibility test." He said the bill should require signs in bingo halls to warn that gambling is addictive. He also said some charitable gaming money should be used to fund awareness and treatment programs for compulsive gambling.

(The legislation is House Bill 743.)

Widow of man killed in explosion sues road builder

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — The widow of a Johnson County man claims in a lawsuit that a construction company was guilty of gross negligence when it detonated a blast that buried his pickup truck.

Edna W. Mollett, whose husband James H. Mollett was killed in the Jan. 15 blasting accident, filed the suit last week in Pike Circuit Court. She claims that London contractor Elmo Greer & Sons is responsible for her husband's wrongful death.

James H. Mollett, 56, of Staffordsville, was checking on a gas well alongside the U.S. 119 road construction project near the community of Canada in Pike County when the blast was detonated. The Department of Mines and Minerals cited the construction firm for safety violations in the wake of James Mollett's death.

A Department of Mines and Minerals report said James Mollett, an employee of Equitable Production Co., was allowed to drive his pickup truck across a blasting site en route to check a natural gas well. His truck was crushed under tons of rock and dirt.

State inspectors cited the construction firm, saying that ample warning wasn't given that a blast was about to detonate, that flagmen failed to stop James Mollett from entering the site and that the company failed to ensure that everyone was at a safe distance from the blast.

Officials at Elmo Greer & Sons couldn't be reached for comment on the lawsuit.

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Janet Denise Miller, 23, to Shawn Green Conn, 25, both of Langley.
 Jamie Lynn Tackett, 20, of Beaver, to Trinity Edward Tackett, 21, of Teaberry.
 Barbara Ann Fairchild, 55, of Hager Hill, to James Ralph Taylor, 33, of Pikeville.
 Theresa Kathleen Sypen, 35, to Randall Dean Branham, 31, both of Bedford, Ohio.
 Jennifer Ann Flannery, 18, to Andy Manuel Rubio, 20, both of Wheelwright.
 Pamela Sue McKinney, 36, to Frederick Timothy Shelton, 36, both of Martin.
 Yvette Shrewsbury, 26, to Timothy Shepherd, 30, both of Mousie.

LAWSUITS

BB & T Corporation vs. Charles M. Salyer and Rachael Salyer; complaint.
 Bank One National Association vs. Terry D. Hamilton, Joann Hamilton, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Floyd County; complaint.
 Conseco Finance Service Corp. vs. Eddie Dalton, unknown female occupant, Matilda Dalton, unknown occupant "no.1" and unknown occupant "no.2"; complaint to foreclose security interest.
 Ronnie Mounts vs. A & B Auto Glass Inc.; complaint.
 Sheri Peters vs. Michael Peters; divorce.
 Aurora Smith vs. Karthik Ramadoss and Ratha Mullins; complaint.
 Jason Jude vs. Joann Jude; divorce.
 Charlene Anderson vs. Ronald Anderson; divorce.
 Linda Gail Maynard vs. Ollie Maynard; motion for temporary maintenance.

CHARGES FILED

Wade Meadows, 43, Prestonsburg, trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school.
 Kisha L. Collins, 18, Martin, theft by unlawful taking, criminal mischief.
 Walker Ray Ratliff, 19, Prestonsburg, possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, theft by unlawful taking, criminal mischief.

John Hite Maggard, 50, Wabash, Tenn., fugitive/governor's warrant.
 Jody Carroll, 23, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking, criminal mischief.
 Christopher Michael Caudill, 24, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking, criminal mischief.
 Timothy B. Davis, 19, Hueysville, theft by unlawful taking.
 Sherry Miner, age unlisted, David, 13 counts of second-degree forgery.
 Seth C. McCoy, 23, Allen, second-degree criminal abuse.
 David Shepherd, 46, David, first-degree wanton endangerment.
 Charles A. Wade, 25, Martin, theft by unlawful taking.
 Brad Meade, age unlisted, Bevinsville, theft by deception.
 Lisa J. Lewis, 31, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
 Ernest D. Marsillett, 30, East Point, fourth-degree assault.
 Loretta L. Newsome, 37, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.
 Arnold Akers, 64, Grethel, alcohol intoxication.
 Larry W. Wells, 30, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, prescription in an improper container, terroristic threatening.
 Damon Newsome, 35, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.
 Quinton G. Bailey, 19, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
 Melissa L. Hall, 26, Auxier, theft by unlawful taking.
 Wade Meadows, 43, Prestonsburg, possession of a controlled substance, prescription in an improper container.
 Robert T. Hatton, 36, Prestonsburg, terroristic threatening.
 Karen Slone, 34, Prestonsburg, terroristic threatening, resisting arrest.
 Angelina Adams, 30, Beaver, two counts of parent failure to send child to school.
 Johnny R. Collins, 51, Printer, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Mikie Whitaker, age unlisted, Hueysville, fourth-degree assault.
 Timothy G. Justice, 37, Pikeville, public intoxication.
 Charles Hamilton, 34, Galveston, alcohol intoxication.
 Jeffrey Ray Collins, 33,

Prestonsburg, violating a protective order.
 Albert R. Osborne, 51, Harold, alcohol intoxication, contempt of court.
 Michelle Newsome, 25, Prestonsburg, parent failure to send child to school.
 Henry Clifton Jr., 32, Prestonsburg, criminal mischief.
 Glenna Jean Hill, 44, Wheelwright, theft by unlawful taking.
 Amy Crum, 26, Martin, shoplifting.
 Jenell Smith, 31, Harold, alcohol intoxication, possession of marijuana, fourth-degree assault.
 Steven Castle, age unlisted, Ivel, theft by deception.
 Brian D. Castle, 35, Langley, menacing, terroristic threatening.

INSPECTIONS

Bobert's Pizza, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not located in all units used to maintain product temperature, walk-in door damaged from extreme use, hair restraints not in use during food preparation, soap missing from staff restroom, broken floor tile in back storage filling with water, mop stored on floor. Score: 93.
 McDowell Stop & Shop, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: No hair restraints in use in the food preparation area, soft drink dispenser nozzles have a light amount of syrup residue on the inside of them, no soap in restrooms, commode reservoir lids are absent in both restrooms, ceiling in the back of establishment is in disrepair, lights burned out at the reach-in cooler where meat is located, lights are not shielded in the reach-in freezer. Score: 93 restaurant, 94 retail.
 Alpke Motel, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Wall in disrepair in room 110, exit doors do not open outward in rooms, top of commode lid broken in room 112. Score: 90.
 Duff Elementary, Eastern, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Violation pertaining to adequate storage capable of being locked for janitorial supplies and toxic materials has been corrected. No score given.
 Dairy Queen, Martin, com-

plaint. Violations noted: There is a hole in the wall in the back storage area which leads to the outside and could lead to rodent or insect problems — on this date there is no evidence of rodent or insect activity but the hole in the wall should be corrected within 10 days as it is a critical violation. No score given.

Campbell's Grocery, Garrett, regular inspection. Violations noted: No hair restraints in use in the food preparation area, walk-in freezer in the food preparation area has a gasket

that does not seal well, underside of the slush machine has a minor amount of buildup, tops of some canned items are dusty, restroom ceiling is noted to be

dusty, some ceiling tiles in the food preparation area have slight discoloration, two lights

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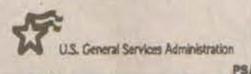
ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the untimely death of Dr. James Campbell, we at Potter Medical Clinic would like to inform his patients that their care is our utmost interest. Dr. Potter will be seeing Dr. Campbell's patients until another physician can be employed to do so. We need your understanding and patience during this most trying time.

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BLHS academic team continues winning tradition

by SARA FRALEY

The Betsy Layne High School Academic Team recently dominated The Governor's Cup District Academic Competition held at Allen Central High School.
 The team nearly swept the written assessment competition, earning four of the five first-place titles.
 In the area of mathematics, BLHS scored the top three positions: Josh Allen (first), Bretton Akers (second) and Marcus Allen (third).
 Sophomore M.J. Meade topped out the Science category in first place while Adam Chaffins scored fourth.
 In social studies, Trent Tackett placed first and Nick Hall earned second.
 Mollie McMillan took the first place title in language arts.
 In the general knowledge cat-

egory, BLHS senior Nick Hall took third and Mollie McMillan received fourth.
 The BLHS future problem solving team also performed well at the tournament by securing a second-place title. This competition exercises students' abilities to find solutions to current national and international problems and to assess the effectiveness of each proposed solution.
 Future problem solving team members include sophomore and team leader Brittany Mitchell, sophomore M.J. Mead, senior Sara Fraley and sophomore Adam Chaffins.
 The BLHS quick recall team capped the event by also winning the first-place title in its competition. BLHS defeated The Piarist School, Prestonsburg and South Floyd to secure this win. Thanks to team members Nick Hall, Josh Allen, Marcus

Allen, Trent Tackett and M.J. Meade, BLHS will maintain its first-place position in district quick recall competition.
 The BLHS Academic Team has been through much transition, having three different coaches in the last three years. However, the members persevere and maintain a winning tradition.
 Current coach Dani Smith says she is proud of her team and has a very positive outlook for its future, especially in upcoming regional and state competitions.



Sara Fraley, Adam Chaffins, Brittany Mitchell and M.J. Meade comprise the BLHS future problem solving team.



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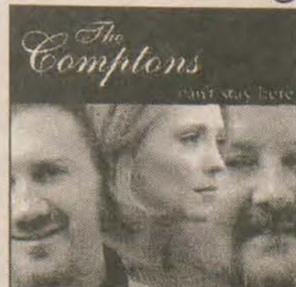
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— Eric Hoffer

Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Guest View Editorial roundup

The Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel, on the welfare marriage plan:
The government has no business trying to push women into marriage for welfare.

Mr. Bush's welfare-reform plan also calls for spending \$300 million to promote marriage. Matrimony is a worthy goal, but government doesn't need to play matchmaker.

Despite a high correlation between single motherhood and poverty, marriage should never be a precondition for welfare benefits. Mothers might be pressured into marrying abusive boyfriends, or staying in bad marriages.

Government should not set up disincentives for marriage, but it shouldn't be in the business of promoting it. That's a job better left to families and churches.

The money for marriage promotion represents a tiny fraction of the welfare-reform budget. Even so, \$330 million is not chump change. That sum could be better spent on other under-funded programs in the president's proposal.

The Victoria (Texas) Advocate, on breast cancer test confusion:

With all the conflicting information on when and whether to have mammograms that can catch early breast cancer, it's not surprising that many women find it difficult to make a decision about the medical procedure.

A Danish study that got major publicity after The New York Times reported on it indicated that, contrary to previous research, mammography screening was unjustified, in part because false positive readings caused women to undergo needless and potentially dangerous medical procedures. An American follow-up study reported similar results.

The methodology and findings of the Danish study and the American follow-up immediately came under attack from groups such as the National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations, which includes most of the prominent anticancer medical research and educational agencies.

This kind of back-and-forth arguing, which is all too common in medicine today, is confusing at any time. ...

Now, however, the federal Department of Health and Human Services has announced that it strongly recommends the tests. In making the announcement, Secretary Tommy Thompson also suggested lowering the age at which women should first receive them to 40. That recommendation is in agreement with many top medical organizations. The government had previously recommended 50. Most women who are screened by mammography do not have breast cancer. They get peace of mind. At least 10 percent have suspicious test results, but 80 percent to 90 percent of those do not have cancer. They suffer mental anguish and, usually, further medical tests, only to find they are cancer-free. At the moment, this is the best that medical science has to offer.

Then there are the women whose mammograms reveal cancer, often significantly earlier than it might have been caught otherwise. ...

Estimates indicate that deaths among women with breast cancer have been reduced 20 percent to 30 percent by early mammographic detection of cancer. ...

It seems clear to us that Thompson and his department have it right.

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Think About It

What comes around, goes around

The proverbial winds of change can often blow past without much notice. From one day to the next, things change in our lives and we simply adjust to those subtle shifts and move on without realizing anything significant has taken place.

However, now and then, the course of your life will switch gears at such a rapid pace you cannot help but reel a little and brace yourself for the whiplash.

It seems my life has been one case of whiplash after another. And with each instance, I have grown stronger and wiser, more understanding of the world around me and infinitely more patient than I was before.

These perks have helped me withstand the bruises and bumps that go along with an ever-changing sense of stability.

My parents divorced when I was very young, married again soon after, and then divorced a second time, all before I entered school. I have called more than a dozen locations home and presently have no idea if I'm a Floyd or a Pike Countian. I was married, became a father and divorced before I was old enough to buy alcohol and struggled with work, family and school for more years than I care to mention. In the past year, I have married again and now expect a fourth family member to make an appearance in August, the same month my son, Tyler Lee, was born in 1995.

It has all been nothing short of a whirlwind, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

In the end, I am grateful for the obstacles and changes I have faced in my life. I am grateful for what I have, and excited about the possibilities promised for the future.

All this is my strange and verbose way of saying goodbye, I suppose. It seems the wind is blowing a little harder than usual and I've been around long enough to know what that means.

I will soon be busy helping my family with their business interests instead of writing columns and hanging around the courthouse, police departments and city council meetings with notebook and camera. Family is, and will remain, most important on my list of priorities, for good or bad.

Those who have spent the last year or so wishing any number of plagues upon me will soon be able to lay down their voodoo dolls and put away their charms or respective legal documents. Those who have said they will be disappointed to see me go is a comparatively short list, to be sure, but a list full of people I love, respect or have grown to appreciate and admire since I wrote my first words in this paper at the age of 16.

Now, enough of that. Although I have said my share of goodbyes in the past, I have always found them fairly awkward and somehow overly fatalistic. It is never really goodbye, you know. Things, people, events always manage to pop again somewhere down the road.

What comes around, goes around ... even the wind.



SHELDONCOMPTON

Letters

Bill needs support

I was born and raised in Prestonsburg and attended law school at the University of Louisville. I love my homeland. Cleaning up roadside litter, illegal dumps and the closure of old leaking landfills has been my top goal in the Kentucky General Assembly since 1998. It has been a rocky road at times, and the beverage industry has steadily opposed my efforts, claiming that there is no problem. But if you care to look along the side of the road on your way home or to church or to the grocery store, you will see for yourself what creates the problem of litter.

My legislation, House Bill 174, is poised to be voted upon in the state Senate. It proposes a one-half cent fee on beverage containers that are sold in convenience-type

stores and upon the cups that are served through fast-food restaurant windows. It also places an increased dollar on the tipping fee. The proceeds from these fees will go directly to:

- Cleaning up litter along the highway and from our waterways.
- Cleaning up illegal dumps and controlling additional dumping.
- Final closing of old landfills in operation prior to 1982.
- Cleaning up our state parks and the Fish and Wildlife nature preserves.
- Providing educational incentives to teach our young people to properly care for our natural resources.

We all want our state clean and beautiful. We want and need tourists' dollars in our state. But it's an accepted fact that it requires money to accomplish this cleanup.

The Cabinet for Natural Resources and the

Environment, the Tourism Cabinet, the Department for Fish and Wildlife, the Kentucky Association of Counties, the Kentucky Magistrates Association, the Kentucky Association of County Judges, the League of Cities, the Conservation Committee, the Natural Resources Council, the Environmental Quality Commission, the Kentucky Solid Waste Coordinators and the Sierra Club all support this bill and its intent. If we want a clean, scenic and healthy Kentucky, we must all act now. The Senate has indicated that it will hear House Bill 174, but I alone cannot guarantee passage. To assure that the Senate members move this bill out of their chamber with the original funding, please contact your local senator now!

I appreciate all of the support and encouragement that I have received from this area in the past. I urge you to call

your state senator at home or at (800) 371-7181, the toll-free message line in Frankfort. It's essential to act now.

Rep. Gregory D. Stumbo
Majority Floor Leader
Prestonsburg

Shove it

You know about the article that you put in the paper about my dad, Marty VanHoose. I know it looked really bad on my family. And I wanted to tell you that you should the article up your rear end.

I would appreciate it if you would apologize, but since everybody knows in the Floyd County area, I think you should make an apology county-wide. It makes people look really bad. It wasn't my dad that told me; it was my friend. He told me that my

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At the Movies:

'The Time Machine'

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

There's a scene in "The Time Machine" that made me want to go back in time so I could choose not to see the movie at all.

Scientist Alexander Hartdegen (Guy Pearce) has transported himself from 1899 to 2030. He visits the New York Public Library and finds that all the information is stored in the form of a computerized human hologram named Vox (Orlando Jones).

When Alexander asks about time travel, Vox launches into a spiel about how H.G. Wells wrote "The Time Machine" in 1898, and George Pal directed a movie based on the book in 1960, and Andrew Lloyd Webber created a musical based on the story, and would he like to hear selections from the score?

That last item is a joke — there's no such musical — but the damage is done. You're yanked from the reverie of watching science fiction and dropped back into reality. And that kind of self-referential cutesiness plagues the

whole movie.

This latest version of Wells' classic tale — the first feature from director Simon Wells, the author's great-grandson — isn't

complains that everyone wears the same bowler hat; later, his best friend, Philby (Mark Addy), wonders aloud whether we'll ever go too far "with all of this,"



"The Time Machine," a Dream Works/Warner Bros. co-production, is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of action violence. Running time: 96 minutes. One and a half stars.

so much a sci-fi movie as a love story with special effects, which aren't especially special.

While Wells' story was a cautionary tale about class struggle, there's barely a shred of social commentary here. Alexander

while looking at an illustration of a traffic-clogged New York City.

Screenwriter John Logan, who was nominated for an Oscar for the "Gladiator" script, sends Alexander back in time not to make any kind of scientific

breakthrough, but for love.

Four years earlier, on the night Alexander asked his girlfriend, Emma (Sienna Guillory), to marry him, she was shot to death in front of him during a robbery in Central Park. Since then, he's devoted himself to building a contraption that can take him back in time and prevent her death.

It works — and the machine itself is as gleaming and complicated as it should be. But once he gets there, he leaves her alone for a minute to buy her flowers and she gets run over by a horse-drawn carriage — and dies anyway.

After obsessing and toiling for four years, would he really let her out of his sight?

Then Alexander ends up briefly in the year 2030 before hurtling 800,000 years into the future — and, naturally, the one person who speaks English happens to be Mara (pop singer Samantha Mumba), the most beautiful woman there, who runs around in see-through scraps of

(See **REVIEW**, page eight)

Michael Chiklis is arresting in 'The Shield' — whatcha gonna do?

by **FRAZIER MOORE**
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK — On the premiere of "The Shield," LAPD Detective Vic Mackey commits a truly evil deed. As played by Michael Chiklis, Mackey looks upon his handiwork with fierce satisfaction. Nothing less than the devil is in his eyes.

TV series don't usually opt for

a sinister champion — not even "The Sopranos," whose antihero is brutish yet adorable. A black-heart is too hard for the audience to live with week after week. Or so says conventional TV wisdom.

Now comes Mackey. He's the leader of an elite strike team, and he's mighty good at it. But he's corrupt, ruthless and a shrewd manipulator. In the war against

crime, Mackey may be a necessary evil. But this bullet-headed lawman is a misguided missile, potentially a threat to everyone in his path.

"He's Al Capone with a badge," declares his captain, who is hellbent on nailing him.

And he's fascinating to watch. All by himself, Mackey renews the cop-show genre. The first original drama series on cable's

FX network, "The Shield" is flat-out the best new series this season. Premiering Tuesday at 10 p.m., it makes "NYPD Blue" look like "Barney Miller."

But there are more reasons why you can't take your eyes off "The Shield." Its writing. Its gritty, L.A.-underbelly atmosphere and murky moral climate. Its all-too-appropriate rough language and action. Its squad of actors including CCH Pounder, Catherine Dent, Walton Goggins, Michael Jace, Kenneth Johnson, Jay Karnes and Benito Martinez.

And don't overlook the guy who stars as Vic Mackey. As if you could.

In homes across America, jaws will be dropping at Chiklis' breakthrough performance. He is chilling. Scheming. And, most immediately obvious, strapping.

That's right! Here is spare-tire Chikkie, who played fat comedian John Belushi in the 1988 film "Wired," and, at 27, starred as portly Tony Scali on ABC's "The

(See **SHIELD**, page seven)

Entertainment Briefs

■ **LOS ANGELES** — The question of whether airport security is a complete joke is creating friction between ABC sitcom star Drew Carey and the network.

An upcoming episode of "The Drew Carey Show" features Carey's ditzzy sitcom buddies Lewis and Oswald (played by Ryan Stiles and Diedrich Bader) as airport security guards.

ABC wanted at least one competent character included in the security force and intimidated the script would be pulled if producers didn't comply, Carey told the Los Angeles Times.

"I've never had a threat like that from the network. ... If you can't satirize authority institutions, what's the point," Carey was quoted as saying in the Times on Wednesday.

Both ABC and series producer Warner Bros. declined comment Wednesday, but a network source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said ABC considered it irresponsible to depict all security workers as ineffective.

"I think we have a pretty good track record of not being serious on the show," Carey responded.

The episode was scheduled to be taped Wednesday with the network-requested changes in place, the ABC source said. It's set to air next month.

■ **NEW YORK** — Jay Gatsby, the mythic social climber of F. Scott Fitzgerald's celebrated "The Great Gatsby," has attained new status. A panel of writers, actors, critics and publishing officials named him the 20th century's greatest literary character.

Finishing second is Holden Caulfield, the quintessential whiner from J.D. Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye," followed by Humbert Humbert, the licentious intellectual of Vladimir Nabokov's "Lolita."

Others in the top 10 include Leopold and Molly Bloom of James Joyce's "Ulysses," Atticus Finch of Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" and Rabbit Angstrom, the restless

title character of John Updike's "Rabbit" novels.

The full list will appear next week in the March/April edition of Book magazine.

Prize-winning authors Michael Ondaatje, Michael Chabon and Andrea Barrett were among the judges. Also voting were actors Rod Steiger, Griffin Dunne and Dennis Farina.

■ **LONDON** — Pamela Stephenson's biography of her husband, Scottish comedian

Billy Connolly, won the book of the year award at the British Book Awards.

Stephenson, Connolly's wife since 1990, spared few details from "Billy," telling of the comedian's hard-drinking lifestyle and sexual abuse by his father.

Other winners, announced Tuesday, included Philip Pullman, author of the year, who has been lauded for his children's novel "The Amber

(See **BRIEFS**, page eight)

Amy Fisher was KO'd by parole board in TV boxing bid with Tonya Harding

by **LUKAS I. ALPERT**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — One of the first fighters in Fox TV's new "Celebrity Boxing" was KO'd by her parole board.

Amy Fisher had been scheduled to take on figure skater Tonya Harding, but the state Parole Board decided the appearance "would not be conducive to her continued parole supervision and would send an inappropriate message to victims of violent crime," spokesman Tom Grant said Tuesday.

Fisher needed permission to travel to California for the taping of her planned bout with Harding. She made headlines as the teen-age "Long Island Lolita" in 1992 when she had an affair with auto mechanic Joey Buttafuoco, and shot and wounded his wife. Fisher served nearly seven years in prison and has been on parole for more than three years.

Fisher's lawyer, Bruce Barket, called the parole board's decision "arbitrary and baseless" and said his client plans to file a lawsuit.

