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briefs

Body of kayaker found

ELKHORN CITY — The body of a Pikeville man was recovered Sunday from the Big Sandy River, nearly a month after he disappeared while kayaking.

Volunteers found the body of Jon Lord, 33, bobbing near the river-side at the Russell Fork of the river, about a mile from where he was last seen paddling the river with friends on Jan. 25.

"It feels really good to know that we've found him and recovered him for his family," said Steve Ruth, a kayaker and friend of Lord's who was among the party that discovered him. "And for us too ... most of us didn't think we'd find him."

The search for Lord ended two weeks after he was lost, but volunteers and kayakers from around the country and Elkhorn City firefighters continued looking.

Lord's family has requested that his body be returned to Ohio for burial, said Pike County Deputy Coroner Denver Bailey.

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 Partly cloudy
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Board to redraw districts next year

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — In response to a request issued by Floyd County Board of Education member Mickey McGuire, the school board voted Monday evening to move forward on plans to redraw the

boundaries for its five school board districts.

The districts are being redrawn in order to make them more nearly equal in population. Currently, there is a difference of more than 1,600 people between the most populous district and the least.

The redistricting, however, will not take

place until sometime next year.

McGuire voiced disapproval over the prolonged length of time proposed for the change. McGuire informed his fellow board members that he felt that the changes should be able to be made before the upcoming November election. A lengthy delay, he said, "shows refusal to

do what the law requires us to do in a timely manner."

But board chair Carol Stumbo said that she felt that redistricting is a task that should be dealt with in a carefully controlled manner.

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photo by Steve LeMaster

Miss Kentucky Teen Sara Billiter modeled and entertained the crowd Sunday during The Floyd County Times Prom and Bridal Expo at the Wilkinson Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. A large crowd turned out to see the latest styles, learn the newest trends from local vendors and be entertained by a talented group of models. More photos from event can be found on page A12.

Plan would put tourists on a train

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Big Sandy Resource, Conservation and Development District is working in conjunction with other organizations to bring a new ride through the county, according to chairman Lon May.

An exploratory committee is currently working to put together what they've dubbed the "Mountain Harmony" project,

which is geared toward turning abandoned CSX railroads into a tourism outlet for the community.

Stemming from an idea spurred by May's wife, the organization is looking into finding ways of reopening the abandoned railroads for scenic or dinner train rides.

May said he and his wife were riding motorcycles through the David area last summer

(See TRAIN, page three)

Board taking BLES 911 calls seriously

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — According to a report presented Monday evening to the Floyd County Board of Education by Assistant Superintendent Pete Grigsby Jr., students and staff at

Betsy Layne Elementary School were "at no time in harm's way" during a recent episode at the school whereby Kentucky State Police officers were alerted that danger was occurring at the school through a 911 telephone

(See 911, page three)

Proposal calls for giving court 'rocket' power

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It's called the "rocket docket", and many would say it has the potential to tackle two widespread problems that are becoming consistent throughout a host of

Kentucky counties — budget shortfalls and overflowing court-rooms.

The idea is to speed up the legal process at the county level by cutting out many of the routine steps such as waivers to a grand jury and the returning of indictments before a defendant

sees a circuit court arraignment, a process that generally takes about 90 days and can even result in months of incarceration before a court appearance.

Instead, the commonwealth and county attorney's offices would collaborate to approach class C and class D, nonviolent

felony offenders during their first court appearance with a one-time offer at a plea agreement. These defendants would be chosen based on reviews of how likely they might be to enter into a plea bargain, a detail many prosecutors say can usually be determined early on in a case.

The plea offer would be the best possible, under given circumstances, and would not be offered again if the defendant refused. If all parties agreed, the defendant would then enter a guilty plea during that initial dis-

(See ROCKET, page three)

Legal fees again become issue for school board

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Earl M. "Mickey" McGuire, the newest member of the Floyd County Board of Education, has since coming on board been disgruntled about the matter of board attorney Michael Schmitt's legal claims and bills for his work representing the school board in legal mat-

ters. For the past several months, McGuire has voiced his displeasure at not being allowed to view the board's legal bills and said at Monday evening's meeting that he feels it is "irresponsible" for board members to vote to approve the payment of such bills without having the opportunity to review

(See FEES, page three)



Casey McMillan, left foreground, engaged in a brief comment and question session with members of the Floyd County Board of Education during Monday evening's meeting. Casey is one of four student representatives to the board. She attends Betsy Layne High School. Casey informed the board members that her school could use additional funding for educational supplies and that the school's teachers "dedicate most all of their time" to the student body.

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Odds & Ends

■ **MINNEAPOLIS** — New Police Chief Bill McManus proved he's serious about zero tolerance — by issuing a ticket to his new boss, Mayor R.T. Rybak.

McManus said he gave the mayor a ticket for illegally leaving his vehicle running on a city street.

"I don't believe the mayor wants to be held to any double standard," McManus said Monday.

McManus, who was sworn in

last Tuesday, said he became aware of Rybak's violation when he saw a story about it in Saturday's newspaper. "Obviously, it caught my attention," he said.

McManus, who was Rybak's choice as chief, said he then spoke with the mayor, who "agreed it would be appropriate for him to receive a citation."

The incident happened as Rybak was rushing to and from appointments Feb. 16. Rybak said he stopped the Toyota Prius

hybrid he was driving, jumped out and got into the driver's seat of a car his family was waiting in to go to a memorial service.

The mayor, however, neglected to turn off the Toyota and take the keys out of the ignition.

After Rybak left, the car rolled down a grade, coming to rest in a snowbank. It was spotted by bystanders as it rolled. No one was injured and the car wasn't damaged.

The amount of the fine wasn't immediately available, but moving violations run around \$150 in Minneapolis.

1,980-pound pig that died from lack of exercise has a shot at being named the world's biggest pig. They plan to apply for a listing in the Guinness Book of Records, the government's news agency said Monday.

The pig, which was 8 feet 3 inches long, is already the heaviest ever reported in China, the official Xinhua News Agency

said. The beast had a girth of 7 feet 3 inches and its tusks were 5 3/4 inches long when it died Feb. 5, the agency said. It cited the pig's keeper, Xu Changjin, a farmer in the northeastern province of Liaoning.

The pig lived to be 5 years old — considered long in China, where most pigs are slaughtered

by age 3 — and was kept in a "nicely built sty," the report said.

But "it had grown too big to move around," said Liu Mingyu, a professor at Liaoning University, who said it died from lack of exercise.

China's previous heaviest pig weighed in at 1,540 points, Liu said.

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■ **PORTER, Ind.** — Out-of-towners who crash their cars on U.S. 12 and U.S. 20 in Porter may have to start paying for local police assistance.

Police Chief John Lane planned to make the proposal to the Town Council on Tuesday.

Under the proposal, non-residents involved in traffic accidents on either highway in the town about 15 miles east of Gary would be billed for the time officers spend at the scene.

Cost Recovery Corp., a Dayton, Ohio company, would bill the insurance company of the motorist at fault.

For example, a half-hour spent at a property damage accident and writing up the report could cost an insurer \$101, Lane said.

Last year, 83 percent of the accidents investigated by local police involved non-residents, Lane said. He said money from the fees could be used to offset the cost of equipment.

Taxes would not be affected, and Lane did not believe town residents' insurance rates would be affected.

"It's a new concept," he said. "I don't see a downside for the town resident."

■ **BEIJING** — Spare ribs, anyone? Chinese officials figure a

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 2004. There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 25, 1793, the department heads of the U.S. government met with President Washington at his home for the first Cabinet meeting on record.

On this date:

■ In 1570, Pope Pius V excommunicated England's Queen Elizabeth I.

■ In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

■ In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

■ In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the United States Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect.

■ In 1943, during World War II, U.S. troops reoccupied the Kasserine Pass.

■ In 1948, Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia.

■ In 1964, Cassius Clay (later Muhammad Ali) became world heavyweight boxing champion by defeating Sonny

Liston in Miami Beach.

■ In 1973, the Stephen Sondheim musical "A Little Night Music" opened at Broadway's Shubert Theater.

■ In 1986, President Ferdinand E. Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

■ In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Ten years ago:

American-born Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein opened fire with an automatic rifle inside the Tomb of the Patriarchs in the West Bank, killing 29 Muslims before he was beaten to death by worshippers. At the Winter Olympics in Norway, Oksana Baiul of Ukraine won the gold medal in ladies' figure skating while Nancy Kerrigan won the silver and Chen Lu of China the bronze; Tonya Harding came in 8th

Five years ago:

A jury in Jasper, Texas, sentenced white supremacist John William King to death for chaining James Byrd Jr., a black man, to a pickup truck and dragging

him to pieces. Israel's Supreme Court blocked the extradition of American teenager Samuel Sheinbein to the United States to face charges stemming from a grisly slaying in Maryland.

One year ago:

Chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix said Iraq was showing new signs of real cooperation, but President Bush was dismissive, predicting Saddam Hussein would try to "fool the world one more time." Roh Moo-hyun became South Korea's new president.

Today's Birthdays:

Country singer Ralph Stanley is 77. Producer-writer Larry Gelbart is 76. Musician Tommy Newsom is 75. Actor Tom Courtenay is 67. CBS newsmen Bob Schieffer is 67. Actress Diane Baker is 66. Talk show host Sally Jessy Raphael is 61. Actress Karen Grassle is 60. Movie director Neil Jordan is 54. Rock singer-musician Mike

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trict court appearance. Under this new procedure, a process that once spanned at least 90 days, would be dealt with in less than two weeks, supporters say.

The concept is a simple one, says Attorney General Greg Stumbo, whose office is currently compiling informative packets for commonwealth's attorneys across the state.

"I heard about this two weeks ago when Hardin County Attorney Chris Shaw started telling us about it and it caught my attention," Stumbo said Tuesday. "It's really a simple concept, if you think about it."

But Hardin County wasn't the first to get on the fast track.

Ten years ago, Jefferson County officials kick started the rocket docket and then Hardin County followed afterwards, saving over a period of six months more than \$200,000 in its budget. The surplus was enough that officials soon were able to hire assistant prosecutors and more secretarial work to help keep up with the fast-paced approach.

The same has occurred in Hardin County, Stumbo said.

But for Floyd County, one of three or four Eastern Kentucky counties — including Pike, Breathitt and perhaps Boyd — Stumbo is planning to pitch the idea to, it may be another statistic that will ultimately see the greatest potential.

According to data Stumbo said had been gathered for presentation, participating counties have saved 20 percent on their jail budgets across the board.

"They have kept statistics on what it saves the two offices and both reports are almost identical," said Stumbo, who visited Breathitt County prosecutors Monday. "They have reported identical savings of over 20 percent on their jail budgets, and that's what we've most often heard from county officials that I talked to during the campaign, that the jail budget was eating all their money."

Last year saw fiscal court proceedings in Floyd County grind to a halt when magistrates refused to accept a budget in excess of \$1 million from Jailer Roger Webb. The primary reason given for the refusal was that the detention center had turned up revenue loss that had consistently forced county officials to dip into their general fund to cover.

Webb approached the court at the time and argued that a loss in state-housed inmates, for which the county receives daily fees for detaining, had combined with an influx of county inmates to create overcrowding problems and loss of revenue.

Prosecutors such as Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley turned an ear to the argument, but insisted that his aggressive approach to criminal offenders would only increase in the coming years to match the growing trend of drug-related offenses coming into his office.

Bartley said Tuesday a rocket docket approach could be a useful tool that would certainly warrant some attention.

"I'm not familiar how the rocket docket has worked in

Jefferson County or Hardin County, but any program that at least has the potential to expedite the criminal process while simultaneously saving the county money is a program we need to take a look at," Bartley said. "In today's world, with county dockets being so backlogged and counties being in financial scrapes, those are two things that, if they could be accomplished, would be magnificent."

However, Bartley, like Floyd Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, said without a close look, not much else could be assumed at this stage.

"At this point, I've got to see what it involves to determine whether it would be any benefit to us," Turner said Tuesday. "He (Stumbo) is going to do everything he can to help us. He's been good to us before and since he's been in there, so if it's something that he thinks may help, then we're certainly excited about having a look at it."

Stumbo said Tuesday he would like to see the approach, which has also been discussed throughout counties in the western portion of the state, get pilot programs initiated either sometime this year or the next, adding that some state money could also find its way to participating counties to ensure staff is put in place until the program gets fully underway.

"It's like everything else, it's not new, but it's new to us," Stumbo said. "But we do have statistics to back up these claims of savings."

The program could be slow

to begin with, according to Stumbo, but has historically picked up after a short period until, in most cases, defendants actually begin requesting rocket docket placement, anticipating a desirable plea offer.

"It starts out slow, prosecutors aren't sure it's going to work, and then it starts picking up in the second or third month," he said. "I'm told defendants are coming in now and asking to be put on the rocket docket, realizing it's the best deal they're going to get."

Aside from the money-saving aspects and its ability to streamline overrun dockets, Stumbo maintains the process would also provide prosecutors more time to focus on larger, more involved cases.

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Train

when she commented on how beautiful the area is and how the county should consider the possibility of running a tourist train through it.

The idea "snowballed" with several area business and county officials, he said, including members of the Big Sandy Resource, Conservation and Development District, who are now working with other organizations like the Big Sandy Area Development District to find funding for the project.

The Big Sandy ADD brought the excursion train idea to the Country Music Highway Corridor, a committee made up of representatives from Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Lawrence counties, which has contracted surveyors to conduct a feasibility study for the project.

According to Van Back, director of community development with the Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, a surveying group from Certeo in Lexington, is now conducting a feasibility study for the project.

Certeo is analyzing the cost which would stem from such a project and is seeking recommendations for funding sources.

"Anything that increases visitors or extends the tourist season or gives residents or tourists something more to look forward to would be a great contribution to the community," said Back.

According to May, the group is considering running the train from the abandoned Beverly coal tippie at David through the Middle Creek Battlefield area, which would create a perfect opportunity, he said, to stage a battle there a couple of times a year for tourists.

Considerations have also been given, he said, to tie the project in with the Mountain Arts Center and the David Arts and Crafts Center.

"We thought if we could find the funding it would be a good idea to build a bridge across the creek behind the Mountain Arts Center, where people would board the train," said May. "They can ride through the Middle Creek Battlefield area to David Crafts, where people would get

off the train to visit the shop there or eat."

May said that ideas to build a "depot station" and have staged horseback robberies of the train have also been considered.

There may be also be a possibility of incorporating the project with the state park system, he said, which would allow the organization to purchase a steam engine to run along the David area railroad lines.

Clark Allison, who is currently working with the exploratory committee, has found old railroad engines for sale, said May.

The Big Sandy Resource Development and Conservation District brought the idea to the Prestonsburg City Council last year in an effort to combine it as a joint city-county project.

The Beverly Coal Tippie, which has been abandoned for several years, was purchased recently by Allen resident David May, who could not be reached for comment.

The results of the feasibility study will be available in March, according to Back.

Fees

them. McGuire said Monday that the bills represented, in his mind, "a black hole" on the board's consent agenda. "A phenomenal amount of money is spent each month," he said.

"Taxpayers are wondering where their money goes, why our schools don't have supplies... To vote to approve payment of bills without seeing them is irresponsible. Even a \$100 bill is outrageous if it isn't owed," he

said. Board chair Carol Stumbo answered that she "trusted" Floyd County Superintendent Dr. Paul Fanning in regard to the payment of the board's legal fees.

Stumbo said to McGuire that if he could "produce evidence" that the legal bills were extravagant that he should "get it" and that, furthermore, he should "give it to the press."

"I'm sure they'd (the media)

like to see it," Stumbo said.

McGuire responded that he felt that trust was not the entire issue, but that the issue revolves around "responsibility."

McGuire said that his viewpoint was that being a member of the school board involved responsibility to fiscal matters and that if the members were not allowed to view all bills and claims then they could not effectively vote to approve such claims.

"Otherwise, we wouldn't be here voting on Carol, McGuire said. "To block any board member from doing their job is irresponsible."

"If we are going to delegate to the superintendent, we should just not meet. Just let him do it. Why look at anything, food service or anything else? This information should be open to the public. The public has a right to know if we are wisely spending their money."

Stumbo responded that if local "reporters want to find out how much we are spending on legal fees, they can."

The Floyd County Times has issued an open records request to the superintendent's office for the release of information in regard to legal bills and claims and the services of Michael Schmitt. The office has three working days in which to respond.

Stumbo's motion to approve payment of bills and claims during the February meeting was passed. McGuire opposed the vote.

911

call. Investigation of the incident is still ongoing, according to Grigsby.

Board member Mickey McGuire inquired as to whether or not proper safety procedures were followed during the incident saying that he was under the impression that a "lockdown" should be placed into effect during such times.

"These situations can't be treated like false fire alarms," McGuire said.

Grigsby responded that police officers were readily on the scene and that no one was found to be harmed or in any danger. Grigsby said that the incident is being viewed as a "serious offense" and that the person or persons ultimately found to be responsible will be reported

immediately to authorities.

Board member Jeff Stumbo said that in the future he would like to see no delay in communication between school staff and parents about such incidents.

"I would like to see communication being sent to parents earlier, on the same day if possible," Stumbo said.

Supt. Paul Fanning also reported at the meeting that two separate 911 calls for assistance were made this past weekend, on Saturday, from the Betsy Layne High School. KSP officers responded on each occasion but found no evidence of harm or danger.

An academic meet, according to Fanning, was being held at the school at the time.

Fanning says each incident is currently being investigated.

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Guest View

Suing switchers would be frivolous

One of the most pressing problems facing the judicial system today is an overload of frivolous lawsuits filed by people who are unwilling to accept responsibility for their own actions. They are the type of people who insist that everything bad or even inconvenient that happens to them must be someone else's fault. They buy hot coffee and then are amazed when it burns them. They drive like the proverbial bat out of hell and wonder why they get hurt when they wreck their vehicle. They bungee jump their way through life confident some court somewhere will soften the landing when the cord breaks.

If the courts weren't bogged down enough by these types of claims, some of our state legislatures are looking to make it easier to sue for an equally ridiculous reason. A bill recently introduced into the Kentucky House would allow campaign contributors to sue elected officials who switch parties. Lead sponsor Rep. Jim Wayne of Louisville sees it as a way for contributors who feel they have been duped to recover campaign contributions.

While it is certainly possible for officials to change parties in mid-term, we find it hard to believe that any candidate, Democrat or Republican, could change their philosophical stand on issues so radically that it would take supporters totally off guard. We currently have Democrats in Republican clothing and vice versa. Those who stand behind them to the point of making significant campaign contributions are aware of their platforms and how they lean, right or left. That support isn't likely to evaporate, no matter what party the candidate or official chooses to affiliate with.

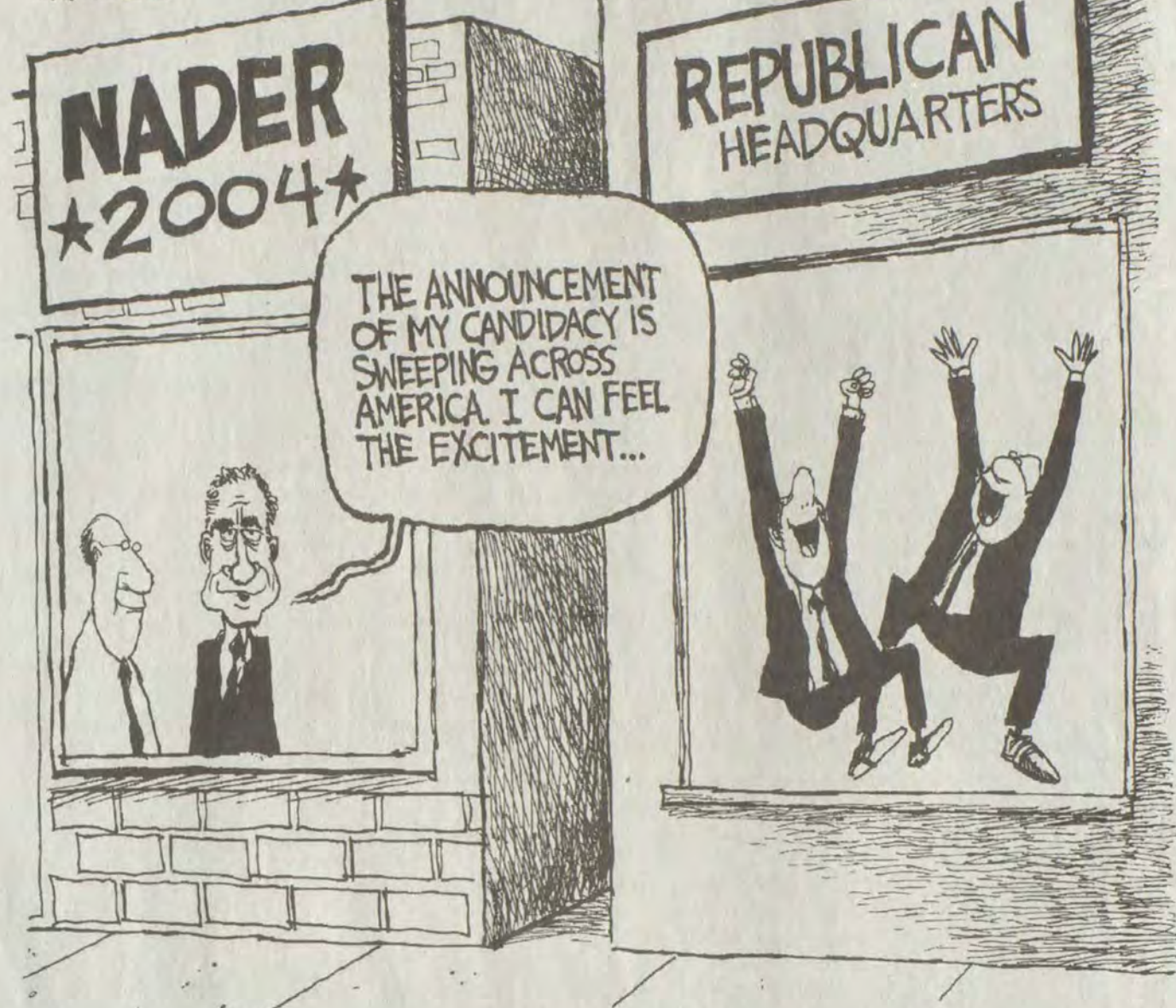
Besides that, being able to sue to recover a contribution hints the contributor was cheated out of something he paid for. Sorry, but we're not quite ready to concede that all politicians in this country are bought and paid for as that seems to suggest.

In the end, voters are more apt to punish candidates who they believe misled them at the polls. And that punishment will be more efficient and deeply felt than any meted out by a court.

We urge state representatives to concern themselves with more important issues such as education and taxes and leave accountability for swapping sides inside the voting booth where it rightly belongs.

— The Ledger-Independent, Maysville

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Sticks & Stones

It's not trust, but respect

It doesn't make much sense that at least one board member, and maybe others, are apparently not permitted to review itemized bills on claims lists relating to school board business.