"They said she can't do any paid media; she can't be paid for her appearance at all," Barket said. "I don't think the parole

board should tell her how she can earn her money."

In Fisher's place, Fox has subbed in Paula Jones for the show, scheduled for 9 p.m. EST on March 13.

"Yeah it was rather disappointing, but fortunately we'd been talking to Paula, so she was already on deck," Fox spokesman Joe Earley said.

The producers say "Celebrity Boxing" will feature real — if somewhat tongue-in-cheek — three-round bouts pitting people with familiar names.

Harding gained notoriety in January 1994, when the figure-skating champ was involved in a bungled plot to disable rival Nancy Kerrigan. Jones gained notice after filing a lawsuit against former President Bill Clinton, claiming he made an unwelcome sexual advance in 1991. A federal judge dismissed the lawsuit.

"Celebrity Boxing" also will feature Danny Bonaduce, who played Danny Partridge on "The Partridge Family," against Barry Williams, Greg Brady from "The Brady Bunch." Rounding out the card will be rapper Vanilla Ice squaring off against "Diff'rent Strokes" co-star Todd Bridges.

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Correction

Saturday, at the Old Regular Baptist Church at Minnie, Anna May Hall Stumbo's obituary was read, and I, Kathleen Stumbo Prater, wish to correct a mistake, that my son, Danny Lee Blanton, was raised by me, Kathleen S. Prater, and not raised by his Grandma Annie. He finished a half semester of school at McDowell School, and paid his Grandma Annie 40 dollars a month for staying there. This is written by his mother, Kathleen Stumbo Blanton Prater.

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Patton signs bill to restrict telemarketing calls

Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton signed into law Wednesday a bill meant to shield people from unwanted telephone sales pitches.

With his signature, Patton joined the bandwagon of politicians who embraced legislation sought by older Kentuckians.

Members of the influential AARP flocked into the Capitol Rotunda and applauded after Patton signed the measure. Politicians from both parties flanked Patton, including prospective candidates for governor in 2003.

"A person's home is their castle," Patton said. "The opportunity to enjoy your home unmolested, unaggravated is one of the great American rights and privileges we have."

Patton said unwanted telemarketing calls amount to an intrusion.

"I want to tell you I believe that I've got the absolute right to decide who uses my phone, and who calls me," he said. "And this will give all of us an opportunity to do that."

The measure will allow people to join a strict "zero-call" list maintained by the attorney general's office.

People on the list are supposed to be left alone by telemarketers, with a few excep-

tions. Solicitors could call past or present customers on the list, or people who give permission to contact them. Calls to collect debts would be allowed, as

would calls from one business to another.

Attorney General Ben Chandler hopes to have his office ready to sign up people

for the zero-call list when the law takes effect in mid-July, said his spokeswoman, Barbara Hadley Smith.

Members of Chandler's staff were in Missouri on Wednesday — just two days after the bill's final passage — to review how that state has implemented its tough anti-telemarketing law, she said.

The attorney general's office also would spearhead efforts to punish telemarketers improperly contacting people on the zero-call list.

Violators would face fines reaching \$5,000 for the first two offenses. The penalty would stiffen to a felony for subsequent violations within a year, carrying a possible prison sentence.

Rep. Buddy Buckingham, the bill's lead sponsor, said it accomplished his goal of protecting people from being interrupted at home without causing undue hardships on businesses that rely on telephone sales.

The attorney general's office already maintains a no-call list. That law is riddled with so many exemptions it's been deemed ineffective.

That no-call list has signed up 133,000 people, Smith said. The attorney general's office has been adding at least 1,000 people daily to the list in recent days as public attention on the

issue grew, she said.

Chandler hopes to automatically add the people on the no-call list to the zero-call list when it takes effect, Smith said.

Buckingham said he expected the zero-call list to grow substantially, but the number will still represent a fraction of the state's population.

To sign up for the zero-call list, people will call a toll-free number and register their home numbers. No other information is needed.

Buckingham said he has gotten calls from merchants worried that the bill's restrictions would hurt their businesses.

Buckingham said businesses will still be allowed to make sales calls, but will need to check the zero-call list before contacting people. That list will be available for free off the Internet.

"It's just going to require them to do a better job with their marketing planning," said Buckingham, a Democrat from Murray.

Buckingham said there's a broad exemption for businesses to call previous customers even if they're on the zero-call list. For example, a used car sales-

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Hazard man charged with reckless homicide

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Among indictments recently returned by a grand jury was an indictment against 27-year-old Hazard resident Bradley D. Combs.

Combs was indicted by a grand jury in connection to a wreck on May 22, in which he allegedly ran a red light at Harold and struck a vehicle driven by Paula H. Mitchell, 48, of Grethel.

Mitchell was pronounced dead at the scene during the May accident, and Combs was taken to Pikeville Methodist Hospital, where he was treated and released.

Mitchell had been attempting to enter onto U.S. 23 from Route 979 at the time of the collision.

Police said seat belts were in use at the time. The accident was investigated by Kentucky State Police Det. Eddie Crum.

Crum, who appeared as a witness before the grand jury, contin-

ued the investigation.

Combs will now find himself in circuit court facing one count of reckless homicide, a class D felony, after the grand jury determined that he had been allegedly intoxicated at the time of the accident.

Other indictments were:

■ Colin Cornett, 50, Hueysville, possession of mail matter, a class D felony.

■ Christina Renee Barnett, 23, Prestonsburg, second-degree escape, a class D felony.

■ Jeremy Lafferty, 19, Minnie, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, a class D felony and first-degree criminal mischief, a class D felony.

■ Joseph Clay Yates, 27, Wheelwright, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, class D felony and first-degree criminal mischief, a class D felony.

Also included among the true bills recently presented by the grand jury were four sealed indictments.

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a class B felony.

■ Millard Ray Conn, 52, Martin, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, a class C felony and second-degree persistent felony offender, a class B felony.

■ Michael "Mikey" Isaacs Jr., 25, Dema, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, a class C felony and second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, a class D felony.

■ Keith Thornsberry, 31, Dema, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, a class C felony and second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, a class D felony.

■ Clifford "Cleo" Trammel, 43, Wheelwright, second degree trafficking in a controlled substance, a class D felony.

■ Christie Brown Stroebel, 27, Langley, first-degree traf-

ficking in a controlled substance, a class C felony.

■ Kevin Hamby, 32, Wheelwright, second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, a class D felony.

■ Teresa Hagans, 29, Langley, second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, a class D felony.

■ Craig Slone, 39, Wheelwright, second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, a class D felony.

■ Randy "Donkey Kong" Tackett, 32, Wheelwright, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, a class B felony and second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, a class C felony.

An indictment is not an indication of guilt. It is merely a determination by a grand jury that a criminal charge warrants a full court hearing.

Deputies

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Thornsberry and Morris, along with four others — Gary Rodgers, 46, of Blackey in Letcher County; Ron Burns, 62, of Oneida in Clay County; Frankie L. Marcum, 37, of Manchester in Clay County; and Mark Taylor, 44, of Tyner in Jackson County — were either certified instructors or acted as brokers for instructors for the state's concealed weapons program and, while engaged with this responsibility, failed to follow the correct procedures involved in the program.

The program allows citizens to carry concealed deadly weapons after the applicant takes and passes a handgun proficiency and safety course. The approved curriculum in the program includes classroom instruction, range firing and both written and shooting tests.

Thornsberry and Morris pleaded were indicted yesterday for allegedly having violated those conditions on or about May 8, 2000.

Thornsberry, who was licensed as an instructor in 1996, with assistance from Morris, allegedly told applicants seeking concealed weapon permits they could be provided with the required training certification without actually having to complete the training.

The indictment alleged that Thornsberry, after gaining certification as an instructor, charged applicants \$75 for the service of certifying that they had completed the program. The indictment further states that at various times, Morris would assist Thornsberry in locating applicants interested in obtaining a permit to carry a hidden weapon.

Morris also was certified as instructor.

The two officers have admitted to falsifying and forging documents certifying that a certain number of people had completed the required training under Marcum's instruction, knowing that no such training had been conducted or that the training was not fully in accordance with the approved curriculum, as well as assisting applicants in falsely certifying the required firearms training, which resulted in the applicant being able to carry a hidden gun through a fraudulent license.

The mail fraud charges against both Thornsberry and Morris came, according to the indictment, when on May 8, 2000, both men helped each other deliver the falsified certificates of completion of the concealed weapons programs from Richmond to Betsy Layne.

The certifications were mailed to the Department of

Criminal Justice Training and later used to obtain the concealed weapon licenses from the Kentucky State Police, according to U.S. Attorney Gregory F. Van Tatenhove.

Lanny Miller, an agent in charge of the U.S. Postal Inspection Office in Lexington, said the investigation will continue and that additional indictments could be forthcoming.

The alleged fraud could affect up to 3,000 individuals, though only 120 permits obtained through incomplete training have been seized so far, said Barbara Jones, general counsel for the state Justice Cabinet.

"All license holders discovered through this investigation who have not received mandatory training will have their licenses revoked immediately," Jones said. "We also will be sending letters to trainees who have not yet applied for licenses, indicating that they may have been misled regarding the training requirements."

The indictments, which came as a result of a five-month investigation involving the U.S. Attorney's Office, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Kentucky Attorney General's Office and the Kentucky Justice Cabinet, were discussed during a 3 p.m. press conference in Lexington yesterday.

On the heels of the indictments, the Justice Cabinet said it will now file emergency administration regulations to monitor training and the issuance of licenses. This will include a requirement of written notification by instructors and a class roster 30 days before each class they teach, as well as a stipulation that all instructor training and recertification training will be given by Department of Criminal Justice Training officials.

Later, in a statement released by his office, Tatenhove made an attempt to explain the far-reaching severity of the certification violations.

"The vast majority of Kentucky's gun owners understand both the rights as well as the responsibilities that come with owning a firearm," stated Tatenhove. "The alleged actions of those indicted jeopardize those rights for all of us. More troubling, though, is that this form of public corruption has the potential to jeopardize our safety."

Thornsberry, Morris and Sheriff John K. Blackburn could not be reached for comments before press time.

The Associated Press also contributed to this story.

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One IV treatment a year may be enough to protect bones from osteoporosis, study suggests

by JANET McCONAUGHEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A single intravenous dose of medicine a year rather than a pill a day may be enough to prevent osteoporosis, the bone-thinning

condition that leads to fractures and hunched backs, especially in women past menopause.

The startling finding came out of a study of a drug called zoledronic acid, which is approved for use in cancer

patients to stop calcium from leaching from the bones.

It will be about five years before doctors know whether the drug really does prevent fractures, because the study in Thursday's New England

Journal of Medicine was only a one-year look at the medicine's effect on bone itself. The manufacturer, which paid for the research, has already begun the much larger and longer studies.

But doctors who treat osteo-

porosis — a disease that weakens the bones of more than 10 million Americans and threatens millions more — are excited by the preliminary results.

Dr. Felicia Cosman, clinical director of the National Osteoporosis Foundation, said the thought of a once-a-year treatment is mind-boggling.

"It's potentially a huge change in treatment — and, I think, prevention — of osteoporosis," Dr. Ian R. Reid of the University of Auckland, New Zealand, who led the study. "I think it almost comes into the category of a flu shot, rather than taking pills every day and having side effects."

Over the course of a year, 351 women in New Zealand, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden and Canada were given four five-minute intravenous infusions three months apart. One-sixth of the women got a placebo in all four; the others had at least one IV with zoledronic acid in it.

All five drug treatment schedules had about the same results, and all were better than the placebo. The drug was found to slow the rate of bone loss and increase bone density, and the effect persisted for at least a year after treatment, long after the medication had disappeared from the blood.

Bone density was 4.3 percent to 5.1 percent higher in the spine and 3.1 percent to 3.5 percent higher in the hip than it was for patients on placebo.

The drug, sold by Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. as Zometa, is in a class called bisphosphonates. Two other drugs in this class are used as one-a-day

pills to treat osteoporosis; one also is available as a once-a-week pill.

However, the pills must be taken sitting or standing straight up, before eating, and the patient has to stay upright for 30 minutes without eating or drinking. Side effects include abdominal pain, nausea, heartburn and irritation of the esophagus. And research has shown that such patients often skip their pills or do not take them according to instructions.

The IV treatment has fewer side effects, Cosman said.

However, she warned that women still need to make sure they get enough calcium, vitamin D and exercise.

"No drug works as well in the absence of making other changes in the lifestyle," she said. "It's not like you can completely forget about bone health in between administrations of medicine."

Other treatments for osteoporosis include estrogen supplements or an estrogen alternative, both of which increase bone density but apparently not as well as bisphosphonates, and a bone hormone called calcitonin. Some of these treatments are often given in pill or patch form.

Novartis has begun enrolling patients for two big studies of the drug: a three-year study of 7,500 women who have been through menopause, and a two-year look at 4,500 men and women who already have had a hip fracture from osteoporosis.

Novartis said it does not know how much the drug is likely to cost. If a version of Zometa is approved for use against osteoporosis, it will probably be given another name.

New center to celebrate the culture of the South

by JUSTIN BERGMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND, Va. — It's not barbecue and banjo music, or collards and collard greens.

Rather, celebrating the culture of the South will take a decidedly more cerebral line when the South Atlantic Regional Humanities Center opens this spring. The center, created with support from the National Endowment for the

Humanities, will be one of eight regional sites around the country where universities and cultural preservation groups will work together to sustain regional traditions and promote tourism.

"There's a new feeling that we're all in this together," Robert Vaughn, president of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, said at a news conference Tuesday to announce the center. "We need to pool our

resources to assist in the continued development of our region."

The center, to be headquartered at the South Atlantic Regional Humanities Center in Charlottesville, will include universities and other groups in five coastal states — Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida — as well as the territories of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The goal is to protect certain aspects of Southern culture from the "Wal-Martization" of America, Vaughn said, but also to create a research bank for universities and colleges across the country and to spur tourism interest in the region.

The group will establish a digital library on topics related to the South, sponsor a forum of Southern women writers, publish a book on the history of education in the region since the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education desegregation case and commission a traveling exhibition of Jewish heritage in the South.

Universities in the region also have pledged to update their curricula with Southern humanities courses. Virginia Tech offered the first such

course last fall — a joint South Atlantic geography-history class in its master's program.

U.Va. President John T. Casteen III said the benefits to academia in the Southeast could be immeasurable.

"It gives us a chance to build on the disparate strengths of several institutions to enhance humanities studies for the region," Casteen said. "This will make Virginia a hub for humanities in the Southeast and, frankly, in the nation"

Funding for the center will come initially from the National Endowment for the Humanities, which is driving the initiative to create regional cultural study centers across the country. NEH will donate nearly \$400,000 to fund the first stage of the project; Vaughn said the center must raise triple that in the next three years to stay afloat. Eighty percent of donations will be earmarked for a permanent endowment.

Due to Virginia's budget problems, Casteen said he doesn't expect much state support. The principal source of funding is expected to be individuals and private foundations and organizations.

District

Prestonsburg Independent City School District.

According to the petition, the new school district would be governed and operated by a board of education composed exclusively of Prestonsburg residents.

"I think the people should decide," said Fannin, who said this step was merely the first in a process to see if the people collectively want an independent district. "Johnnie Ross talked a lot about the tax part of it in his letter, but the fact is this: the county tax right now is 60.9 [cents per \$100 of assessed value]. I don't believe the tax for an independent district would be much different."

Tax rates across the region vary, according to Fannin, from 56.7 percent to 60.9. The mayor said his office checked the figures with the county courts.

"I don't know where he [Ross] got his numbers, but we checked ours with the courthouse," said Fannin. "This will not be a double taxation for the city. Most of the funding for this would come from the state level. Taxing on the local level is a small part of the process."

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In his letter, Ross alluded to politicians using the topic of a new school district as political "fodder," geared toward making the most of the subject near election time.

The possibility of an independent city school district was first mentioned after a meeting of the school board's local planning committee sent a flurry of rumors about school closings.

Fannin said Ross openly supports Prestonsburg city council member Thomas Hereford, who filed to run against Fannin in the upcoming election, and feels this is an underlying point of motivation for the board chairman.

"He [Ross] has a sign up in his yard supporting Thomas Hereford for mayor," continued Fannin. "I believe he's just using this to get at me or something, but the fact is that a city school district would not increase taxes for city residents. In fact, I'm pretty sure they would stay about the same as they are now. I don't see any reason why it would change from county to city."

Ross could not be reached for comment at press time.

Patton renews call for overhaul of tax system

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's antiquated and inadequate tax system is a time bomb waiting to explode in the faces of his successors, Gov. Paul Patton said Wednesday.

Patton renewed his plea for the General Assembly to take up the task of overhauling the revenue structure while it is now in session, or perhaps during a later special session.

Patton emphasized during a speech to the Frankfort Rotary Club and in remarks to journalists later that such an undertaking would mean no new money for his administration, which

will leave office in December 2003.

"I am worried about the next administration and the next administration and the next administration," Patton said.

A study of the state's tax code undertaken by a legislative panel concluded that the system is not keeping up with ordinary growth in the economy. If unchanged, the report concluded that the state will fall more than \$2 billion short of the money needed just to keep up with routine needs for services by 2010.

The issue, though, involves far more than simple fiscal policy; it is fraught with political overtones and undercurrents.

Since 1998, Patton has asked the General Assembly to undertake tax reform. He proposed a dramatic plan in 2000, but it was immediately tagged as a tax increase by the majority Republicans in the Senate and discarded.

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, who was in attendance for Patton's remarks, noted the House embraced many of Patton's proposals in 2000 and was ready to take up the matter again.

"We certainly are for that and want to work on tax reform," Richards said of his fellow Democrat.

Patton made a similar plea during his State of the Commonwealth address to open the legislative session in January.

Senate President David Williams has said he will not take up the subject of tax reform while Patton is governor because he does not trust him. Williams accused Patton and Democrats of reneging on earlier promises by referring to 2000 tax changes as tax increases.

Patton pledged to take the politics out of the topic if Republicans would do likewise.

"I can speak on behalf of the Democratic Party and make it stick for the next two years," Patton said.

Patton said he would seek a similar pledge from someone in the Republican Party. "Whoever can speak on behalf of the Republican Party and make it stick."

Republican Chairwoman Ellen Williams said the GOP favors tax reform, but is leery of Patton and the Democrats.

"I don't think we have any confidence they'll keep their word," Ellen Williams said. "So far, they have not shown themselves to be people who do what they say and say what they do."

Williams said Wednesday he would talk with Patton about tax reform and if a consensus could be reached, it would be difficult for either party to try to take political advantage.

Otherwise, however, Williams raised the specter of taxes and politics in this year's legislative elections. "They don't want to talk about taxes," Williams said.

Williams also said a special session might be worthwhile, but then added that Patton refused Republican calls for a special session last year on legislative redistricting. Williams also said it might be difficult for him to take part in a special session before May while he faces his own re-election campaign, but added he was sure Patton would have never thought about such an implication.

Letters

dad had went to court for a specific reason. I think that I should type an article on your family. How would it feel if I wrote and article about them and told Floyd County your personal business.

I want you to know that I am a 10-year-old child that thinks that was uncalled for. And I think that my 10-year-old friend calling me because of my dad being on the front page was disgusting. I think The Floyd County Times thinks that it's real neat to embarrass families like mine.

I would appreciate it if you would print this and let people know my dad is not a bad person. He is a good father and no one can change that. Next time when you print something about someone, check and see if they have family who care and read the paper.

To people who read this, keep in mind that I love my dad and he is a good guy. And by the way, tell Mrs. Blackburn that this is not appreciated.

Cody Wayne VanHoose
Prestonsburg

Gunnels

Neither she nor Gunnels were able to be present for the hearing.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said the details of Gunnels' mental state which Yunker addressed Wednesday were the standard for the situation, noting that no specific details were more prominent than others.

"There had been an issue raised about his [Gunnels'] competency," Turner said shortly after the hearing. "That was the reason for hearing today, to hear testimony from the doctor who evaluated him."

Turner said Yunker explained to the court that Gunnels was aware of several technical aspects of his case, which would point to the likelihood that he was in a cognitive state of mind.

These technical aspects serve to establish the standard for competency in a case, according to Turner, and included whether or not Gunnels understood the charges against him and whether he was aware of the significance of the court proceedings he was currently involved in. Also, Yunker's evaluation intended to make sure that Gunnels understood the roles of the judge and attorneys connected to the case.

Yunker testified under oath Wednesday that Gunnels understood these standard aspects.

In July 2001, Gunnels was arrested at the Wilson Creek home of a family member for

allegedly killing store clerk Bonnie Hall during the robbery of the Cardinal Country Store at Watergap. A charge of first-degree rape was later added after further investigation.

Now that Caudill has found, with the help of Yunker's testimony, Gunnels competent to stand trial, Turner has turned an eye toward which direction he would like to take the prosecution's efforts.

"Between now and [the pre-trial conference] we'll come to a final decision on the death penalty," said Turner. "The reason we hadn't yet was because we were waiting to find out the results of this hearing."

According to state law, in order for prosecutors to seek the death penalty there must be what is referred to as "mitigating" circumstances which stand along with a charge of murder. Two of the charges against Gunnels, in addition to the charge of first-degree murder, are first-degree robbery and first-degree rape. Both of these are mitigating circumstances, giving prosecutors the option to seek the death penalty.

"We wanted to know what the outcome of this hearing would be and we're still talking to the family members as well," said Turner.

Following the competency decision, Caudill set a pre-trial conference in the matter for May 10.

Watch

man should be able to contact customers who bought vehicles years ago to see if they are ready to buy again, he said.

The bill does not cover charities, he said. Nor does it cover non-profit organizations, that would allow a university to continue calling alumni, even if on the list, to seek donations, he said.

The bill's signature culminated a long effort by Sen. Marshall Long to put restrictions on the telemarketing industry. Last year, a measure passed the Democrat-controlled House but died in the Republican-led Senate. The state Democratic

Party ran radio commercials in recent weeks accusing Senate Republicans of blocking telemarketing legislation.

Senate Republicans put their stamp on the bill by passing a tougher zero-call list and stiffening penalties so the state could pursue out-of-state telemarketers violating the law. Neither Senate President David Williams nor Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelly attended the bill signing, though other Republicans were there.

"To everybody who was involved in the bill, those who came early and those who came late, thanks," Long said.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: Due to rising costs and space limitations we will no longer be accepting items for our Community Calendar that contain a revenue-producing nature. If your organization is holding a fundraising event, please contact our classified or advertising departments to announce your event. The Floyd County Times will continue its practice of posting meeting dates and public service announcements, up to seven lines of type. These submissions must be received in writing no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, and 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication. Items may not be taken over the telephone. Community Calendar items are subject to editing according to space limitations.

Jenny Wiley AARP offers free tax service
AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free tax assistance

for elderly (60 and over) and low income persons at the Floyd County Library, each Tuesday, beginning February 5, through April 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bring your last year's income tax return and current tax information.

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.