What that means, basically, is that the board members can see a list of bills — \$500 for item X, for instance — but cannot see the actual bill or bills included for that particular item.

Board chairman Carol Stumbo explained to fireball board member Mickey McGuire during this past regular meeting after the former board attorney asked for itemized reports that those items were reviewed by the superintendent and his judgment on

those reports was "trusted."

Sounds fair, except Stumbo is talking apples and oranges, if this is case. It's not a matter of trust, but of respect.

If Joe Public from voting district 2 strolled in off the street and asked to see the itemized report for why the school board's claims list includes \$152 to The Floyd County Times, they should be told not only that it was for a bid advertisement, but what type of bid advertisement, if that's their pleasure. In fact, a voting citizen should never have to be so put out when seeking information pertaining to public interest.

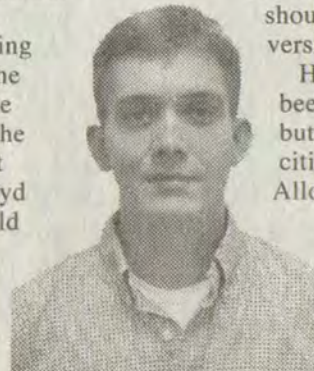
It's understandable that, in order to keep things moving, some streamlining must be considered. No one expects

the full board to go over every bill and receipt, but that's not the point.

If a school board member asks to see a more detailed version, they should be given a more detailed version, no questions asked.

Has McGuire stirred a few bees' nests in the past? Sure, but it doesn't matter. Not every citizen he's representing has. Allowing McGuire, or any other board member, the opportunity to peel back the layers would be an act of respect to the citizens these people represent.

I'm sure the superintendent has a better-than-average understanding of the condition of our county schools and no one is questioning his judgment here. It just seems the people should be afforded a chance at the same level of intelligence.



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Letters

Setting the record straight

In the Feb. 20 edition of The Floyd County Times, Gayle Hall wrote a letter concerned of a vacant ambulance station in Martin. Ms. Hall expressed her concern that an ambulance was there but no one would answer her blowing her horn or knocking on the door at approximately 9 p.m. We at Trans Star Ambulance Service wish to set this record of events straight in order to ease any of the public's concerns Ms. Hall's letter may have caused.

On Christmas Eve, our ambulance stationed at Martin was dispatched to a 911 call through KSP 911 service in Pikeville at 7:14 p.m. That particular ambulance, EC-5, was out of the station on this

call and never got free from that scene until 10:06 p.m. So Ms. Hall must have been mistaken about the time she was knocking on the door and the ambulance parked in front of the station.

The call for the wreck Ms. Hall wrote of came in to the 911 center at Pikeville at 10:24 p.m. A Trans Star Ambulance, EC-9, was en route from Prestonsburg at 10:26 p.m. and arrived at the accident site at 10:38 p.m. So Ms. Hall must have been mistaken about it taking our ambulance "30 to 45 minutes" to reach the accident site.

Ms Hall stated her concern for someone's life which may have been endangered by no one being at that station. But she states that she and her sister, "who lives in Martin," then "went back to the accident" without notifying anyone or any agency of the wreck. Her or her sister "who

lives in Marin" could have went to the residence in the rear of the station and had someone call 911, or they could have went a half-mile down the road to an all-night convenience store and called 911. Ms. Hall must also have been mistaken about being concerned for someone's life, since she chose not to notify 911 of the wreck.

If Ms. Hall, or anyone else, would come by our main office at 1049 South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, we would certainly like to talk to them about her "concerns" which she addresses in her letter to The Times. We at Trans Star Ambulance Service are working hard to provide the best of service and care to the people we serve in Floyd County. We try every day to show our commitment and dedication by living up to our motto: "Caring for our Community." Larry D. Adams

Director of Safety & Training
Trans Star Ambulance Service

How can you explain?

Steven Owsley is a 9-year-old autistic boy who was suspended three days from the Prestonsburg Elementary by his principal, Gwen Hale-Frazier.

Mrs. Frazier and Steven's teacher, Lisa Powers, seem to think this is the way to handle Steven's behavioral problem and his acting out to the things that upset him.

Steven doesn't understand why. How does a parent explain this to their autistic child?

Auda and Veronica Bolden Steven's adopted parents and grandparents
David

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Health Extra

Teach good dental care habits early

FRANKFORT - While everyone loves a great smile, lately the emphasis has been on many Kentuckians' inability to have just that because of poor dental health. And, it's true that Kentucky leads the

nation in the number of adults over 65 years of age who have no teeth remaining.

A couple of the reasons cited for this alarming statistic are lack of dental insurance and access to dental health care for people with low or limited incomes. "The underlying reality is that Kentucky's population, particularly the poor part of the population, is really ill," according to

Dr. Jim Cecil, administrator of the state's Oral Health Program.

It's good to provide information to parents early on so that their children will not be faced with pain from untreated dental disease. Getting children off to a good start helps a child have the best possible dental health.

Parents play a critical role in making sure their children keep their smile for a lifetime. Here are some tips for parents that help ensure a child develops good dental hygiene habits:

- Clean babies' mouths at least once a day with a wet cloth. Wash inside the lips, cheeks, and around the tongue, the roof of the mouth and upper and lower gums.

- Start brushing teeth when the first baby tooth breaks through the gums in the baby's

mouth.

- Use a "pea" size blob of toothpaste for children.

- Schedule a dental visit for children by one year of age.

- Encourage children to eat a balanced diet and to brush and floss their teeth daily.

- Limit snacks that are high in sugar content.

- Schedule regular dental check-ups.

- Remind children and teens to wear mouthguards when they participate in sports to prevent dental injuries and loss of teeth.

In addition, local health departments offer services to children that help prevent cavities. For example, parents can take their children, beginning with baby's first tooth

through age 5, to the local health department where trained health professionals screen and place fluoride varnish directly on the teeth. "This is a safe, fast and easy way to prevent tooth decay and it saves money on dental bills," says Cecil.

Once children have permanent molars, sealants can be applied to reduce dental decay. Additionally, water fluoride tests and fluoride supplements are provided, at no charge, for children who do not have access to optimally fluoridated water. For additional information contact your local health department or the Kentucky Oral Health Program at 502-564-3246.

Highlands Cancer Program receives approval with commendation

PRESTONSBURG - Highlands Regional Medical Center's Cancer Program has been granted approval with commendation by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons. Only one in four hospitals nation-wide that treat cancer receive this special approval. The approval is granted after an intense on site survey by the American College of Surgeons.

Highlands was the first hospital in Eastern Kentucky to have its cancer program approved by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. Highlands' first survey was December 7, 1990, and approval was received April 29, 1991. Highlands Cancer Program has consistently earned approval

status for 12 consecutive years.

The Approvals Program was established by the American College of Surgeons in 1932 and sets standards for cancer programs and reviews programs to make sure they conform to those standards. Recognizing that cancer is a complex group of diseases, the program promotes consultation among surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists, and other cancer specialists. This multidisciplinary cooperation results in improved patient care.

Receiving care at a Commission on Cancer approved Cancer Program ensures that a patient will have access to:

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- Comprehensive care offering a range of state-of-the-art services and equipment.

- A multispecialty, team approach to coordinate the best treatment options available to cancer patients.

- Information about cancer clinical trials, education, and support.

- Lifelong patient follow-up through a cancer registry that collects data on type and stage of cancers and treatment results.

- Ongoing monitoring and improvement of care.

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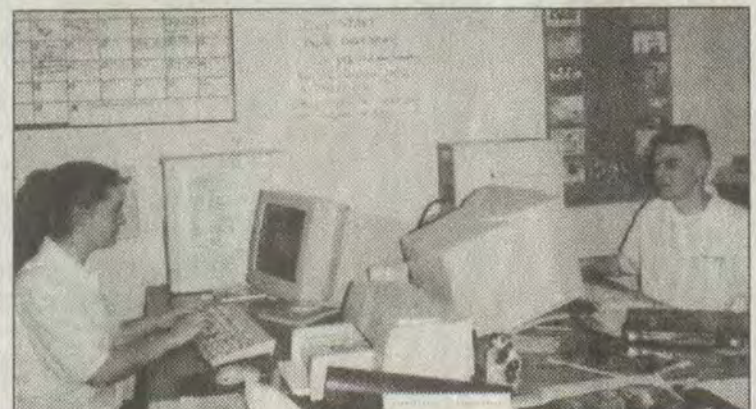
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Obituaries

Rumored change riles some workers at Ky. W.Va. Gas

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Recent proposals have some workers with Kentucky West Virginia Gas in Prestonsburg pulling out contract agreements and questioning the company's suggestions.

According to employee Sheila West, the Prestonsburg company has proposed to transfer its gas control section to a Charleston, W.Va., office, a decision West says could affect local residents.

"They haven't actually done it yet, and it is just a proposal, but it'll be in the very near future," said West, a 12-year veteran of Kentucky West Virginia Gas. "To me, this affects the public a great deal because we are the ones who handle the emergency calls."

West said that some discussion has been tossed around that she and her three fellow employees who comprise the gas control section might soon find themselves heading up another area in the Prestonsburg district.

The decision, if passed, wouldn't mean layoffs, but West says it goes against a contract agreement agreed upon roughly four months ago.

"In contracts signed four months ago, it said all this would remain the same," West said. "It was a five-year contract, and now here, four months later, they're proposing to transfer them to Charleston."

The first hint of a section transfer came up in October, according to West, who says the contract was approved by her union, PACE, of which she and the other employees hold local membership.

Rather than suffering a lay-

off, West and the other members of the gas control section, also referred to as pressure operators, would likely be switched to one of several other sections that make up the Prestonsburg office. Those sections include

well inspectors, pipeline inspectors, welders and warehouse officials, among others.

Kentucky West Virginia Gas CEO Jeff Burke did not return

(See RILES, page eight)

Malpractice insurance premiums concern local medical community

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

An informal poll of area doctors reveals why medical malpractice has been the focus of the state legislature's attention during the current General Assembly.

Kentucky is a state that hasn't adopted a cap for medical claims. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) refers to Kentucky as a crisis state because the lack of a cap means settlements against doctors are essentially limitless and the result is that area doctors face ever rising premiums on their malpractice insurance.

This is especially worrisome in rural areas like such as Eastern Kentucky because it means that doctors who specialize in serious cases, like heart specialists, may be tempted to relocate rather than face increasing insurance premiums. It also effects those doctors who refuse to raise prices by putting their practice into the red.

What most doctors would like to see are review boards

comprised of physicians and lay people. This group could review claims and then make a determination as to when they are justified.

How much impact can this issue have? A representative of the Buck's County Health Department, in Pennsylvania, reported that a county courthouse meeting last month revealed that there would be no obstetricians practicing in that community by July. The county has 600,000 residents who will now have to go elsewhere for care.

Closer to home, Eastern Kentucky has already lost two prominent obstetricians from Highlands Regional Medical Center. Though the hospital expects to replace them in the next few months situations like this limit the number of available doctors.

Kathy Rubado, of Highlands, says that this is "definitely a crisis for Kentucky and the country."

"Kentucky has extremely high malpractice rates, with some doctors paying over a million dollars a year to insurance companies," Rubado said. "It's even harder on older doctors who often choose early retirement."

The counter arguments, from lawyers polled, is that one cannot put a cap on settlements because it would mean trying to put an acceptable price tag on human suffering.

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to finalize the motion by February 2005.

McGuire voted to oppose the motion due to the extended 2005 deadline.

Districts

"We want to take time and do it correctly," Stumbo said.

Vice chair Jeff Stumbo also said that it would "not make good sense to redistrict right before an election" and that the task was one that would "take a substantial amount of time."

According to a communication received from Kevin Noland, deputy commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Education, "Changes in division boundary lines ... to make the divisions as equal in population and containing integral voting precincts insofar as practical ... can be accomplished by a vote of the local board of education" with "no deadline" applicable.

According to Supt. Paul Fanning, the Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh informed him that the time required for school board redistricting will "require a significant amount of effort" by the clerk's office, especially in light of the upcoming 2004 elections. Fanning informed the board that the clerk's office would be able to provide them with more assistance following the November election.

Some considerations to be made in implementing the changes would include, according to Fanning, being cautious in regard to not splitting precincts and being aware that of the five districts, only three will have board member elections in the fall. Therefore, "there could be a possibility some voters currently eligible to vote in one of three positions in November may not get to vote due to possibly being moved into one of the two districts which had the most recent board elections. Also there could be a possibility that a voter who voted in the last election could be moved into one of the three districts up for fall elections thereby voting twice within one complete cycle for electing all board positions," according to Fanning.

Board member Dr. Chandra Varia reminded the board that their mission was for every board member to represent the best interests of "every child in Floyd County," and that with this in mind, that it should "not make any difference" when the redistricting would take place.

The board moved Monday evening to formally act to begin redistricting and to be ready

Betty Lou Hale Chaffin

Betty Lou Hale Chaffin, age 65, of Anchorage, Alaska, wife of Don L. Chaffin, formerly of Floyd County, passed away, on Wednesday, February 18, 2004, at the Providence Hospital, in Anchorage, Alaska.

She was born February 13, 1939, in Martin, the daughter of the late David and Cassie Stephens Hale. She was a homemaker and a member of the Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons: Don L. Chaffin of Anchorage, Alaska, and Michael Gene Chaffin of Chugiak, Alaska; one daughter, Kathy Lynn Williams of Lakewood, Ohio; one brother, David A. Hale Jr., of New Carlisle, Ohio; two sisters: Maggie Caudill of Martin, and Edith Moore of McDowell; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services for Mrs. Chaffin were conducted Sunday, February 22, at 2 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Bob Varney officiating.

Burial was in the Hale Cemetery, at Martin, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Greg Osborne, Jimmy Osborne, Solomon Kilburn, Jimmy Darrell Stumbo, Katie Gibson and David Conn.

(Paid obituary)

Richard Goble

Richard Goble, 94, of Harrisburg, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, February 20, 2004, at Doctor's Hospital West, in Columbus, Ohio.

Born January 12, 1910, at Calf Creek, he was the son of the late Alex Goble and Mary Woods Goble. He was a disabled coal miner; and a member of the Freewill Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian Burchett Goble.

Survivors include one son, Russell Goble of Harrisburg, Ohio; six daughters: Josephine Scarberry of Martin, Irene Garrett of Prestonsburg, Lois Pelphrey, Faye Snyder and Judy Clapper, all of Columbus, Ohio; and Ruby Keasler of Defiance, Ohio; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by three sons: Doris Goble, Ray Goble, and Johnny Richard Goble; two daughters: Amy Alice Goble Boyd and Burdell Goble; six brothers: Joe Goble, Ballard Goble, Columbus Goble, Oliver Goble, Raymond Goble, and Leonard Goble.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 24, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin, with Nathan Lafferty and others officiating.

Burial was in the Goble Cemetery, Calf Creek, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Virgil Bailey

Virgil Bailey, age 81, of Hippo, husband of the late Lorraine Bentley Bailey, passed away, Friday, February 20, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born September 22, 1922, in Magoffin County, the son of the late Green and Betty Whitaker Bailey. He was a former employee of the Inland Gas Company, a member of the Fitzpatrick Baptist Church, and Garrett Baptist Church.

He is survived by his daughter, Arbadellia Richardson, of Old Hickory, Tennessee; his sister, Erma Howard of Portsmouth, Ohio; and two grandchildren: Christopher and Shannon Bailey.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by one son, Gregory Wayne Bailey; two brothers: Hobert and Homer Bailey; two sisters: Emma Faulkner and Bessie Deems.

Funeral services for Mr. Bailey were conducted Tuesday, February 24, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergymen Larry Adams and Randy Osborne officiating.

Burial was in the Hicks Cemetery, at Hippo, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Clayton Bailey, Charles Bailey, Wendell Bailey, Kirby Bailey, Chris Bailey and Shannon Bailey.

(Paid obituary)

Tincy Lafferty Crisp

Tincy Lafferty Crisp, 88, of Allen, died Saturday, February 21, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born September 14, 1915, at Water Gap, she was the daughter of the late James William and Betty Lafferty. She was a retired secretary and minister and a member of the First United Methodist Church at Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Palmer Crisp. Survivors include a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Bennie Lafferty and Galloway Lafferty and one sister, Flora Mae Lafferty Gray.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 25, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin, with Rev. Mark Walz, and Rev. Debbie Padgett, D.S., officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Roderick Allen Wooten

Roderick Allen Wooten, age 32, of Winchester, formerly of Prestonsburg, passed away, Friday, February 20, 2004, at Shelbyville, following a brief illness.

He was born January 11, 1972, in Prestonsburg, the son of Ronald and Linda (Allen) Wooten of Prestonsburg. He was an electrician for W.U.C.T. Electric Company at George-town.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Nicole (Underwood) Wooten of Winchester.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 24, at 11 a.m., at the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, in Prestonsburg, with Brother Lenvil Campbell, and Pastor Tim Blankenship officiating.

Burial was in Gethsemane Gardens Cemetery at Prestonsburg, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Mary Ann Duff

Mary Ann Duff, 58, of Wayland, died Sunday, February 22, 2004, at her residence.

Born May 25, 1945, in Perry County, she was the daughter of the late Jake Henry and America Cowens Earls. She was a bus monitor for the Floyd County Board of Education, and a member of the Faith Independent Freewill Baptist Church at Prestonsburg.

She is survived by her husband, James Ronnie Duff.

Other survivors include two sons: James S. Duff of Louisville and Ronnie C. Duff of Estill; three daughters: Bernadine Stacy of Garrett, Pamela Caudill of Wayland, and Beula Flora of Drift; two sisters: Lorene Goodson of Dayton, Ohio and Nancy Anderson of Detroit, Michigan; and nine grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by seven brothers: Jasper, Ernest, Junior, Cotton, Bunny, Ivan and Dan; and one sister, Alice Oliveras.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 25, at 11 a.m., at the Faith Independent Freewill Baptist Church, at Prestonsburg, with Clinton Buddy Jones, Jack Adkins, and Chris Bradley officiating.

Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery, (Walkertown), in Hazard, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

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Jury acquits Dean of murder, tampering with evidence charges

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND — A jury acquitted a small-town politician Tuesday of murder and tampering with evidence in the death of one of his former employees.

The jury of eight men and four women found former Jackson County Clerk Jerry Dean innocent in the death of Audrey Marcum, who had slapped Dean with a \$30 million sexual harassment suit.

Dean, 60, showed no obvious emotion when the verdict was read, and the courtroom remained silent.

Dean said afterward that he

had expected to be cleared.

"I didn't kill that girl, and it was proven," Dean told reporters after the verdict was read. "I do want to thank the Lord, I want to thank people for the prayers, for the love."

The jury returned the verdict just after 3 p.m., after deliberating for about 3 1/2 hours.

Dean had faced 20 years to life in prison for the charges. Prosecutors said he shot Marcum sniper-style at her home in Jackson County on Nov. 17, 2001. She was killed just days before a deposition was to be taken in the lawsuit and about a year before Dean was to seek re-election as clerk.

In the lawsuit, Marcum

claimed that Dean had sexually harassed her continuously during the four years she worked in the clerk's office. Once, she claimed, Dean had even masturbated in front of her in the office.

Dean took the stand and testified Monday that he did not kill Marcum, who sued him after resigning as a bookkeeper in his office. Dean was the final witness in a trial that began over a week ago.

Commonwealth's Attorney Gary Gregory said after the verdict was read that he would not ask for a new investigation to determine whether someone else is responsible for the killing, as defense attorneys had suggest-

ed. "Absolutely we had the right guy," Gregory said Tuesday.

Defense attorneys argued throughout the trial that someone else killed Marcum.

"Somebody needs to be brought to justice in this case," said defense attorney Doug Reece in his closing arguments. "The right person needs to be brought to justice."

The trial has received widespread media attention in Kentucky. Court TV plans to broadcast the trial, though the exact dates haven't yet been determined.

About 50 people from the rural Eastern Kentucky county had been making the 30-minute

drive from McKee in Jackson County to Richmond, crowding onto wooden benches to hear the testimony firsthand. Circuit Judge James Bowling had ordered the trial moved to Richmond after efforts to seat an unbiased jury in McKee proved unsuccessful.

Marcum's ex-husband, Doug Marcum, stood stoically outside the courtroom Tuesday after the verdict was read.

"They're wrong. Bad wrong," Doug Marcum said about the jury's decision. "He is guilty."

Other family members who attended the trial rushed out of the courthouse after the verdict, stopping to talk to no one.

Dean was initially ushered out of the courtroom, but

returned moments later with his lead attorney, Doug Reece, to talk with reporters. Dean said he will decide later whether he will return to politics in Jackson County.

He said he has no hard feelings toward his son, David Dean, the prosecution's key witness who testified that he saw his father walk toward Marcum's house with a rifle and that his father later said he had taken care of a problem.

"I still love him," Dean said. "He's my son."

Reece said the jury saw through evidence presented by the prosecution.

"They didn't have a case to begin with," Reece said. "I've been saying that for two years."

State budget woes could force higher fees for services

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Gov. Ernie Fletcher's goal to avoid raising taxes could bump up fees for various services in Kentucky.

The state collects nearly \$900 million in revenue through fees each year. Many Kentuckians consider a hike in university tuition or occupational licenses to be tantamount to a tax increase.

"You can say you aren't raising taxes, but call it what you want, if it costs us more for the same things we're getting — whether it's cigarettes or my kids' education at school or whatever — it is still coming out of my pocket," said cosmetologist Lisa Strader, 37.

Legislation pending in the General Assembly would increase cosmetologists' fees for apprentice exams from \$60 to \$150. Court costs would rise \$20 and the statutory cap the elderly must pay for Medicaid prescriptions would be removed.

Fletcher's office declined to

tell The Courier-Journal of Louisville what other fees might be raised to make up for the budget plan. But spokesman Wes Irvin stressed that the governor expects every agency — including public schools and universities — to find ways to cut waste before passing along costs.

"The governor believes there are inefficiencies throughout the system, and everybody can do a better job with the funds allocated to them," Irvin said.

Fletcher took office facing a \$300 million shortfall in the current budget. He has defended his decision not to raise taxes and force agencies to make do on zero-growth budgets as the best prescription for curing the state's fiscal problems.

Irvin said Fletcher's proposal to require districts to use their contingency funds to pay for mandated teacher raises in 2005 is responsible, since those reserves total \$225 million.

But Lisa Gross, a spokeswoman for the Kentucky Department of Education, said

the governor's budget would spend less than the department asked for "in every line item on the education budget sheet." That would put a strain on the districts, she said.

Some of Kentucky's 176 public school districts say they'll have to dip into reserve funds, lay off teachers or ask parents to pay more for extracurricular activities.

Clark County residents voted overwhelmingly Tuesday against a proposal to raise the school tax rate, leaving the 5,200-student district considering staff cuts, higher fees or other changes.

"It all has to do with the state continuing to provide schools with less money over the last three or so years,"

Superintendent Robert Lee said. "Each year since then, school districts have been making reductions, but here in Clark County the rubber band has stretched as tight as it can stretch."

Site-based decision-making councils, which are charged with deciding how each school spends money, are set to receive their budget allocations from districts March 1.

Superintendent Jack Moreland of the Covington Independent School District said his cash-strapped district laid off 109 employees last year and has no reserves left. And Larry Holt, superintendent of the Spencer County School District, said the

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Cancer

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evaluation process and review of its performance. In order to maintain approval, facilities must undergo an on-site review every three years.

Highlands' Cancer Program, in addition to being granted approval, received high commendation in the area of physician case review. Highlands' physicians involved with the diagnosis and treatment of cancer hold regularly scheduled meetings to perform quality reviews of cancer cases seen at Highlands. This collaboration and coordination of care assures patients a high level of cancer care.

Dr. Brian Hornback, pathologist and Chairman of Highlands' Cancer Program stated, "The Cancer Committee is pleased with the results of the recent survey by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer. The fact that the pro-

gram has been re-approved speaks to the commitment to quality by all members of the cancer team, including physicians and support staff. The Commission on Cancer mandates strict standards, including a multidisciplinary "team" approach to the cancer patient, which is one of the strengths of the Cancer Program at Highlands. The addition of the Highlands Cancer Center last year further assures that local cancer patients receive state-of-the-art care."

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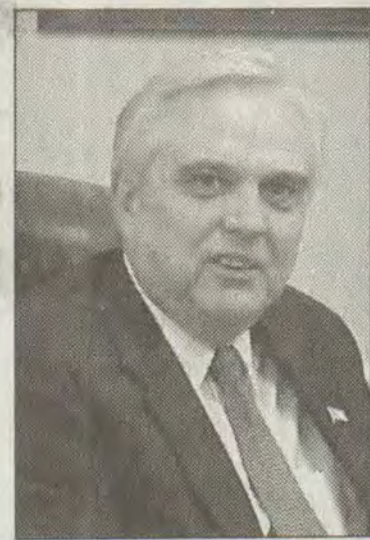
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BSCTC Foundation board member speaks out



Don Cecil

SALYERSVILLE — Don Cecil, superintendent of Magoffin County Schools and a member of the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation Inc. board, expressed his commitment to higher education this week.

Cecil has served on BSCEF Board for two years in an effort to assist the college and to make a powerful connection for the future of Magoffin County students.

"I am proud to be associated with such a fine institution," Cecil said. "It has been wonderful to see the changes that have taken place in the community. The campus size has increased tremendously with the addition of three new buildings at the Prestonsburg Campus and the consolidation that has brought

about greater opportunities"

Cecil feels that it is never too early to have students become acquainted with higher education.

"It is essential for us to provide information to students and their parents about the opportunities that are available within our community," Cecil said. "I have never seen a progressive community without progressive schools and we need to take it upon ourselves to ensure the future of our communities."

Cecil has served the community as a teacher, a coach, a principal and a student. These roles have shown him that education should be the cornerstone of our communities.

However, the talk of budget cuts concerns Cecil as he voices his opinion readily: "We are just now seeing the progress of education and now is not the time to go backwards, but it is the time to move forward. We are right on the verge of embarking upon a new horizon."

Cecil feels that our children have greater opportunities than ever before as they can now stay at home while getting an education.

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From left: Pikeville College student Jon Coleman, Dr. Nancy Cade, ABC News Correspondent Sam Donaldson, Pikeville College student Brian Bentley and Steve Bell, a former ABC News correspondent who is currently a professor at Ball State University.

**Pikeville College students,
professor attend Washington Center
presidential election seminars**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Presidents, politics and the national press highlight the opportunities for two Pikeville College students participating in the Washington Center 2004 Presidential Election Seminars.

Brian K. Bentley of Pikeville, a senior majoring in history/political science and

education, and Jonathan E. Coleman of Belfry, a junior majoring in history/political science, were among 14 students selected by the Appalachian College Association (ACA) to receive scholarships to attend the seminars. Nancy Cade, Ph.D., professor of history and political science at Pikeville

College, was one of two professors selected to serve as faculty coordinators for the project.

The Washington Center Presidential Election Seminars began in early January when students traveled to Washington, D.C., for two-weeks to participate in activities which focused on current political and media issues. Students met with legislators and distinguished journalists, including ABC News Correspondents Sam Donaldson and Ann Compton. They also had an opportunity to visit several foreign embassies and tour historical landmarks around the nation's capitol.

The seminars continue this summer when the students and

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**Commonwealth Cleanup
gets started March 21**

Times Staff Report

The sixth annual Commonwealth Cleanup week begins Sunday, March 21, and goes through to Saturday, March 27.

This year there will be a cash incentive for nonprofit groups to join in on the annual spring cleaning. The Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet is hosting the week-long event and offering three prizes of \$500, \$1,000 and \$1,500. To be eligible for the random drawing of these prizes a group must first register with its local solid waste coordinator. Then it is a matter of picking a site to clean and reporting the progress to the coordinator in order to be eligible for the prizes.

Support for this year's cleanup week comes from various agencies like Bluegrass Pride, the governor's office and the Keep America Beautiful Campaign.

To learn more about all of the statewide activities scheduled for this event, contact state coordinator Sara Evans at (502) 564-6716 or by e-mail at Sara.Evans@ky.gov.

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calls placed to his office Monday.
In response to questions concerning the proposal, Equitable Resources spokesman Jim Nellis, did return calls Tuesday, asking for more information about the concerns expressed by West, but did not confirm or respond to the possibility of a section transfer at the Prestonsburg office.
In followup attempts, Nellis could not be reached for comment.

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House panel OKs bill to alter black-lung reviews

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT

Legislation that would alter the way coal miners' black-lung claims are evaluated, and which was prompted by complaints that the system had been made prohibitive, was approved by a House committee Tuesday.

The United Mine Workers union wants the legislation. A coal industry leader said it would make black lung determinations more subjective and less dependent on medical evidence.

The bill, approved by the Labor and Industry Committee, would revise yet again a system for evaluating

whether miners have contracted and should be compensated for black-lung disease, or pneumoconiosis, from inhaling coal dust.

Approval of black-lung benefits was once widespread for coal miners. Standards were raised in the mid-1990s at the urging of then-Gov. Paul Patton, and claims became nearly impossible to win. Patton, a former coal operator, later said he had gone too far. The General Assembly in 2002 loosened standards.

But the sponsor of the current bill, Rep. Robin Webb, a former miner, said there still is "injustice" in the system and that proving a claim still is more difficult than the General Assembly intended.

Webb's bill would abolish a "consensus procedure" in which three radiologists review chest X-rays, then decide whether black lung is present. The procedure is invoked when a miner and employer cannot agree on a settlement. Findings are submitted to an administrative law judge.

So far, radiologist panels have found black lung in 95 of 690 cases — a rate critics contend is unrealistically low.

According to the Labor Department, 1,287 Kentucky miners died of black lung since 1987, said Steve Earle, a United Mine Workers lobbyist.

The bill would create a system in which two X-ray inter-

pretations — not just one — would be submitted to an administrative law judge. Webb said judges would weigh all the evidence, as they do in other workers' compensation cases.

"We feel like that discretion will not be abused," she said. "It will not swing the pendulum back to create an entitlement mentality."

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said the consensus procedure is "as close to objective medical evidence as we can get, and once we get away from that it becomes more subjective."

The consensus system "recognizes the true rates of true black lung. It doesn't award miners a benefit that they histor-

ically enjoyed and they feel they should get," Caylor said.

Miners who think they were exposed to black lung since 1996, but whose claims had been rejected, could file them again.

The Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis Fund, used to pay black-lung awards, has a balance of \$22 million, according to figures from the state. Black-lung benefits paid since 2002 totaled \$1.2 million, according to Bill Londrigan, president of the Kentucky AFL-CIO.

"We've got people suffering," Webb said. "We have money available. This is not some kind of ploy to take the fund and destroy it."

Caylor said the bill seeks to change definitions that would make it easier for miners to qualify for benefits. The fund, supported in part by assessments on coal companies, shouldn't be seen as "a honey pot," Caylor

said. "The money's there, so the question is: Do you spend down just because it's there? Philosophically, the answer's got to be no."

Caylor said black-lung disease still exists, but improved ventilation systems in mines have reduced it dramatically.

The bill also would lower the age at which miners with black lung could choose cash awards instead of retraining benefits. Currently, miners age 57 and older can take cash. The bill would lower it to 52.

Earle, of the United Mine Workers, said retraining is unrealistic for older miners, many of whom lack a high school education and live in areas where non-mining jobs are scarce.

House leaders say Fletcher spokesman owes apology

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Two ranking House leaders Tuesday said Gov. Ernie Fletcher's chief spokesman should apologize for saying the chairman of the House appropriations committee should "show up for work."

Speaker of the House Jody Richards said the "intemperate remarks" by Fletcher's commu-

nications director, Wes Irvin, were an insult to Harry Moberly.

Majority Leader Rocky Adkins said Irvin indirectly insulted the entire Appropriations and Revenue Committee, which has been grappling with an austere budget proposed by Fletcher.

Singling out Irvin further personalized an ongoing struggle between Fletcher and House Democrats on two issues —

Fletcher's budget and his desire, still not spelled out in legislation, for a new tax code. Fletcher calls the concept "tax modernization."

Fletcher pitched the idea last week in a closed-door meeting with 15 legislators. Moberly was absent, and Fletcher had expected him. Moberly said he was meeting with constituents.

Moberly later made a speech in the House in which he criticized Fletcher's refusal to come before

Moberly's Appropriations and Revenue Committee, which met Tuesday. Moberly said he was willing to meet with Fletcher any time.

Afterward, Irvin told The Associated Press that Moberly's speech was "disingenuous" and that "Representative Moberly needs to show up for work and do the people's business if he's sincere about this."

Richards and Adkins used the appropriations committee meeting to defend Moberly and criticize Irvin.

Richards said Moberly was "arguably the hardest working member of the General Assembly. He shows up for work and he's done that since 1980." Richards also mentioned his own tenure of "nearly 30 years" in the General Assembly. Irvin said it was a telling remark.

"They've made this process very challenging," Irvin said.

"They've been here for a good number of years combined. Fact of the matter is, a storm gathered on their watch."

Fletcher left for Washington, D.C., and a meeting of the National Governors Association on Friday. He was due back in Frankfort Tuesday night.

Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, said he'd had no communication with anyone from the governor's office in the interim and that Fletcher was running out of time to get a tax plan to the General Assembly. Tuesday was Day 34 of the 2004 session, which by the Kentucky Constitution is limited to 60 working days. The legislature's constitutional deadline is April 15.

The administration has

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Budget

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district began charging a \$50 textbook fee for high school students last year for the first time, and that fee may increase next year.

At Kentucky's universities, presidents have warned they won't be able to avoid higher-than-expected tuition increases if Fletcher's budget passes.

University presidents have said the cuts mean they might have to increase tuition for in-state undergraduates next year more than the 6 percent to 20 percent they had estimated last fall. That would come on top of double-digit percentage increases students experienced this year at many campuses.

"Any tuition increase is a tax on Kentucky families," said Will Nash, 20, a sophomore at the University of Kentucky, where

President Lee Todd has said tuition could go up by 15 percent this fall. "Students feel like we are always the ones to bear the burden on balancing the budget."

That increase at UK would bring in about \$15 million, covering less than half of the additional \$33 million needed to operate next year, officials said. It would cost a full-time resident undergraduate student about \$682 on top of the \$4,546.50 a year in tuition and fees charged this fall.

University of Louisville junior Adam Robinson said he's not sure whether he agrees with Fletcher's budget, but he thinks the universities are wrong to raise tuition to cover any shortfalls from the state.

"I think maybe they just need to manage their money better," Robinson said.

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I am currently practicing dentistry in Floyd County, Kentucky, where I was born and raised. I have always served my patients with pride, and treated them with dignity. My family and I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this article, and thank all of the people of Floyd County who have called and visited to offer their support. Please visit me at my office in Minnie, Kentucky.

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Inquiries should be directed to:
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 Prestonsburg, Kentucky
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Changes to shock probation procedure passed by committee

FRANKFORT — A measure to ensure that shock probation is used wisely passed the House Judiciary Committee last week.

The committee's amended version of House Bill 407, sponsored by Speaker of the House Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, would require defendants asking for shock probation to submit affidavits explaining why they should no longer be incarcerated. Judges would be permitted to grant shock probation to a defendant who does not need to be committed to a correctional institution for treatment, and whose crime would not be "unduly" lessened should the probation be granted.

The legislation would also require judges who grant shock probation to write detailed findings of how they reached their decision.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo testified on behalf of the bill before the committee. He said that orders for shock probation are rare in Kentucky, but that extra care must be taken whenever they are granted.

"I personally believe that judges who want to grant shock probation would have no trouble making the findings were it required," said Stumbo.

"I think it's a protection for the fellow who has asked for shock probation," said committee chair-

man Rep. Gross Lindsay, D-Henderson.

Richards said he filed the bill after learning that some individuals had been shock probated "that shouldn't have been." Violent offenders, including sex offenders, and those sentenced to death are among those who are not eligible for shock probation by law.

HB 407 now goes to the full House for its consideration.

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backed off earlier statements that a new tax code could be proposed this week.

Fletcher has made only some limited public remarks about what he wants to accomplish. The main goal is for a new tax code to be "revenue neutral," meaning that tax increases would be balanced in equal measure with tax reductions.

Fletcher has said tax increases probably would include a higher excise tax on cigarettes, currently second lowest in the nation at 3 cents per pack; a sales tax on some services, and a tax on telecommunications. He said he wanted to reduce income taxes for businesses and individuals and eliminate the corporate income tax.

(See CLARK page 11)

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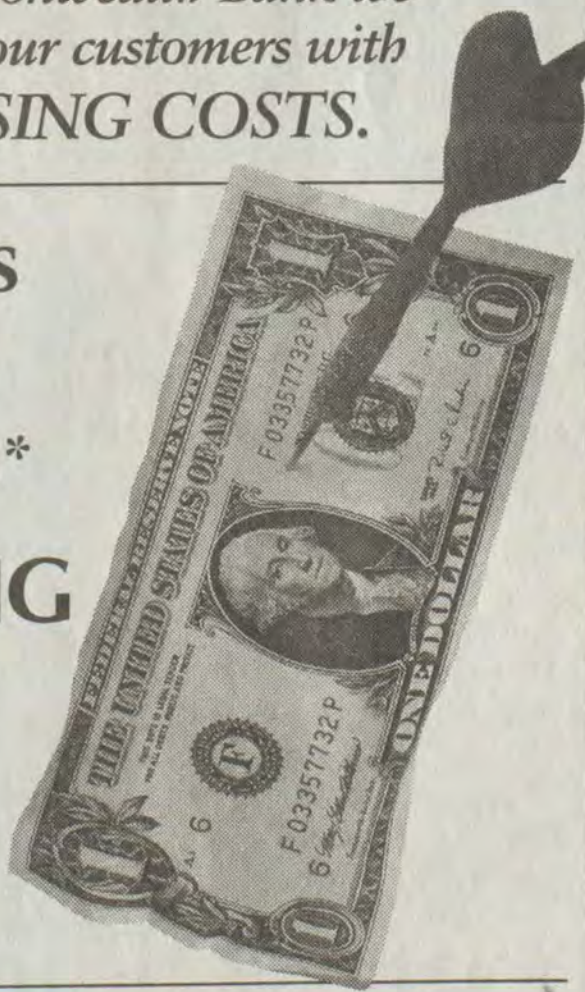
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 Nathan Compton, Darron Kimbler.

Blanton's P2
 Robert Campbell.

Bentley's P3
 Alisha Owens, Elizabeth Campbell, Selenia Kelly, Johnathan Ousley, Ellis Sparks.

Hunsucker's P3
 Terry Adams, Kaitlyn Baisden, Virgil Kimbler, Bradley Ousley, Kaylena Stevenson, Emily Peace.

Warrix's P4
 Fred Hicks, Brenda Dotson,

Dalton Shepherd.

Campbell's P4
 Zachery Cook, Nicole Crace, Joshua Hackworth, Sean Ly, Angela Marsillett.

Parsons' 4th Grade
 Chris Cook, Jordan Tackett.

Madden's 4th Grade
 Bethany Thornsby, Robert Dotson.

Starr's 5th Grade
 Morris Gilstrap, Maronica Jervis, Joseph Kidd, Zachary Taulbee.

Osborne's 5th Grade
 Brittany Bates, Samantha Jones, Jeremy Yost.

Pet Adoption Corner

This week at the Floyd County Animal Shelter we have (amongst others) dozens of friendly puppies and kittens of varying ages and genders, as well as many full grown cats and dogs.



The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located at Sally Stephens Branch in west Prestonsburg. The shelter is open from 10:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday and 10:00 to 3:00 Saturdays, and can be reached by phone at (606) 886-3189.

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Budget writers struggle with school funding

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Legislative budget writers are struggling with the issue of education funding and a distribution formula that relatively few understand. Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit added to their con-

sternation Tuesday. He said school districts in which property values have shot up likely would get less state money in the second year of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's proposed budget.

That could occur because the formula, which has the unwieldy name of SEEK — Support Education Excellence in

Kentucky — is wed to property values and the number of students in average daily attendance.

For equity purposes, state funding under the formula was skewed to give proportionately more money to districts with less comparative wealth.

But property values are not

assessed on the same schedule in every county. In some counties, all residential property is assessed at once, every fourth year, and a school district's collective property value suddenly shoots up, according to an analysis by the General Assembly's budget staff.

The district's state funding,

known as SEEK equalization, is subsequently reduced. At the same time, a separate state law strictly limits the amount of additional property tax revenue a district can collect.

Base funding is \$3,191 per pupil this year and would remain at that level in the first year of Fletcher's proposed budget. It would go up by \$7 per pupil in the second year.

The Kentucky Board of Education said "base SEEK" needed to be at least \$3,254 in fiscal 2005 and \$3,320 the following year.

The board "recognizes money is tight, and the state has many needs," said board Chairwoman

Helen Mountjoy, who testified alongside Wilhoit to the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee. But the board is "gravely concerned" that programs that have contributed to student progress are being "whittled away," Mountjoy said.

Legislation pending in the Senate would alter the formula to give school districts more state matching money. The sponsor, Republican Sen. Katie Stine of Fort Thomas, said it would especially help districts that make a "big-time local effort" on taxes but, for various reasons, cannot raise as much money as others.

"It's just patently unfair the way it's been going," Stine said.

Hearing postponed in hit-and-run case

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Court proceedings for a man accused of killing a 2-year-old girl during a hit-and-run accident along Mud Creek last year were put

off following circuit court orders Tuesday.

A court hearing that had been scheduled Feb. 18 for Tracey Dean Yates, 47, was reset for March 5 because attorneys in the case needed more time to prepare, according to court doc-

uments filed Tuesday.

Public advocate Harolyn Howard was appointed as Yates' attorney on Jan. 28.

Prior to the ruling to bump the court hearing, which will deal with a motion from Howard for inspection and discovery, Circuit Court Judge Danny P. Caudill overruled a motion to reduce Yates' bond.

Yates, who pleaded not guilty during his Oct. 17 arraignment, was placed in custody on a \$25,000 cash bond a day later.

Yates was arrested on an indictment warrant on Sept. 30 following an investigation that police say linked him to the December 2002 death of 2-year-old Stacia Collins.

Collins was killed when police say Yates slammed into a vehicle driven by her father,

Stacy Collins, of Harold, while the family was traveling along Route 2030 at Honaker.

Stacy Collins, his wife, Denise, and Stacia Collins' older brother were injured in the accident and later treated for their injuries at nearby Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Investigators combed the Honaker area and questioned residents for nearly a week to track the 1989 Buick Park Avenue the Collinses said had struck them and then sped away before tracing it back to Bronis Yates, Tracey Yates' wife.

Tracey Yates was later arrested in connection with the incident and charged with one count of second-degree manslaughter, three counts of fourth-degree assault, operating on a suspended license and leaving the scene of an accident.

Black History Month to be celebrated with performance

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — History and performance art merge in "Miss Dinnie Thompson, No Ordinary Woman," which will be performed in the Pike Auditorium, on the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Campus, at 10 am Friday.

The play is actually a living history of Thompson, who was born into slavery in the home of a prominent family in Louisville circa 1857.

The script is by Juanita White who taught in the Jefferson County School system for 30 years before retiring in 1995. The work is the culmination of years of White's research into the history and culture of African Americans.

Emma Bush, of Louisville, will headline as Miss Dinnie. Bush performs but also has done her share of writing, poetry and plays, and was a recipient of the Kentucky Women Writers Award.

The performance is part of this month's celebration of "Black History Month". Friday's performance is the only one scheduled for the area.

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professors will have an opportunity to attend the Democratic National Convention in Boston, Mass., or the Republican National Convention in New York.

The scholarships were made possible by the Berger Foundation, in conjunction with the ACA. The ACA is a consortium of 34 private liberal arts colleges and universities spread across the central Appalachian Mountains in Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Collectively these higher education institutions serve over 37,000 students.