Big Sandy Chapter DAV

Meets each 1st and 3rd Friday at the Auxier Fire Dept. at 6:00 p.m. All veterans interested in joining may call Ballard Shepherd, Commander, at 886-

7887; Bill Baldrige, Adjutant, at 886-2834; Fred Hannah, Chaplain, at 297-4273; or Billy Lewis, Vice-Commander, at 789-7067. The chapter will hold a road block on Saturday, March 9, in Prestonsburg, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., weather permitting.

SNOOP pet photo contest

Saturday, April 13, at 1:00 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church. Free admission - \$3 photo entry fee. Send your favorite pet photo to SNOOP, P.O. Box 321, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or take to any participating Veterinarian's office. All proceeds benefit SNOOP (Spay and Neuter Organization of Prestonsburg). Winners need not be present to win.

Over 40?

A study is currently being conducted to determine interest in an "Over 40" singles club to be organized in local area. The purpose of the club would be to introduce singles, over 40 years of age, to their peers. The private club members would then meet for travel, shopping, sports

activities, picnics, dances, or simply to talk. A yearly membership fee of \$25 would be required. If interested, please call 606-874-3989 and leave a message. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

Bluegrass Music

The Sipp Theatre Foundation will hold a Bluegrass Music show featuring Dave Evans and Riverbend on Saturday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the historic Sipp Theatre, downtown Paintsville. Admission, \$8 in advance, \$9 advance reserved, \$10 at door. Call 789-3333, 789-9014, or 886-2990.

Co-op News

The Building Committee of the Floyd County Extension Service will meet on Tuesday, March 12, at 11:30 a.m.

The Floyd County Extension Service District Board, County Extension Council and Budget Contact meeting will be on Friday, March 22, at 5 p.m.

Both meetings will be held at the Coop-Extension Service office on South Lake Drive. The public is invited.

Relay for Life

Employees of the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park will be sponsoring a yard sale/bake sale for the American Cancer Society annual fund drive on Saturday, March 9, at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to the "Relay for Life" campaign.

Class of '72

The 1972 class of McDowell will hold a reunion planning meeting on Monday, March 11, at 6:00 p.m., at the McDowell Grade School cafeteria. All members of the class of '72 are encouraged to attend.

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 Conservation 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@eastky.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.

Need a computer for college?

If you are a Floyd County High School senior applying to a college, university, or technical

school, or a non-traditional college student, you may be eligible to receive a new computer and printer through Floyd County's T-GIFT program. To apply, pick up a T-GIFT brochure at one of the following locations: MSU Prestonsburg Campus, Elizabeth Bishop; Education Pays Career Development Center, PCC, Jean Rosenberg; any Floyd County School Family Resource Center; or contact Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, or call Sister Kathleen Weigand at 886-2513.

Kentucky Forest Fire Hazard Seasons

Kentucky Forest Fire Hazard Seasons have changed to February 15-April 30 and October 1-December 15. During these time periods it is unlawful to: set fire to, or to procure to set fire to, any flammable material capable of spreading fire, located in or within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland, except between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., or when the ground is covered with snow.

Co-op Extension Services

2002 Floyd County Horse Course to be offered in a 3-part series. Each course will be held at the Floyd County Extension Service Office and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

*Thursday, March 21 - Health and Feeding of your horse;
*Thursday, March 28 - Selecting the Recreational Horse; and
*Thursday, April 4 - Fencing and Facilities. For more information call Ray Tackett at 886-2668.

Notice to all veterans

If you are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, you may be entitled to VA benefits that you are unaware of. Visit the Disabled American Veterans office located at Ivel, or call (606) 478-9810 during regular office hours, Monday - Friday. Our mailing address is DAV, Betsy Layne Chapter #169, 480 Conn Street, Ivel, KY 41642. There is never any charge for our services.

Senate committee takes up power plant regulation bill

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A Senate committee chairman said Thursday he expects the General Assembly to enact regulations on the siting of proposed new electric generating plants now unregulated by the state.

A House-passed bill would create siting boards to judge the appropriateness of locations for merchant power plants.

The Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee took no vote on the measure. Afterward, Chairman Ernie Harris said the bill would come up at the next hearing.

Harris said plenty of time remains in the final 3 1/2 weeks of the legislative session for lawmakers to take action.

"I sense from the Senate side a desire to get some legislation out," said Harris, R-Crestwood.

Gov. Paul Patton imposed a moratorium on accepting applications for permits after nearly 30 generating plants were proposed by the power industry within an 18-month period. Most of them would be merchant plants, which would generate power only to be sold outside the state.

Harris has proposed his own power-plant siting bill that has some important distinctions from the measure that passed the House.

Harris' bill would create permanent public membership on the siting board. Construction of a merchant plant could not begin without a construction certificate issued by the siting board. The siting boards envisioned under the House bill would include two "ad hoc" members representing the communities where the plants are proposed.

Harris' bill also would exempt the state's regulated utilities from reviews by the siting boards. The House-passed version would force those existing utilities to go before the siting boards when proposing new plants, a proposal that utilities claim is unnecessary since the Public Service Commission already reviews plant sites.

Both bills include setback provisions that would create buffers between merchant plants and nearby buildings.

Harris said he has no "pride of authorship" about whatever measure emerges from his committee. He said his goal is to ensure some oversight over the location of new merchant plants.

Sen. Elizabeth Tori, R-Radcliff, wondered whether more review might be needed on the complex issue of power regulation.

Rep. Jon Draud, sponsor of the House bill, expressed reservations about having the governor's moratorium extended, and said legislation is needed to make sure plants

are built "with the public interest in mind."

Sen. Ed Worley, Richmond, questioned the value of merchant plants to Kentucky. He said the plants would employ few people and affect the environment while shipping all its power away from Kentucky.

"Why would Kentucky want these things," he said.

The committee also was told that the state would not collect any tax revenue from merchant plants. That could change, however. House budget committee Chairman Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, has proposed legislation to tax electricity produced in Kentucky for consumption elsewhere.

(The House-passed power plant bill is House Bill 540. The Senate bill is Senate Bill 257.)

Odds

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Municipal Court.

ConAgra sent a tractor-trailer Tuesday to pick up the popcorn. The original white trailer is still missing, plant manager Tony Jones said.

Police said they found the food while searching Jennifer Conway's home because the elder Conway's son has been charged in the Jan. 19 shooting death of an Ohio State University student.

■ BURLINGTON, Vt. — Diane McCarthy has discovered how much it pays to clean up debris from her back yard.

McCarthy found a box containing \$1,300 stolen two weeks earlier from a Colchester High School hockey game.

The Colchester High School Hockey Boosters had reported the theft to police, believing that the money was gone forever, Booster member Cheryl King said.

McCarthy turned the treasure over to Burlington police, who returned the cash to the Booster club.

"To get \$1,300 back is absolutely amazing," King said Monday. "It's nice to know that there are some pretty honest people in the world."

King was working the Saturday night game Feb. 16 when a teen-ager approached the door, she said. The cashier told the boy it would cost \$3 to get in to the game, King said. The boy grabbed the cash box and fled, according to police.

When McCarthy first saw the gray metal box, it looked like cardboard, she said. Then she moved closer.

"I saw it was more like a cash box, and I could hear some change, some coins, in there, and opened it up," she said. "I was like, 'Wow, there's a lot of money in here; I better call somebody.'"

Police have not arrested anyone for the theft.

Henry not paid for dozens of surgeries, audit says

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Lt. Gov. Steve Henry says an audit shows he didn't try to cheat the federal government out of money and is, instead, owed money for surgeries he performed.

A federal grand jury has been reviewing bills from Henry's orthopedic surgery practice to reimbursement programs like Medicaid and Medicare. It is investigating whether Henry actually performed or supervised surgeries for which he billed the government.

Mike Stigler, a certified public accountant hired by Henry's malpractice insurance company, was hired to audit 200 of Henry's billings that federal investigators are examining.

Stigler said that over the past six years, Henry performed dozens of surgeries without being paid by Medicaid, Medicare or private insurance companies.

Henry has been the lieutenant governor since 1995, but practices medicine part-time. He has refused a teaching salary from the University of Louisville and is not compensated for seeing more than 1,000 patients per year at Louisville's charity clinic, where he volunteers three

hours each Monday to serve uninsured homeless people.

Henry said the underbillings total about \$500,000, but his attorney, Jack Smith, couldn't confirm that number.

"I have no idea if that's right," Smith said Wednesday.

Henry has maintained he's done nothing wrong. Smith admits there might have been some billing mistakes.

"If you work a lot in the health-care area, you know Medicare and Medicaid billings are a problem with just about anybody across the industry," Smith said. "It's a confused area."

Smith said he hasn't reviewed Stigler's audit.

For now, Smith said the audit doesn't change the status of the investigation.

"Nothing has changed as far as that's concerned," Smith said.

Henry was cleared of wrongdoing in October when a state ethics panel announced the findings of an investigation into Henry's wedding to former Miss America Heather French.

Dozens of state employees helped stage the October 2000 wedding, but the panel found no evidence that the employees were coerced into helping or did so on state time.

Amendments take different approaches to legislative oversight

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Rep. Bob Heleringer wants to give the General Assembly more authority to oversee executive branch contracts and bonding.

Rep. Joe Fischer says the legislature should be able to meet periodically during the year, which would naturally give it more oversight authority.

The two different approaches reflect the long-running struggle by the legislature to define its own role as it relates to the executive branch.

Heleringer, a Louisville Republican and veteran member of the legislature's contract oversight committee, said he has long been frustrated by executive ability to act without an effective legislative veto.

The contract committee can reject a proposed services contract, but a simple directive from the Finance Cabinet secretary, a gubernatorial appointee, can override the committee.

"That's all we can do now is review and shine a light on things and criticize and hope the executive branch takes action on things," Heleringer told the House Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee.

Fischer, R-Fort Thomas, would reconfigure the legislative sessions each year, while not adding to the current maximum meeting times of 60 days in even years and 30 days in odd years. In even years such as this one, for example, he would have a 30-day session to enact a budget. The remaining 30 days could be spread over the rest of the year, allowing what amounted to one-week meetings every other month. Sessions in even years must now end by April 15.

Similarly, the 30 days allowed in odd years would be spread over the year, instead of ending by March 30 as required now.

Such a system would let the full legislature reject a contract, an administrative regulation or contested bond issue, Fischer said.

The General Assembly can propose up to four constitutional amendments to the voters every other year. A proposal to confirm the constitutionality of family courts is already marked for the November ballot.

Voters, however, have historically taken a dim view of legislators' efforts to increase their own authority. In 1990, they rejected a proposal to let the legislature call itself into special session and another that would have given the legislature clear power to reject administrative regulations.

It took four tries before the voters allowed annual legislative

sessions in 2000.

Rep. Woody Allen, R-Morgantown, said the problem of runaway government rests in the executive branch. "The big problem is these state agencies are out of control. They're like a wildfire, they're like a cancer," Allen said.

Proposals from other legislators, though, would dramatically cut back on legislative time. One would eliminate the odd-year session altogether, even though it was only enacted in 2000, and another could cut to 40 days the time for even-year sessions.

Decisions on what constitutional amendments to propose — and only once have there been four on the ballot — are usually left until the last few days of a legislative session.

Men charged with making counterfeit bills to buy OxyContin

The Associated Press

NORTON, Va. — Two southwestern Virginia men were charged with making counterfeit money to support an expensive OxyContin habit.

Jerry Wayne Sturgill and Jeffrey Scott Hickman made phony \$20 and \$10 bills and checks with computers and exchanged them at major retail businesses in Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and Kentucky, Norton police Chief Sam Mongle said Tuesday.

Mongle said the men started the counterfeiting scheme to purchase OxyContin, a powerful painkiller that is crushed and snorted illegally to produce a morphine-like high.

"You have to have \$300 to \$500 a day to support an OxyContin habit," Mongle

said. Sturgill, 26, and Hickman, 32, were arrested Friday with Charles Olin Stapleton, 26, who was charged with having a firearm after a felony conviction, distribution of drugs while armed and distribution of OxyContin.

Local businesses had been reporting counterfeit bills and bogus business checks for a number of months. Police made the arrests after supplying businesses with markers to detect counterfeit bills.

On Friday, authorities confiscated the computer equipment used in the counterfeiting scheme at the apartment of Stapleton's ex-wife in Norton. Several bogus business checks, fake identifications and some OxyContin tablets also were seized, Mongle said.

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Knight and day

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

From 8 to 10 p.m. Sunday night, ESPN will air the movie it made about Bob Knight, starring Brian Doherty as "The General" and based on the best-selling "Season on the Brink" by John Feinstein.



After the movie, the network will run an hour show during which sports journalists will be interviewed on the subject of whether the media, especially TV, has treated Knight fairly.

When ESPN called, I was lukewarm to the idea of being interviewed because of a negative experience I'd had with the network a couple of years ago, when I participated in an ESPN "documentary" about the infamous Kentucky-Texas Western NCAA championship game in 1966. It was the first, and only, time that a team with five black starters beat an all-white team for the nation-

(See REED, page five)

Sideline Shots

15th Region tourney heats up, UK men in Atlanta

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

If you're a boys' basketball fan, and you fancy some great high school basketball, then you won't want to miss out on the action tonight at Pike County



Central High School. In the first game, the Johnson Central Golden Eagles, under head

coach Les Trimble, and playing some of the best basketball in the region, will take on Coach Rodney Rowe's Shelby Valley High School at 6:30 p.m. The nightcap then features two of the top teams, and two more top-notch coaches as the South Floyd Raiders do battle with the Bill Mike Runyon-guided Paintsville Tigers. Johnson Central and Shelby Valley haven't played this season, while Paintsville owns a pair of very, very close wins over the Raiders. Tip-off for the South Floyd-Paintsville game is set for 8 p.m.

South Floyd-Paintsville III should be great. Junior Tyler Hall was knocking down the three-point shot on Wednesday night as was Paintsville senior Chas Harmon.

The University of Kentucky men's basketball

(See SIDELINE, page three)

Baseball

Reds keeping close eye on Austin Kearns

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — If Austin Kearns doesn't win the Cincinnati Reds' right field job over two more experienced players, he likely will open the season with the Reds' Triple-A team in Louisville.

But he might not be there for long, given the speed with which fellow rising star Adam Dunn zoomed from

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FLOYD COUNTY Sports

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Raiders run away from Hawks, 71-56

Tyler Hall drains five treys to lead South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

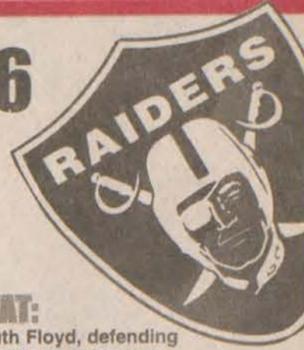
BUCKLEYS CREEK - Defending 15th Region champ South Floyd doesn't want to give up its title. That was evident on Wednesday night in game number two of the night. IS playing the host

school in a very important tournament a good thing or a bad thing? The Raiders sure didn't seem to mind. Senior Rusty Tackett was held to just eight points, but pulled down a team-high seven rebounds, as teammate Tyler Hall, just a junior, hit for 21 points,

including five three-pointers and another junior, Michael Hall, netted 20 to lead the Raiders past the host school, but visitors on the scoreboard, Pike County Central, 71-56, in what was a defensive stalemate for the majority of the first half.

South Floyd broke the scoreless ice at the 6:30 mark of the opening quarter when Michael Hall put in the game's first two points. The Raiders went on to score five more points to lead 7-0, three of which came on a trey from Tyler Hall, before Barry Sanders put Pike County Central in the books with a field goal. The Hawks man

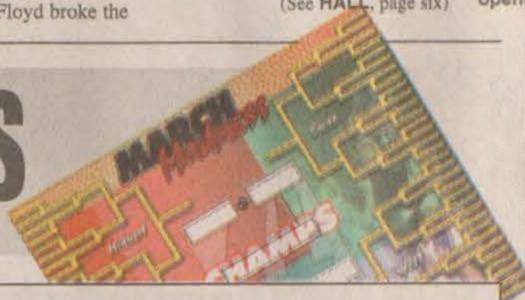
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STAT: South Floyd, defending 15th Region champs, outscored Pike Central 45-34 en route to the opening round win.

NCAA BRACKETS

COMING SUNDAY



TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS



South Floyd Middle School claimed its first county grade school championship with a 61-51 win over Betsy Layne on Monday night. The county championship was also the first for head coach Tony Isaac.

SFMS Raiders capture county title

"I think the county was more balanced this season than ever," said Isaac. "There were about five teams I feel that were really even, and could have won it."

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Playing on their home floor, the South Floyd Middle School raiders beat the Betsy Layne Elementary Bobcats 61-51 to capture the county championship.

The Raiders, coached by Tony Isaac, averaged 64 points per game in

their three game county tourney championship run. The Raiders became the first team out of Left Beaver to capture the county title in some 20 years.

South Floyd set the pace early, hitting for 16 points in the first quarter. Betsy Layne, playing without one of

(See RAIDERS, page six)

Halbert praises Kentucky All-Star squad

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The 11th Annual Ohio-Kentucky All-Star Game will field probably its best girls' Kentucky squad ever. Allen Central head coach Cindy Halbert is a member of the Ohio-Kentucky All-Star Game committee.

Including on this year's squad is Belfry sharpshooter Jessica Lovell. A versatile player, Lovell recently signed to play her college basketball for Pikeville College and head coach Bill Watson. Lovell scored point No. 1,000 during the regular season.

The two leading Ms. Basketball candidates in 5-7 Erica Hallman of Holmes High School and 6-1 Tara Boothe from

Highlands High School will lead the talented Kentucky All-Star Team. They both are Division-I signees, Hallman with the University of Kansas and Boothe committed to Xavier University. Joining them and making the squad even more powerful are 5-10 Connie Neal of Louisville Male

(See HALBERT, page five)

P'burg girls fall in region tourney

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

BUCKLEYS CREEK - After losing the district title to Betsy Layne, the road did not get any easier for Harold Tackett's Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats on Tuesday night as they traveled to Pike Central for the 15th Region tournament. Prestonsburg was matched up with the Belfry Lady Pirates in the first round

(See TOURNEY, page six)



A loss to the Belfry Lady Pirates on Tuesday night in the opening round of the 15th Region Tournament ended Prestonsburg's season.

Tigers down Belfry

Senior guard hits for 32 in Paintsville triumph

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK - On Wednesday night, for the second consecutive 15th Region boys' basketball tournament in as many years, the Paintsville Tigers, runners-up out of the 57th District, met up with the winners out of the 60th District, the Belfry Pirates. Many of you might remember the 2001 regional tourney meeting. It wasn't pretty. If you were there and saw that one, then you know, just exactly what I'm

(See TIGERS, page six)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Steven Jones, a three-sport performer at Allen Elementary during the 2000-01 school year, is now a freshman at Paintsville High School, after transferring from Prestonsburg last week. Jones, who began playing football for Prestonsburg High School last August, but didn't finish the season with the Blackcats, also plays basketball and runs track. He plans on playing football for Paintsville in the fall, while running track for the Tigers this spring. He has not played in a varsity contest this school year.

■ Jones

Floyd County Special Olympics busy with full schedule

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Special Olympics is actively being revived in

Floyd County. Athletes are signing up daily. Floyd County Special Olympics head Ed Senig reports that

there are currently 25 athletes signed up to participate in Area (regional) Games in Hazard, April 13. Athletes that qualify at the Area Games will be participating at the Summer Games at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, May 31-June 2. Special Olympics is a non-profit organization. The

(See OLYMPICS, page three)

SPORTSBOARD

Briefs

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK—Orlando Magic coach Doc Rivers was fined \$7,500 by the NBA for failing to quickly leave the court following an ejection, and criticizing game officials after a loss Tuesday to Indiana.

FOOTBALL

CINCINNATI—The Cincinnati Bengals resigned offensive lineman John Jackson, who is entering his 15th NFL season, to a \$750,000 contract.

CLEVELAND—Former Minnesota Vikings safety Robert Griffith signed a four-year contract with the Cleveland Browns.

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.—Linebacker Sam Cowart agreed to a six-year contract to join the New York Jets from Buffalo after missing almost all of last season with a torn Achilles' tendon.

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga.—The Atlanta Falcons began reworking their offensive line, signing tight tackle Todd Weiner to a five-year, \$17.5 million contract.

TAMPA, Fla.—The Tampa Bay Buccaneers plugged a hole on their offensive line when free agent Kerry Jenkins finalized a five-year, \$10 million deal that includes a \$2.6 million signing bonus.

Tackle John Parrella, a key run-stuffer for the San Diego Chargers last five seasons, agreed to a \$24 million, six-year contract with the division rival Oakland Raiders.

BASEBALL

CORAL GABLES, Fla.—Florida Marlins catcher Charles Johnson has a sprained left thumb, and the team doesn't know if he'll be ready for the opener on April 2.

Johnson was hurt Monday when his left hand hit Expos first baseman Joe Vitiello while passing the base after hitting a grounder to third. Johnson will have a cast on the hand until March 18.

HOCKEY

PITTSBURGH—Robert Lang, the second-leading scorer on the injury-ravaged Pittsburgh Penguins, is out indefinitely with a broken bone in his hand.

LOS ANGELES—Coach Andy Murray, out since sustaining a concussion in an auto accident Feb. 15, will rejoin the Los Angeles Kings on Thursday before their game at Nashville.

Murray will decide after meeting with his coaching staff whether or not he will immediately return to the bench.

TENNIS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.—Andra Agassi beat Greg Rusedski in straight sets to move into the quarterfinals of the Franklin Templeton Tennis Classic.

His 6-4, 6-4 victory ended a run of upsets.

Noam Okun beat No. 6 Albert Portas 7-6 (4), 6-4; and Chela stunned No. 5 Alex Corretja 6-4, 7-5, leaving the tournament with Agassi, Sampras and No. 7 Xavier Malisse remaining among the eight seeded starters.

DELRAY BEACH, Fla.—Defending champion Jan-Michael Gambill beat Mardy Fish 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-1 in the second round of the International Tennis Championships.

The second-seeded Gambill will play Brazil's Andre Sa in the quarterfinals. Sa beat No. 6 Lars Burgmuller of Germany 7-6 (6) 7-5.

In other matches, France's Anthony Dupuis beat seventh-seeded Jarkko Nieminen of Finland, and Spanish qualifier Feliciano Lopez defeated Michael Russell.

INDIAN WELLS, Calif.—Anna Koumnikova took a backward step in her comeback, losing her opening match to American Lilia Osterloh in the Pacific Life Open.

Another Russian, 14-year-old Maria Sharapova, followed Koumnikova onto center court and made her tour debut with a 5-7, 6-2, 6-2 win over Brie Rippner.

GOLF

LONDON—The Solheim Cup will move forward a year to 2003 to avoid a conflict with golf's other major biennial team event—the Ryder Cup.

The women's match-play showdown between the best Americans and the top Europeans was originally set for 2004. It will now be played Sept. 12-14, 2003, at the same venue—Barseback Golf and Country Club near Malmo, Sweden.

NEW YORK—The United States will defend its UBS Warburg Cup title at Sea Island Golf Club on St. Simons Island in Georgia on Nov. 14-17.

PALM DESERT, Calif.—Alice Bauer, one of the 13 founding members of the LPGA Tour, died from complications of colon cancer. She was 74.