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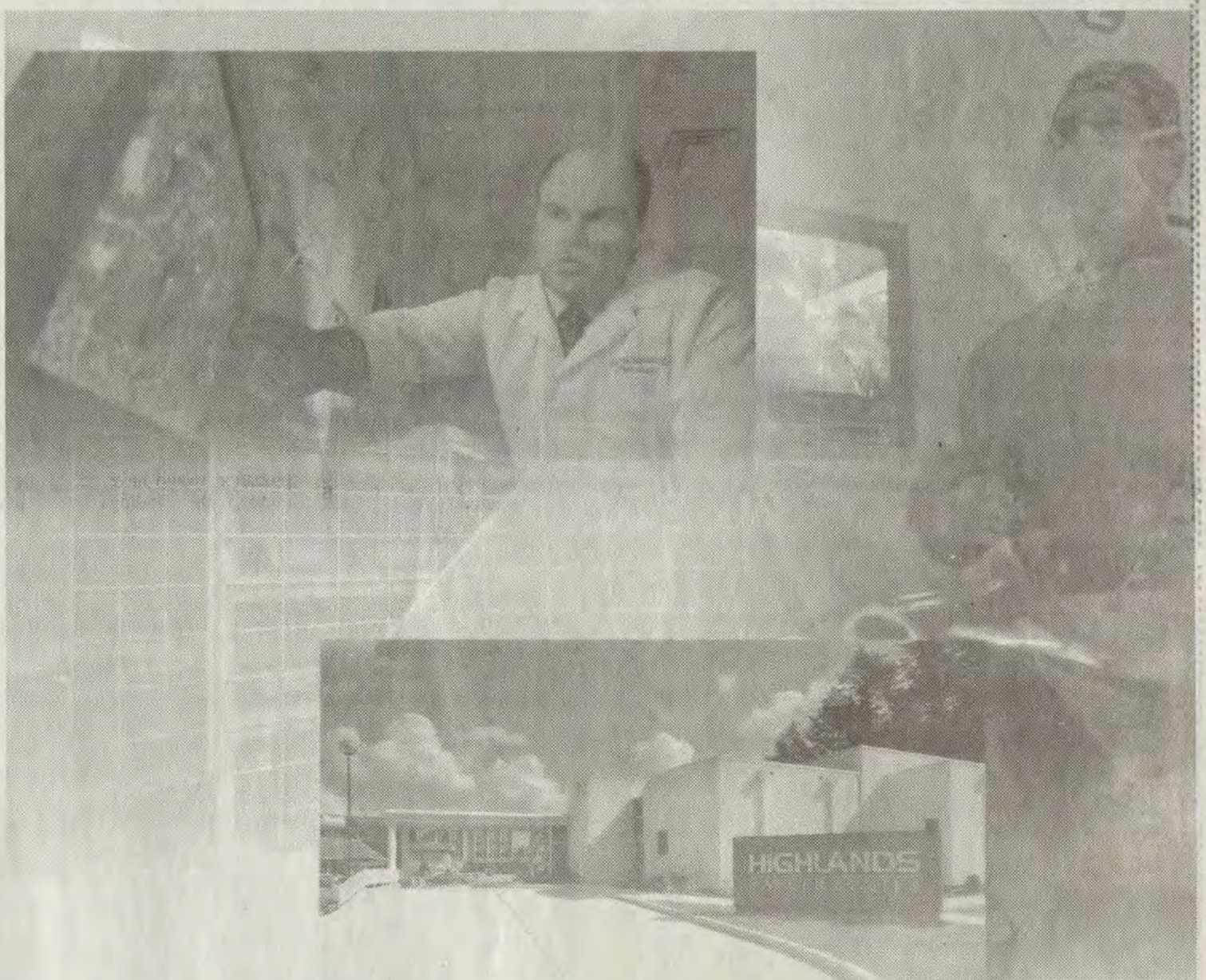
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

IMMEDIATE through May 1 2004

Shedd Academy is currently organizing and taking donations for our 5th Annual 5k Run for Dyslexia. This year's event will be held on Saturday, May 1st, with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and the event beginning at 9 a.m. Registration fee is \$12, you can pre-register before April 24th for \$10. Trophies will be given to the top male & female runners. First Place trophies will be given for each category. Other participants will receive a certificate and a ribbon for placing 2nd or 3rd by category.

We are a non profit organization helping the dyslexic and learning disabled student. Funds from this year's event will be used to help the scholarship needs of many local Western Kentucky students. For more information, please call Debbie Craven, Administrative Assistant 270-247-8007

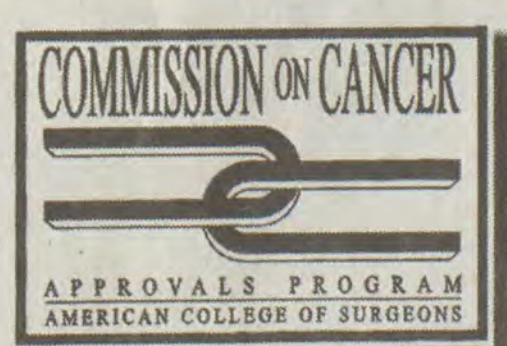
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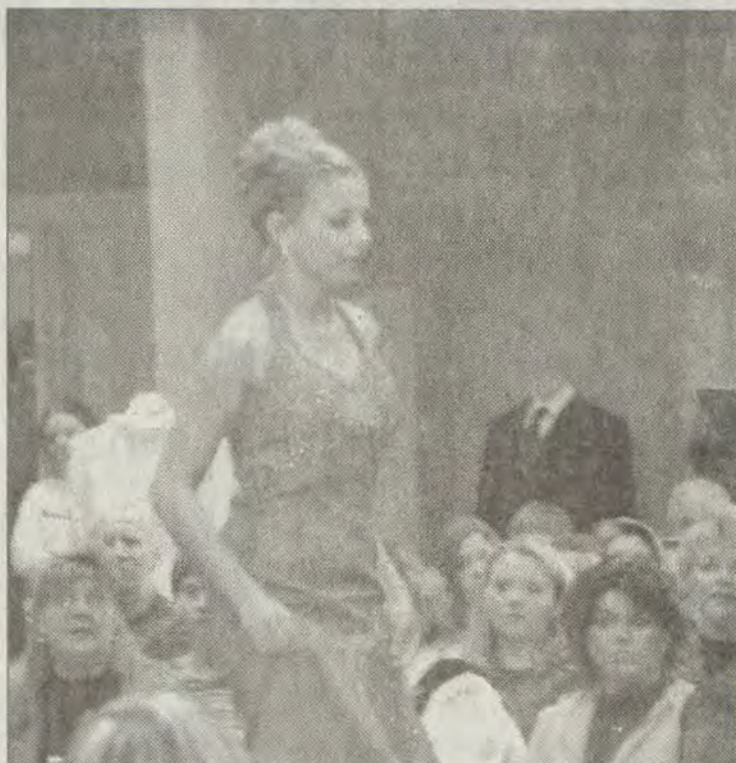


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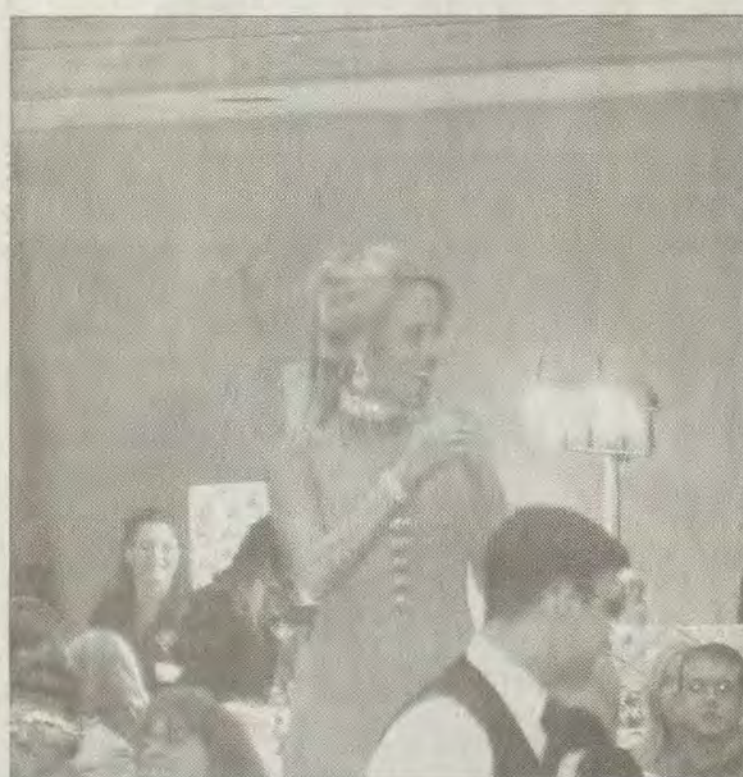


This cake from Wedding Cakes on Wilson tasted as good as it looked.

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Message therapist Morgan Clark looked over the vendors' area during The Floyd County Times Prom and Bridal Expo.



Vendors prepared for the day's event shortly before The Floyd County Times Prom and Bridal Expo.

AWOL Marine returned to military authorities

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man who ditched his station with the U.S. Marines was arrested and taken back into custody last week, according to records on file in Floyd District Court.

Caleb R. Gulick, 18, of Prestonsburg, was arrested Feb. 18 by Prestonsburg Police Officer Trent R. Combs to answer to a federal warrant for desertion from the armed forces.

Gulick, a private in the U.S. Marines, was incarcerated at the Floyd County Detention Center until Marine representatives picked him up Friday and transported him back to his Camp Lejeune, N.C., base, where he was placed following the completion of his basic training in

Beckley, W.Va.

According to the federal warrant issued by C.M. Williams, legal technician at Camp Lejeune, Gulick went absent without leave from Camp Lejeune on Jan. 13.

Gulick's father, Buck Gulick, said during an interview Monday that he had "no idea" why his son bailed out on the Marines.

According to him, Caleb completed his basic training in early December, came home for a Christmas break later that month, and failed to report back as scheduled on Jan. 13.

"We're devastated," said Buck Gulick. "It's not something we're proud of ... It's shameful."

Buck Gulick said during the interview that his son had only been stationed at the North Carolina base a couple of days before he left for December leave.

His son was officially placed under administrative desertion by the Marines on Feb. 12, according to his district court file.

According to Sgt. Harris, who works with the public relations department at the base, Gulick is being held at the Camp Lejeune Brig, awaiting a hearing on the matter.

Harris said a date has not been set for that hearing.

Buck Gulick said his son is no longer welcome to live at his Prestonsburg residence.

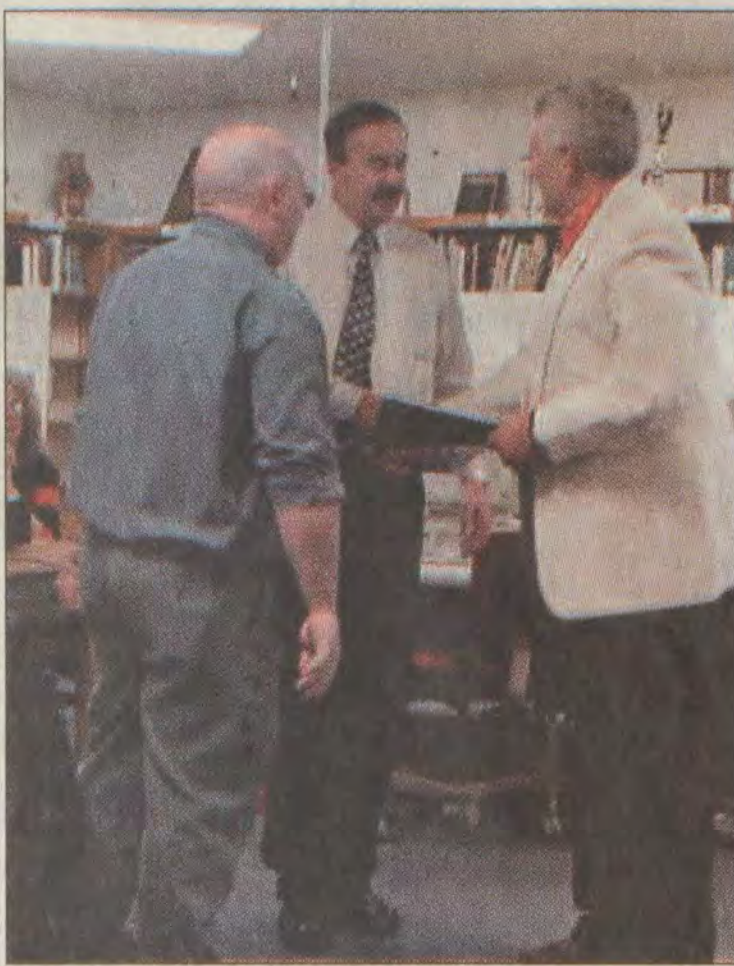


photo by Beverly Crisman

Jeff Stumbo, center, vice chair of the Floyd County Board of Education, and Sean Ousley, left, principal of Betsy Layne High School, presented Stanville resident Joel Stumbo with an honorary high school diploma from the school at Monday evening's regular meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education, held at Betsy Layne High School. Joel Stumbo was a sophomore at the school when he dropped out to join the armed forces during the Vietnam conflict in 1962. While in the service, he received his GED after attending classes while stationed in Puerto Rico in 1963. Vice Chair Stumbo reported during the meeting that Joel Stumbo had been active in establishing the ROTC program at the Betsy Layne school and that he received numerous citations and medals during his service to his country, among them the Purple Heart. He is a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 169, and the Vietnam Vets of America, and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. He is married to Shirley Hall Stumbo.

Federal office to investigate Spadaro firing

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The agency that protects federal government whistleblowers is investigating the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration's firing of the superintendent of the MSHA academy in Beckley.

In a Feb. 19 letter, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel said the agency has "determined that further investigation is warranted" into the firing of Jack Spadaro.

In October, MSHA chief Dave Lauriski moved to fire Spadaro, saying he had abused his authority, failed to follow orders and proper procedures and misused a government credit card by taking unauthorized cash advances that cost the government \$22.60 in bank fees.

Spadaro says that he is being punished because in August 2002 he complained about training contracts MSHA awarded without following proper bidding procedures to friends of Lauriski and a Lauriski aide.

Also, in 2001, Spadaro resigned from a team investigating the Martin County, Ky., slurry spill because he felt that MSHA was trying to cover up its own role in overlooking previous violations at the Massey Energy impoundment.

During a visit to Charleston on Jan. 15, Lauriski refused to comment on the Spadaro case.

On Monday, Bob Zachariasiewicz, a Labor Department spokesman, said the department will cooperate with the investigation.

Correction

An article published in Sunday's edition of The Floyd County Times incorrectly listed Circuit Judge John David Caudill as the judge who presided over a hearing to reduce bond for Daryl Bentley, 50, of Minnie, charged with 25 counts of falsely obtaining a controlled substance prescription. Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill presided over that hearing Friday.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

Station pulls away in fourth-quarter rally

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HI HAT - Four quarters make up a complete basketball game. The South Floyd Raiders hosted Bryan Station Saturday night in a Homecoming game and gave the visiting Defenders all they wanted for three quarters. Bryan Station opened the game up in the fourth quarter and went on to beat the Raiders 66-45.

Bryan Station clung to a slim lead at the start of the fourth quarter before outscoring South Floyd 24-4 in the final period.

Tino Washington scored 12 points and Jermaine Sandusky 11 for Bryan Station.

The two teams were deadlocked at 15 at the end of the first period. South Floyd led 31-28 at halftime. Bryan Station had a 42-41 lead at beginning of the fourth period before finishing strong.

Junior center Steven Stanley

(See RALLY, page two)

Lady Raiders finishing busy schedule

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - In his first season at the helm, South Floyd High girls' basketball coach Tony Isaac hasn't shied away from capable competition. The South Floyd girls were in action Thursday night on the road at Fleming-Neon. The result was a 48-41 win. On Friday night, the Lady Raiders took to the road, traveling to Magoffin County to take on the Lady Hornets. Magoffin County won in a hard-fought contest, 75-73. A breakdown of the two games follows.

South Floyd 48, Fleming-Neon 41: South Floyd led at the end of every period. The Lady Raiders held a 22-19 advantage at halftime and were ahead 31-30 at the end of the third quarter.

Megan Ousley led South Floyd with a game-high 19 points. Brandy Anderson netted 10 and Ashley Johnson pushed in seven. Tab Trammel added six. Carla Hall scored four and Tab Tackett tossed in two.

Lateisha Osley led Fleming-Neon with 13 points. Whitney Gooch added 10.

Magoffin County 75, South Floyd 73: Magoffin County hit 24-of-35 free-throws in the win.

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Blackcats drop close one to Mercer Co.

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Even though the Prestonsburg Blackcats are starting to play much better basketball, Saturday's game with Mercer County ended as another loss. Prestonsburg was coming in off a win on the road over

East Ridge, but Mercer County was able to come away with a 67-63 win on Homecoming Night at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse. Mercer County jumped out in front 25-16 after one quarter and seemed to be on the way to an easy win after building a 13-point lead early in the second quarter. Prestonsburg had

struggled of late after falling behind, but the Blackcats roared back and outscored Mercer County 22-7 in the second quarter.

Joe Blackburn led the way for Prestonsburg in the first half, by tossing in 14 points in the first two quarters of

(See DROP, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Blackcat head coach Jackie Day Crisp talked with his team during a timeout.

CLARK HONORED FOR SCORING 1,000TH



photos by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers presented junior guard Kim Clark with a basketball commemorating 1,000 points scored. Clark reached the scoring plateau in a game last week against Johnson Central.

Piarist teams wind down basketball seasons

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN - The Piarist Lady Knights have battled their way through the high school girls' basketball season. With only four games left in the regular season, the Lady Knights look anxiously to each game. The last game played at Riverside Christian was a nail-biter. The final score was 65-57 with host Riverside Christian coming out on top. Although the Lady Knights did not win there were some great accomplishments made. The leading scorer of the game was freshman Chasity Conn (10 points). Bethany Tackett and Stephanie Williams had nine points apiece. Ronnee Reynolds had a career-high eight points. Alyssa Reed and Kellie Farthing each had seven points. Reed stepped up her game

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LADY CATS SIDESTEP JENKINS

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - On a night when junior guard Kim Clark was honored for scoring her 1,000th point in a previous win last week over Johnson Central, the Betsy Layne Lady Cats defended their homefloor Tuesday night. Clark and Company went out and beat visiting Jenkins convincingly, winning 74-44.

Clark had 1,000 points exactly going into Friday night's game at Pike Central. She needed 16 points going into the Johnson Central game and that is what she got.

"I really think Kim has stepped up her role on the team this year and has been more consistent," said Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers. "She has accepted more of a leadership role and that has made all the difference in our team."

Thanks in part to the play of Clark, Betsy Layne hasn't lost since last season's 58th District

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photos by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne junior Kristal Daniels went up for two of her game-high 22 points.

Senior Night Win: Tigers turn away Allen Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE - Paintsville High senior Shane Simpkins made his return to the hardwood Friday night. Simpkins didn't score any points, but helped the Tigers to an impressive 63-60 win over visiting Allen Central. The Rebels struggled to hit their free throws for most of the game.

On Senior Night, Paintsville senior Peyton Conley led the host team with a game-high 24 points. Freshman Daniel Pugh added 16 points for the Tigers and eighth-grader J.D. VanHoose tossed in 15.

(See WIN, page two)



FLOYD COUNTY ROYALTY

LEFT: Tina Dooley was crowned Prestonsburg High Homecoming Queen Saturday prior to a game against visiting Mercer County.
RIGHT: Logan Johnson was crowned South Floyd High Homecoming Queen Saturday prior to a game against Bryan Station.



Graves delighted to be back in bullpen

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 SARASOTA, Fla. — Danny Graves is back where he belongs, closing games instead of starting them.
 After a failed one-year experiment, the Cincinnati Reds have decided to let Graves do what he does best — get the last three outs in close games. The switch agrees with him.
 "I was like a fish out of water," Graves said of his stint in the rotation. "I talked to a bunch of guys last year and they asked me why I was doing it,

why I was trying to start. To them, I was more valuable as a reliever with a chance to throw every day.
 "I had no answer."
 There was a good reason for the switch — the Reds wanted it.
 Graves was the Reds' closer from 1999-2002, using his control and his sinker to pile up 129 saves, trailing only John Franco for the franchise record.
 When the Reds moved into Great American Ball Park last year, they had two prospective closers — Graves and Scott

Williamson — and a huge hole in the rotation.
 So, they asked Graves to try starting games, something he'd never done at any level of professional baseball. He went along and tried to convince himself it was no big deal.
 As it turned out, it was. Every time he started, he realized it a little more.
 "It's like having a normal job and trying to change jobs, trying to do something I didn't go to

school for," Graves said. "A lot of it was physical, but a lot of it was the mental part of adjusting to that role."
 "I just kept trying to tell myself, 'This is going to work, this is going to be fine,' and I ended up just beating up myself."
 Batters beat him up too. In 26 starts, Graves went 4-14 with a 5.33 ERA as opponents hit .299. He lost his final seven decisions as a starter, and was pulled out

of the rotation after a 9-3 loss at Arizona on Aug. 21.
 He made three relief appearances before inflammation in the back of his right shoulder forced him to sit out the final month.
 This spring, there's been no thought of trying him as a starter. He's the closer at the outset.
 "Certainly Danny did a tremendous job when he was in that role before, and we feel like that's where he's most suited to help the Reds in 2004," pitching coach Don Gullett said.
 Former manager Bob Boone liked the experimental move to the rotation. Boone was fired in July, and replacement Dave Miley moved Graves back to the bullpen a month later.

"I remember when we made the decision, you could tell it was a weight lifted off of him back then," Miley said.
 Graves is in the second season of a three-year, \$17.25 million contract that is by far the largest on the pitching staff. He doesn't care if he's a closer or a setup man.
 As long as he's not in the rotation, he can handle it.
 "Last year, there were a lot of questions going in," Graves said. "I could never get comfortable in finding the right arm slot, finding the right mechanics. I don't think anything went right."
 "But this year, knowing that I have no chance of being a starter makes it a lot easier and a lot more fun."

Busy

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 South Floyd shot 15 free tosses and made 10.
 "Our girls played a great game against Magoffin County," said South Floyd Coach Tony Isaac.
 Calloray Howard led Magoffin County in scoring with 24 points. Ashley Howard netted 17 points and Michaela Howard flipped in eight.
 Three different Lady Raiders recorded double-doubles.
 South Floyd senior Ashley

Johnson scored a game-high 25 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Brandy Anderson hit five three-pointers for 15 points. Megan Ousley netted 13 markers and dished out 10 assists. Tab Trammell had 13 points and 11 rebounds.
 Amanda Johnson scored four points, Courtney Blocker added two and Tab Tackett connected on a free throw.
 South Floyd dropped a Senior Night game to Pikeville Monday night. The visiting Pikeville girls won 88-59.

Drop

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 play.
 After trailing by as many as 13 points early in the second quarter, Prestonsburg would take a 38-32 lead into the half. Senior Nick Jamerson tossed in nine points in the first half and finished with 16 points on the night for Prestonsburg and Jesse Chaffin contributed 15 points in the loss.
 Mercer County outscored Prestonsburg 16-10 in the third quarter and the score would be deadlocked at 48-48 after three quarters of play.
 Blackburn finished the night with 17 points for the Blackcats and Trevor Compton netted seven in the contest. Sean Leslie finished with six points for Jackie Day Crisp's team. Michael Morrison rounded out the scoring with two points.

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 Prestonsburg.
 Scoring: Prestonsburg — Blackburn 17, Jamerson 16, Chaffin 15, Compton 7, Leslie 6, Morrison 2, Mercer County — Watkins 15, McCray 12, Goodpaster 10, Lyons 10, Lyons 8, Bottons 9, Witcliffe 3.

Seasons

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 and had four blocks and nine rebounds.
 Although the Lady Knights took a loss, they are anticipating the next meeting with Riverside Christian on Saturday.
 The Piarist Knights also battled Riverside. The final score of the game between the two boys' basketball teams was 61-41 with the Riverside Christian Rams on top. Although the Piarist boys are a young collective group, the unit shows great promise for the future. Joshua Ousley scored 30 points against the Rams. He also had 10 rebounds. Travis Tressler had five points for the Knights. Jake Moak and Ronnie Thompson each had three points. Skyler McNish made his comeback. After several big rebounds, McNish injured his shoulder again and will remain out of action for the rest of the season.
 The Knights are also looking forward to their next meeting with Riverside. They too have a busy schedule for the remainder of the season.

Win

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 Allen Central led Paintsville 17-14 through one quarter. The Tigers led Allen Central 30-287 at halftime and 38-36 at the end of the third period. Allen Central, a team that owns wins over East Ridge and Pike County Central, two of the top-five boys' basketball teams in the 156th Region, ran out of time in the end.
 Sophomore Kevin Williams and eighth-grader Blake Bundy

rounded out the Paintsville scoring with four points apiece.
 Rossi Samons led Allen Central in scoring with 21 points. Justin Hall netted 18 and Austin Francis tossed in 10 to give the Runnin' Rebels three players in double figures for the game.
 David Kilburn scored five points and Ryan Collins added four. Tim Griffith had two points.