HORSE RACING

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas—The owners of Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie agreed to sell the horse track to Magna Entertainment Corp. for about \$100 million.

Milwaukee 11, Chicago White Sox 7

Today's games

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

Today's games

Montreal vs. Florida at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersburg, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Baltimore at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Kansas City at Davenport, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
NY Yankees vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (ss) vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (ss) vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Anaheim (ss) vs. San Diego (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. Chicago White Sox at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. San Diego (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (ss) vs. Chicago Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with RHP Calvin Maduro on a one-year contract.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Reassigned RHP Gary Majewski and C Humberto Quintero to their minor league camp. Agreed to terms with P Edwin Almonte, P Lorenzo Barcelo, RHP Rocky Biddle, P Jon Garland, P Matt Ginter, RHP Gary Glover, P Matt Guerrier, P Thomas Jacquez, P Kyle Kane, RHP Ryan Kohlmeier, P Oran Krasocka, P Jon Rauch, P Dan Wright, LHP Kelly Wunsch, P Mitch Wylie, C Mark Johnson, C Miguel Olivo, C Josh Paul, INF Joe Crede, INF Jason Delisero, INF Willie Harris, INF Jeff Liefer, OF Aaron Rowland and OF Brian Simmons on one-year contracts. Optioned Dellacera to Charlotte of the International League. Renewed the contract of LHP Mark Buehrle.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Announced the retirement of Dave Pursley, trainer, effective at the end of the season.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Named Jim Beattie special assistant to the general manager and vice president. Agreed to terms with RHP Tony Armas, Jr., RHP Britt Reames and INF Geoff Blum.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Reassigned RHP Wilson Guzman, LHP Brian O'Connor, RHP Chris Spurling, RHP Justin Reid and C Mandy Romero to their minor league camp.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Reassigned RHP Luke Anderson, RHP Nelson Lara, RHP Rafael Riquelme, LHP Erick Threats and C Ryan Luther to their minor league camp.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA—Fined Orlando Magic coach Doc Rivers \$7,500 for failing to quickly leave the court following an ejection and criticizing game officials in a game Tuesday.
ATLANTA HAWKS—Signed C Leon Smith for the rest of the season.
PHOENIX SUNS—Activated C Jake Voskuhl from the injured list. Placed G Joe Crispin on the injured list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed OT Todd Weiner and S Keion Carpenter.
CHICAGO BEARS—Signed RB Rabih Abdullah to a three-year contract and TE Luther Broughton to a one-year contract.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed OL John Jackson to a one-year contract.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed S Robert Griffith to a four-year contract.
DETROIT LIONS—Released S Ron Rice.
HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed G Steve McKinney and QB Ben Sankay.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed RB Robert Edwards to a one-year contract.
NEW YORK JETS—Agreed to terms with LB Sam Cowart on a six-year contract. Re-signed LB Marvin Jones.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Re-signed TE Mike Bartrum.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived G-T Mark Bristol.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed OL Kerry Jenkins to a five-year contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CALGARY FLAMES—Recalled F Jamie Wright from Saint John of the AHL.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Claimed F Ted Donato off waivers from the Los Angeles Kings.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Activated C Vincent Lecavalier from injured reserve. Placed C Tim Taylor on injured reserve. Recalled G Evgeny Konstantinov from Pensacola of the ECHL.
Reassigned LW Dmitry Afanasev to Grand Rapids of the AHL and LW Ryan Tobler to Springfield of the AHL.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Fired Mark Hill, director of amateur scouting.

Harness racing

BREWER UPDATE

The father-son harness racing team of Jeffrey M. Brewer and Jason J. Brewer, a duo which has raced at Thunder Ridge Raceway, continue to be successful.

Lebanon Raceway's Leading Trainer (Thu Saturday, Feb. 23)

RESULTS

Feb. 26
The Meadows
Class: 4000 CL
Horse: Back In Town
Finish: 6th
Time: 1:58.4
Trainer: Jeffrey M. Brewer
Driver: Jason J. Brewer

Feb. 26
The Meadows
Class: 3000 CL
Horse: Hot Corner Harper
Finish: 3rd
Time: 1:59.1
Trainer: Jeffrey M. Brewer
Driver: Jason J. Brewer

Feb. 28
The Meadows
Class: 4000 CL
Horse: Orzo

Finish: 9th
Trainer: CB. Loney
Driver: Todd R. Jones

Mar. 2

Northfield Park
Class: 12500CL
Horse: Tazewell
Finish: 7th
Trainer: CB. Loney
Driver: Randy T. Therps

Mar. 2

Northfield Park
Class: 25000CL
Horse: Carolina Jack
Finish: 3rd
Trainer: CB. Loney
Driver: Todd R. Jones

Mar. 4

Northfield Park
Class: 6000CL NW2
Horse: Inacatch
Finish: 1st
Owner: Harla Renae Conn, Martin
Trainer: Steve E. Morningstar
Driver: Elliott D. Deaton

Mar. 4

Northfield Park
Class: 3000CLCD
Horse: Shy Roller
Finish: 3rd
Trainer: Gerald O. Russell
Driver: David S. Ward

Mar. 4

Northfield Park
Class: 3000 CL
Horse: Rachel's Ruben
Finish: 5th
Time: 2:00.3
Trainer: Jeffrey M. Brewer
Driver: Jason J. Brewer

Mar. 1

The Meadows
Class: FMN3000 CL
Horse: Hawaiian Kula
Finish: 8th
Time: 2:01.3
Trainer: David S. Perry
Driver: Jason J. Brewer

Mar. 1

The Meadows
Class: FM 125-15 HC
Horse: Little Moben
Finish: 3rd
Time: 1:56.0
Trainer: Paul D. Simpson
Driver: Jason J. Brewer

Northfield news

Gerald O. Russell is from Paducah (trained at Thunder Ridge).
CB Loney (trained @ Thunder Ridge)
Dale E. Whipple (trained @ Thunder Ridge)

Feb. 26

Northfield Park
Class: FMN200PS
Horse: Prime Star
Finish: 8th
Trainer: Gerald O. Russell
Driver: Gerald O. Russell

Feb. 26

Northfield Park
Class: FMN200PS
Horse: HSDIGIG BLUEGRASS
Finish: 6th
Trainer: Dale E. Whipple
Driver: Dale E. Whipple

Feb. 26

Northfield Park
Class: NW200PS LC
Horse: Ronson
Finish: 7th
Trainer: Gerald O. Russell
Driver: Elliott D. Deaton

Feb. 26

Northfield Park
Class: 3000CLCD
Horse: Murano
Finish: 7th
Trainer: Gerald O. Russell
Driver: David S. Ward
Note: The following race night the track was really bad due to the winter weather.

Feb. 27

Northfield Park
Class: 6000CL
Horse: Donmar Harris
Finish: 3rd
Trainer: CB. Loney
Driver: Todd R. Jones

Feb. 27

Northfield Park
Class: NW200PSCD
Horse: Super Mario B
Finish: 2nd
Trainer: CB. Loney
Driver: David L. Hawk

Feb. 27

Northfield Park
Class: NW200PSCD
Horse: Ambro Sweepstake
Finish: 7th
Owner: Harla Renae Conn, Martin
Trainer: Steve E. Morningstar
Driver: Elliott D. Deaton

Feb. 27

Northfield Park
Class: 6000CL
Horse: Sir Walter Raleigh
Finish: 3rd
Trainer: CB. Loney
Driver: Bruce A. Sturgeon

Feb. 27

Northfield Park
Class: NW300PSCD
Horse: Wicked Sensation
Finish: 8th
Trainer: Dale E. Whipple
Driver: Dale E. Whipple

Mar. 1

Northfield Park
Class: FMN200PS
Horse: HSDIGIG BLUEGRASS
Finish: 9th
Trainer: Dale E. Whipple
Driver: Dale E. Whipple

Mar. 1

Northfield Park
Class: 3000CL
Horse: She's Not Sporty
Finish: 3rd
Trainer: CB. Loney
Driver: Todd R. Jones

Mar. 1

Northfield Park
Class: FM5000CL
Horse: Megans Marvel
Finish: 9th
Owner: Harla Renae Conn, Martin
Trainer: Steve E. Morningstar
Driver: Elliott D. Deaton

Mar. 1

Northfield Park
Class: 6500CL OP
Horse: Ladimaud Bluegrass
Finish: 8th
Trainer: Dale E. Whipple
Driver: Dale E. Whipple

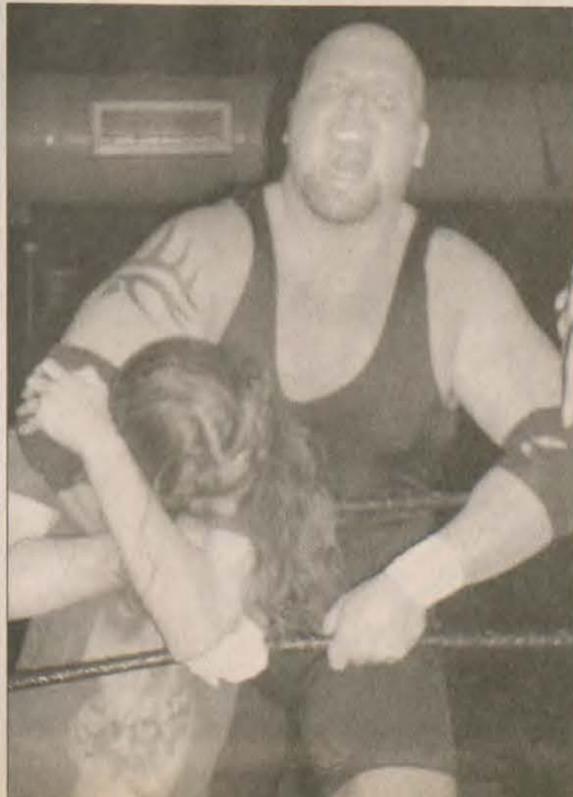
Mar. 1

Northfield Park
Class: FM3000CL
Horse: Tara Tara Tara



photos by Estill Robinson

Clyde "Triple XXX" Woods, of Allen, was one of the featured professional wrestlers at the Southeastern Championship Wrestling show Wednesday night at Varsity Blues in Lexington. Woods' opponent was the Scotsman form parts unknown. The Floyd County grappler will be one of the featured wrestlers at a Hillbilly Days card in Pikeville in April.



Basketball

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	39	21	.650	-
Boston	33	27	.550	6
Philadelphia	31	29	.517	8
Orlando	31	30	.508	8 1/2
Washington	29	30	.492	9 1/2
Miami	27	32	.458	11 1/2
New York	22	36	.379	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	34	24	.586	-
Milwaukee	35	25	.583	-
Indiana	30	30	.500	5
Charlotte	29	30	.492	5 1/2
Toronto	29	33	.468	7
Atlanta	22	38	.367	13
Cleveland	22	38	.361	13 1/2
Chicago	16	45	.262	19 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	42	18	.700	-
Minnesota	40	21	.656	2 1/2
San Antonio	39	21	.650	3
Utah	34	26	.567	8
Houston	22	37	.373	19 1/2
Denver	17	40	.298	23 1/2
Memphis	15	45	.250	27

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	42	17	.712	-
L.A. Lakers	42	18	.700	1/2
Portland	37	24	.607	6
Seattle	34	27	.557	9
L.A. Clippers	30	31	.492	13
Phoenix	29	32	.475	14
Golden State	16	42	.276	25 1/2

Tuesday's games

Cleveland 103, Atlanta 98
Washington 115, Chicago 90
Miami 93, Detroit 91
New York 102, Milwaukee 89
Indiana 111, Orlando 98
Houston 112, Toronto 109
Dallas 81, Phoenix 77
San Antonio 109, Golden State 88
Seattle 87, Minnesota 83
L.A. Lakers 101, New Jersey 92

Wednesday's games

Boston 130, Orlando 110
Philadelphia 85, Cleveland 76
Utah 92, L.A. Lakers 84
Milwaukee 92, L.A. Clippers 86
Miami 92, Chicago 87
Phoenix 89, New Jersey 87
Portland 85, Minnesota 78

Thursday's games

Detroit at Washington
Indiana at Memphis
Houston at San Antonio
New York at Denver
Toronto at Dallas
Charlotte at Seattle

Tonight's games

Indiana at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Utah, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Charlotte at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
New Jersey at Portland, 10 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS NOTEBOOK

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOYS

Jason Gibson of Clinton County tied the school record for three-point shots made with eight in a district semifinal win over Cumberland County last week. Gibson followed the effort with six three-point shots made in the 16th district championship against Monroe County.

Ben Lye and Justin Morris both scored their 1,000th career point last week for Scott.

Augusta's Brian Kirk scored his 1,000th career point last Tuesday in a 39th District win over Fleming County. August won the contest, 59-42.

Jerrold Gibbons of Wayne County finished as the boys' top free throw shooter in the regular season. Gibbons connected on 109 of 120 attempts for 90.8 percent.

Whitesburg was the boys' top scoring team during the regular season. The Jackets averaged 66.8 points while Ochsam County was the top defensive team, allowing just 45.5 points-per-game.

St. Mary's Ryan Cochran is just 13 points

GIRLS

Pikeville College women's coach Bill Watson has mentioned that he will likely recruit a versatile post player with size for next season's squad. East Tennessee State University transfer Summer Jones and Balfy star Jessica Lovell are the two newest Lady Bears.

Tasha Phillips of Campbellsville scored her 2,000th career point last Thursday in the 20th District Tournament against Adair County. She has 2,030 career points, ranking second among the girls' all-time scoring leaders and second overall among boys and girls.

Cammie Campbell finished her career at Allen Co.-Scottsville with 1,715 points, second on the all-time list. A University of Evansville signee, Campbell shot 44-percent from the field (212-482), 42.9-percent from three-point range (73-170) and 86.3-percent from the free throw line (126-146) on the year.

Highlands star Tara Boothe was the girls' regular season scoring leader. Boothe scored 537 points in 22 games for an average of 24.4. Allen County-Scottsville's Cammie Campbell was second at 22.8 ppg.

Local breeder will be missed

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

John Gordon Goble, a local businessman, started with the Rocky Mountain Horse in April of 1990. Before that he raised and sold Pure Breed Hereford Cattle from his farm near Prestonsburg. Goble had heard about the Rocky Mountain Horse through several articles in local

trade publications. His first investment was a chocolate-bodied, white mane and tail stud colt purchased from Sue Wells and Prince Albert Stables.

Prince Albert Stables, not being far from Goble's home, bred the horse now called Old Time Hershey Boy.

He visited Prince Albert Stables one day inquiring about

Rocky Mountain horses. Sue Wells only had one horse to show Goble, her personal horse Suzy.

Suzy was heavy in foal to Sam Clemons Tim, one of the more popular Rocky Mountain stallions available at that time.

Goble purchased Suzy's colt while still yet unborn. About six weeks later he began his stint with the Rocky Mountain Horse

and Old Time Hershey Boy.

Goble could not have been more satisfied with what seemed to be a small gamble. Hershey, as he is commonly called, went on to make Goble a top-notch horse and a life long companion. Siring numerous offspring and giving them that handsome appearance and gentle temperament so typical of the Rocky Mountain Horse bred in the hills of Eastern Kentucky.

Hershey, being one of the last local Sam Clemons Tim offspring links Old Time Hershey Boy to Sam Clemons Tim great lineage. Sam Clemons Tim, one of the foundation stallions of the RMHA tracing his lineage back to the father of the Rocky Mountain Breed, Old Tobe.

Sam Clemons Tim stood at stud for over 30 years in the South Fork section of Breathitt County.

Goble was always reluctant to over breed Hershey. Most of his offspring came from Goble's private breeding mares. However, as we all know a good thing is always hard to keep quite.

His off springs have ended up though out Kentucky, the Tri-State and several surrounding states. Goble's horses have shown in prestigious shows in Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Ohio and all over the Appalachian Region.

Hershey displays that beautiful conformation, handsome head and small ears so typical of the old time Rocky Mountain Horse. The most sought after trait is their puppy dog temperament that brings the life long attachment, like the one that Hershey and Goble had. These characteristics have been breed and preserved in the Appalachian Region for over one hundred years and most recently been extended to other regions by local breeder John Gordon Goble.

Teresa, Goble's long-time assistant and fellow horse lover, says his love for his horses extended far beyond the desire for the quality of the breed.

He kept special feelings for all his horses

His most favorite times were the evening's feedings and foaling time.

In the spring and summer in all type of weather he stood at the barn doors and called. They always came running to his call. His very words were, "I have never seen a more beautiful sight than those horses when they come running over the hill's with their tail and mane flying in the wind."

Foaling time was always an exciting time for John Gordon Goble. He was just like a kid at Christmas. He could hardly wait to see what had been wrapped up

for the past 11 months.

It never mattered what color, size or gender of the new foal. The horse lover considered it, at that time the most beautiful foal of the herd.

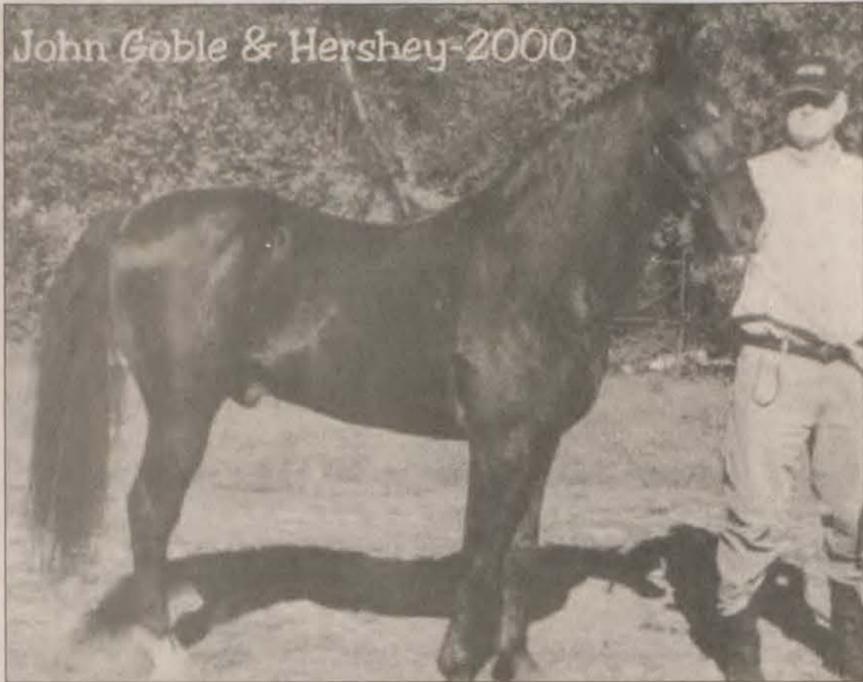
It's safe to say that he misses them all, every one, even now.

John will be missed, but his legacy of top quality breeding stock and off springs will carry and pass on these traits and will

live through his horses, Hershey and his off springs will quietly continue Goble's passion for the perfection.

Hershey will be offered for the first time on a limited basis to outside mares.

He will start his public breeding career where it all started 12 years ago under the direction of Sue Wells and Prince Albert Stables.



John Gordon Goble posed with Hershey.

photo courtesy of Prince Albert Stables

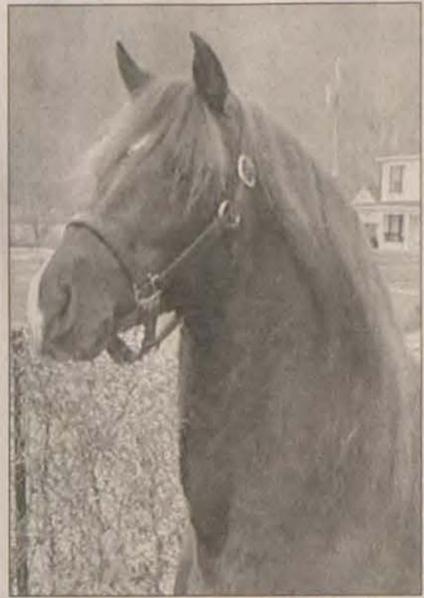


photo courtesy of Prince Albert Stables

Prince Albert Stables, Emma, brings some of the very best horses to area enthusiasts.

Sideline

team is in search of yet another Southeastern Conference title. During the coaches press conference earlier this week, UK head man Tubby Smith wasn't at a loss for words. The Wildcat mentor had the following a whole lot to say, when hit with a question.

On where the team is now...

"We're excited about finishing the season on an up tick as we have, even though we may not have won every game we wanted to win or played as well as we'd of liked. But we seem to be responding the right way at the right time, so I'm very pleased where we are at this point in time with the team and with the players."

On the retirement of Athletics Director Larry Ivy and former A.D. C.M. Newton...

"I had a great working relationship with Larry Ivy. He did an awful lot for Kentucky basketball, the University of Kentucky and for me. I got a new contract through Larry Ivy and certainly C.M. Newton was responsible for me being here. So I owe a lot to both of those gentlemen."

On the two possible opponents, South Carolina and Mississippi...

"Obviously they are two good teams. Mississippi coming off a great win against a good Alabama team is enough concern for any-

one. But then again you can't look past South Carolina because they have been playing very well also."

On South Carolina...

"I have been very impressed with (USC Coach) Dave Odom. They gave us trouble down there. Their trapping on the ball forced a lot of turnovers. I think we had 20 turnovers in the first game. We did a better job here, we made shots and played pretty well."

On the conference as a whole...

"I thought this year would be as competitive as it has ever been and this year has proven me right. Other than Alabama winning the league by a two-game margin, it has been a very competitive league throughout."

On what USC and Ole Miss do to create problems...

"I think both teams run a type of offense that creates a lot of problems for you with their motion offense. South Carolina is a probably a little more inside oriented, but Chuck Eidson is really coming on and playing well. I know in Jamel Bradley they have an outstanding shooter. For Mississippi, you have Jason Harrison and Justin Reid, two premier players who can really get things done for you. And both are teams that we were fortunate enough to beat, so that will be a lot of motivation for them."

On what UK may do differently this weekend...

"I think at this point in time,

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you have to look at little wrinkles that you might have to change or adapt or adjust because now everyone has seen everybody play. Now it's a matter of execution, it's not a matter of doing anything differently."

On Cliff Hawkins' free throw shooting...

"He's been shooting them a lot better in practice and so it's carried over into the game."

On playing at a neutral site...

"We've been a very good road team. We are not going to play with a lot of emotion. We have to play with emotion, but you can't be emotional, and I think that's been a big key to our success over the years. When you do get into the hyper situation, you don't change your demeanor because you practice the same way all the time."

On what it takes to win in the postseason...

"You have to be able to make shots. Making shots is critical in postseason play. Sharing the ball, playing with energy, your defense has to be solid - that is where you have to raise your level of play because everyone else is executing pretty well at this time of the year."

On how UK has gotten to the free throw line more lately...

"We were settling for the jump shot too much so we wanted to make a commitment to get the ball inside. I think Tayshaun (Prince) and Marquis (Estill) were both able to get the ball inside a little better. Attacking the basket is the key. We really don't have a real physical team per se, so we needed to get more guys' shots closer to the basket and I think we're seeing that."