The Floyd County youth soccer season is just around the corner. Signups will be held Saturday in Prestonsburg.



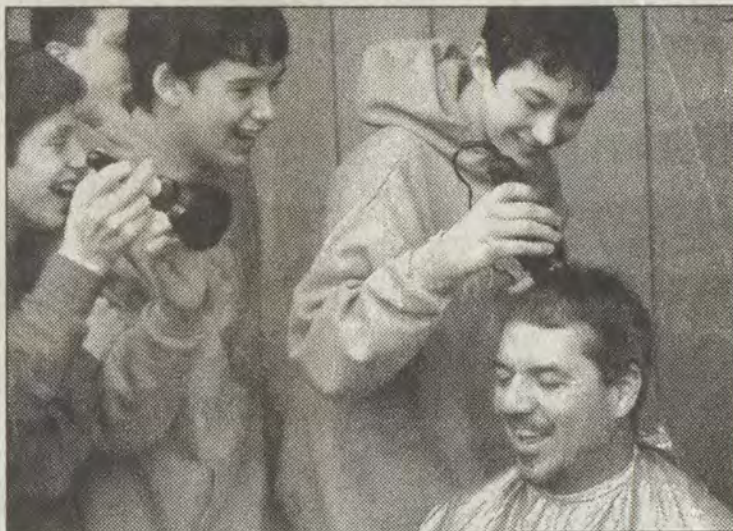
Floyd Youth Soccer registration continues

PRESTONSBURG — Registration for the Spring, 2004 Floyd County Youth Soccer Association season will continue on Saturday at the Prestonsburg Dairy Queen. Soccer coaches and representatives will be at Dairy Queen from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The cost of registration is \$40, which includes a uniform. Teams are available for all children who

Rally

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 led South Floyd with 14 points and seven rebounds.
 Adam Tackett and Burnett Little flipped in nine points apiece and Ethan Johnson netted six. Wes Hall and Jack Stone finished with four and three points, respectively.

14TH REGION
 Knott County Central 60, Owsley County 48: Adam Dials, a sophomore point guard, scored 16 points and had five assists and six rebounds to lead the Patriots to a home victory.
 Robert Smith had 15 points for Owsley County.



Coach Rick Hughes of the MCA boys' basketball team promised his team that, if it won the county championship, they could shave his head. Jeremy Pack, assisted by Clinton Turner and Taylor Clark, performed their sartorial duties on Hughes.

COLLEGE BOWLING

Pikeville College women's bowling team wins again

TIMES STAFF REPORT
 INDIANAPOLIS — It was a great week for the women's bowlers at Pikeville College. Days after the second polls of the season were released, they won their fifth tournament of the season.
 The coaches and writers release three polls per season, and last week's rankings were kind to Pikeville. The Lady Bears are second nationally in both the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association poll and the Bowling Writer's Association of America ratings.
 In the coaches poll, Wichita State got 13 of the 15 first-place votes to lead the country. The Lady Bears got one vote, while No. 3 Nebraska got the other. Morehead State and Fairleigh Dickinson rounded out the top five.
 The writers also favor Wichita State, giving them the top nod on six of the seven ballots. While Pikeville was second, third-place Morehead State got the final first-place vote. Nebraska was fourth while Lindenwood, which is seventh in the coaches poll, was fifth with the writers.
 FDU, fifth in the coaches ratings, is sixth in the writers' opinion.
 But both the coaches and writers may be rethinking their votes after last weekend's Hoosier Classic.
 The teams rolled nine games with the top eight advancing to the final round. From there, a single-elimination tournament decided the title, much as will be the case in the postseason.
 Pikeville was the fourth seed, and knocked off Fresno State in the quarterfinals 3-1.
 In the semifinals, they met No. 1 seed Wichita State, where they picked up another 3-1 win.

The Lady Bears also won the finals 3-1, beating third-seed Morehead State.
 Pikeville had two of the top 10 bowlers and two more in the top 25 of the tournament. April Ellis was eighth with an average of 198.44, while Lindsey Durham's 196.78 was good for 10th.
 LaDeanna Damron finished 16th with a score of 190.56, and Stacey Wyatt came in 25th averaging 186.22. Patty Trusty just missed the top 25, finishing 28th and averaging 184.56.
 While the women are ranked higher, the men are having a terrific season as well. They are ranked fifth nationally by the writers and sixth by the coaches in the most recent poll.
 Wichita State is also atop the writer's men's poll, getting four first-place votes, while No. 2 Saginaw Valley State picked up

the other two. Western Illinois and Vincennes are third and fourth.
 In the coaches poll, Wichita State has nine first-place votes. Vincennes has five first-place nods for second, while Saginaw Valley State is third with two. Western Illinois and Kansas complete the top five.
 No. 7 Fresno State also picked up a first-place vote.
 Last weekend in the Hoosier Classic, the Bears finished 22nd in the 39-team field.
 Kevin Kovash was Pikeville's top bowler, finishing 62nd with an average of 191.44. Tony Preston followed, averaging 184, while Cassidy Schaub averaged 183.44.
 Josh Harper averaged 185.35, while Craig Guldenschuh finished with an average of 182.63.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cumberland 77, Pikeville 47

TIMES STAFF REPORT
 The Lady Bears shot only 24.5 percent for the game and turned it over 23 times.
 Junior Amelia Cody had a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds. She also finished with three steals and two assists, and hit 12-of-16 from the line.
 The Lady Bears were 22-of-31 (71.0 percent) from the line.
 Freshmen Heather Dillon and Ashley Wireman were also in

double figures. Dillon had 11 and six rebounds while Wireman added 10 and six. Junior Selena Williams added eight rebounds as Pikeville finished only one rebound (36-35) behind the Lady Patriots.
 No. 11 Cumberland had nine players with at least five points, led by Tenille Cann's 13. Danika Cox added 12 while Tiffany Stewart chipped in 11.
 Becky Sumner had nine points and a team-best eight rebounds.

Morehead State player learns from brush with NBA

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOREHEAD — Ricky Minard signed to play NCAA Division I basketball before he'd even made his first start in a high school game. By last spring, Minard and some others thought the Morehead State standout might be ready for the

NBA. Minard attended an NBA pre-draft camp in Chicago in June, soon after declaring himself eligible for the draft. But after playing with stars like UCLA's Jason Kapono and Arizona's Luke Walton at the camp, the 6-4 senior swingman withdrew his name from consideration.

Now Minard says returning for his senior season at little-known Morehead State — which hasn't played in the NCAA tournament since 1984 and hasn't had an All-America player in more than three decades — was a wise decision, and the numbers he's produced seem to fortify that claim. "You've got to step out

sometimes," Minard said of his decision to make himself draft-eligible. "I think that was the best thing for me at the time."

In January, Minard became Morehead's leading career scorer. He is averaging 20.9 points and 7.3 rebounds per game and twice has been Ohio Valley Conference player of the week. He had 2,273 points — fourth-best in OVC history — entering the Eagles' game Tuesday at Eastern Kentucky. Minard also holds school records for 3-pointers attempted and made.

Minard is a two-time first-team All-OVC selection. He was OVC player of the year last season after averaging 22.5 points and 6.2 rebounds per game and leading the Eagles to a 20-9 record and a share of the regular-season title.

But this season has been somewhat of a disappointment for Morehead State. The Eagles were expected to compete for the conference title but are 13-12 overall and 8-6 in the OVC, tied for third place, six games behind league-leading Austin Peay and four games behind second-place Murray State. In mid-January, the Eagles' struggles caused Macy to openly wonder whether attending the NBA draft camp had made

Minard into a better player. "He has played a little bit better the last few weeks," Morehead State coach Kyle Macy said. "We've had some injuries, and he's even had to play some point guard. I think in the overall scheme of things, that's helped him. He realizes he has to get everyone else involved."

With a week to go before the OVC tournament, Macy now agrees with Minard that the experience was a good one for the player.

"I wanted to see where I stood against that type of competition, to see if I was really ready and what I needed to

work on," Minard said. "I learned there's a lot more to the game of basketball than just being the fastest player, the one that can jump the highest. You learn a lot of mental things about the game, just overall maturity, things like that."

Morehead State guard Chez Marks, Minard's roommate, said Minard matured as a player as a result of attending the NBA camp.

"He does everything well now," Marks said. "He defends well, he rebounds well and he passes the ball well, and he's a scorer, too. I think he's gotten

(See NBA, page five)

FOOTBALL

Supersized Lorenzen has big dreams

by MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Jared Lorenzen has heard all the nicknames: the Pillsbury Throwboy, Hefty Lefty, even J. Load. And, yes, just about all of them fit.

While he is not even close to being the top-rated quarterback at this year's NFL combine, he is obviously the biggest — checking in Friday at 6-foot-3 and a trimmed-down 280 pounds.

"It's down, but it needs to be down even further," Lorenzen said when asked about his weight. "That's the thing everyone wants to know."

In a league that subscribes to the theory bigger is better, Lorenzen hopes to become the NFL's next big thing, literally.

With bigger quarterbacks like Steve McNair and Daunte Culpepper thriving in the pros, Lorenzen figures he can follow their lead and perhaps even start a new trend for supersized quarterbacks.

His stocky build makes him look more like a fullback and his large thighs and round belly make him tough to tackle. Lorenzen outweighs most NFL linebackers and some defensive linemen.

Other QBs, like Michigan State's Jeff Smoker, do a double take when they are face-to-face with Lorenzen.

"He's not a quarterback, you can't be a quarterback, no way," Smoker said, recalling his first impression of Lorenzen. "Then I

saw him throw the ball."

For Lorenzen, this is part of the game — the questions, glazed looks, defenders bouncing off his body. It's always been this way.

Lorenzen was 13 pounds, 3 ounces at birth, and that set the tone for what would follow.

As a high school senior, opponents could not contend with a 270-pound quarterback.

Lorenzen won Kentucky's Mr. Football Award by throwing for 3,298 yards and 45 touchdowns and rushing for 904 yards and 15 touchdowns.



Lorenzen

At Kentucky, his weight fluctuated, sometimes topping 300 pounds last year and once reaching nearly 310 before he stopped stepping on scales.

Lorenzen has been both durable and reliable.

He started 41 games, threw for 10,354 yards and 78 touchdowns and despite playing in three different offenses, Lorenzen still managed to keep his interceptions down. After throwing 21 as a freshman, he threw 20 in his last three seasons.

Some of Lorenzen's skills are obvious. He has a strong arm

(See DREAMS, page four)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 9 Kentucky 68, Auburn 59

by JOHN ZENOR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUBURN, Ala. — Gerald Fitch scored 18 points and Erik Daniels added 15 to lead No. 9 Kentucky past Auburn 68-59 on Saturday.

The Wildcats (19-4, 9-3 Southeastern Conference) have won 19 of the past 20 meetings with the Tigers (13-10, 4-8).

Cliff Hawkins spent much of the second half on the bench with foul trouble, but ignited Kentucky with eight of his 10 points over the final 5:14 during a 19-10 run after Auburn had tied the game.

More importantly for the Wildcats' fortunes, Fitch regained his shooting touch after missing three games with a sprained ligament in his right hand. He played 22 minutes against Arkansas, but had only eight points. Against the Tigers, he looked more like his team's offensive star, going 3-of-5 from 3-point range and 7-of-8 from the free throw line.

Kelenna Azubuike had eight points and eight rebounds for the Wildcats, who avoided adding to their list of tight wins with a strong finish.

Ian Young led Auburn with 13 points, but had only two in the second half. Brandon Robinson, another reserve, and Quinnel Brown each had 10 points.

Leading scorer Marco Killingsworth took just three shots, collecting eight points and eight rebounds but committing six turnovers. Kentucky seldom let him get the ball in the

paint after his uncontested dunk to open the scoring.

The Tigers shot just 34 percent, including 6-of-23 from 3-point range, in a game where both teams were hamstrung by foul trouble.

Auburn missed 11 consecutive field goal attempts — and two free throws — in a 6-minute scoreless stretch of the second half but still trailed only 46-40.

The Tigers tied it at 49-all on Brown's 3-pointer with 6:46 left, but made only two field goals after that — missing four on one possession.

Fitch's return to form provided a reprieve after the Wildcats missed all seven field goals in the first 7:40. He came off the bench with 18:39 left after Antwain Barbour picked up two quick fouls, and hit consecutive 3-pointers to tie the game late in the half.

Young made his third — and last — 3-pointer with 1 second left to give Auburn a 34-33 halftime lead. The Tigers led by as many as eight points midway through, but the teams had a combined nine players with two fouls by halftime.



photos by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne senior Tabetha Witt scored for Betsy Layne in the first half of Monday night's win over Jenkins.

RIGHT: Ladycat senior Whitney Lykens pulled up for a baseline jump shot.



BASEBALL

Beaver Creek Little League signups

Beaver Creek Little League signups will be held on Feb. 28, March 6 and March 13 from noon until 2 p.m. each day. Another signup will be held on March 20 from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Martin Community Center. The league will also conduct signups for girls' softball on the same dates. For additional information, contact Sarita Jacobs at 285-0668, Rodney Nelson at 285-4230 or Debi Bentley at 285-5070.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Ashland rolls past Lady Blackcats

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ASHLAND — For two quarters it looked as though the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats may just pull off one of the biggest upsets in the Jack Pack era, but a 27-5 third quarter run by the Lady Tomcats turned a 23-21 half-time deficit into a 48-28 lead after three quarters. Ashland took an early 15-12 lead after one quarter of play, but Prestonsburg would outscore the Lady Tomcats 11-6 in the second quarter to take a 23-21 lead at the half. Molly Burchett led Prestonsburg with 12 points on the night and senior Heather White pitched in 10 in the short effort.

Ashland took complete control in the third quarter as the Lady Tomcats would outscore Prestonsburg 52-14 in the second half of play and go on to a 73-37 win over Prestonsburg. Darcey Hicks tossed in four points for Prestonsburg and Amber Whitaker added three. Meaghan Slone also finished with three points in the loss.

Chanel Music and Linsey Fields each added a bucket for Prestonsburg and Brittany Collins rounded out the scoring for the Lady Blackcats with one point. Ashland improved to 15-8 with the win over Prestonsburg. The regular-season is winding down, with district tournament play set to begin next week. Prestonsburg will take on Allen Central in the opening round of district play.

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7. I/We will furnish a certified birth certificate of the above-named candidate to League Officials.

Signature _____

Date _____

Lyons' 28 points leads Pike Central over Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — Pike County Central senior Chase Lyons tossed in 28 points and junior Anthony Gibson added

another 13 as the Hawks turned back Betsy Layne 75-57 Friday night at the Hawks' Nest.

Pike Central played strong, both inside and out. The Hawks played without guard Adam Prater, who was out with a

sprained ankle.

"I thought our inside game really hurt them," said Coach David Rowe. "Without Adam we lost some of our quickness so we weren't able to press or really get after them like we wanted

to, so we were going to slow down and try to pound the ball inside. "Luckily for us our guards and our forwards did a good job of getting the ball down into Chase and Gibson and we were able to score in there."

Lyons shot 12-for-15 in the game, scoring 14 of Pike Central's 23 points in the second quarter. But Betsy Layne responded. Brandon Thacker hit four three-pointers in the first half and the Bobcats shot 10-for-13 at the stripe, trailing 40-33 at halftime. In the third quarter,

Pike Central shot 27-for-47 from the field and 18-for-28 from the charity stripe.

For Betsy Layne, its post defense was hit and miss.

"We didn't do a good job of post defense and we haven't all

Dreams

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and his size helps him avoid sacks.

As Lorenzen continues to develop, scouts can't help but wonder whether he's too heavy to play in the NFL.

"It's an issue on any player at any position, that's a fact of life and it's something you always ask," Atlanta president and general manager Rich McKay said. "I think you have to become comfortable with it."

Lorenzen's size will probably affect his draft position.

This year's quarterback class is strong. Four players — Eli Manning, Ben Roethlisberger, Philip Rivers and J.P. Losman — all could be first-round picks. A handful more could also go on the first day.

Lorenzen isn't expected to be among either group, and there's no guarantee he'll get

drafted at all.

Still, he insists he's doing things differently, cutting pizza and chocolate out of his diet and steadily shedding pounds.

"I've learned how to do it the right way," he said. "I'm not trying any quick fixes any more. But I've been big from the get go."

Still, when you're as big as Lorenzen and playing quarterback, you can't escape the questions, the giggles or the nicknames.

"Probably, if someone looks at me or sees my height and weight, they'd think I'm slowest guy on earth," Lorenzen said. "But I'm pretty agile."

"I've always been Hefty Lefty as far as I can remember," he added with a laugh. "I've been Jughead, J Rock, J. Load, you name it, I've pretty much been them all."

OUTDOORS FEATURE

It's time for antler hunting

by STEVE VANTRESE
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — Without a single shot to be fired, it's trophy hunting time.

The season is nearing the peak for hunters to have an opportunity at bagging prize deer antlers, albeit without the whitetail beneath them. Late February is when an increasing number of bucks shed their bony racks, their year's antler crop loosening and dropping off the natural bases on their heads.

Deer antler, some of the fastest-growing tissue in nature, is a bone product that sprouts each summer in a short few weeks. A whitetail buck's antlers harden, shedding its fuzzy "velvet" skin covering in late August to September. The antlers serve for a few months as status symbols and tools for fighting and intimidation before they are disposed of as the deer's breeding season wraps

up. "We find that by mid-February, we start to see antlerless bucks," said Jonathan Day, biologist and deer program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "About now is when we start getting into the prime time for bucks to shed their racks."

While some bucks will wear their antlers for a few more weeks, some into early spring, most of the larger antlers hit the ground sooner.

"Patterns are based more on individuals, but there is some evidence that mature deer tend to lose their antlers earlier than others," Day said. "Some of the little bucks hang on to their racks a little longer."

The divesting of the antlers is purely a hormonally driven body change that is caused by the time of year and its changing length of daylight.

"The shedding is because of the decline in the amount of

testosterone in a buck's body," Day said. "That decline kills the cells between the antlers and the pedicels on top of the buck's head from which the antlers grow."

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Johnson Central 55, Greenup County 48

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Alice Daniel hit for a game-high 23 points to lead Johnson Central past Greenup County. The Lady Eagles led Greenup County 17-7 through one quarter before going on to win 55-48.

A balanced scoring attack led Johnson Central as nine different Lady Eagles registered points.

Cats

Championship Game.

Kristal Daniels tossed in a game-high 22 points and Whitney Lykens scored 18 to lead Betsy Layne past Jenkins. Clark added 14 points.

Jenkins hung with Betsy Layne in the first period, but it wasn't long before the Lady Cats shook the visiting team loose. Betsy Layne outscored the visiting 14th Region team 21-7 in the second quarter. After matching points with Jenkins in the third period (each team scored 13 points), Betsy Layne finished the game strong and put on an exclamation point on the contest by outscoring Jenkins 23-10 in the final period.

Two different players scored in double figures for Greenup County.

East Carter 80, Paintsville 29: East Carter led 24-2 at the end of the first quarter and had very little trouble beating Paintsville.

A bright spot for Paintsville was the play of senior Ashley Hall. In the loss, Hall had 15 points. Chelsee Jarrell scored seven.

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Three different players scored in double figures for Jenkins.

Betsy Layne will close the regular-season portion of its schedule out Thursday when it hosts Pikeville.

Betsy Layne 66, Pike Central 63: Visiting Betsy Layne withstood a fourth-quarter rally and left the Hawks' Nest with a win.

Whitney Lykens led Betsy Layne with a game-high 21 points. Kim Clark pushed in 17 points and Kristen Smith netted 10. Tabetta Witt scored eight and Kristal Daniels added six. Breann Akers had four points.

Haley Ratliff led Pike Central with 17 points. Mishay Weddington scored 15.

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Boys' Top 20 Basketball Rankings

1. Lexington Catholic
2. Mason County
3. Warren Central
4. Seneca
5. Scott County
6. Pleasure Ridge Park
7. Fern Creek
8. Covington Catholic
9. Wayne County
10. DeSales
11. Jeffersonton
12. Elizabethtown
13. Apollo
14. Hopkinsville
15. Hazard
16. Bishop Brossart
17. Perry County Central
18. Lafayette
19. Daviess County
20. Henderson County

Girls' Top 20 Basketball Rankings

1. Sacred Heart
2. Lexington Catholic
3. Henderson County
4. Christian County
5. Rockcastle County
6. Mercer
7. Scott County
8. Perry County Central
9. Mercer County
10. Jackson County
11. Assumption
12. Clinton County
13. Boone County
14. East Carter
15. Newport Central Catholic
16. Elizabethtown
17. Central Hardin
18. Christian Academy- Louisville
19. South Laurel
20. Wayne County

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Lady Rebs down Pike Central

Thomas, Mullins combine for 37 points

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BUCKLEYS CREEK — The Allen Central Lady Rebels, coached by Mark Martin, picked up one of their biggest wins of the season on Monday evening with a 61-60 win over the Pike County Central Lady Hawks. Allen Central led after every quarter and held on to post the one point win. The Lady Rebels led 17-13 after one quarter of play and 27-25 at the half.

Becky Thomas continued her brilliant play with 19 points and 15 rebounds. Terri Mullins tossed in 18 points for Allen Central. Allen Central held on to the lead in the second half, as it led by a score of 43-42 after three quarters of play. Jessica Isaac finished with 11 points in the win. Mara Billiter added seven points for Allen Central and Tab Caudill tossed in 3 points.

Allen Central and Pike

Central each totaled 18 points in the fourth quarter and the Lady Rebels would hold on for a 61-60 win.

Allen Central improved to 15-11 with the win and Pike Central fell to 15-9.

Allen Central will take on the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats in the opening round of district tournament play next week. The 58th District Tournament will be held at Allen Central High School as the Lady Rebels and Rebels will host.

Bears move up two spots in poll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

OLATHE, Kan. — When the Pikeville College Bears moved up to 19th in last week's NAIA Div. I poll it matched the highest ranking of the season for the

team.

This week, the Bears split a pair of games against higher-ranked opponents and moved up two spots to No. 17 in the ratings released by the national office today.

The Bears lost to then-No. 4 Lindsey Wilson but rallied to knock off the No. 15 team, Cumberland College, on Saturday.

A shakeup at the top of the poll caused one Mid-South Conference team to move up while another slipped. While Mountain State (28-1) got all 12 first-place votes, Georgetown leap-frogged Concordia (Calif.) to move to second after the Eagles lost to Azusa Pacific. Concordia is third, but Azusa used the win to trade places with Lindsey Wilson, which fell one place to fifth despite two wins last week.

Cumberland's losses to Georgetown and Pikeville cost them six spots in the ratings and landed them 21st. Brescia University from Owensboro, an independent, advanced one place to 22nd.