On how Keith Bogan's post-season experience will help the team...

"He's done it, not just in college, but he's done it before. Being able to do it again, or help the other players understand what they have to do in postseason play will be important. I think he is practicing extremely well right now. He's got to be able to make shots, so that's why we've made the commitment to do what we can to help him reach his potential."

Having the luxury of a bye is great, especially with this year's Kentucky squad.

15TH REGION TONIGHT

Boys
Johnson Central vs. Shelby Valley, 6:30 p.m.

South Floyd vs. Paintsville, 8 p.m.

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Olympics

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local group, as all others, must provide training, uniforms, transportation and entry fees for competition.

Donations are needed to assist the local athletes, and help them to obtain their goals. Donations are needed in the form of cash donations, to put be toward the expenses of uniforms, transportation, and entry fees. Volunteers are also needed. Local businesses, organizations, individuals and families are urged to become involved and support the local athletes.

Fundraisers

Several fundraisers are currently planned for times prior to the area and state competitions.

Cookbook sales are currently underway, and will continue to be on sale until are all sold. A yard sale is being planned for the Harold/Ivel/Betsy Layne area within the next 30 days. Yard sale items are needed to make the event a true success. To donate items, contact Barb at 478-8566. Items can be delivered or arrangements can be made to have the items picked up.

Community Day in the Park will be held May 10-11 at the Weeksbury Community Center and Park. Again, yard sale items are needed. Also, there will be booths with games, possibly a

dunk tank, a classic car show on Saturday, an old-fashioned cake walk, a horseshow tournament, as well as plenty of food. Plans are also underway for bluegrass and gospel music on Saturday. Donations needed for the two-day event include the services of local bands, bluegrass and gospel groups, organizations wanting to set up a booth for games, volunteers, and food, including hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad and baked beans. Also needed are pies and cakes for the cakewalk. In addition, volunteers are also needed to take turns on the dunk tank/

To make a donation, or for more information, call Ed or Linda Senig at 452-9564.

"We would like to ask everyone to help with Floyd County Special Olympics," said Ed Senig. "All volunteers and donations are greatly appreciated."

Floyd County Special Olympics holds a regular monthly meeting the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12 at 6 p.m. in the Vision Quest portion of the Hylton Complex in Ivel. The next area meeting is slated for March 19, 6 p.m., in the First Federal Building, 119 N, on the campus of Hazard Community College.

Athletes of the Week



Josh Johnson,
South Floyd,
Senior,
12 points
vs. Prestonsburg



Kim Tackett,
Betsy Layne,
Senior,
13 points vs.
Prestonsburg



of Prestonsburg

SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK



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Bring this photo to The Floyd County Times office at 263 South Central Avenue (down the street from the courthouse) to claim your Gift Certificate, which will entitle you to a free 8-inch ice cream cake of your choice, redeemable at **DAIRY QUEEN OF PRESTONSBURG**, and choice of a Times hat or coffee mug.

NEW AT THE TIMES...

EACH FRIDAY, THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES WILL DEVOTE A PAGE TO AUTO RACING. THE TIMES WILL FEATURE NEWS AND NOTES FROM AREA DIRT TRACKS AS WELL AS THE LATEST FROM NASCAR ALONG WITH SOME OF THE SMALLER RACE GROUPS. THE TIMES WILL ALSO FEATURE PROFILES ON LOCAL RACERS.



NASCAR THIS WEEKEND

NWCS Qualifying
TV: FX
Today, 8 p.m. ET (Tape)
Radio: PRN Today, 2:45 p.m. ET

NWCS Happy Hour
FX Saturday, 11 a.m. ET
Winston Cup Series; MBNA America 500
Coverage Begins:
TV: FOX, Sunday, 12:30 p.m. ET

Park returns to Darlington, site of crash

by PETE IACOBELLI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Steve Park's words come almost as fast as his practice laps.

These days, his eyes are clear and beaming. After more than six months away, Park believes he is close to returning to Winston Cup after a brain injury suffered at Darlington Speedway

in September.

"Darlington's been a place that I've always loved and I'm not got to let an incident ruin that," said Park, at Darlington for the first time since the freak crash at the South Carolina 200 on Sept. 1. "I'm lucky. Unfortunately, I got hurt here, but I don't remember much of it."

Anyone who saw it won't forget. Park was cruising in line during a cau-

tion period when his Busch Grand National car darted down the track and into the path of Larry Foyt.

Foyt, accelerating to catch up with the lapped cars on the inside lane, could not avoid hitting Park on the driver's side.

NASCAR covered the car with a tarp while Park was cut out. He spent two days in a hospital with a bruise to his brain that affected his vision.

His crew chief, Paul Andrews, has said that Park's steering wheel probably came off. Safety workers found it unattached and Park unconscious, Andrews said.

At the time, Park was thought to need about six weeks of rehabilitation. But his blurred vision continued, and Park tried several neurologists and eye specialists.

"But there's no pills or shot you can

take to fix that," Park said. "They all said, 'Man your eyes are good.'"

The problem, Park said, was that the bruise put pressure on the nerves that run into the spinal cord and affect eyesight. "As soon as that subsides, it'll come back," Park said he was told. "And it did, so I'm thankful."

Park had previously tested this sea-

(See PARKS, page five)

Food City, Race Lodging, Bristol Motor Speedway team up to give lucky race fan a dream race weekend

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ABINGDON, Va. - Food City, Race Lodging and Bristol Motor Speedway will debut a 10-day online trivia contest in celebration of Food City's 10th anniversary of sponsoring the NASCAR Winston Cup Series Food City 500. Bristol Motor Speedway's website, www.bristolmotorspeedway.com

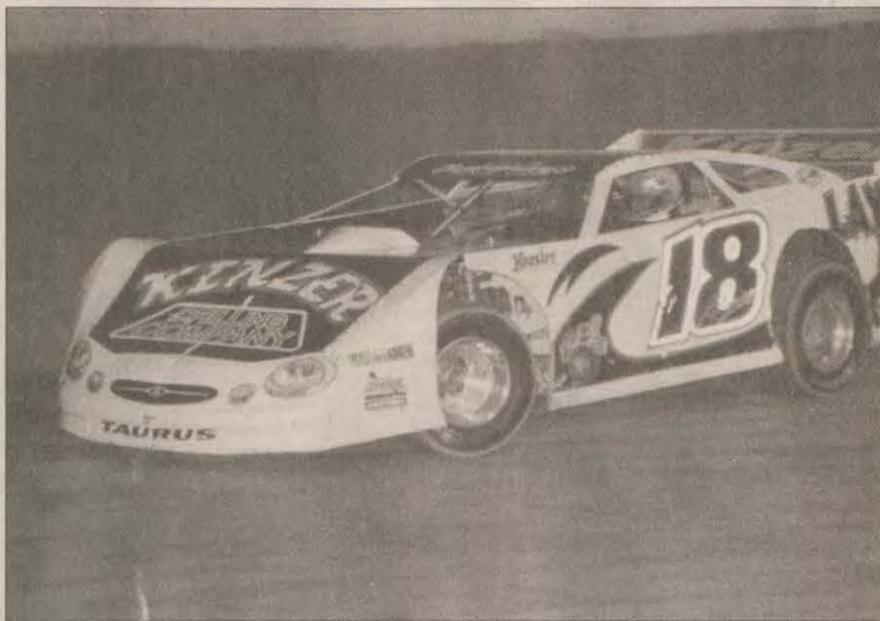


photo by Steve LeMaster

Area dirt track drivers like Floyd County motorsports athlete Brandon Kinzer will return to action this spring. A dirt track veteran, Kinzer has raced all over the country, and could even run some asphalt races this season.

2002 HALFMOUNTAIN SPEEDWAY

April

■ 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

■ PROFILE

Ex-champ energized to turn around recent woes

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

It happens so fast and with so little warning. For whatever reason, a former champion is no longer competitive, can't run up front anymore and quietly settles into the back of the points standings.

For some drivers, it's a fine way to earn a living. Sit back in the field away from the danger, click off the laps and pick up a paycheck.

Terry Labonte isn't one of those drivers.

The past few seasons have been agony for the two-time Winston Cup champion, who has struggled to be a threat on the track while

teammate Jeff Gordon has dominated while winning four of his

... QUOTE ...

"I think I can still do this at least five more years and I think I have another championship in me," said Labonte, who is in his 23rd season. "Why would I do this if I didn't think I can win a championship? I don't see any reason why I can't go out with one more."

own titles.

But instead of accepting it and saying his best years have passed,

the 45-year-old Labonte has refused to go out that way.

"I think I can still do this at least five more years and I think I have another championship in me," said Labonte, who is in his 23rd season. "Why would I do this if I didn't think I can win a championship? I don't see any reason why I can't go out with one more."

Others might scoff at his expectations and point to his dubious stat from last year: Labonte was the only driver who ran full schedule and finished in the top 40 in the final standings who failed to lead a single lap last year.

It was a stat brought up week in

(See WOES, page five)

Champion gone, wide open points chase expected

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTERREY, Mexico — Nobody is more eager for the 2002 CART FedEx Championship to get under way than Cristiano da Matta.

The diminutive Brazilian has spent a restless winter waiting to find out if the momentum that carried him to victories in the last two races of 2001 will continue in the new season.

"We tested so well over the winter that I still feel like we've got that (momentum) going, and now we've got a year together," said da Matta, starting his second season with Newman-Haas Racing.

Da Matta got off to a sensational start with his then-new team by winning last year's opener at Monterrey, Mexico — the inaugural race in that city. He'll have a chance to back that up Sunday in the second Monterrey Grand Prix.

"I don't think anyone expected it to happen so fast," da Matta said. "I knew I could win and the team knew they could win, but the questions was, could we win together?"

Don't get da Matta wrong, though. If he doesn't win again Sunday, it won't slow him down. His eyes are on a bigger prize.

"I don't feel any pressure at all because I am not thinking of one race in particular," he said. "I am thinking more about winning

(See CHAMPION, page five)

Salyersville driver found racing early

by SUZIE GREEN

From: Salyersville, Ky
Born:
August 21, 1963
Wife: Sherry
Children: Joshua, Megan
Profession: Welder, Metal Fabricator at Continental Conveyor

A lot of drivers like to claim that they grew up in racing. David Powers can boast that he attended his first race at the young age of six weeks old. His dad, Louie Powers a mechanic, has always had a hand in racing and took his wife and very young son with him. David Powers may not have known what was going on around him but it may have been the start

of a love for racing that would follow David all his years of growing up.

In 1982 at the age of 19, David traded a motorcycle for his first racecar, a 1968 Chevelle with a 350 Chevy Pure Stock engine. He finished third his first night out and his second night out, took the checkers for his first win. Seeing the black and white checkered flag come down over his car set the mold that David Powers would always want to go by. He

raced at 201 Speedway which was then known as Highlands Raceway park. In his second year of racing, he met the challenges at numerous other tracks using the experience he acquired at each one to learn what was needed and not needed to become the smooth, steady and skillful driver that we know today. These tracks included Isom Mountain Motor

(See POWERS, page six)

NASCAR WINSTON CUP

The 2002 NASCAR Winston Cup schedule (winners in parentheses) and driver point standings:

February

■ Feb. 17—Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Ward Burton)
■ Feb. 24—Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Matt Kenseth)

March

■ March 3—UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas, (Sterling Marlin)
■ March 10—Atlanta 500, Hampton, Ga.
■ March 17—Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C.

■ March 24—Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.
April
■ April 7—Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
■ April 14—Virginia 500, Martinsville.
■ April 21—Talladega 500, Talladega, Ala.
■ April 28—NAPA Auto Parts 500, Fontana, Calif.

May

■ May 4—Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond.
■ May 26—Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.

June

■ June 2—MBNA Platinum 400, Dover, Del.
■ June 9—Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
■ June 16—Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
■ June 23—Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.

July

■ July 6—Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
■ July 14—Tropicana 400, Cicero, Ill.
■ July 21—New England 300, Loudon, N.H.
■ July 28—Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.

August

■ Aug. 4—Brickyard 400, Indianapolis.
■ Aug. 11—Watkins Glen International, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
■ Aug. 18—Pepsi 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
■ Aug. 24—Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.

September

■ Sept. 1—Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.

■ Sept. 7—Chevy Monte Carlo 400, Richmond.
■ Sept. 15—New Hampshire 300, Loudon, N.H.
■ Sept. 22—MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
■ Sept. 29—Protection One 400, Kansas City, Kan.

October

■ Oct. 6—EA Sports 500, Talladega, Ala.
■ Oct. 13—UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C.
■ Oct. 20—Martinsville 500, Martinsville, Va.
■ Oct. 27—NAPA 500, Hampton, Ga.

November

■ Nov. 3—Pop Secret 400, Rockingham, N.C.
■ Nov. 10—Checker Auto Parts 500K, Avondale, Ariz.
■ Nov. 17—Homestead 400, Homestead, Fla.

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I gave ESPN's crew some facts that countered the widely-held notion that UK Coach Adolph Rupp was a bigger racist than George Wallace, a small-town Mississippi sheriff, or the Imperial Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. For example, it's a fact that Rupp offered a scholarship to Wes Unseld in 1964, a time when no other school in the SEC or ACC was recruiting blacks.

Well, ESPN didn't use any of that stuff because it didn't fit the network's preconceived idea of what the "documentary" should be. So my appearances in the show were limited to comments that had nothing to do with defending Rupp. I was so angry and disappointed that I called the producer in Bristol, Conn., to complain.

It's much the same with Knight, who was pushed out at Indiana two years ago after a stormy 29-year career in Bloomington. IU president Myles Brand said he'd had enough of the various Knight controversies that have embarrassed IU and hurt its image; Knight said he no longer wanted to work at a university where the administration was hostile

instead of supportive.

The mention of Knight, now at Texas Tech, can still start an argument in the Hoosier state. Legions of his followers believe he got a bum rap from an ungrateful university. If they had the chance, they'd bring back Knight and give the boot to successor Mike Davis. But Knight detractors say it's good to have him gone because his long list of altercations overshadowed his accomplishments: Three NCAA titles, a high graduation rate, and compliance with the NCAA rules.

So now comes ESPN to capitalize on the public's obsession with Knight and what makes him tick.

You don't even have to see the movie to know which part of Knight's complex personality it's going to emphasize. The promos are built around the infamous chair-throwing incident in the early 1980s. The network further titillates the public by running parental warnings that the movie is full of profanity.

No promos show Knight accepting an NCAA trophy, hugging a player such as the paralyzed Landon Turner or Steve Alford, or laughing with Michael Jordan after Knight's

U.S. team won the 1984 Olympics gold medal in Los Angeles. You know why. The good Knight doesn't attract viewers.

So is the media, especially TV, fair to Knight?

A few years ago, after an emotional loss to UMass, Temple coach John Chaney burst into John Calipari's press conference, began shouting insults at the stunned Calipari, and even threatened — seriously — to kill him.

Can you imagine what the media would have done if the raving maniac been Knight instead of Chaney? Yet now, whenever a newspaper or magazine does a story about Chaney, the Calipari incident is mentioned only in passing, if at all. And when it is mentioned, the media sometimes attempts to justify it by talking about Chaney's life-long struggle against injustice and unfairness.

This is more than just an example of how the media treats Knight differently from other coaches. It also exposes the double standard that exists when black coaches are involved. Just as many in the media seem to always assume that Knight is the guilty party in every case, they bend over backwards to give black coaches the benefit of the doubt, for fear of being branded as racists.

Like ghouls waiting for a train wreck or a car crash, photographers train their cameras on Knight more than other coaches because they want to catch the next blowup. So every time

Knight kicks a chair or berates a player or stomps his foot, the moment is duly recorded and replayed on TV, ad infinitum.

Many of the coaches who dominated the game in the 1940s — Rupp, Henry Iba, and Phog Allen being the best examples — were every bit as profane, sarcastic, and demanding as Knight. But, fortunately for them, they didn't work in the electronic age, where a coach's every move and utterance is analyzed to a fare-thee-well by TV commentators and newspaper columnists.

ESPN and the other networks try to stay in Knight's good graces by sending in hoops cheerleaders such as Dick Vitale and Billy Packer to fawn

over the coach and lob him softball questions. It's a ploy so transparent that it's laughable. And, in a different way, it's also unfair to Knight, an intelligent man who loves a good debate.

I can't defend some of the things Knight has done, but I do believe he gets the big things right. Even his detractors can't knock his coaching and teaching ability. He manages to compete at the highest level — he's closing in on 800 wins and his first Texas Tech team is a lock to get into the NCAA tournament — while emphasizing academics and compliance with the NCAA rules.

Whenever I'd mention that to some of my UK friends, they'd roll their eyes and shake their heads. But if Knight had been the Big Blue coach in the days of Joe B. Hall and Eddie Sutton,

NCAA investigators would never have had a reason to visit Lexington. In addition, no player would ever embarrass their coach as several UK players did to Tubby Smith this winter.

Memo to Adam Chiles, Rashaad Carruth, Gerald Fitch and Erik Daniels: If you decide to transfer, don't even think about making a call to the basketball offices in Lubbock, Tx.

So, yeah, I've been a Knight defender over the years. I see more good in him than I do bad. And that comes from many dinners with him, attending IU practices and pregame meals, talking to his players, and sometimes being allowed in the locker room before games and at halftime.

Many of today's young sports columnists were toddlers — some weren't even alive — when Rupp coached at UK. Yet they will try to convince you that they're experts on the Baron and his values. It's the same with Knight. Most of his most vicious critics have never even had a conversation with him. Why bother? They're so secure in their prejudices that they don't even want to hear about the other side.

I suppose I'll watch the movie, if for no other reason than to see how far away from the truth it is. Even Feinstein, who has been shunned by Knight ever since "Season on the Brink" was published, has dismissed the movie as inaccurate.

I'll also be interested to see if

ESPN uses any of my comments and puts them in the proper context because I told them, in so many words, that even before they asked the question of whether TV treats Knight differently from other coaches, they already knew the answer, whether they'll admit it or not.

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CLARIFICATION....

South Floyd senior Rusty Tackett had his name inadvertently omitted from the list of All-58th District Tournament honorees listed in Wednesday's edition. Tackett, a recent McDonald's All-American nominee, was both all-district tourney and all conference.

ALL-58TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT TEAM members follow:

Shawn Rose, Piarist Daniel Sabazo, Allen Central Shawn Newsome, Allen Central Jeremy Daniels, Betsy Layne Wes Senter, Betsy Layne Chris Kidd, Prestonsburg Brad Bevins, Prestonsburg Nick Jamerson, Prestonsburg Charles Ray, South Floyd Tyler Hall, South Floyd Joe Skeans, South Floyd Michael Hall, South Floyd Rusty Tackett, South Floyd

Champion

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the championship, and I know that whether I win in Mexico or not, it is not going to make a big difference in my result at the end of the season at this point. It is just a start of the championship."

That championship will be the start of a new era for CART, which saw Roger Penske, one of the founders of the series in 1978 and the owner of its most successful team, take both two-time reigning champion Gil de Ferran and last year's fourth-place finisher, Helio Castroneves, to the rival Indy Racing League this season.

Although that defection obviously hurt the pride of some in CART, Team Penske's departure leaves probably the most wide open title race in the history of the Champ Car series.

"I don't really remember going into a season with so many potential race winners and so many teams thinking they can win a championship," said Michael Andretti, the winningest driver in CART with 41 victories and starting his 19th season.

Besides losing two of its top contenders, there are other changes heading into the season-opening race.

Kenny Brack, last year's series runner-up, has switched from Team Rahal to Chip Ganassi Racing, and former champion Jimmy Vasser took his place on Team Rahal.

Brack, who battled de Ferran for the 2001 title until two races from the end, has joined the only CART team to win four straight championships, but the last one came in 1999 by Juan Montoya, now in Formula One.

"It's hard to win races in CART," said Brack, a former IRL champion. "I believe there's nobody out there that's not competitive in this series. There's 20 first class drivers with as many good cars and engines."

With a new CART president, Chris Pook, in charge, new rules have been implemented to try to make good competition of the past even better.

Getting their first test this week will be the return of Friday qualifying on road courses, a point given for the first time for winning the provisional (first round) pole, drivers qualifying in a single group instead of two, and, perhaps the most significant, the easing of fuel restrictions.

"With the fuel restrictions lifted, we're going to be able to go out and just drive as hard as we can for the whole race, and I think that's going to make for a better show for the fans," Andretti said. "I'm really looking forward to that and I think this is a great example of what Chris is trying to do to improve the CART show."

"The product that we have in CART is second to none, and I think with the leadership we have in CART now that there's a good opportunity to show the positives that CART has to offer."

Among the drivers expected to be title contenders this season are da Matta's teammate, Christian Fittipaldi; Brack's teammate, Bruno Junqueira; the Team Green duo of Paul Tracy and Dario Franchitti; Player's-Forsythe drivers Patrick Carpentier and Alex Tagliani; Mo Nunn Racing's Tony Kanaan; the Team PWR (former PacWest Racing) pair of Scott Dixon and Oriol Servia; and, starting his second year as an owner-driver, Adrian Fernandez.

Also expected to make some waves this season are 2001 Indy Lights champion Townsend Bell, now driving for Patrick Racing; Max Papis, moving from Team Rahal to Sigma; and Walker Racing's Tora Takagi and his Japanese countryman Shinji Nakano, Fernandez's teammate.

Halbert

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(University of Louisville), and 6-2 Meghan Hillman of West Carter High School who will attend the University of Cincinnati.

"Those four players could be easily touted as the top four players in the state," said Halbert, when speaking about Hallman, Boothe, Neal and Hillman.

"As if having these four super players were not enough, toss in Tasha Phillips from Campbellsville who is verbally committed to the University of South Carolina and Henry Clay's Nastassia Alcui who is headed to the University of Dayton," added Halbert. "Then throw in the number one team in the state, Jackson County's best

two players 5-8 Leah Moore and 5-2 Andrea Whitehead and you can see that this Kentucky Squad is loaded with talent, size, speed and experience.

"This team will be able to play any style that the coach demands of them. Not only that, but they all have had a great amount of success in tournament play. No wonder many coaches feel this is the best Kentucky's Girl squad ever assembled."

The coach directing the team of All-Stars is Coach Greg Parrett of number one state-ranked Jackson County High School. His assistants will be Leslie Scully of Louisville Male High School and Casey Sparrow of Covington Holmes High School.

Parks

son at Lowe's Motor Speedway and Atlanta Motor Speedway. Two weeks ago after the Atlanta practice, Park said he was tired of discussing his injury and timetable for coming back.

But he was smiling as he did several interviews when his team broke for lunch.

Since Park got hurt, Kenny Wallace has filled in.

"Kenny's done a great job, but this test is for Steve Park," Park said. "We want to make sure the car feels good and we make the changes we need to make to go fast. Right now, it's working out good."

Park put in a full day, shuttling between two cars his crew brought to the track.

Park has looked good to Andrews so far.

"If everything goes OK, then we'll race him," Andrews said. "If it doesn't, we won't."

There was speculation the 34-year-old Park would be back in his Dale Earnhardt Inc. Monte Carlo for the Carolina Dodge Dealers 400 on March 17. But the way Park felt, he could be racing as soon as this weekend.

"I wouldn't count out Darlington," Park said. "But Atlanta's around the corner, so is Bristol and so is Texas."

The Winston Cup circuit races in the Atlanta 500 at Hampton, Ga., on Sunday. The Food City 500 at Bristol, Tenn., is March 24, and the Samsung/Radio Shack 500 at Fort Worth, Texas, two weeks after that.

Once team members look at the Darlington test results, Park said, they will have a better idea when he gets the green light.

But why would Park — or anyone — hop back in a car after such a serious, scary accident?

"Because you love what you do, it's who you are," said Jeff Burton, a two-time Darlington winner also testing here this week. "When you look at things

that surround you, when you look at why you are who you are, you don't let it go" because of a crash.

Park says he wouldn't know what else to do if he couldn't drive.

Woes

and week out as the season went on, although Labonte was just about the last one to know. When he found out, he shrugged it off.

"I didn't realize it until late in the year when people started talking about it," he said. "I went, 'Really? I was wondering why we never won a race. No wonder, we never led a lap. We know what we need to work on now.'"

But leading laps was the least of his worries. While finishing 23rd in the points last season, Labonte had just one top-five and three top-10 finishes to go along with eight DNFs.

Labonte, who won his championships in 1984 and 1996, has gone winless the last two years but still has 21 career victories. His last pole came in March 2000, and his last victory was 99 races ago in March 1999.

The facility was eating away at him, even if only those closest to him saw it. One of Labonte's nicknames is "The Iceman" because of his steely nerves and lack of outward emotion.

"He was frustrated and it was difficult to watch," said his brother, Bobby, the 2000 series champion. "It's no fun to just go out there and run without a chance to win and that's what he'd been going through. It was hard, but he's so much more energized this year and really thinks things are going to turn around."

The slate is wiped clean this year for Labonte, thanks to one

MIDDLE SCHOOL

SFMS boys headed to state tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2001-02 basketball season isn't over for the South Floyd Middle School Raiders. Coach Tony Isaac and his team will take part in the first annual Kentucky Middle School State Tournament. The KBA has offered 60 teams across Kentucky the opportunity to play for a state championship, and the SFMS Raiders are among those ready to play for the title.

The state tourney will be held at the Kentucky Basketball Academy in Lexington, March 15-17. It will follow the Boys'

State Basketball Tournament.

Team rosters for the event are limited to 15 players. All players must have played a minimum of 14 games on the middle school level. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of two games, so regardless of how the Raiders fare, they will have at least two more games left this season.

"Our kids and their parents are real excited about having the opportunity to play in a state tourney," said Isaac, who just this past Monday capped off his third season at the helm of the SFMS boys' basketball program with a county title. "We can't wait to see how we do against some of the best the state has to offer."

The first 32 teams to commit to playing in the inaugural tournament were accepted. At least one team from all 16 of the regions will be included in the tournament. Rose Hill Academy, with seventh-grade sensation O.J. Mayo, has reportedly committed to the play in the tournament. Tourney brackets were unavailable at press time.

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"It's all I've done since I was 10 years old," he said. "Even though it is dangerous, it's what I love to do."

"I think by sitting out not doing it, you realize how much you really love it," he said.

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personnel move on his Hendrick Motorsports team.

Jim Long replaced Gary DeHart as crew chief, and while the results might take time to show up on the race track, they've been immediately evident in attitude and energy.

When Labonte rolled his Chevrolet off the truck at Daytona last month, the car was good enough to post the seventh-fastest overall speed in the first round of qualifying. He then finished fifth in a qualifying race, setting him up for the 11th starting position in the Daytona 500.

He had a strong car in the season-opening race, good enough for probably a top 10 finish, but was involved in the typical restrictor-plate wreck and finished 20th. He also logged a 16th place finish at North Carolina Speedway and a disappointing 38th last weekend at Las Vegas.

But Labonte won't be deterred and is confident the good times are yet to come.

"I've started years recently where I just knew we weren't going to be very good," he said. "You don't ever want that kind of season, but sometimes that makes you tougher, stronger and more determined. I've run years where you can't do anything wrong and I've run years you can't do anything right. I don't think is going to be one of those years."

Part of that comes from Labonte's belief that Long is

more involved in the process of building cars at Hendrick.

There's always been speculation that Labonte and teammate Jerry Nadeau don't get the same level of equipment as Gordon, and now that rookie Jimmie Johnson has been brought on, there's even fewer parts for the also-rans.

Hendrick and everyone else involved have always denied the rumor. But Long has taken a more hands-on approach than his predecessor to try to figure out why Gordon's cars are usually superior to the other Hendrick cars.

"Just going down there while the cars are being built and asking questions and watching how it's done can be so helpful," Labonte said. "In the past, we didn't always have that communication with the other teams."

One change in personnel and a bigger change in philosophy has led to an attitude overhaul that has Labonte certain he can end his career as a champion. For a driver who went 12 years between titles, there's no reason to doubt he can do it.

"The first championship I won was great, but I was like 'There will be more of these,'" Labonte said. "So when it took so long to get the next one, you appreciate it a lot more. A third one, after where we've been and what we would have had to do to get there, that would be the sweetest."



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Lady Eagles advance in tourney with win over Pike Central

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

The Johnson Central Lady Eagles have been ranked near the top of the 15th Region all

season long and on Tuesday night they showed why they deserve that high billing by crushing a good Pike County Central Lady Hawk squad.

The Lady Eagles held the

Lady Hawks to five first quarter points, and only 11 points in the entire first half. Johnson Central raced out to a 14-5 first quarter lead thanks in part to a tenacious fullcourt press which caused

Pike Central problems throughout the contest. The Lady Eagles led 28-11 at the half and never looked back, cruising home to

the tune of a 59-37 blowout win.

Johnson Central had three players finish the game in double-digits, led by Rhonda Adams with 13 points. Ashley Wireman and Michelle Music both finished with 12 points.

Pike Central had two players with nine points each. Both

Charla Hall and Ashley Russell scored just under double-digits on the night.

The Lady Eagles will now meet Belfry in the semifinals of the tournament on Saturday at 1 p.m., with the winner advancing to the championship game on Monday night.

C A L E N D A R

Soccer

Floyd County Youth Soccer

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

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 counties to form the East Kentucky Youth Soccer Association.

Baseball

HAP Little League

Harold-Allen-Prater Little League has scheduled another sign-up day for Saturday, from noon-4 p.m. at Allen Park. Another sign-up time will be held next week.

The registration fee is \$25 for one child, and \$15 for each additional child in the same family. For more information on signups, call HAP Little League Information Officer Mindi Watson at 478-1482.

Paintsville League

Paintsville Little League will hold its final signups for the upcoming 2002 season on

Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Major League Field, Paul B. Hall Field, upstairs, in the board office. All divisions of play will be registering at this time. All players should bring birth certificates. Fees are \$25 for one child, \$20 for two in the same family, and \$15 for three or more in the same family.

Martin County Little League

Martin County Little League will hold signups Saturday at the Martin County Courthouse. Players signing up must bring their birth certificates. For more information, call Jimbo Marcum at 606/298-0897, or Randy Lafferty at 606/298-4287.

Paintsville native VanHoose, Slay named to MAC honorable mention team

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Marshall University guard Tamar Slay and forward J.R. VanHoose were named to the Mid-American Conference Honorable Mention team, announced by the conference office Wednesday in Cleveland.

Slay, a senior from Beckley, W. Va., averaged 18.8 points per game this season for the Herd, who take on the Kent State Golden Flashes tomorrow afternoon in quarterfinal action of the First Energy MAC Tournament at the Gund Arena. Slay was a first-team All-MAC selection in 1999-2000 and a second team member last season.

VanHoose, from Paintsville, averaged 15 points and 10.7 rebounds this year for Marshall. He is also the Herd's second all-time leading rebounder. VanHoose made the All-MAC first team last season as a junior.

The all-conference teams are selected by league coaches, while the Player of the Year and Coach of the Year are voted on by the MAC News Media Association.

Reds

the minors to play for the Reds last year.

Reds manager Bob Boone said he would be comfortable promoting 21-year-old Kearns to the major leagues this spring.

"He's a guy you could bring up to the big leagues and he'd learn. We could do a lot worse," he said.

The organization wants to give Kearns plenty of playing time, no matter where he is, Boone said.

"He's not going to sit anywhere," he said. "It will be like Dunn last year."

Kearns is competing with Juan Encarnacion and Ruben Mateo to start in right field for Cincinnati.

Kearns and Dunn both started last season with the Reds' Double-A Chattanooga Lookouts. But Kearns fell behind when a torn thumb ligament in ended his season in May. Dunn, meanwhile,

pressed his advantage.

Dunn hit .334 with 32 homers and 84 RBIs in 94 games with Chattanooga and with Triple-A Louisville. He was promoted to the majors on July 20 and hit .262 with 19 homers and 43 RBIs in 66 games.

Dunn set a National League record by hitting 12 homers in August.

After his recovery, Kearns attracted the Reds' attention with a strong season in the Arizona Fall League. He led the league in on-base-percentage (.460) and had the second-best batting average, .371. He led the Grand Canyon Rafters with 10 doubles and 19 walks as well.

Kearns began the spring with two hits in 11 at-bats, including a double and a run batted in during his first seven games.

"I've done all right," he said. "I've hit the ball hard. It just seems like I hit it right at somebody. I think it will work out all right."

Boone praised his hitting. "He knows what he's doing," he said. "He gets himself in a real good hitting position and squares on the ball."

Kearns and Dunn have followed similar paths so far.

Both players were taken in successive rounds of the 1998 free agent draft. They played together during the 1999 season at Rockford in the Midwest League. Both played at Billings in the Rookie League.

They stood out when they were teammates for the Reds' Single-A Dayton Dragons in 2000. Kearns hit .306 with 27 home runs and 104 RBIs. Dunn hit .281 with 16 home runs and 79 RBIs.

Kearns said he feels welcome in the Reds camp this spring. Hall of Fame catcher Johnny Bench gave him batting tips before one exhibition game.

"He told me to turn it loose," Kearns said. "These guys treat you like you played here for a while. They are some of the nicest people you ever want to meet."

Tourney

contest. Lady Blackcat senior Ramanda Music did not want her high school career to come to an end as she poured in a game high 29 points in a losing cause. The Belfry defensive pressure was too much for Prestonsburg to handle, as the Lady Blackcats turned the ball over on numerous occasions. Belfry would stay in the full court press throughout the game as Prestonsburg struggled to get the basketball across the time line.

Belfry took command in the third quarter, building a 14-point lead that the Lady Blackcats were unable to overcome and the Lady Pirates would come away with the 64-55 win and advance to Saturday's semifinals against the Johnson Central Lady Eagles.

The game began on a bad note for Prestonsburg as Belfry scored the game's first eight points and the Lady Blackcats could manage only a Molly Burchett attempt at the goal over the first four minutes.

Senior guard Jessica Lovell led the Belfry attack scoring six first quarter points, on her way to 17 points on the evening. The Lady Pirates would build a 12-2 first quarter lead on Prestonsburg and things looked bad for the Lady Blackcats, but senior Ramanda Music refused to go away quietly in her last

game as a Lady Blackcat.

Music began to heat up for Prestonsburg, scoring nine first quarter points and pulling down four rebounds. Belfry would maintain their lead at 19-11 after one quarter, but Prestonsburg eventually rallied in the second quarter, making a close game of it.

Tackett would look to his bench in the second quarter as his team continued to struggle getting the ball up the floor, and he would send in eighth-grader Darcey Hicks. The youngster helped bring the team back, scoring four quick points and causing two Belfry turnovers in the quarter.

Prestonsburg would cut the lead down to six at the half at 35-29 and seem to have the momentum on their side going to the half.

The third quarter proved to be the Blackcats thorn in the side as Belfry would go on a 14-8 run in the third stanza behind the play of Vicki Hall and the Lady Blackcats connected on only four field goals in the quarter as Belfry would take a commanding 49-37 lead after three period. Belfry would hold on to the lead over the final eight minutes and come away with the nine-point win and a date with Johnson Central on Saturday in the semifinals.

Raiders

its leaders, Adam Roberts, managed just nine points in the opening period. To take nothing away from South Floyd, the Raiders turned up the heat on the Bobcats in the second half, after going into the half trailing, 26-24. The Bobcats rallied back in the second period to outscore South Floyd 17-8. Derek Case, Patrick Stapleton and Brandon Thacker led a hard-charging second period charge by the Bobcats.

South Floyd turned the tables in the third quarter, outscoring Betsy Layne 18-8 in the third frame and 19-17 in the final quarter to gain the win.

Center Ryan Little led the Raiders in scoring with a team-best 15 points. Guard Ryan Johnson and forward Josh Johnson both had 14 points, while key reserve Ethan Johnson netted 11. T.J. Hall had five points, and Anthony Thornsberry two, rounding out the scoring for South Floyd. Matt Johnson started at a forward position for South Floyd, but did not score. Other team members of the county champion Raider team include Lyle Johnson, Dennis Matthews, David Tackett, Kyle Brown, Evan Johnson and Mark

Bennett.

Ricky Ward, a current college student, served as an assistant coach for SFMS.

Thacker led the way for Betsy Layne with a game-high 21 points. Stapleton netted 11 and teammate Colbert Craft finished with nine. Case tallied eight points, and Justin Lawson rounded out the Bobcat scoring with two points. Cody Click, Derrick Williams, Braxton Branham and Tyler Hamilton played for Betsy Layne, but did not score.

Isaac, in his third year as head coach of the South Floyd boys' program, saw a real even field in the county this season, in terms of boys' basketball.

"I think the county was more balanced this season than ever," said Isaac. "There were about five teams I feel that were really even, and could have won it."

Isaac is in his seventh year as a head coach on the grade school/middle school boys' basketball level.

Going into the season, Isaac knew he would get great output from players like Ryan Johnson and Josh Johnson, players who were already seasoned-veterans. Ryan Johnson has started for South Floyd Middle School

since his sixth-grade season at Osborne Elementary. He dressed for both the freshman team and the junior varsity unit on the high school level this season.

"The biggest surprise this season, would have to be Ryan Little, who didn't even play last year as a seventh-grader," said Isaac. "I think he played some in the sixth-grade at Osborne, but he didn't play any in the seventh-grade. He was a real nice addition to our team."

The SFMS B-Team, under Ward, finished a brilliant season with a 13-1 record. The SFMS 'B' squad suffered its only loss on the road, playing with just five players against Allen Central Middle.

Another key performer for the Raiders this season was Josh Johnson.

"Josh Johnson had a great eighth-grade season," said Isaac. "I know of at least five or six games in which he had 30 or more points and at least 15 rebounds. He definitely has a world of potential."

Isaac went on to praise the entire team, saying, "I'm proud of our entire team."

The Floyd County champs finished the eighth-grade season with an 18-10 record.

Hall

aged to tie the game at nine with 1:28 remaining in the opening period, the Halls, Michael and Tyler, would have no part of it as the duo scored five for a 5-0 run to make it 14-9. South Floyd took a 14-11 lead into the second quarter.

Tyler Hall put the Raiders ahead by seven in the second quarter, 23-16, when he drained another of his game-high three treys. Hall almost put the Raiders ahead by seven again, this time at the half, just before the buzzer when he let fly a long trey that hit the front of the iron. Coach Henry Webb and his Hi Hat South Floyd team went into the lockerroom at the half with a 26-22 team.

Last seasons Pike Central team, one of a four or five region favorites, was upset in the opening round of the 59th District Tournament. This year's club, assured of playing on its home court for at least one more game before it tipped off against South Floyd, had visions of making it to the State Tournament. But so does South Floyd. You could call it a 'Raider Region Repeat' type of dream.

Pike Central played inspired basketball in the third period. The Hawks were actually tied with South Floyd on three separate occasions in the third quarter, 32-32, 34-34, 36-36, before Michael Hall found teammate Jack Slone open under the goal for two. A Pike Central prayer at the buzzer signaling the end of the third period did not go in, leaving South Floyd to lead 38-36. The two-point lead was ultimately all the Raiders needed in the way of an incentive. Pike Central pulled to within four of the Raiders, 44-40, before the defending region champs pulled away and soared out of the Hawks' nest with a win.

Slone as a key player in South Floyd's attack, scoring 12 points in 20 minutes of non-starting time. Charles Ray and Josh Johnson finished with six and four points, respectively, for the Raiders.

The one thing that kept Pike Central hanging around more any thing else was its play on the boards. The Hawks outrebounded South Floyd 44-30. South Floyd got just eight rebounds compared to Pike Central's 19.

Chase Lyons had a game-high 15 rebounds for the Lyons. Bobby Mullins added 11 and a team-best 17 points. Lyons finished the contest with 12 markers. Michael Boyd, who drilled a

Tigers

talking about. Wednesday night's opening round meeting would be much the same as the '01 meeting. In this season's region tourney meeting, senior guard Chas Harmon basically stole the show, hitting six of 12 three-point attempts, on his way to a game-high 32 points, along with six assists, five steals, and just one turnover. Oh yeah, and the Tigers won, 85-67.

Harmon scored Paintsville's first six points of the night as the Tigers jumped out to a 6-0 lead. The Bill Mike Runyon-coached team coasted out to a 24-8 lead at the end of the first quarter after Harmon knocked down a trey just before the end of the opening frame.

Quarter number two began the same way the first period had ended: with a Harmon three-pointer. The Tigers led by as many as 21 points in the second period before an awakened Belfry team came back from a near end to cut the Paintsville lead into single digits in the final minute. The Pirates trailed Paintsville 40-25 with 1:54 left to play in the first half, but went on a 11-2 run to the end the second quarter to go into the half trailing by just six, 42-36.

Paintsville shot nice percentages from both the field and the free throw line in the first half, shooting 55-percent from the field, and 72-percent from behind the stripe. They hit on four of 10 free throws in the first two periods

pair of three-pointers late in the game, had eight points, along with teammate Adam Prater. Neither Boyd or Prater started for Pike Central (15-14).

The loss eliminated the Hawks from the tourney and finished their season. South Floyd (21-9) moves on to face Paintsville, a team its already lost to twice this season.

GAME NOTES

Officials for the South Floyd-Pike County Central game were Tommy Hutton, Chad Allen and Glenn Napier.

Neither team had a technical foul called against it.

Powers

Speedway, Clay City Raceway and Perry County Raceway. He saw a lot of first place finishes during these years of early racing.

In 1984, the Salyersville driver moved up to Street Stock and not being content with just one class, he threw in a Bomber for extra measure. He would run B class first, then hop in the Street Stock. David Powers saw 23 wins out of 25 starts. In 1985, David drove in the B class for Little Boy Lovely and with his own Chevelle, he won 18 races out of 25 starts with championships in both cars. The following year, he won a championship driving his own car.

Now we've moved several years down the road and it's 1982. David Powers is racing in the Late Model Division. In 1982, he bought a Swartz racecar and is racing at Salyersville Speedway. The 201 Speedway provides him with a Steel Block Championship. It was called Super Street Division but was actually Steel Block Late Model. The following race season, his motor messed up and with him being self-sponsored, he couldn't afford another motor. Everyone who's ever been there knows exactly how hard it can be when you're the one footing all the bills to keep your car running. Good sponsors can make all the difference between being able to keep racing or parking your car.

In the fall of 1994, David hooked up with Barker Motorsports and ran a Leaf Spring Swartz racecar with an 18 degree 421 Klein Racing Engine. He won his first Late Model Feature at Thunder Ridge, going on to also win Features at Clay City. In 1996, using the same

motor, David got behind the wheel of his first Four Bar Swartz car. In 1997, David Powers was without a ride. To someone who lives for racing, this can be a sad time that seems to have no end. Then in 1998, The East Kentucky racer then goes back to driving for Barker Motorsports in a 1998 Rayburn. Racing all season he brings home 6 Feature wins. His last year with Barker Motorsports is 1999 driving a brand-new Rayburn Swingarm powered by an 18 degree 430 racing engine. David Powers gives five feature wins to the Barker Motorsports team from the 201 Speedway and this finishes up his ride with this race team when he leaves them in the winter of 1999.

In January 2000, David Powers joined the family owned and operated race team of JMC Motorsports of Crockett, Kentucky. The 2000 race season sees the driver becoming the driver with the most wins ever recorded at the 201 Speedway in the Late Model Division. Twelve times out of sixteen races, he took the checkered flag for himself and JMC Motorsports. The year of 2000 was a most successful year made possible by the joining of a dedicated, respected and talented driver with a team that has taken David Powers into their family and welcomed him and all the positive images that all race car drivers should aspire to be like. Friendly, kind, courteous and always telling kids to say no to drugs, David Powers brings a shining light to the world of Dirt Track Late Model racing. The team of JMC Motorsports is proud he is a part of their family.

Seniors Brandon Gullett and Nathan Haney finished with 20 and 10 points, respectively, for the Tigers. Gullett started, while Haney, one of the area's top senior high school golfers, came off the bench to get his double-digit total.

Junior Ryan Jarrell, a tight end and defensive end for Coach David LeMaster on the Paintsville High football team, gave Paintsville a great boost from a reserve role with seven points and two rebounds in just seven minutes of action. Rutledge finished with six for the Tigers, and a team-high five rebounds, while Shane Simpkins and Adam Rice, a sophomore and a junior, both guards, each finished with four points. Jeremy Slone rounded out the Paintsville scoring with two points. Tate Harmon started and played seven minutes, but did not score. Adam Collins, Robert Chaffin, Peyton Conley and Josh Caudill, also all saw action for Paintsville.

Belfry, which has several holdovers from Coach Philip Haywood's football team on its roundball roster, was led in scoring by two players with had 16 points apiece, Boo Hager and Adam Reed. Sophomore Paul Howard, a recent transfer from Pikeville High School, had 14 points. Zane Smith and Doug Howard had 10 and eight, respectively for the Pirates.

For Belfry (18-10), it's the end of the season. Paintsville (18-10) advances to Friday night's semifinals against South Floyd.