The Bears have two remaining home games in the regular season. They host Lambuth (Tenn.) University Thursday night at 7:45, following the Lady Bears game at 5:45, and will play second-ranked Georgetown Saturday at 4 p.m.

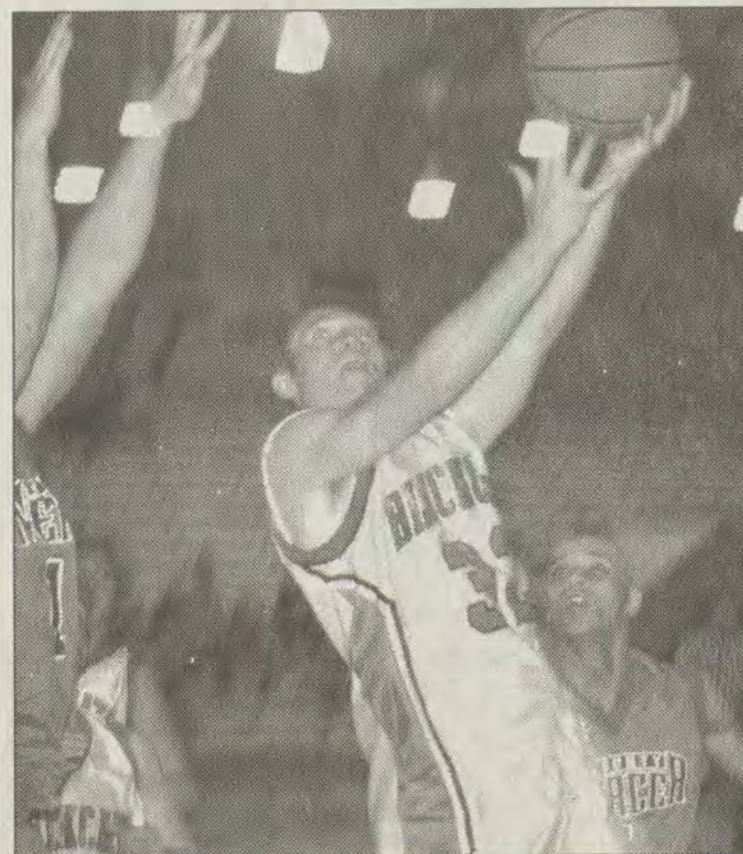


photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg junior Joe Blackburn split two Mercer County defenders on his way to the basket.



photo by Jamie Howell

The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats boarded a charter bus Monday evening and headed to Boyd County where they took on Ashland, a 16th Region team.

Lexington Catholic, Mason remain 1-2

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Hazard is just outside the latest Associated Press boys' high school basketball poll. Lexington Catholic remains number one in the poll followed by Mason County. Sacred Heart is still the top girls' basketball team.

The top teams in the Kentucky Associated Press high school basketball polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings:

BOYS				
Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Lex. Catholic	(9)	23-3	99	1
2. Mason Co.	(1)	24-2	91	2
3. Warren Central	-	18-7	51	4
4. Wayne Co.	-	23-3	49	3
5. Lou. Seneca	-	24-4	45	5
6. Lou. PRP	-	19-6	44	7
7. Scott Co.	-	20-5	36	8
8. Cov. Catholic	-	20-3	31	9
9. Lou. Fern Creek	-	23-4	28	6
10. Lou. DeSales	-	21-4	26	10

Others receiving votes: Hazard 13, Owensboro Apollo 8, Elizabethtown 7, Hopkinsville 5, Clark Co. 4, Ashland 3, Muhlenberg North 3, Morgan Co. 2, Boyd Co. 1, Cavema 1, Jeffersonton 1, Lou. Male 1, Perry Co. Central 1.

GIRLS				
Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. Sacred Heart	(10)	25-1	100	1
2. Henderson Co.	-	24-3	84	3
3. Christian Co.	-	24-3	78	2
4. Rockcastle Co.	-	23-3	59	4
5. Lex. Catholic	-	18-7	56	5
6. Lou. Mercy	-	16-7	31	8
7. Elizabethtown	-	22-4	19	6
8. Jackson Co.	-	18-6	17	7
9. Daviess Co.	-	24-2	16	9
10. Perry Co. Central	-	22-3	15	10

Others receiving votes: Lex. Henry Clay 12, Mercer Co. 9, Scott Co. 8, Clinton Co. 7, Boyd Co. 5, Marshall Co. 5, Barren Co. 4, Central Hardin 4, East Carter 4, Cov. Holy Cross 3, Rowan Co. 3, Ohio Co. 2, Russell 2, Boone Co. 1, Lou. Butler 1, Newport Central Catholic 1.

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P'burg grapplers gear up for state wrestling tournament

NBA

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The 2004 KHSAA State Wrestling Championships are on tap this

week. Action begins at 11 a.m. on Thursday and continues through Saturday at the Farnham Dudgeon Arena in Frankfort. State Bracket Entries will be posted on the KHSAA website

today.

Prestonsburg wrestlers Steven Thompson and Drew Hilton have qualified for the state event. Thompson finished regional competition over the weekend at Wayne County High School second in 145-pound weight class. Hilton was fourth in the 135-pound class. Alternates for the State Tournament from Prestonsburg are Chris Bostic (103), Chris Hayden (140) and Wes Woods (171). Chris Crider (189) and Bruce Hall (215) each finished sixth in their respective weight classes.

Sheldon Clark won the Region 8 Wrestling Tournament. A complete list of winners may be viewed on the KHSAA website.

Tickets to the event will be \$6 general admission per session. An all-session ticket will be available for \$20. Children six and under will be admitted free. Gates open for fans at noon on Thursday, 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Friday, 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday.

STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Thursday
Session 1 begins at Noon
Friday
Session 2 begins at 9 a.m.
Session 3 begins at 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
Session 4 begins at 9 a.m.
Session 5 begins at 7 p.m.
(opening ceremonies at 6:30 p.m.)



Steven Thompson

better since he came back."

Minard wasn't heavily recruited out of Mansfield High School in Ohio. Macy saw Minard during the player's junior season, when the coach was recruiting another player who eventually signed with the Eagles, Marquis Sykes. Minard, who wasn't starter on his high school team until he was a senior, received only a handful of Division I scholarship offers, mostly from schools in low- and mid-major conferences. Minard doesn't regret going to a school in a mid-major league.

"If you do your job, anywhere you go, they'll find you if you're good enough," Minard said. "It's not about what school you go to. It's about

what you do when you get there."

Macy was concerned earlier in the season that Minard perhaps was worrying too much about his possible NBA future.

"I think he seems to be more focused lately, probably

because he's a senior who's playing his last few college games," said Macy, who played seven seasons in the NBA after helping Kentucky win the 1978 NCAA title. "I think he did struggle some early, but he seems to be back on track."

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Hunting

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"It's all triggered by the photo period, the number of hours of sunlight each day," he said.

There are significant numbers of buck deer out there that shed antlers this and every other year about this time, yet there's little chance for a significant accumulation of discarded antlers.

"They don't last too long," Day said. "The rodents get on them pretty quickly. Squirrels, mice and other rodents will gnaw on them for the calcium — they are bone, as opposed to horn — and eat them up pretty soon."

There isn't any magic to hunting shed antlers. The only key is to scan areas where deer live, particularly places where bucks spend larger amounts of time. Sheds are often deposited around thickety bedding areas where bucks lounge during the daylight hours, but they likewise sometimes end up around feeding areas in fields or hardwoods or along trails leading to and from them.

Most antlers are shed individually, but occasionally a pair of antlers from a buck's "matched set" can be found near each other

— rarely, within a few feet of each other.

Antler hunting is sometimes combined with postseason scouting for some die-hard deer hunters. Prowling deer haunts after the close of the real hunting season can allow hunters to identify regular trails, hidden bedding areas, old breeding "scrapes," territorially marked "rubs" and "rub lines" that can help determine future hunting sites.

Learning areas of regular deer travel and refuge is easier in late winter because of concentrations of deer signs — tracks, beaten-down trails, scrapes and antler rubs — that have had time to be emphasized by months of repetition but before spring's "green-up" comes to obscure the telltale activity.

Whether finding and collecting antlers is primary or secondary in motive, the racks now are being deposited. All that remains to be determined is whether they are collected as keepsakes or linger long enough to be whittled away by sharp-toothed critters.

Lead

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year," Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose said. "They shot the ball well and played good defense. ... I thought we might be able to pressure them and our press really wasn't effective. We had a little trap there that was OK. They shot the ball so well that they made us pay for it."

Thacker had five three-pointers and led Betsy Layne with 20 points, hitting all five of his free-throw attempts. Hall scored 12 points. Ryan Bryant and Brent Newsome scored six each. Brandon Kidd and Brentton Akers scored four each.

Jordan Case had three points and senior point guard Jordan Kidd scored two.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Prestonsburg vs. Jackson County

The Prestonsburg High boys' basketball team will play host to Jackson County Friday in a regular-season finale. It will also be Senior Night for the Basketball Blackcats.

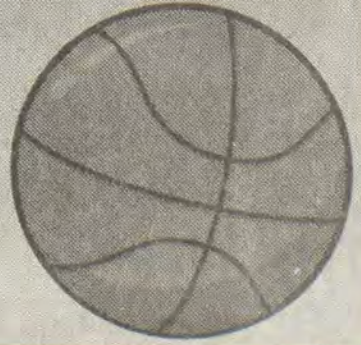
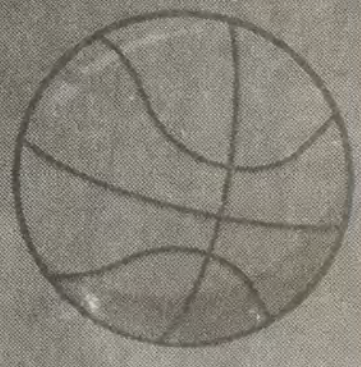
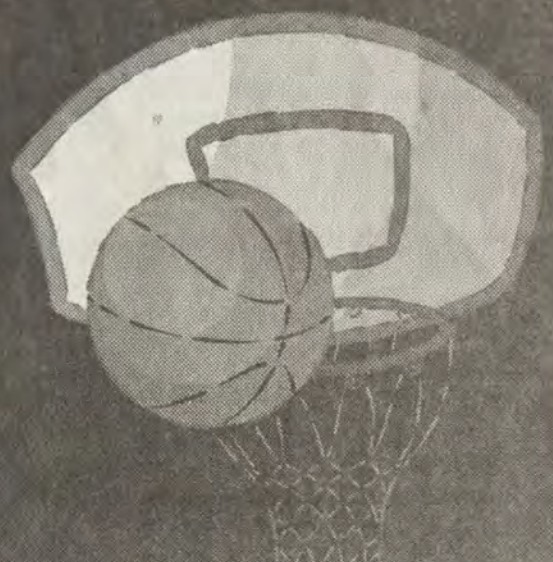
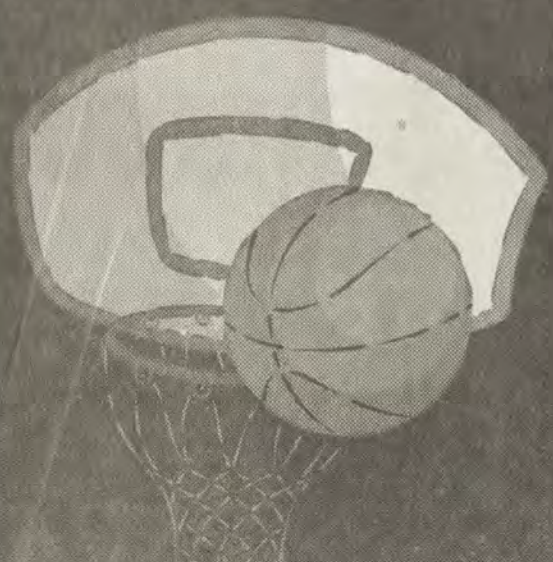
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POISON OAK

Nothing like a good phone call

Last week's column was written and filed before I heard of the death of long-time radio personality, Bill Barker. Consequently, I had no opportunity to mention the loss of such a fine man and what he meant to this community.

Those who knew Bill will need no explanation of the above statement.

For those who didn't have the privilege to have met him, there are no words in my vocabulary to express the kind of man I knew him to be.



Clyde Pack

Suffice it to say, Ole Bill Barker—who proudly proclaimed himself to be from "Waller Hole on the steep side of Elliott County Hill"—was one of a kind. He will be missed.

The KentuckyTelemarketing "No Call" program went into effect on July 15, 2002, and via a report released last week by Attorney General Greg Stumbo's office, we learned that Kentucky had the fewest, "Do Not Call" complaints of any other state. It seems that from Oct. 1 until Dec. 31, 2003, only 225 complaints were filed by Kentuckians who felt they had a right to eat supper without someone trying to sell them aluminum siding. Although there's no way for me to prove it, I'd be willing to bet that of the 225 people who complained, less than a dozen of them were from Eastern Kentucky.

While we here in the mountains might gripe to one another about those annoying interruptions, the bottom line

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KIM'S KORNER

Thanks, everyone!

Oh, my goodness, if you missed The Floyd County Times' 2nd Annual Prom & Bridal Expo, you really missed it!

It was absolutely wonderful! And there are so many to Thank for all their hard work and contributions toward seeing it through to the success that it was.

First and foremost I thank God, there were times last week I honestly didn't think I was going to have the energy or wits left to make it through last Sunday.

But He poured out His Blessings and what a joy it was.

The advertising staff once again came through giving 100% of themselves! Justin, Sherry, and Jamie, you are so appreciated! Charlotte, our Receptionist/Ad Clerk and my right arm last



Kim Frasure

Sunday, I appreciate so much. Joy, and Patty, I truly thank you both for your hard work and everything you did, it meant so much to have you there. Tammy, thank You so, so much for helping us out and keeping us straight! You Go Girl, I do thank You!

Ashleigh, thanks my child, for helping play photographer, and to our Sports Editor Steve LeMaster I truly appreciate you coming to take pictures for us too!

David Bowyer, our Publisher, totally blew my mind with all his support of this years Prom and Bridal Expo!

(See KORNER, page eight)



Lonnie Hendrix, of Hyden, has been spending Mondays and Tuesdays each week teaching children at John M. Stumbo Elementary School the fine art of landscape painting. The children have been learning about landscapes and seascapes and how to paint on canvas.

Wintertime is fun-time with artist visits at John M. Stumbo

Article and photos submitted

John M. Stumbo Elementary's art classes are exciting places to be these days! This being due, in part, to informative and entertaining visits from local artist, Lonnie Hendrix. Hendrix is participating in the school's "Artist-in-Residence" program by visiting regularly throughout the month of February, teaching students (and their art teacher, Ms. Hughes!) how to paint landscapes and seascapes on canvas.

The Artist-in-Residence program is made possible by a grant from the Kentucky Arts Council and the John M. Stumbo Elementary School Family Resource Center. The school's art teacher, Cindi Hughes, applied for the grant in order to learn more about how to teach her students how to paint.

The grant funds a professional artist for a teaching residency in a Kentucky school. Hendrix, who also owns the Hyden Florist Shop, in Hyden, has been working with Ms. Hughes and her students on Mondays and Tuesdays each week this past month. On these days,

Hughes practices being a student herself once again, working alongside her students under Mr. Hendrix's tutelage. Then, for the remainder of the week, she reiterates what she has learned during student art sessions. The students have really enjoyed learning new techniques right alongside their teacher. Mr. Hendrix's visits give everyone something exciting to look forward to!

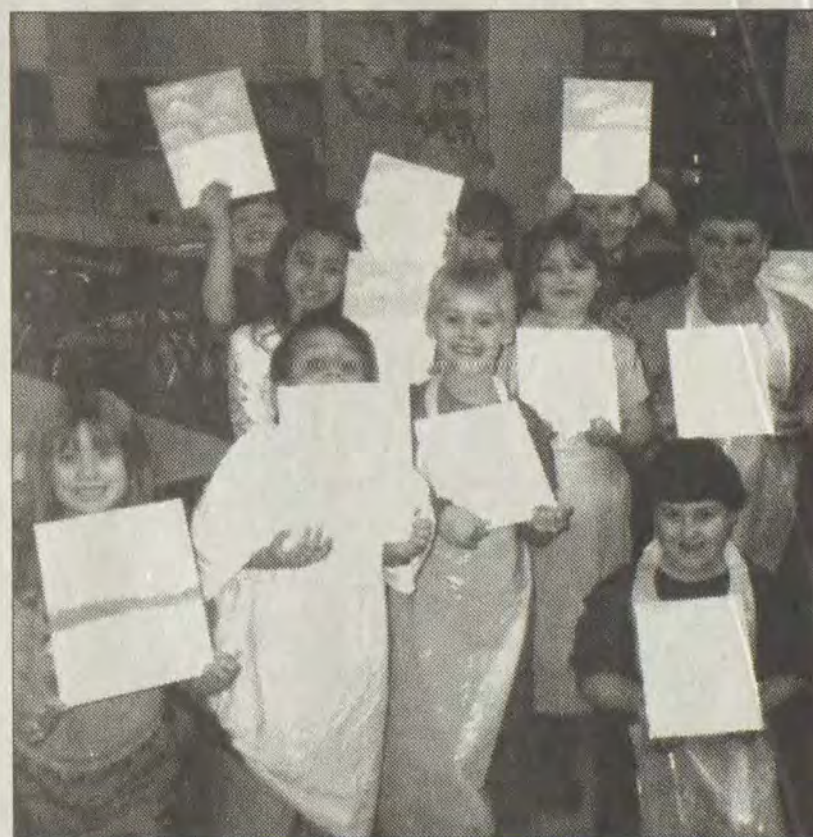
"All of the students are doing an amazing job with their paintings," said Hughes. "They are catching on to the painting techniques quickly and it is not at all unusual to see one student help another who was absent to catch up to what the rest of the class is doing," she said.

Hughes went on to say that the terms "wet wash," "brush stroke," and such are "becoming very familiar" to Stumbo's students.

According to Hughes, the Artist-in-Residence program "heavily supports" Kentucky's learning goals for the visual arts.

As all good things eventually do, the Artist-in-Residence program will soon come to a close and Mr.

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As the expressions on these assorted happy faces show, there's nothing like a good long break away from the rigors of readin', writin' and 'rithmetic to re-energize that learning and creative spirit!

CRITTER CORNER

Those 'pearly whites'.

February is National Veterinary Dental Health Month. Despite all the jokes that have been made about "doggy breath" and "tuna breath," dog and cat dental problems are no laughing matter. Have you looked in your pet's mouth lately?

If everything looks normal—pink gums and clean white teeth—great, you're in a good spot to begin some preventive maintenance. On the other hand, if things didn't look so good, or if you didn't get a good look before the smell hit you, your pet is

probably among the thousands affected from some degree of oral disease. Actually, the statistics that I have say that more than 80% of dogs and cats over four years of age suffer from the most common oral affliction, periodontal disease. This is a condition of the gums that results from buildup of food particles and bacteria in the mouth. The bacteria collect in the normally shallow pockets where the gums meet the teeth.

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This is "Baylee," a beautiful, friendly and fun-loving Husky owned by Heath and Christina Wiley, of Hippo. Baylee, like the rest of Heath and Christina's pets, is just a tiny bit spoiled!

School Calendar

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

**Throughout the month of February, on Mondays, from 1:25 - 2:15 p.m., Carol Jo May from Our Lady of the Way Hospital Education Dept., will present an exercise program for 6th grade classes.

School is currently collecting Food City receipts! Please send them in now through March.

■ Feb. 26 - Self-Esteem program for 6th grade students.

**Recreation Room now open for students after school. Anyone who has items to donate to the rec room, please call the center.

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information on any of the above activities, or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

NOTICE School is now collecting Food City receipts. Students may bring receipts to homeroom teachers, or parents/community members may drop off at office.

**Lost coats have been turned in to the center office - please have your child come

claim their coat.**

■ ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activity calendars on the first school day of each month to all students. Parents should be advised to watch for these informative materials as a means to staying informed on school happenings.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

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.

■ Contact the center at 478-

5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

**Each Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., "Fit Club" for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

■ We are currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for 5th grade students. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in the community.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ Feb. 27 - Bridges Parent Support Group, 1:30 p.m., in the Allen Central Middle School Resource Center. Parents, caregivers, grandparents, teachers and support staff are all welcome to attend. Fun, activities, refreshments and information!

■ March 29-April 2 - SPRING BREAK.

**School is now collecting Food City receipts. Please help our school receive new computers and technological equipment through the "Apples for Students" program. Children may turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to the school office.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each

Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; Kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Headstart physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

■ Lending library available to parents for check out of videos of their interest.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

**School is currently collecting Food City receipts to assist in purchasing equipment

for the school. Please donate your receipts by dropping them off at the school office or sending them with a student.**

■ GED classes held in the library on Monday and Wednesday of each week, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP CALENDAR:

■ March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

■ April 15 - No meeting. All parents invited to attend "Give Yourself a Break Day" at the Mt. Arts Center.

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ March 1 - SBDM Council meeting, 5 p.m., school auditorium.

■ The Family Resource 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

■ Walking track open to public (except during special event).