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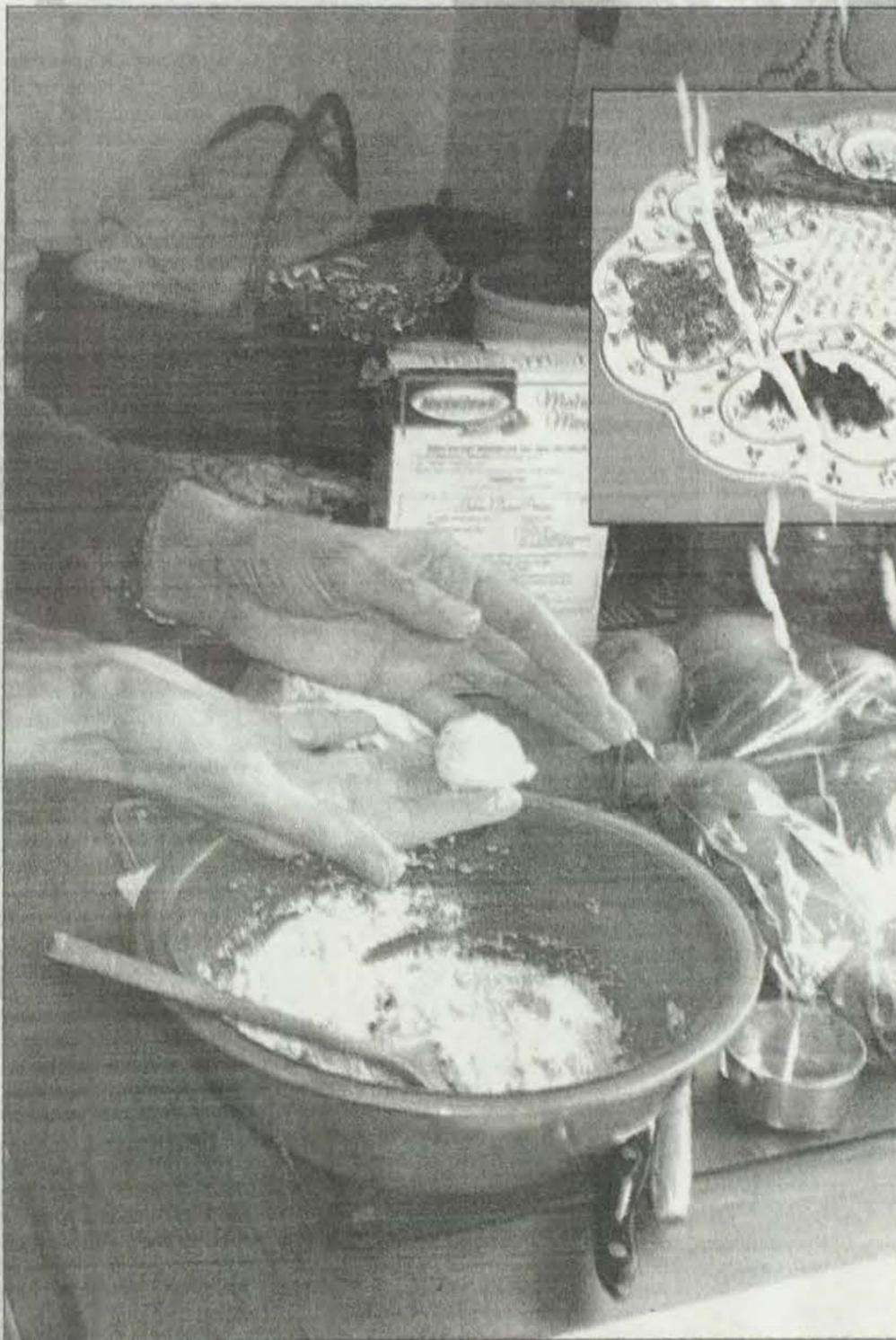


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A traditional Seder plate containing from top, and clockwise: a lamb shank bone, roasted egg, fresh horseradish, haroset, and fresh parsley. Unleavened Matzo crackers are placed in the center of the plate.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Silman prepared a recipe for homemade Matzo balls during my visit this past Wednesday afternoon.

Heralding in spring with the Jewish Passover

by KATHY J. PRATER
 FEATURES EDITOR

While the majority of Floyd County families have been busily preparing for the Christian Easter holiday, one of our minority communities have been preparing their households for another religious holiday - that of the Jewish Passover observance.

Those who practice Judaism are few and far between in our area but, nonetheless, they do manage to come together for religious observances, and the Passover observance is one that they spend a considerable amount of

time in preparation for.

I had the opportunity to spend an afternoon with a local Jewish woman, Miriam Silman, in her kitchen as she busied herself with preparing foods for the "Seder," a meal steeped in tradition and custom that takes place during the Passover evening. Silman, a native of New York City, grew up celebrating Passover in her parent's home, events she remembers as being full of activity with households brimming over with relatives, "spring" cleaning, the preparation of



kosher Passover foods, and excited children. With the local Jewish population being rather sparse, Silman explained that different households in

the local area hosted the Passover observance for their Jewish neighbors each year. Silman played hostess to the families this year and I found her quite busy Wednesday morning as the Passover holiday, which began at sundown on Wednesday evening, fast approached. She however, very graciously allowed me entry into her home during this hectic time and quite patiently answered my questions and related to me the Passover story of the Jews exodus from the lands of the Egyptians.

As Silman worked she explained the importance of traditional Passover foods, which are rich in symbolism, to the holiday event. "I don't think there is any other holiday, or occasion, where the food is so symbolic of the event. It represents so much," she said.

As Silman prepared the seder plate, a special plate containing traditional foods that will be placed in the center

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This Town That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eye. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.

We cannot pass this opportunity to tell all and sundry that next Sunday is Easter. Give a good, long thought to the meaning of the day—and please do not stay home. Go to church!

Likely as not, those white-blooming trees you see on the hillsides aren't dogwoods. They're "sarvices," if you know what I mean... By the way, I wonder if kids still eat "sheep sarvice," or if they're educated enough to know what it is.

RAILROAD TROUBLES

Once in a great while you read or hear about the railroads of the country being in hard straits. Most of the time, when I am reminded of the difficulties the railways are having, along with most of the rest of us, I think of how many animals ready for the boneyard they have paid for, to the delight of the owners. There is a saying, you know, that if you would have a valuable cow just cross her with a railroad track.

Along these lines there is the story told of the mountaineer whose plug hoss ran afoul of a train with dire results to the horse. The owner did not deign to bother with taking his case to the local appraisers for the railroad. He up and wrote the head man to this effect:

"Yore train hit my old plug hoss so hard the crows can't find the peeces. You owe me \$50."

Back came, post-haste, a letter from the president of the company and a check for—not \$50, but \$75. Wrote he:

"You have the honor, sir, of having had the first plug horse killed in Kentucky by a train. The bonus is for telling the truth."

MISTREATED YOUNGSTER

A youngster of our community returned to town from the country, at his mother's insistence. And he was very unhappy with this revoltin' development. He had to come home from out there in the nice, quiet country where he was visiting his grandparents, just to take his music lessons.

"Just imagine!" he snorted. "Bringin' me home to take that old music—and I could have had fun out there on the farm, haulin' manure!"

DIAGNOSIS

Never trust a youngster who is too glib of tongue and truthful, to boot! The doctor was taking this certain brat's old man's blood pressure (so the story goes), and the gauge was bouncing around something awful. The old practitioner yanked his glasses down on his nose and shook his head.

"That blood pressure—goodness! It's 90 over—"

"I know what his blood pressure's over," snapped the boy. "It's over that drunk he took last week."

Little yellow chicks

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Easter is coming early this year - March 31. As a consequence, the stores have been busy for quite some time now setting out displays of pastel candies and colorful baskets wrapped in cellophane.

Most always; the first real sign that Easter is, indeed, on its way, are the small boxes of bright yellow "Peeps" you see lining the counters in grocery stores and Wal-Marts wherever you go. The sugary, marshmallow candies, formed into the shape of tiny spring chicks were always a happy sight for me. Until five years ago.



My mother loved bananas, and still does, along with most any cereal - Rice Krispies, Cbeertos, corn flakes. My dad, being not so quite health conscious as his wife, loved jellies and jams (Smucker's Black Raspberry being a favorite), whole milk, and candy.

- Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

Five years ago, on March 6, 1997, my father died. It was my dear "Daddy" who so loved the little marshmallow candies. I, personally, never cared that much for them, aside from the fact that they looked awfully cute tucked inside an Easter basket. But my dad now, he loved the little guys.

As my dad grew older and more prone to keeping inside, I took on several of his household responsibilities. Things like the grocery shopping, errands to Wal-Mart, and writing out checks to pay his household expenses. Since I did most of the shopping, I made mental notes early on of my parents' favorite foods. My mother loved bananas, and still does, along with most any cere-

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Nutrition Notes...

Does more flavor mean healthier food?

by KAREN COLLINS, MS, RD, CDN
AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

People sometimes use lack of flavor as a reason for avoiding healthful food choices, but research discredits that excuse more firmly than ever. Studies are showing that herbs and spices add health benefits as well as flavor to food.

Many culinary herbs contain the natural antioxidant substances found in fruits, vegetables and tea. (Antioxidants help to prevent and repair damages from reactive substances that could lead to cancer or heart

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If these bombers flying across the skies here are doing as much damage to their target as they are to nerves and the sleep of some of our folks, Berea, Kentucky, should just about be in ruins by this time.

THE SORDID SIDE

We print in this edition a letter in which Ira E. Frazier, of Weeksbury, points to the cluttered-up condition of the countryside. Next week, we hope to print another from John P. Bentley, of Langley, on the same subject. We appreciate the interest of both these gentlemen. And, unless the rest of us become interested and do something about it, perhaps we should stop asking tourists to come, see our beautiful mountains. Maybe we could attract as many, and be more honest about it, with an invitation for them to "go slumming."

Any time we are little enough to feel big, let us recall that the favorite poem, of a great President of the United States was "Oh, Why Should the Spirit of Mortal Be Proud?"

THE TRUTH

The first big string of fish brought to Prestonsburg from Dewey Lake this year was displayed, Wednesday, by Lennie Moore and Bill Bunting. The former indicated he might have been a "good" fisherman and lied a little about the "catch," but his partner insisted the fish were taken during seining operations conducted there by the Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources.

Maybe my ear is a little duller than a year ago, but I do not detect the voice of last year's leader among those frogs that are dinning away again in the rill that runs across my backyard.

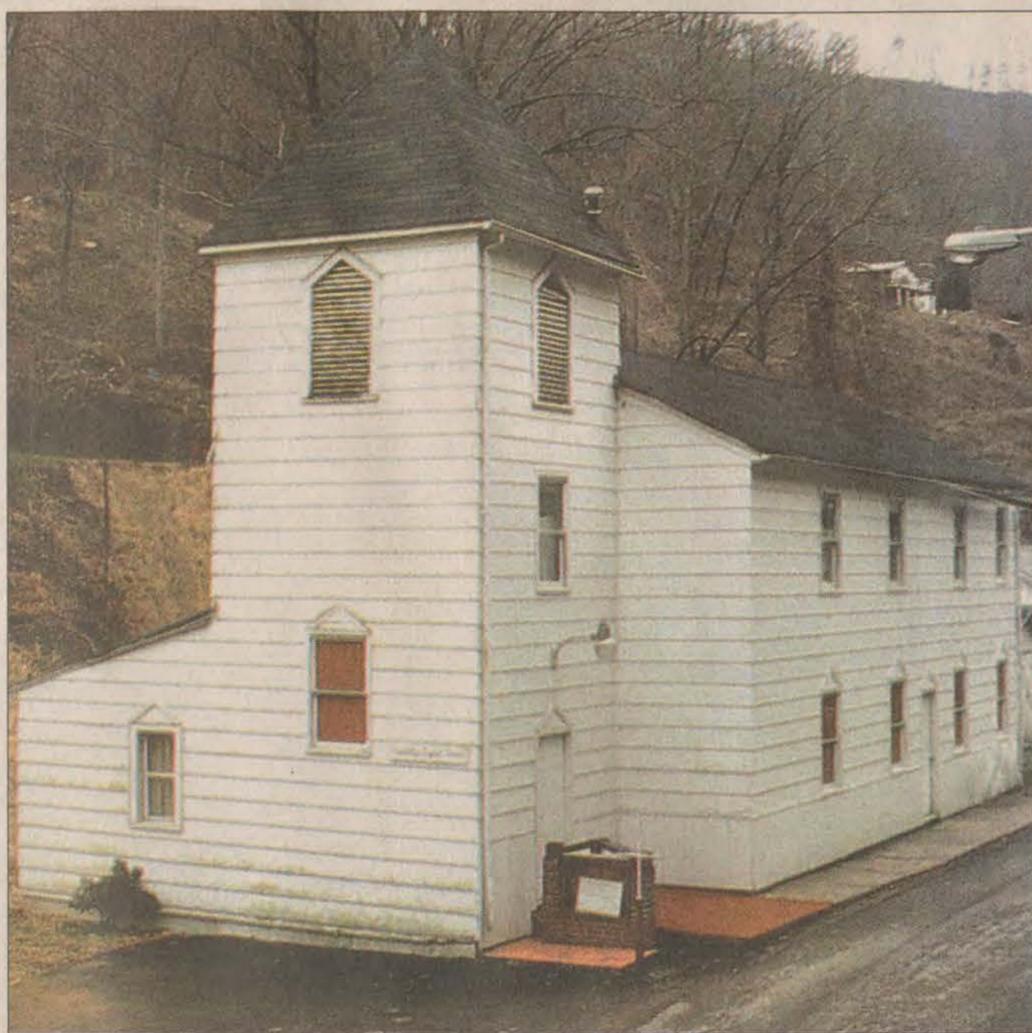
LOOKING BACKWARD

Twenty years ago this week death came to a man about whom I have often been tempted to write a piece entitled, "The Most Unusual Character I Have Ever Known."

All life was a challenge to this man. Things and situations and people challenged him, as they do most of us; the difference was, he did not let the gauntlet lie, untouched. There is a term, "rugged individualist," which folks today might apply to him, but he was not a Wrong-Way Corrigan in the social structure. He would have made a first-class iconoclast, had he got off in that direction. His thinking had a great deal of originality, and he had an amazing lack of concern about what others thought of his ideas, as long as he was convinced he was right.

He built a house to suit himself and none other, and it was as generous in its rambling as was his nature. Others thought it should be more compact. It rambled, as he originally planned that it would. Others thought the ceiling should be lower—it went

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Friendship Baptist Church, Wheelwright.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Faithful Friendship, rich in heritage

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

This year will mark the 106th anniversary of the Friendship Baptist Church. The church, though currently small in enrollment, has endured all these many generations as a mainstay in the Wheelwright community.

The church is rich in history, with its beginnings dating back to 1896. Much of the church's heritage has been kept alive through both oral and written histories. According to church historians, Lillie B. Hood and Gertrude T. Smith, in a souvenir journal of the church dated July 4, 1997, the year 1815 saw the first association of the Assembly of Baptist Churches in the Wheelwright area, with Friendship Baptist being organized some 81 years later.

During its early years, Friendship Baptist served as a "vibrant force in the Elkhorn and Sandy Valley Districts," according to the historians. With a choir that was well-known throughout Eastern Kentucky, West Virginia, and Virginia, the church gained much notoriety. Friendship's choir traveled a great deal, visiting many area churches to perform for both black and white congregations,

meeting as a great source of racial harmony.

Currently without a pastor, the faithful congregation continues to



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Generations of youngsters have attended Sunday School in the Friendship Baptist Church building. Trevon Hurst displayed perfect manners this past Sunday morning, as did the other children in attendance.

meet each Sunday morning for Bible study and prayer worship. "We have had a few visiting pastors in," said Shirley Hood, "but we haven't select-

ed one as of yet. But, we will, because we're here to stay," she finished determinedly.

Photos of pastors who have served and passed, as well as the meticulously cared for furnishings and sanctuary, are evidence of the love that has been felt by so many for Friendship Baptist. With a list of more than 250 former and now deceased members of the church, it becomes evident that Friendship Baptist at one time enjoyed days of much glory and activity.

Kentucky Governor Paul E. Patton writes of Friendship Baptist that "Friendship Missionary Baptist Church" has served "over the past hundred years as the oldest African-American church in Floyd County." As such, Gov. Patton goes on to say that the church has "contributed greatly to the religious, moral and family values of hundreds of people" serving as "an important foundation stone in our Commonwealth."

Clearly, as evidenced by both the pictorial and written histories of the Wheelwright pillar of religious services, the Friendship Baptist Church has a history of which to be proud. The members of the current congrega-

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THINGS TO PONDER

84 days until — but who's counting



by Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

Now is the time of transition as we move from winter into spring. Then, there is summer to think about. The next thought has to do with vacations, having fun, and perhaps wearing bathing suits. A variety of comments have been heard about being ready, PHYSICALLY, for the long hot summer, which of course brings up thoughts of body size. One person remarked, "I'm just not going to buy larger size clothes for summer!" Another gung-ho person said, "I'm saving money for a vaca-

For some of us, it is very distressful when the "little, tiny thing" begins talking about having to lose five or 10 pounds. Guess it is a big thing for them, but how about those folks who need, or would like to lose, 50 pounds.

tion this year, if nothing else happens, I'm also going to be ready to wear a bikini at the beach!" Of course, it's no surprise what they are talking about—going on a diet to lose weight before summer comes. It is 84 days until the first of June,

not that anyone would be counting.

The prospect of losing weight brings up a lot of thoughts and possibilities. "How much weight is she talking about? How long has she been trying to lose the weight? How does she plan on

going about it? Are her expectations realistic as to the amount of desired weight loss or will she do herself in?"

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Guess it is a big thing for them, but how about those folks who need, or would like to lose, 50 pounds.

At this point, reality does really march in. Usually, the experts suggest that losing about TWO pounds per week is more likely to happen, and to remain off.

Well, since 84 days means 12 more weeks until June 1, it seems that about 24 pounds would be a reasonable amount to

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upwards of 10 feet from the floor, as planned. Sections of a pine tree for porch posts were an abomination to some, but they stood.

Other men could dehorn cattle—castrate bulls and stallions. He thought he could, and he did, without instruction or experienced assistance—did the work so swiftly, the offended animal didn't have time to decide if the operation hurt. And, unlike others of the day, he hooted at the old old almanac hanging on the wall and the signs of the zodiac by which his neighbors swore and planted and lived. Somehow, his methods worked, even if he did fly in the face of Providence by refusing to "go by the signs."

Sometimes he had inspirations that weren't exactly "inspired." There, for instance, was the time when he was operating a sawmill and hauling cross-ties to market over two miles of the most wretched road imaginable. Ten or 12 ties on a wagon was a big load, and the round trip during wintertime required half a day. But there was a stream nearby and it was full—why not use it? To think was to act. So he built a boat. He had no pattern, he had never built a boat before, but he did the job out of yellow poplar, calked the cracks with gunnysack and tar, and turned out an 18-foot craft that could carry a considerable number of cross-ties downstream.

The only flaw in the grand scheme was, he failed to consider that the creek had some bends in it which were so sharp and short the boat could not negotiate them. One of the oarsmen, fighting to keep the bow out of bank, got the end of a pole in his side and wound up with cracked ribs. So the maiden voyage of the good ship was her last.

Folks in those days preached, "Sink the plow to the beam." He argued against it. I know he had never read at that time the theory of shallow plowing of corn to avoid breaking up the root system, but he practiced it. He scoffed at the practice of "hilling" each stalk of corn, and others laughed at him. They went their way, and he his. They joined him later.

A minister of the gospel 50 years and more, he on occasion played the banjo, delighted in young people, even did not frown on the dancing of the day. He hated intoxicating liquors in a day when only one other minister in the county believed with him and practiced the doctrine of total abstinence. Yet some of his best friends dabbled in whiskey—made it and/or sold it. Though Spartan in his denial of himself in some respects—he "used" neither tobacco, whiskey nor coffee—he had little regard for doctors' orders about his diet. When it was suggested by a doctor that a little "dram" might stimulate his failing heart, he stoutly replied, "I've made it this far without the stuff—I'll go on out without it."

To teach his children, he used walnut stain and some other ingredient to paint a blackboard on a bedroom wall. To teach them "better the next time," he brought the culprit to his knee, reduced him to tears without lifting his hand, then handed him a knife and sent him on his own particular Calvary-road to cut a switch for his own back.

The man held times of prescience. When Pearl Harbor came and Japan moved in on the side of Germany, there were the fainthearted who feared the worst. But as confidently as if he were reading from the Bible he declared: "That means the end of Japan."

With men, however, he had poor judgment. He trusted them all. He endorsed bank notes which the makers refused to pay, and he made notes of his own at the bank to pay the same bank for what the other fellow owed. And still he came back for more. To every remonstrance against such instances of "poor business judgment," he stubbornly maintained that when the lost faith in human nature he was ready to move on.

Much more could be written about this individual. One could tell of his love of the outdoors, of his ear for a favorite hound's bugling on a distant ridge, of his love for children and his compassion for every human being. But I may have already imposed upon the reader, since I am writing about my own father.

Postscript:

Fear itself

by PAM SHINGLER
COLUMNIST

My little dog Daisy is always excited to go anywhere with me. She starts to become anxious at any number of signals she's learned to pick up, for instance, my changing clothes, putting on earrings, unwrapping a stick of gum, getting my coat off the hook or searching for the keys in my purse.

She begins to whine and dance around, eager to let me know she doesn't want to be left alone and is ready to go immediately.

To watch her, you'd think that here's a dog who loves to travel.

But as soon as she gets in the car, you see a different dog entirely. She heads straight for the back seat; she acts as if she's been beaten if you try to make her stay in front. Instead of settling in or looking out the window as many dogs do, she leans against the back seat, standing, shaking and gasping for breath. I've known her to do this on a two- or three-hour trip, despite how much I try to talk soothingly or reach back to give her a reassuring pat. Once in a great while, generally when the trip goes for several hours, she will finally give in and sit. Only when she's completely worn out will she lie down in the seat.

I have no idea what the problem is. I've had her since she was about five weeks old, so I pretty much know her life's history. Of course, she was a founding, but I doubt that, at the age of 6-1/2, she still carries the memories of those days

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

The congregation of Friendship Baptist is small, but faithful. Sunday morning brought bitterly cold temperatures, but at least these many of the members showed up for services. Pictured from left to right, front row, are a few of the congregations younger members, Desmond Watts, Travianne Hurst, Trevon Hurst, and Tanesha Hood. Back row, from left to right, are Robert Hood, Jequetta Parker, Shirley Hood, Sharon Parker, Marvella Hood, and Greer Jackson.

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tion are steadfast in their dedication to the church and the history it represents. Meeting for services this past week, Robert Hood served as Bible Study leader and the congregation, both young and old, paid close attention to the verses that were laid out for study, taking time to share thoughts on both these verses and their correlation to today's modern society.

Reminding those present that "Jesus will look at your heart, not at your possessions," come the Day of Judgment, Hood directed the members to look inwardly at their own lives and to not be

taken in by the riches of the world. "That rich man, he may have more than you, but Jesus will not be impressed with his riches," he said.

In regard to the current church membership, Shirley Hood said, "We're small right now, and we're searching for a pastor, but we are the only Black Baptist church in Floyd County and we're not going anywhere. Why, once this faith is in you, you can't dynamite it out."

Here at the Times, we wish Friendship Baptist continued growth and success in the years to come.

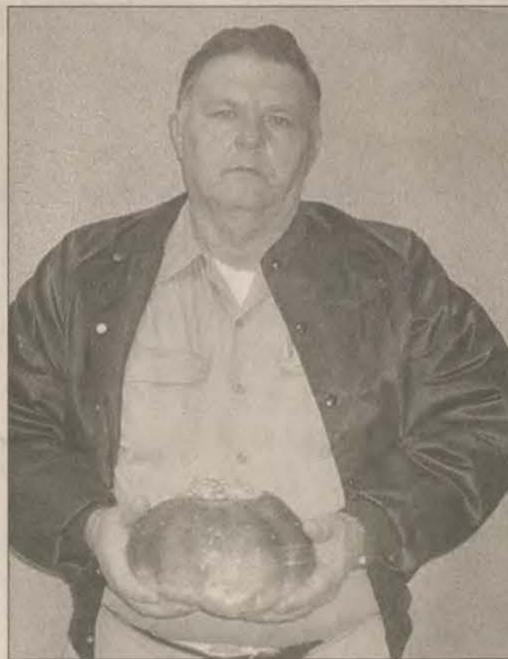


photo by Kathy Prater

Cecil Jarrell, of Auxier Road, discovered this 6 lb. turnip growing on the river bank near his home. Jarrell was out walking on a recent Saturday and happened to stumble onto the large vegetable. He brought it in to us for a picture to add to our photo file.

Happy Birthday



Alexis is two!

Alexis Raelynn Thornsberry, the daughter of Ray and Janice (Thornsberry) Osborne, of Martin, celebrated her second birthday on January 27, 2002. "Lexie" was joined by many family members and friends at her "Snoopy" theme birthday party. She is the maternal granddaughter of Doug Harvey, of Garrett, Rita Thornsberry, of Martin, and the late Barry Thornsberry.



It's a boy!

Gavin McCaye Sexton, the son of Kristi and McCaye Sexton, of Langley, was born on January 26, 2002, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz., and is a most welcome arrival to his family.



Christian to celebrate first birthday!

Christian Alexander Sparkman will turn one year old on Saturday, March 9, 2002. He is the son of Jessikah Sparkman, of Hueysville, and the great-grandson of Faye and Ishmel Shepherd, also of Hueysville.

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. Participation 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 Food City receipts. Students may turn them in to their home-room 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

Betsy Layne Elementary

The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Mar. 20 - Family Resource Center will present the Wulfe Brothers, "Reflections of the American Spirit," from 9-10 a.m.

Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

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. 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.

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Family Medicine

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Question: Last year I had sinus surgery to remove a polyp and a pocket of infection. I'm certainly better, but I still have problems with the right side of my nose being blocked. I've been back to my ENT surgeon several times, and he has given me different medicines that, unfortunately, haven't made much difference in my symptoms. He says that my surgery was a success, and there isn't anything more he can do. I certainly don't think the surgery was a success. What else can I do for my blocked nose?

AnsWER: Scientists debate the evolutionary reasons for the presence of air

cells within the bones of the skull — the spaces we call sinuses. Some think it allows the adult shape of the human face without increasing the weight of the head as would occur if the bones were solid. Others think the sinuses have a contributing role in the resonance of the voice and also a minor involvement in the important roles of humidifying and warming the air we inhale. Personally, I think the sinuses exist principally as a source of misery.

Facial pain, pressure sensation, nasal discharge and often fever are symptoms of sinus infection — what most of us call sinusitis. These symptoms are responsible for about 12 million doctor visits

Reader should see an allergist about lingering sinus symptoms

each year! (Substantiating evidence for my assertion about the reason for sinusitis.) Most sinus symptoms are caused by blockage of the sinus openings, which, in turn, results in pressure within the sinus spaces as well as an accumulation of fluid. Most often the blockage is due to a viral infection (a common cold) or an allergy.

Most colds clear up without serious problems ensuing, but sometimes a bacterial sinus infection develops. Bacterial infections are treated with at least a two-week course of antibiotics. Usually this is successful in stopping the symptoms and eliminating the underlying infection. In individuals who have polyps or extensive damage within the sinus space — this would be the pocket of infection you had — surgical intervention is necessary to bring about resolution of the infection.

Sinus surgery is effective in about 80 percent of individuals. Successful, as you have noted, can mean different

things to you and to your doctor. You were expecting total resolution of your nasal symptoms. He was expecting removal of the polyp and clearing of the extensive infection within the sinus that you called "removing a pocket of pus." He, therefore, thinks the surgery was a success because his goals were achieved, but you rate it as less successful.

Obviously, you two had different expectations from the beginning. Which reminds me — I've noticed over my years of practice that it is much easier to talk than it is to communicate. Be sure to communicate with your doctor!

You mentioned in your letter that your ENT doctor now thinks that you have non-allergic rhinitis. This is fancy doctor-speak for a congested nose that is not due to allergy. This is certainly possible, but I doubt it in your case. I say this because you had a nasal polyp, which is almost always due to an under-

lying allergy.

I'd suggest that you see a board certified allergist for evaluation of your condition. Hopefully, this will reveal both the cause of your chronic nasal congestion and an effective treatment for it. If on the other hand no allergic cause is identified, you will certainly have earned the diagnostic label "non-allergic rhinitis." This chronic condition is quite annoying for both patient and physician since there are only a few treatment methods that help. Unfortunately, the success rate for them is substantially lower than it is for those with allergic rhinitis.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701. Past columns are available online at www.fradio.org/fm.

Ponder

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lose during the countdown. Also, it has been shown, time and time again, that exercise with a good healthy nutrition program, adds even more emphasis to the overall effort and outcome.

But, 24 pounds can be a great amount, meaning perhaps about two dress sizes.

Then, the man of the house might lose even more than that, since it has also been shown that men are likely to lose more weight than women with the same efforts. It just doesn't seem fair, does it, especially since women do most of the food preparation?

Although I have never done or participated in honest and true weight reduction projects, I certainly have practiced weight reduction several times over the years. Probably typical of research results, my level of "true" motivation at the beginning, and my basic reason for losing weight has been of prime importance. Early in life, say, while I was single and wanting to impress a "special" friend that I had not seen for some time, I was truly motivated. Not eating those known dangerous foods was foremost in my mind, and was not forgotten.

Once I had decided that it was going to be mind over food, most of my battle had been won. There were several basic rules. The main one was, "If it was not acceptable to be eaten, then it was not bought and carried home." In other words, if it were not in sight, it was more likely not get to my stomach. Meals plans were made ahead of time so that it was always known what to grab out of the refrigerator. Since this was a time that I was living alone, I saved energy by preparing enough one night for the next night. I made plans for the evening, based on when I would be finished with my hour of exercising after work, and supper being finished. At first, I only went "out to eat" at married girlfriends' homes who were supportive of my nutritional program.

A fond and pleasurable memory is about the beautiful and warm "Mexican cornbread muffins" that a friend made when I had been "watching" rigidly for about two months. I thought I'd died and gone to heaven. However, it is best not to get yourself in an off-the-wagon situation very often, if you really plan on, and want to be successful with your program.

Try not to refer to it as a "diet." Some other workable strategies to put what you are going to eat on your plate, put all leftovers away,

and then eat your meal. Again, out of sight, out of mind.

In addition, I have found that always eating at the same place, say, at the table, and without the TV on, will help you be more aware that you are eating and enjoying. By all means, don't put yourself down if you do happen to give in to yourself that one time. Everyone is not perfect and successful the first time. It is really up to the individual as to which nutritional plan might be best for her or him. How much do you want to lose?

The same gals who were talking about losing weight before summer, also brought up all kinds of approaches to losing weight. A real quickie was the Slim Fast liquid being used for breakfast. Once a truck driver told me that he had lost weight eating a Slim Fast Breakfast Bar, while drinking eight ounces of skim milk. That seemed to be OK for me, since I really enjoy the chewing and mouth sensations produced by eating something.

The one girl who talked of buying a bikini bathing suit has been focused on the "benefits" of drinking lots of fruit juice with meals, such as a large glass of grapefruit juice, so that one's dieting efforts were further enhanced. Really don't know the actual benefits of such, but some big diet expert years ago believed in the eating of half of a grapefruit at every meal. But don't plan on me eating grapefruit.

Besides the importance of meal times, by all means pay attention to those snacks you quickly pop into your mouth at a moment's notice. Get into the habit of reading side panels for calories, fat grams, carbohydrates, and sodium. Another suggestion is to notice where the no-nos are listed in the contents; i.e., the closest the item is to the beginning of the list, the more it is found in the food.

As you may know, overeating and the trying to lose weight has been viewed for years as a pathological condition, if carried to the extreme. More research is being done. Ideally, the best plan would be a preventative program to avoid significant dietary problems. One number was that the rates of obesity have gone from 4 percent to 30 percent during the last century, which was thought to suggest that genetic effects are influenced by behaviors, since genes do not change this quickly. The most plausible explanation for the remarkable increase in obesity is unhealthy lifestyle. Simply, many people are consuming more calories than is needed for their sedentary lifestyle. Here's to success with your plan!

Notes

disease.) According to research by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and published in the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry, oregano (commonly used in a variety of dishes, including pizza) is extremely high in antioxidant power, as are dill, thyme, rosemary and peppermint.

But we must be careful about how these health findings are interpreted. The USDA research reports that some herbs, like oregano, may contain even greater antioxidant action, ounce for ounce, than fruits and vegetables. It would be unrealistic, however, for a meal to include a portion of herbs equal in weight to a serving of a fruit or vegetable. Still, the health

benefits that herbs offer should encourage us to make generous and frequent use of them.

According to a review published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, herbs contain many cancer-fighting phytochemicals that stimulate the immune system, block carcinogenic damage to the DNA in our cells and inhibit a variety of hormones and enzymes associated with cancer development. Although the antioxidants and phytochemicals in fruits and vegetables are good reasons to make them a major part of our meals, those foods also provide important vitamins and fiber. And they make weight control easier, satisfying hunger with fewer calo-

National Geographic Bee



The winner and runner-up of Mt. Christian Academy's Geography Bee are shown with their social studies teacher and the dean of their school. From left are, Cindy Hall, teacher, Vincent Ganzon, runner-up, Shilpa Sachdeva, winner, and Dr. Parker Tiller, Dean.

Mt. Christian holds Geography Bee

Mountain Christian Academy's 4th through 8th graders recently participated in the National Geographic Bee, with admirable performances by each participant. Classroom winners were: Miles Heywood, 4th; Austin Collins and Rebecca Rose, 5th; Vincent Ganzon and Shilpa Sachdeva, 6th; Michael Bednarz and

Jacob Moak, 7th; and Jessica Adams and Sean Leslie, 8th.

Shilpa Sachdeva won the championship round with Vincent Ganzon showing in the runner-up position. As school winner, Shilpa has now taken a written examination which may qualify her for competition on the state level.

Postscript

of early puppyhood. She's never been involved in an automobile accident, so that's not the source of the terror.

I am not a reckless driver. (But who would ever admit to that?) I don't generally make jerky starts and stops. I don't screech the tires. I do play the music loudly, but I do that at home, too, and she doesn't appear scared there.

If Daisy were reluctant to travel, if she balked at getting in the car, her actions inside the car would be easier to understand. But that's not the case. Her fears appear to be simply irrational — if you can attribute rationality to a dog.

I suspect a lot of us are like Daisy. We want to get in the car, to go somewhere, but we are terrified of the ride. Daisy often doesn't have a choice, but many of us do — and we choose not to make the trip. Our fears persist even though we know there is joy to be had on the journey or, at the very least, at the end.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt is credited, I believe, with saying, "We have nothing

to fear but fear itself." This is quite often true, but it doesn't keep us, like Daisy, from being scared to death with fear. And I think this might be particularly applicable to our mountain culture, where the opportunity for self-direction has been almost non-existent and where our sense of fatalism helps us rationalize and embrace the irrational.

I continue to be thankful that I don't have to cover the local school board meetings. When I reported on them in the late 1980s and into 1990, I drove home most nights with tears streaming down my face, in total despair over what I observed. When I wrote about the meetings in the late '90s and into early 2001, I drove home angry and frustrated, again despairing of what I saw a decade after the hope for positive change peaked and waned. Now, I vow I'm not going to follow the stories, but I can't help myself. I'm farther removed, but the despair is almost as keen.

Eyes

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al - Rice Krispies, Cheerios, corn flakes. My dad, being not so quite health conscious as his wife, loved jellies and jams (Smucker's Black Raspberry being a favorite), whole milk, and candy.

Now if I eat candy, I have to have chocolate and I'm very selective about the brand. I don't care much for hard candies, or artificial fruit flavors. My dad, on the other hand, loved fruit flavored "Slices" (large, gummy, sugar coated jelly-like candies shaped like slices of oranges and the like), as well as marshmallow nougat "Circus Peanuts."

He also loved holiday candies like chocolate-covered marshmallow Santa Clauses and Easter eggs, and chocolate-covered cherries (I can't stand these!). But his very favorite candy, at least as I remember, were the little, yellow, marshmallow "Peeps."

Easter may have also been coming along early the year my father died, because I remember shopping one particular day at the Winn-Dixie when I noticed, a little ways over from the check-out lane I was in, a counter full of Easter candies, stuffed animals, and yes, "Peeps." I recall thinking that I had time, if I moved quickly, to dart away from my shopping cart to pick up a package or two of the candies for my dad. Whatever the reason, whether I was trying to keep tabs on a child or two, prepare to pay for my purchases, or was simply feeling lazy, I didn't.

I remember thinking that "I had plenty of time" to surprise my dad with a package of "Peeps." As it turned out, I didn't.

Not long after this day, my father suffered a fall that sent him into a downward spiral from which he never recovered. As I spent the next few weeks caring for him in his home, I took silent note each day of his declining appetite.

I prepared his favorites, creamy "pea" soup, hot cream of wheat, milky potato soup, until, one day, nothing I prepared could get even so much as a nibble from him. No food was enticing enough to raise his interest and, he even motioned for me to turn off the television set in his bedroom. My father used to keep his t.v. on for hours on end - the day he motioned for me to turn it off was a day of stark realization for me, though I clung still to the hope that he would eventually "come around."

He didn't and the fall he suffered that February night eventually took him out of my life forever shortly after

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I keep hoping that one day in my lifetime parents will show up en masse to demand that academic achievement finally become a priority, to avow that they are holding teachers, administrators and students to a higher standard and that the poor showings of the past will not be tolerated.

I would like to see parents join hands and commit themselves to helping their children to achieve scholastically. I would like to see them, then, declare that they intend to hold the school board, every principal and every teacher accountable, just as they are holding themselves accountable, for their children's success.

But, alas, that is just a dream that doesn't seem to be shared by many, or at least not by enough. The passion is there, but it's for everything but academics.

We have a tradition of shenanigans, a tradition of crippling our children, a tradition of concentrating on everything but what truly matters in a school system. Is it possible to break such firm traditions?

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colored layer of the peel—the white layer, or pith, underneath has a bitter, unpleasant taste.

Ginger is another way to add more than just flavor to food. Japanese research published in Biofactors, identified more than 40 antioxidant compounds in ginger. Korean scientists have found compounds in ginger that fight inflammation and block certain stages of cancer development in laboratory studies.

One of the difficulties with this research is that we need to see how the amount that has healthful effects in test tube or animal studies translates into appropriate levels for human consumption. Although some citrus peel com-

pounds offer benefits, the European Journal of Cancer reports that one of the substances counteracts the tamoxifen treatment of breast cancer in mice.

Whether their health benefits turn out to be minor, cooking with herbs and spices sparks the flavors in a plant-based diet without the need for excess fat or salt. And that is not a minor payoff.





Una and Edd Moore



Louise and James Carey

Riverview Royalty

The residents and staff of Riverview Health Care Center crowned their Valentine's Day Kings and Queens on February 14. Una and Edd Moore, married for 65 years, were crowned King and Queen of the first floor. Louise and James Carey, married for 55 years, were crowned the second floor winners. The nursing center held a festive Valentine's Day party that was much enjoyed by residents, staff, and visitors alike.

Eyes

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the beginning of March.

To this day, I can barely stand the sight of a box of "Peeps." Not because I don't particularly care for the taste of the little marshmallow chicks, but because they are a reminder to me that I wasted an opportunity to show someone I loved that I had thought about them that day.

God granted me ample opportunities after that to tell my dad all the many things I wanted him to know, and I whispered them time and again into his ear as he lay, waiting to draw his last breath and to journey home - to once again feel the embrace of his dear parents and his even dearer Lord.

That I had this opportunity, I am very grateful, for I realize

that many times loved ones are taken from their families at a moment's notice with no time left to say "I love you," or to express to them how very much they had touched their lives.

The next time you pause to consider how much that "someone special" in your thoughts would enjoy a small gift, a token of your love or appreciation, don't allow the pressures of your day to cause you to postpone your act of kindness. There is always time for the grocery shopping, the housecleaning, the errands - if not today, then tomorrow.

But there is never any time quite so good as the present moment to pause and say, in your own way, "I love you."

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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 for auger, of which

50.97 acres are included in the surface acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 240.80 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 miles 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, Hall Limited Partnersip, 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 mountain-top, area, contour, and auger methods of surface mining.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit 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

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD FLOYD COUNTY FISCAL COURT

THE PETITION OF GWANETTA HAMILTON-WILLIAMS TO RELOCATE ABANDONED GRAVES

Comes now the Petitioner and landowner, Gwanetta Hamilton-Williams, and respectfully requests the Court for an order and permit to be allowed to relocate four (4) graves and three (3) grave-stones at her own expenses which have been abandoned for more than ten (10) years upon a vacant parcel of land, situated and lying at the intersection of Mare Creek Road and Maynard Branch Road, Stanville (Floyd County) Kentucky, and in support of her Petition states as follows:

1. Petitioner purchased the property described in that certain Deed Book 457, Page 172 on November 13, 2000, from S.S.S. & P, Inc., a Kentucky Corporation. (See copy of said Deed attached hereto as Petitioner's Exhibit #1.)

2. There are three (3) abandoned grave-stones and either three or four (3-or-4) graves located on said property, which are in a state of deterioration. The graves have sunken about two (2) feet and are slipping down the hillside from where they were interred. At least two (2) of the three (3) headstones and (1) footstone are close to toppling over. (See copies of photographs of the graves and grave-stones attached hereto as Exhibit #2.)

At present the only access to and from the graves is on foot up the hillside from Mare Creek Road down below.

3. The names on the grave-stones are as follows:

- a. John Cord Clark (08/30/1866 to 10/24/1955);
b. Kate A. Clark (01/13/1874 to "unknown");
c. Ben Maynard (02/17/1886 to 08/27/1955); and
d. Eugene Maynard (04/18/1914 to 08/27/1964).

Although Kate A. Clark's name is on the gravestone with her husband, John Cord Clark, there is no date indicating her death. There is no known publication of her death. Since Kate A. Clark was born on January 13, 1874, it is probable that she is deceased, since she would have to be more than 127 years old to date.

Therefore, it is not known whether Kate A. Clark is buried alongside John Cord Clark or not, but for purposes of this petition, it will be assumed that she is buried there.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner, Gwanetta H. Williams, by counsel, respectfully requests at her own expenses authorization of this Court for the proper removal and relocation of the hereinabove graves and grave-stones, so far as they can be located in the more suitable burial-grounds known as the "Maynard Family Cemetery," and that the Court may grant such other and further relief as it may deem proper.

4. Petitioner requests permission at her own expense to have a licensed Funeral Director from Floyd County to, in a lawful, careful and respectful manner, to disinter and reinter the graves and grave-stones to a more accessible, more suitable, more properly cared for cemetery burial ground, already located only a few hundred yards from where they are now, to the so-called "Maynard Family Cemetery," also located on Mare Creek Road. Petitioner also asserts that there is no suitable location on her property, which is hillside, to relocate/reinter the graves.

5. The "Maynard Cemetery" property is owned by Josephine Newsome, and the owner has given permission to reinter the above graves and stones to the "Maynard Cemetery," located at Old Beech Tree Dr., and Mare Creek Road, Stanville (Floyd County), Kentucky.

6. At present the Petitioner's subject property is unimproved. The Petitioner desires to improve her property by building a residence of a least a minimum of 1600 (or more) square feet of living space per the deed's restrictions. (See attached Exhibit #1.) The improvements planned by the Petitioner on the vacant real estate would increase the tax ratable base, and therefore are in the best interest of Floyd County. And since the proposed relocation of the graves to the "Maynard Family Cemetery," a much better, convenient and accessible location, it would also be in the best interest of any descendants, heirs, successors, if any, who may be interested in visiting the abandoned graves.

7. Petitioner asserts that the aforesaid graves have been abandoned, unattended to and uncarved for for more than ten (10) years. (See sworn Affidavit of Wallace J. Scalf, former owner of the subject property, attached hereto as Exhibit #3.)

8. Petitioner, pursuant to KRS 424.110 et. seq. has published and advertised her Petition to Relocate Abandoned Graves in the Floyd County Times, Prestonsburg (Floyd County), Kentucky for a period of at least 60 days.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner, Gwanetta H. Williams, by counsel, respectfully requests at her own expenses authorization of this Court for the proper removal and relocation of the hereinabove graves and grave-stones, so far as they can be located in the more suitable burial-grounds known as the "Maynard Family Cemetery," and that the Court may grant such other and further relief as it may deem proper.

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Ashland, KY 41102
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Or contact:
Anita Robinson,
Floyd Co. Board
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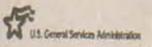
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- Elementary School _____
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- High School _____
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- Local Band _____
- Middle School _____
- Place to camp out _____
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- Place to meet friends _____
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- Place to take out of town guests _____
- Place to work _____

BEST FOOD

- Barbecue _____
- Biscuits _____
- Brand of Soft Drink _____
- Burgers _____
- Catering _____
- Chicken _____
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- Chinese Food _____
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- Hot Dogs _____
- Ice Cream _____
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JETHRO'S FORESIGHT!

WHEN JETHRO, MOSES' FATHER-IN-LAW, WAS VISITING THE CAMP OF THE ISRAELITES HE CAUTIONED MOSES WITH A BIT OF ADVICE. AND BECAUSE OF HIS ADVICE PEOPLE EVEN TODAY DELEGATE AUTHORITY IN A LIKE MANNER. WHAT JETHRO SAID THAT CAUSED HIM CONCERN WAS THE FACT THAT MOSES SPENT FROM MORNING TILL NIGHT LISTENING TO THE TROUBLES OF HIS FOLLOWERS AND STRAIGHTENING OUT SQUABBLING AMONG FAMILIES, ETC., TO THE EXTENT THAT MORE IMPORTANT NEEDS WERE NEGLECTED. HE RECOMMENDED ASSIGNING MEN TO SPECIFIC DUTIES TO RELIEVE MOSES OF PETTY DETAILS. "... MEN OF TRUTH... TO BE RULERS OF THOUSANDS, AND RULERS OF HUNDREDS, RULERS OF FIFTIES, AND RULERS OF TENS; AND LET THEM JUDGE THE PEOPLE AT ALL SEASONS..." (EXODUS 18:21,22) AND TO THIS DAY JETHRO'S ADVICE IS POTENTLY PRACTICAL!

JETHRO WATCHES AND LISTENS WITH GREAT INTEREST.

BUT IT IS ONLY A BEGINNING! SOON, A LONG LINE OF MEN HAS FORMED ALL SEEKING JUDGEMENTS! WHO IS THE RIGHTFUL OWNER OF A JAR OF WILD HONEY? THE OWNER OF THE JAR - OR THE MAN WHO GATHERED THE HONEY? TO WHOM DOES A CERTAIN GOAT BELONG? WHICH MAN INHERITS HIS FATHER'S GOODS? IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THIS IS A DAILY DUTY FOR MOSES!

AND JETHRO'S SAGE ADVICE CHANGES ALL THIS FOREVER!

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