■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ 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.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

W.D. OSBORNE "RAINBOW JUNCTION" FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(March 2 and March 4, 1994)

One of two remaining fugitives who escaped from the Otter Creek Correctional Facility, last month, was captured Tuesday, in Western Kentucky. Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson said Tuesday that Kentucky State Police from Henderson, caught James Cox at approximately 4:30 p.m., at a residence in Henderson County...Controversies over health care reform, KERA, and a possible casino bill, in the General Assembly, are tough enough, but House Bill 128, which would change the state tree from the Kentucky coffee tree to the tulip poplar, became a thorny question last week. After debate on the merits of both trees, HB 128 which squeaked through the House, 49-43, on February 1, was approved in the Senate...Two cousins were acquitted Tuesday, of assaulting Wayland Police Chief Danny Francis, last April. Jurors deliberated about an hour and a half, before returning not guilty verdicts for cousins Rady and Wade Martin of Wayland. Both men were indicted, last June, on assault charges, for allegedly participating in an altercation with Francis...State Education Commissioner Dr. Thomas Boysen laid the speculation to rest, Tuesday, appointing the candidate most local observers expected, to a vacancy in the District 5 seat on the Floyd County Board of Education. Boysen selected Phyllis Honshell, of Wayland, from six finalists seeking the post..."Where's my name?" was the query from many anxious faces as they watched the posting of invitational speech tournament finalists during the February 12th competitions held at Johnson Central High School...First there were many, and then there was one. Or, at least one with the city's official seal of approval. Following weeks of deliberations, debates, and some disagreement, over the quality and quantity of festivals held annually, in an around Prestonsburg, council agreed, Monday, to throw its full support and attention to one event, the Jenny Wiley Festival, held each year during the second week of October...Otter Creek prison escapee James Cox, was returned to Floyd County, Wednesday, by sheriff's deputies lieu-

tenant Lloyd Powers, and Greg Clark. Cox was one of three inmates who walked away from the prison last month. Cox was arrested in Henderson County...In an effort to get Floyd County's solid waste department on secure financial footing, fiscal court members voted, Thursday, to float a bond issue which will alleviate problems with that department's cash flow. Court members authorized issuing \$8.4 million in bonds, which includes \$2.5 million for the solid waste department and \$5.9 million to build a new county jail...It took two tries, Thursday, for the Floyd County Fiscal Court to approve bid advertisements to construct parts of a harness racing facility. Magistrates Tommy Neil Adams and Jackie Edford Owens, almost stopped the project at Thursday's special fiscal court meeting, when they voted against advertising for bids which included paving, fencing, and concrete work, at the race track site..."It's either too cotton pickin' hot to breathe, or too cotton pickin' cold to stand it," said 5th Kentucky Confederate Don Johnson, about Civil War re-enacting. Saturday, February 26, when the nighttime thermometer plummeted to 10 degrees. It was just too "cotton pickin' cold for Johnson and several of his fellow re-enactors...Geoff Belcher joined the administrative staff of the Floyd County Board of Education, Tuesday, as administrative assistant for personnel and communications. Belcher, 25, fills the post vacated recently by Terry Spears...There died: Cleffie Prater, 78, of Hueysville, died Sunday, February 27, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Cecil R. Sizemore, 82, formerly of Prestonsburg, February 17, at the Burgess Nursing Home in Kalamazoo, Michigan; Lou Creassa Caudill, 76, of Marion, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, Friday, February 25, at the Marion General Hospital; Jeff Hall, 69, of Albion, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, February 28, at Albion Community Hospital; Pearl Ratliff Shepherd, 92, of Hueysville, Saturday, February 26, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Ida Higgins, 81, of Minnie, Monday, February 28, at her residence; Josephine "Josie" Goble, 90, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, February 28, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg; Mabel Shelton Belcher, 76, of Sitka, formerly of Weeksbury, Saturday,

February 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Jeanette McGuire Bowles, 78, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, March 1, at her residence; Blanche Smith, 98, of Auxier, March 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Earl Johnson, 79, of Weeksbury, Saturday, February 26, at his residence.

Twenty Years Ago

(March 7, 1984)

A Lexington jury found Charles J. McNally, manager of East Kentucky Auto Parts, and James E. Gray, cabinet secretary under Gov. Julian Carroll, guilty of conspiracy and mail fraud...Family members of Glenda Sharon Marshall seek to bar her husband from receiving any of her inheritance, following her death. Marshall's husband, Clyde Douglas Marshall, was found not guilty of conspiring to kill his wife...Following a complaint by landowners who claimed they were ignored by state officials, a federal mining inspector shut down a strip-mine operating at Minnie in the name of Rep. Greg Stumbo...The ninth mine-related death in the state occurred Monday, when James Monroe Vanderpool was electrocuted outside a mine of the Nerco-Hiller Mining Company at David...There died: Monroe Duff, 74, of Hueysville, Friday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Richard D. Samons, 73, of Martin, Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Vina Pack, 83, of Drift, last Wednesday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Lemon Mullins, 53, of Dema, Thursday, in a Lexington hospital; Bobby Ray Henson, 48, of Ligon, last Wednesday, following an auto accident; Nannie Hall, 38, of Craynor, February 29, at Pikeville Methodist; Marie Hancock, 76, of Betsy Layne, Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago

(March 6, 1974)

The Times learned, this week, that the mystery surrounding the gunshot slayings last year on Right Beaver Creek of Deputy Sheriff Lawrence Conley and James Clayton Conley, has been cleared and that

a warrant has been issued for the arrest of a man as the killer of both...State Senator Tom Ward (D-Versailles) told members of the Floyd County Save Our Land Club, at a meeting here, Friday night, that strip mine regulations are not being enforced strictly and uniformly...An attempt by a prisoner at the Floyd County jail, last week, to escape, ala John Dillinger, by fashioning a pistol from a bar of soap, and then coloring it with shoe polish, went awry when Jailer's Assistant James Clark failed to go "according to the book," and landed a left to the jaw of the would-be escapee...A National Guard unit has been approved for Prestonsburg, it was announced recently, by Maj. General Richard Frymire...House Bill 9, on which thousands of eastern Kentuckians had pinned their hopes of relief from the ancient Broad Form Deed, is in trouble in the Kentucky Senate...Allen Central High School won the 58th district basketball championship game, over the Prestonsburg Blackcats Saturday night, 67 to 58...There died: Miss Ruby Lillian Robinson, 49, of Auxier, recently; Mrs. Mae Green Wallen, 59, Sunday, at her home at David; Bill Slone, 52, of Halo, Monday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Cinda Rollins, 80, of Hueysville, Wednesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Martin; Jesse L. Jones, 73, last Thursday, at his home at Wheelwright.

Forty Years Ago

(March 12, 1964)

The University of Kentucky's Prestonsburg Community College definitely will open in September, 1964, with a full two-year academic program...One-hundred-seventy unemployed fathers of school children went to work in this county, Monday morning, on public projects selected for improvement during a six-month demonstration works program in Floyd and six other eastern Kentucky counties...Prestonsburg came in first in District 7 of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's Opportunity for Progress Program...Discussion in the Republican party organization, that had been developing for weeks, came to a climax at the

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Critter

Over time, the gum tissue becomes progressively more inflamed, the periodontal pockets get eroded more deeply, and the bacteria gain access to the tooth root which can cause pain and eventual loosening of the tooth. What we see are red, swollen gums, heavy buildup of tartar (the brown crusty stuff that is providing shelter for the bacteria underneath), and a foul odor from the mouth.

Notice that I said foul: normal dog and cat breath may not always be perceived as pleasant, depending on the person doing the smelling and what the animal may have just had in its mouth, but it is not fetid.

The animal may show signs of pain, but these are not always easy to recognize. Some pets may chew more slowly, avoid hard foods, paw at their mouth,

or just become more quiet and withdrawn than usual. Occasionally, a tooth will abscess and drain through the skin, usually just below the eye, where the deep roots of the fourth premolar lie.

If your vet has recommended a dental cleaning for your pet, it is for more than just cosmetic reasons. Dental disease can lead to some major problems for the entire body. The blood supply to the gums lies very close to the surface, and when a pool of bacteria is constantly present, it is easy for the bacteria to enter the bloodstream and spread to other parts of the body.

Two organs that are commonly affected are the heart and the kidneys. Bacteria can colonize on the heart valves and cause a condition called bacterial endocarditis. This can cause

the valves to become leaky and lead to a form of heart failure. An even more dangerous possibility is that clumps of bacteria and tissue can break off. While this could potentially clog a major artery, the tendency is for small pieces to lodge in smaller vessels, especially in the lungs and kidneys.

If you've ever taken an animal to the vet for a urinary infection, and the vet seemed awfully interested in its mouth, this is why. This is also why it is important to give your pet all the antibiotics prescribed for a dental infection, even if the mouth is looking better long before the medication runs out.

Chew toys and hard biscuits may help remove plaque, the soft precursor to tartar. (Even cats sometimes like to gnaw on hard chewies.) Bones are defi-

nately out; any benefits they might have for teeth are outweighed by the risk of injury or death from pieces that might splinter off.

My opinion on rawhide toys has always been mixed. My rule of thumb with my own dogs has been that they could have them if they chewed on them over a long period of time, but if they were actively eating them, I took them away. After having to refer a dog to a specialist in Cincinnati a couple of weeks ago for an endoscopy after it became choked on a rawhide, I'm not sure about letting any dog have them. The specialist

was vehemently against them, and said that the only thing he thought caused more harm was pig ears. I am certainly going to be more cautious in the future with my dogs.

Brushing your pet's teeth is not as farfetched as it sounds. While it will not remove existing tartar, it can prevent problems in a healthy mouth, and can vastly improve the condition of the mouth following a professional cleaning. No, animals in the wild don't brush after meals, but their diet is much harsher, and their life expectancy is much shorter; those that live long enough

probably do develop tooth and gum disease.

Your vet can show you how to start teaching your pet to accept tooth brushing, initially just using moist gauze squares. Don't try to use regular human toothpaste; it isn't designed to be swallowed, and few animals appreciate its foaming action. A child's toothbrush with very soft bristles is OK if not too big for your pet's mouth, but again, those designed specifically for animals may be easier to use.

Now go check that mouth. Your dental cleaning may not be the only one that's overdue!

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Nominations for Earth Day 2004 awards sought

FRANKFORT - Do you know a business, student or group that is working hard to protect Kentucky's environment? You could help them win an award for their efforts. The Kentucky Environmental

Quality Commission (EQC) is now accepting nominations for its annual Earth Day 2004 awards.

The awards recognize Kentuckians for their outstanding commitment and service in protecting the environment. Any group, business, school, official or individual can be nominated for the honor. To

submit a nomination, send the nominee's name, address, phone number and a one-page summary of the nominee's efforts to the Environmental Quality Commission, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, KY 40601. You can also submit a nomination electronically and see past year winners by visiting the EQC Web site at www.eqc.ky.gov. The deadline for nominations is March 20, 2004.

The EQC will honor its award winners on April 22, 2004, during an awards ceremony to celebrate the 34th anniversary of Earth Day. The ceremo-

ny will be held at the Governor's Mansion in Frankfort.

Editor's note: The Environmental Quality Commission is a seven-member citizen board created under state law with a mission to facilitate public discussion and resolution of environmental issues, monitor environmental trends and conditions, promote partnerships to protect the environment for future generations and serve as an advisory board to the governor on environmental matters.

Announcements



Youth enjoy great A.M.A. season

Chasity and Nick Conn just finished a great 2003 season in A.M.A. Hillclimbing. Nick finished first in points and won overall youth rider in the District II 80 Jr. Class. He also competed in Delbarton, West Virginia where he topped out the year by finishing sixth at the Nationals held in Dickeyville, Wisconsin. Chasity placed third in District II riding in the 80 Sr. Class. She also placed seventh in the 125 class. Chasity also competed in Delbarton, topping out the season at 13th place in Wisconsin. Nick and Chasity are sponsored by KRC Trucking, Taylor Metal, KGC Trucking, Pikeville Power Sports, Joe's Car Wash, Billy Orsborn and mechanic Rusty West. Nick, a student at Betsy Layne Elementary, is appreciative of the support he receives from his teachers and fellow students at the school.



Hall receives degree from MSU

Patricia Ann Hall recently received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Morehead State University during the December, 2003 graduation ceremonies. She is currently employed by the Johnson County Board of Education as a full-time substitute teacher. Hall is the daughter of Mrs. JoAnn Gibson, of Prestonsburg, and the late Melvin Click Jr. She resides in Johnson County with her husband, Bill.

Floyd County Alumni Chapter and Kiwanis Club awards scholarships

Alice Lloyd College is a private, liberal-arts college that guarantees tuition to students in central Appalachia and promotes character education. Faculty, staff, and students still embrace the vision of the school's founder, Alice Lloyd, as they walk down the campus paths and travel a winding road through campus called "Purpose". The College instills in each student that they indeed have a purpose in life - a purpose to serve others while here at Alice Lloyd College and after graduation.

The Floyd County Alumni Chapter recognizes the opportunities that ALC provides to students in Appalachia and has established the Purpose Road Scholarship to help Floyd County students continue their education and find their purpose in life. This scholarship provides direct assistance to an incoming Floyd County ALC freshman for books, supplies, and other school fees. Through the generous support of the Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club, this year, it was possible to award the Purpose Road

Scholarship to two additional high school seniors from Floyd County during their freshman year (fall 2003 and spring 2004 semesters) at Alice Lloyd College.

Alice Lloyd College, Floyd County Alumni Chapter, and the Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club are proud to announce that Sarah Noble, of Garrett; Eva Duncan, of Eastern; Misty Samons, of Garrett; and Samantha Stumbo, of McDowell, have been selected as the 2003-2004 Purpose Road Scholar recipients.

Oak

is, we like to talk on the phone. And, as has been proven by the old-time party lines, when we can't talk, we love to just listen.

Perhaps it's simply the longing to hear the human voice, but a lot of folks I know will actually have conversations with telemarketers, provided of course, they're not just recordings. One fellow I know got a telemarketer off message long enough to try to sell the caller a used car.

"I really think he was interested," my friend said, "but he was calling from someplace in Arizona."

Then, another friend of mine said he spent nearly ten minutes with a telemarketer, comparing the size of their small home towns. It seems the young lady on the other end lived in west Texas and was apparently delighted to know that there was some other place on the planet that compared to hers.

Now that's one thing about us country folk: if we don't

want to talk, we'll just hang up. On the other hand, if a telemarketer is friendly, we'll discuss about anything. One thing we won't do, though, is rat on him for just trying to make a living.

Anybody tuned to the news channels over the weekend surely must have noticed the irony in coverage of two big stories in the entertainment industry.

Seems that every 15 or 20 minutes, a certain movie and a

certain TV show were mentioned, sometimes discussed in detail. It was as if the various networks just couldn't decide which story was the most important. Perhaps what we watch on TV, or at the movies, really does tell us pretty much who we are. If so, what did we learn about ourselves last weekend when all the discussion was either about HBO's Sex and the City or Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ?

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BSCT College and Kentucky Chautauqua presents: Miss Dinnie Thompson, No Ordinary Woman

Date: February 27, 2004
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Pike Auditorium on the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community & Technical College

A woman whose life stands as a testimony to the strength of thousands of her black sisters will live again when Kentucky Chautauqua presents Erma Bush, assisted by Juanita White, in a compelling living history portrayal of Miss Dinnie Thompson (1857-1939).

In one sense Miss Dinnie Thompson was ordinary, a workaday person who was never rich or famous. But, as a representative of all those black Kentucky women who worked hard to make their way in spite of prejudice and poverty in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, she is anything but ordinary.

Dinnie was born a slave in the household of Louisville's renowned Speed family. Her mother was a freedom-loving woman who took Dinnie along on several attempts to escape across the Ohio River. They were caught every time. After emancipation, Miss Dinnie worked for almost 30 years as a laundress. Then, for 26 years, she was a maid at Louisville's Neighborhood House. There she became friends with a young social worker named Elizabeth Wilson. Through their friendship, Miss Dinnie Thompson's extraordinary story has been preserved as a testimony to the memory of thousands of "ordinary" women like her.

Miss Dinnie is portrayed by Erma Bush of Louisville. Bush is an actress, poet and playwright, and a recipient of the Kentucky Women Writers Award. She is well known for her local and regional performances and workshops. Juanita White will also participate in the presentation. White retired in 1995 after 30 years with the Jefferson County Public Schools. A longtime researcher in African American history and culture, she wrote the "Dinnie Thompson" script and will answer questions following the performance.

Funtime

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Hendrix will be missed by all who have gotten so used to looking forward to his visits. However, good things are still in store as students are now preparing for their upcoming art show and gallery showcase that will be open to the public for viewing.

The students all look greatly forward to showing off what they have learned by displaying their beautiful works of art for all to see. The Art Gallery showing will be held on Tuesday, March 2, from 6-7:30 p.m., during the elementary schools Open House event. Ms. Hughes, Mr. Hendrix, and all the staff and teachers at John M. invite everyone to visit their school for this very special

Korner

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I am truly grateful David! Mary Bennett and staff at Jenny Wiley State Park, you guys are just Awesome!

Mike, we really appreciate your patience and kindness from beginning to end!

Jim Caldwell, WYMT's infamous weatherman, you are the best! Two years running and ready for next year already to Emcee! We all appreciate you Jim!

Thanks so much to Jenny Wiley Florist, we appreciate you! Our entertainment sessions from Miss KY Teen Sara Billiter, Mary Holbrook, and Norm Marcum were outstanding!

And the Vendor's this year were just phenomenal every last one of you!

To Forever Yours, Wedding Gallery, Unique Boutique, and KY Mountain Bride, we so appreciate each of you! Your models were gorgeous, your gowns exquisite, and we are truly thankful to have had you a part of Prom & Bridal Expo 2004!

William, you did an outstanding job as our DJ! DJ's Unlimited was remarkable once again, we thank You!

To our editorial, composing, printing and circulation staff hats off guys and gals for an outstanding job on this years Prom & Bridal Tab!

And to Rita Brock who helped to make our tab one of our biggest and best ever, I truly Thank-You!

Go see the Passion of the Christ starting in theatres today, Til Next Week, God Bless You All!

School

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

FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.

Tuesday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. -

285-5111; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

Wednesday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11:30 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 358-3400.

Thursday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 285-5111; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

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Common Courtesies, Accepted Practices for Youth in Our Electronic World

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During pre-teen and teenage years, youth often become aware that other people notice their behavior, and that this behavior can have a positive or negative effect on their lives. It's important to remember that youth, and adults as well, will benefit from being thoughtful and considerate of other people, particularly in this era of instant electronic communications.

Youth achieve greater success in extended social networks and the workforce when they use common courtesies and accepted practices. There are a number of other good reasons to be thoughtful and considerate of people. These practices build confidence and self-esteem, increase our capability to handle various social and work situations, and allow everyone to live and work together without fric-

tion. All this helps us successfully achieve a productive and satisfying life.

Good manners and proper etiquette become a habit when we "learn by doing" at home and school and in the community and workplace. In this electronic world, youth can communicate with others via the ever increasing number of cell phones, pagers, computers, answering machines and other electronic devices. It's important to use the same common sense and courtesy in this instant-contact way of living as you would in

face-to-face communication. The Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service has materials on etiquette in an electronic world and other youth-oriented topics. These topics include making introductions, talking to others, giving and receiving compliments, writing letters and thank-you notes, eating away from home,

tipping, table manners, behavior and attire for special-occasion dining, entertaining friends and manners in the workplace.

Here are some simple suggestions on cell phone etiquette. Turn your cell phone off if accepting an incoming call would intrude on others in such places as a library, place of worship, class, plays, movie theaters, dinner at someone's home and a funeral.

It's dangerous to use a cell phone while you're driving. Instead, pull over and stop to make the call. If you receive a call while driving, let the answering machine feature take a message and return the call when you can get out of traffic.

If you're in a public location such as a restaurant or walking down the sidewalk, remember other people can hear your conversation about private family or business matters. Try to find a private area to talk.

Don't put your cell phone on

the table in front of you at any type of meeting or social occasion. Instead, wear it with the vibrating mode active to alert you to an incoming call. If you receive a phone call, quietly leave and take the call in an adjoining area so you won't interrupt the event.

Many of the cellular phone courtesies also apply to a pager. Remember to keep it in the "vibrate" mode so you won't intrude on or disturb others. Wear it on your person, rather than putting it in a backpack or purse.

Voice mail and answering machines are excellent message devices. Remember to keep your recorded greeting short and polite. When you leave a message, identify yourself and give your telephone number at the beginning and end. Limit your message to about one minute in most instances.

Electronic mail is fun and efficient. However, it's good to review a message before pressing the "send" button. Be sure your message has the correct address, conveys what you meant to say, is easy to understand and is free of grammatical and spelling errors.

Use common sense and follow wise safety measures anytime you receive or send electronic mail. Never give personal information to people that you wouldn't give to them in person. Beware of anyone who asks a lot of personal questions and tries to become too friendly too quickly.

Never go alone to meet someone you've met online. Instead, go with a friend or several friends, and be sure a responsible adult knows where you're going.

Remember, common courtesies and accepted practices will gradually change or adapt to fit the "instant access" way of communicating. Always make basic courtesy and consideration of others a daily practice in this electronic

world. Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Nationwide ACT test April 3 for college-bound students Registration deadline February 27

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment this April 3, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is February 27. Late registration postmark deadline is March 12 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$26 (\$29 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA, high school courses taken, extracurricular activities and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The ACT Assessment is an achievement test in English, reading, math and science. It measures what students have learned in high school, and the skills required for success in college. It is not an aptitude test.

Some students find it more comfortable than an aptitude test because it reflects their high school curriculum. The ACT was administered more than 2 million times last year.

Important tips — Students who have already taken the ACT can take it again and try for a higher score. Juniors can use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses to correct those weaknesses and re-take the exam as seniors. Students who take the exam more than once can report

only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose.

For more information, including registration forms and test locations, contact your high school guidance counselor or register online on ACT's website — <http://www.act.org>. The website also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials.

JWT and the MAC Present HONK! The Ugly Duckling Musical

In their first-ever spring production, Jenny Wiley Theatre and the Mountain Arts Center will present the hilarious musical, HONK! at the Mountain Arts Center April 13, 15, 16, & 17.

HONK! is a contemporary retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's classic story, "The Ugly Duckling". The show won the Olivier Award (the British equivalent to the Tony Award) over Disney's The Lion King and features a Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat — like score that kids and adults alike will enjoy. Written by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe, HONK! is the story of Ugly, whose odd,

gawky looks incite prejudice from his family and neighbors. Separated from the farm and pursued by a hungry cat, Ugly must find his way home. Along his rollicking and harrowing journey, he not only discovers his true beauty and glorious destiny, but also finds love and acceptance. Witty and hilarious, but also deeply moving, HONK!'s charm, humor and message of tolerance are perfect for audiences of all ages.

School Matinees are on Tuesday, April 12 and Thursday, April 15 with performances beginning at 9:30 AM and Noon. The show's running time is 90 minutes.

Teacher's guides are avail-

able for participating schools upon request.

School Matinee Tickets are \$6.00/Student \$8.00/Adult

For School Matinee Tickets, call the Mountain Arts Center locally at 886-2623 or toll free at 1-888-MAC-ARTS.

Public Performances will be Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17 beginning at 7:30 PM.

Public Performance Tickets \$8.00/Youth (under 21) \$10.00/Seniors (55+) \$12.00/Adult

For Public Performance Group Rates, contact the Theatre at 1-877-CALL-JWT or email groups@jwttheatre.com.

For more information go online at www.jwttheatre.com

Yesterdays

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courthouse, here, Saturday afternoon, when two slates of candidates for precinct committeemen and committeewomen were presented...Two more community mass meetings have been scheduled by county officials, next week, in their continued effort to procure from landowners, easements, which the U.S. Corps of Engineers demands, before it will enter on the two stream-improvement projects approved on Right Beaver Creek...The same window at Castle's Jewelry Store, here, which had on two earlier occasions been smashed, so that jewelry could be stolen from the store, was broken at 10 o'clock, Tuesday night, and this time, said Earl Castle, owner of the business, the "take" was heavier than last...There died: Mrs. Carmen Strahan, 68, wife of well-known Prestonsburg photographer Val Strahan, Tuesday, at a Lexington hospital; John H. Hatcher, 84, of Ashland, former Floyd County official and businessman, Sunday, at King's Daughters' Hospital, Ashland; Paul Richard Hamilton, 15, Sunday, at home at Grethel; Mrs. Lucy Manns, 48, of Wayland, Friday, at home; Leander Hicks, 64, of Wayland, Friday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Ollie Woods, 82, of Weeksbury, Sunday, at her home; Ewing R. Gibson, 68, of Minnie, Saturday, at South Williamson; Beverly May (Pony) Thompson, 68, former Prestonsburg merchant and policeman, last Thursday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Robert L. Wilson, 61, of Portsmouth, O., formerly of this county, Feb. 27, at a Portsmouth hospital.

Sixty Years Ago (March 9, 1944)

Claude P. Stephens, former Commonwealth's Attorney from this judicial district, was named, this week, acting

U.S. District Attorney to succeed John T. Metcalf, who resigned...John Graham Chapter, D.A.R., with a membership of 37, ranked first in three of the most important phases of D.A.R. endeavor in Kentucky last year, official reports show...Many Floyd miners have voted a day's pay—on an average \$9.84—to the Red Cross drive...Frank Howell, 27, of Dony, died Thursday, at a Martin hospital, of a bullet wound received the preceding Monday...Married: Miss Agnes Harris, of West Prestonsburg, and Sgt. Louis Bowers of Wisconsin, February 12, at Baltimore, Maryland...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Robie Derossett, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Dorothy Randolph, March 4; to Pvt. and Mrs. John P. Bentley, a son, February 26, at a Martin hospital...There died: Mrs. George Woods, 65, Sunday, near Allen; Mrs. Susie Prater, 26, Saturday, at Brainard; Albert E. Hicks, 20, Saturday, at Wayland; Johnny Crager, 40, last week, near Gary, Indiana, in an auto collision; Dutch Webb, 82, Sunday, near Martin; Mrs. Lucy Jane Gunnells Caldwell, 63, Monday, at Tram.

Seventy Years Ago (March 9, 1934)

Plant of the Mountain Printing Company, at Allen, was destroyed by fire, Thursday morning...Floyd County streams went on a rampage, Sunday, as an eight-inch snow went off with rain...Sammy Colvin died Friday, of a broken neck in a Drift mine accident...Maytown High School defeated Prestonsburg, 29-21, Monday night, at Maytown, to win the district basketball title...There died: Alex Damron, 45, former Floyd teacher, in Pikeville, last week; Mrs. Mary Lou Music, 77, Friday, on Little Paint Creek.

Valentines



Special Valentine Greetings

Richard and Eliza Ousley, shown above with Sheryl Shepherd, Postmaster of the Blue River Post Office, were presented with a special Valentine's Day bouquet of roses on Feb 13, 2004 in recognition of being the longest married couple in the Blue River area. Mr. and Mrs. Ousley were married on December 24, 1947. Richard said Eliza was the best Christmas present he ever received.

Valentine King & Queen

Mr. and Mrs. Alma and Henry Samons have been named Valentine King and Queen 2004 at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. The Samons' have been residents of the center for the past three years. The couple were honored with a Valentine party complete with cake, ice cream, and balloons. Mr. and Mrs. Samons were presented with boxes of Valentine candy and a bouquet of flowers. The health care center is happy to have Alma and Henry as a part of their family.



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Your fair share of the 'American Dream'



Jonathan Miller

By Jonathan Miller
KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER

During the last four years, I have worked hard to protect taxpayers and promote opportunity for Kentucky families. As I discussed in my column last month, this year we have launched a new initiative. Enriching Kentucky! is designed to help enable Kentuckians to secure their share of the American Dream. With partners in

state government and the private sector, Enriching Kentucky! will provide the tools Kentuckians need to help themselves develop financial independence, while protecting them from schemes that rob their resources and deplete their retirement plans.

A key element of Enriching Kentucky! is education: giving Kentucky families the resources they need to reach their financial dreams. At the Treasury, we are getting out this information two ways -

through public awareness campaigns and through the new technologies offered by the Internet.

The last few weeks I have

had the opportunity to travel across Kentucky highlighting the outstanding programs in this state that promote financial literacy. This tax season, I am a

lead partner in the Kentucky Asset Success Initiative that is educating Kentucky families on their ability to claim moneys and build assets through the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kentucky Domestic Violence Association and the IRS have also been instrumental to the success of this project. <http://www.kytreaury.com/news/nr012004.html>

The beginning of February, I worked with the Kentucky Better Business Bureau to promote consumer protection during the state and national consumer protection weeks. <http://www.kytreaury.com/news/nr020304.html>

Both of these campaigns were very successful, and I would like to thank all the media outlets across Kentucky that helped us spread the word about these important programs.

When I travel the state working with organizations to promote Enriching Kentucky!, I refer often to the Kentucky State Treasury's webpage as a reference guide. (www.kytreaury.com)

Porter remains active in professional photographers association

Steven G. Porter, PPA Cert., M. Photog., CR., KFD, ASP, attended the Kentucky Professional Photographer Associations 60th Annual Convention, held at the Marriott Hotel and Northern Kentucky Convention Center, in Covington, on January 23-26. The Association installed officers and directors for the upcoming year at this annual convention.

Porter has served as the chairman of the board for the Kentucky Professional Photographers Association for the past year. As chairman, Porter represented Kentucky at all the Professional Photographers of America functions, including the Annual International Convention, held in Las Vegas in July, 2003.

Porter has served on the KPPA Board of Directors since 1995. He served only three years of a four year term before being elected to serve on the executive board of directors as an officer. From that position he proudly became the 59th president of the Kentucky Professional Photographers Association. He was the youngest person ever to be elected to the KPPA Presidency.

At the Covington convention, Porter's last duty as chairman of the board was to

swear in the new board members, the executive officers and the new president for the 2004 year.

The Kentucky Professional Photographers Association was founded in 1943, and is the premier provider of educational opportunities and fellowship among professional photographers in Kentucky. The mission of KPPA is to educate its members by providing opportunities to enhance photographic skills and abilities through lectures, demonstrations, hands-on experiences, and print competition. These opportunities occur in the atmosphere of friendliness and warmth in an organization which lives through its members and supporting suppliers. Through these efforts, the quality of photography available to the consumer will be improved and the quality of life for the photographer will be elevated.

Porter plans to further his education in all areas of professional photography in order to elevate his career as a professional photographer. He plans to seek his affiliate print judging certification through the Professional Photographers of America by attending the judging class which will be held in San Diego, California this coming June.



Upon receiving this certification, Porter will be eligible to judge print competitions not only in the United States, but in any country throughout the world.

Porter is one of fourteen professional photographers in the entire state of Kentucky who has achieved the status of "Master of Photography and Craftsman," degree, and, one of six professional photographers in the entire state of Kentucky with the "Master of Photography, Craftsman," degree and is also PPA certified.

Steven Porter owns and operates Porter Studio and Associates, in Prestonsburg.

Harlan county attorney to serve as Chairman of the Public Service Commission

Frankfort - Governor Ernie Fletcher has announced his appointment of Harlan attorney Mark David Goss as Chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission. The Public Service Commission is the principal regulatory authority for all utilities in the Commonwealth and regulates utility rates, mergers, and consumer complaints.

"This appointment is a signal of my commitment to provide services such as water, sewer, and broadband to all areas of Kentucky, especially our rural areas where they are a necessity to promoting growth and economic development," stated Governor Fletcher. "The regulatory policies adopted by the Public Service Commission

have a tremendous impact on investment in rural Kentucky and no one understands that better than Mark David Goss."

Goss, 43, is a graduate of Transylvania University and the University of Tennessee College of Law. For the past eighteen years he has had an active administrative and regulatory law practice before numerous state and federal agencies.

Active in the civic affairs of Harlan and east Kentucky, Goss has been instrumental in the establishment of the Harlan County Industrial Development and the expansion of capital improvements in the Harlan Independent School District. He is married to Rebecca Singleton and has two children.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College Board Meets

PRESTONSBURG - The Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) Board of Directors met earlier this month on the BSCTC Prestonsburg Campus. Meeting in regular session, the Board heard reports on budget cuts, Institutional Effectiveness, Community and Economic Development's role in the Incubator Project located in Paintsville, and other issues pertinent to the college. A report was also presented on the status of facilities for all campuses. John Herald informed the board that the new Post-secondary Education Center, which the college will share with Morehead State University and other partnering colleges, is in the process of opening. Classes will be moving into the center in March, bringing over 1,000 more students to the campuses of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The new East Kentucky Science Center is also opening. An exhibit is already in progress at the center. These two newest buildings bring

the total to seven on the Prestonsburg Campus. The Mayo Campus has six buildings. Hager Hill and Pikeville Campuses each consist of one building. BSCTC served approximately 4,400 students last semester with over 1,100 more students pursuing bachelor's and master's degrees offered on the BSCTC campuses by partnering colleges.

Dr. Edwards introduced Elexas Thomsberry, Student Government Association President and newest member of the Board of Directors and Judy Bocook, the new Manager of Advancement for the college. The next BSCTC Board of Directors meeting will be held April 5.

Cash awards offered to National History Day participants

Frankfort - The Frazier Historical Arms Museum, located in Louisville, will offer cash awards to participants at this year's National History Day. The district contest will be held on April 17 at the University of Louisville. The state competition will be on April 24 in Frankfort at the Kentucky History Center.

The Frazier Historical Arms Museum will award \$50 to each first-place project at the Louisville Metro district contest. A \$100 cash award will be given to the first-place project winners at the state contest. They will, additionally, award \$100 each to the best junior and senior division project relating to innova-

tion, technology or manufacturing and \$200 to the Kentucky National History Day Teacher of the Year.

National History Day is a year-long educational program that uses history to challenge students in grades 6 through 12 to improve their research, analytical and communication skills by completing projects based on a broad annual theme. The Kentucky Historical Society sponsors National History Day in Kentucky.

For further information about National History Day in Kentucky, contact Carrie Dowdy, state coordinator, at (502) 564-1792 or by e-mail at carrie.dowdy@ky.gov.

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For Rent 3 Bed Room 2 Bath Home located on Rough & Tough \$600.00 mo + deposit call 606-422-1862

NO RENT!!!! \$0 deposit. Located near HRMC. 889-9717.
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DOWN HOMES! GOVT & BANK REPOS! NO CREDIT OK. \$0 TO LOW DOWN. FOR LISTINGS, CALL 1-800-501-1777 EXT. 9821

Homes For Rent Fire Your Landlord!!!
\$\$\$0 DOWN HOMES! No Rent! Tax Repos & Bankruptcies! No Credit OK! \$0 to low down! For Listings, 1-800-501-1777 Ext. 8351

\$0 DOWN HOMES! NO CREDIT OK! GOVT & BANK REPOS. \$0 TO LOW DOWN. FOR LISTINGS. 1-800-501-1777 EXT. 7372

HOUSES, Apartments, & Town houses, No pets. Call B & O Rental Properties 606-886-8991.

640-Land/Lots

Property in Lawrence Co. approx. 12 acres 2 places in one, and nice garden spot, both places have new concrete septic systems, storage building and new well drilled to white sands, one lot has a 14 x 70 trailer on it, and the other is ready to build on. 1/2 mile off 23 near Charley, Ky. 38,000 call 606-889-9532

650-Mobile Homes

3 BED ROOMS, 1.5 BATH MOBILE HOME FOR RENT. Extra nice. \$410 mo plus utilities & sec. deposit. Call 606-874-2802.

For rent: Modern 2 floor APARTMENT Approximately 900 square. ft. Furnished kitchen. Will also consider renting apartment for office space. Located 1 mile south of Martin on Route. 122 across from the Floyd County Technology Center at Garth. \$500 per mo. plus utilities. Call 285-3625 or 285-9112.

670-Commercial Property

FOR RENT: BEAUTY SHOP equipped with 3 stations, and tanning bed. located 1 mile south of Martin on Rte 122. Call 285-4826

NO RENT!!!! \$0 DOWN HOMES! Government & BANK REPOS! NO CREDIT OK. \$0 TO LOW DOWN. FOR LISTINGS, CALL 1-800-501-1777 EXTENSION. 9821

705-Construction

ALL TYPES: Remodeling & additions, garages, decks, etc. Also concrete work. Robie Johnson, Jr., call anytime, 886-8896.

710-Educational

G E D Get your HS equivalency diploma with our easy home study course. 1-800-569-2163 ext. 310.

770-Repair/Service

Osborne's Auto Body & Fiber glass Repair (formerly Allen Auto Body Shop) New Location at 1270 Tom's Creek lvel, Ky. 41642 Owner-Operator Dennis Osborne call 606-478-3514 for Free - Estimates

Your Affordable Alternative To Expensive Legal Fees Divorce \$195 Adoption \$295 Incorporation \$195 Phone (800) 303-1170 Email: nodproservice@AOL.com Not Available in Arizona, Texas, and Tennessee

HELP THE KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY. We are looking for donations for new & used computers to distribute to the kids community facilities. For pick up call Scott 889-9551 and to deliver call Scott 889-9551.

What is the one thing that we as people can give to another? OURSELVES! Be a volunteer for Hospice of Big Sandy, Inc. Volunteer classes will be given if enough sign up Call 606-789-3841 or come and visit with Dr. Cook for more information (psa)

Rn Day Shift Available 8:30 am-5:pm Hospice of Big Sandy, Inc. Call 606-789-3841 or come in and fill out an application at 1520 Ky. Highway 1428 Hager Hill, Ky. 41222(psa)

812-Free

FREE PALLETS: Can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

FREE FILL DIRT right fork of Bull Creek. call 606-874-2444.

NOTICES

850-Personals

When responding to Personal ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

805-Announcements

START DATING TONIGHT! Have fun meeting eligible singles in your area. Toll Free. 1-800-ROMANCE ext. 9735

Secret Encounters 1-800-442-MEET .69 p/m Ladies Free!! 1-800-201-TALK VISIT singles.com

900-Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on February 27, 2004 at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 03/15/00. 2000 Nissan Xterra S/N 3289 All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees. Call Mike Haney for location, 606-886-2321. **F i r s t** Commonwealth Bank 311 N. Arnold Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on February 27, 2004, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 04/24/00. 1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee S/N 5852 All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements made with the seller. Announcements at

the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees. Call Mike Haney for location, 606-886-2321.

First Commonwealth Bank 311 N. Arnold Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on February 27, 2004 at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 03/05/02. 2002 Monte carlo SS S/N 3823 All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees. Call Mike Haney for location, 606-886-2321. **F i r s t** Commonwealth Bank 311 N. Arnold Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 03-CI-1159 JIM WALTER HOMES, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. BARBARA KIDD, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BARBARA KIDD: THE MONEY STORE HOME EQUITY CORPORATION; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY; AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 6th day of January, 2004 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$42,268.43, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 4th day of March, 2004, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a corner common to road known as Left Hand Fork Big Branch, Cinda Kidd and Denver and Linda Parsons; thence along said road in an easterly direction 100 feet to a point; thence a straight line to the opposite side of the Cinda Kidd property as described in the Deed of record in Deed Book 308, page 424; thence following the boundary line of said Cinda Kidd tract to the point of beginning, containing one half acre. Being a part of the

same property conveyed to Barbara Kidd, single, by deed from Cinda Kidd, single, dated April 16, 1992, and recorded in Floyd County in Deed Book 308, Page 757, in the state of Kentucky. **TERMS OF SALE:** (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Max K. Thompson P.O. Box 1079 Pikeville, Kentucky 41502 606/432-2156

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 2 C.A. NO. 03-CI-979 WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE WITHOUT RECOURSE PLAINTIFFS VS. SHONDA WRIGHT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA JOEY WRIGHT DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

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BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 12th day of January, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$44,060.00,

together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 4th day of March, 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 179 Doc Allen Branch, Langley, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Sarah May Branch, and being more particularly described as follows: Starting at a metal stake in the center of Sarah May Branch eight feet more or less upstream (northwest) from a consumers gas meter; thence south across the bottom 140 feet more or less, in line with gas well along the Raymond and Delores Rudy line to an iron stake at the edge of a small hollow bordering the Willard Arnold property; following the small hollow back downstream bordering the Willard Arnold property; following the small hollow back downstream bordering the Willard and Thelma Hicks property past silver gas meter house 320 feet more or less to an iron stake in the middle of Sarah May Branch; thence (west) upstream 245 feet more or less, to the beginning (first stake) in middle of Sarah May Branch. But parties of the first part hereby convey to parties of the second part the same right to use natural gas produced on said land as was conveyed to parties of the first part by their predecessors in title. Being the same property conveyed to Joey W. Wright and Shonda Lynn Wright, husband and wife, by a Deed dated October 31, 2002, of record in Deed Book 480, Page 42, in the Office of the Floyd County Court Clerk. **TERMS OF SALE:** (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Timmy D. Hall. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is HALL'S POOL ROOM & ARCADE. The nature of the business will be Pool Tables and Arcade. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk no later than March 18, 2004, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for March 18, 2004, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit.

HON. KEITH BARTLEY FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that Jaclyn Darling, 71 Spring Street, Morehead, Kentucky 40351, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 2.5 miles south of the intersection of KY Route 979 junction with KY. 1426, and 1.5 mile north of the community of Grethel, near Parsons Branch, on Big Mud Creek, in Floyd County. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

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HON. KEITH BARTLEY FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that Edward Clark, 263 Osborn Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 2.5 miles south of the intersection of KY Route 979 junction with KY. 1426, and 1.5 mile north of the community of Grethel, near Parsons Branch, on Big Mud Creek, in Floyd County. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

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Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

hearing will be canceled, if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 4, 2004.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0303

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 near Craynor in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 255.19 surface acres and will underlie 476.28 acres of auger, of which 363.28 acres underlie surface acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 368.19 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.90 mile south from KY Route 979's junction with Mink Branch Road, and is located at the head of Mink 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 Carmel and Marie Clark, Loretta Rogers and Ellery Owens, Jennifer and Jesse Akers, James and Annet Flanery, Ambrose and Lina Howell Heirs, Burlene Henderson, Sie and Betty Hall, Randall and Flossie Hall, Evan Howell, Audie Howell, Anthony and LeAnn Tackett, and Jack and Dinah Tackett. The operation will underlie land owned by Carmel and Marie Clark, Loretta Rogers and Ellery Owens, Jennifer and Jesse Akers, James and Annet Flanery, Ambrose and Lina Howell Heirs, Burlene Henderson, Sie and Betty Hall, Randall and Flossie Hall, Evan Howell, Audie Howell, Anthony and LeAnn Tackett, and Jack and Dinah Tackett.

The bond now in effect on Increment No. 1, is a surety bond for \$7,000.00. Approximately 15% of the original bond amount of \$46,700.00, is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, fertilizing, seeding, and mulching, completed in the fall of 1993.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by April 4, 2004.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 5, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. The

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DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

for the Pike County, Kentucky (Levisa Fork Basin), Section 202 Project AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

ACTION: Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Huntington District has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in repose to Section 202 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (WRDA). This act authorizes the Corps to design, construct and implement flood damage reduction measures relating to the Levisa and Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River and Cumberland River in West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia. The DEIS documents analyses of flood damage reduction measures that would provide protection for the Levisa Fork and Russell Fork basins within Pike County, Kentucky, against flooding such as occurred in April 1977. The flood of record for most of the county.

DATES: The agency must receive comments on or before April 5, 2004, to ensure consideration in final plan development. A public hearing on the Pike County, Kentucky, (Levisa Fork Basin), Section 202 Project Draft EIS will be held at the Pikeville High School, 120 Championship Drive, Pikeville, Kentucky, on Thursday March 4, 2004, beginning at 6p.m.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and suggestions concerning this proposed project to the following address, by March 26, 2004. Requests for copies of the DEIS or to be placed on the mailing list should also be sent to the address below.

1) Pike County Public Library, 119 College Street, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501

2) Pike County Public Library, Elkhorn City Branch, 309 Main Street, Elkhorn City, KY 41522

3) Pike County Public Library, Phelps Branch, 38575 State Highway 194 E, P.O. Box 404, Phelps, KY 41553

4) Vesta Roberts Johnson Memorial Library, P.O. Box 548, Virgie, KY 41572

5) Frank M. Allara Library, Pikeville College, 147 Sycamore Street, Pikeville, KY 41500

6) US Army Corps of Engineers, Room 3100, 502 Eighth Street P D-R Huntington, WV 25701

7) Internet- http://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/projects/current/pikelevisafork After the public

Telephone: (304) 399-5636 or Fax:(304) 399-5136 E - M a i l : Stephen.M.Worley@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Detailed project studies have included consideration of a number of basin-wide and local flood damage reduction measures including flood-wall/levee systems protecting Pikeville and Coal Run, non-structural flood-proofing measures, floodplain acquisition and ring walls protecting several individual structures. The project would provide flood protection measures to approximately 2,000 structures, 75 percent of which are residential. Three alternatives, based on these flood damage reduction measures, along with the no action alternative, have been evaluated in detail and the results documented in the DEIS.

A Public Meeting on the DEIS will be held at Pikeville High School on Thursday March 4, 2004, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will provide an opportunity for the public to present oral and/or written comments. All persons and organizations that have an interest in the Levisa Fork Basin flooding problems as they affect Pike County and the environment are urged to participate in this meeting.

USACE has distributed copies of the DEIS to appropriate Members of Congress, State and local government officials in Kentucky, Federal agencies, and other interested parties. Copies of the document may be obtained by contacting USACE Huntington District Office of the Corps of Engineers (See ADDRESSES) and are available for public review at the following locations.

1) Pike County Public Library, 119 College Street, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501

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6) US Army Corps of Engineers, Room 3100, 502 Eighth Street P D-R Huntington, WV 25701

7) Internet- http://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/projects/current/pikelevisafork After the public

comment periods ends on April 5, 2004, USACE will consider all comments received. The Draft EIS will be revised as appropriate, and a Final EIS will be issued.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

To obtain additional information about the proposed project, contact Mr. Mark D. Kessinger, PM-P, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, WV. 25701-2070. Telephone: (304) 399-5083. E-mail: Mark.d.kessinger@usace.army.mil

FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT JOHN K BLACKBURN, SHERIFF PO BOX 152 PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653

ACTUAL INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR 2003

INCOME	EXPENSES
SERVING PAPERS \$ 49,186.00	PAYROLL \$ 600,973.17
COMMISSION ON TAXES \$ 416,164.92	OFFICE SUPPLIES \$ 15,764.13
STATE ADVANCEMENT \$ 33,112.49	POSTAGE \$ 2,242.94
COUNTY PAYMENTS \$ 102,778.46	AUTO EXPENSES \$ 134,158.70
ARREST FEES \$ 1,772.10	UNIFORMS \$ 14,419.09
AUTO INSPECTIONS \$ 19,517.00	REPAY ADVANCEMENT \$ 33,112.49
CIRCUIT CLERK FEES \$ 28,192.66	D.A.R.E. PROGRAM \$ 3,984.10
INTEREST EARNED \$ 3,859.98	ACCOUNTING FEES \$ 3,772.16
COMMUNITY POLICING \$ 63,370.18	C.C.D.W. \$ 5,380.00
ACCIDENT REPORTS \$ 1,712.00	ADVERTISING \$ 145.31
STATE PAYMENTS \$ 127,919.50	KLEPPF \$ 22,796.62
GRANTS \$ 19,045.94	TRAINING EXPENSES \$ 3,371.07
C.C.D.W. \$ 7,905.00	TRANSPORTING PRISONERS \$ 1,025.59
KLEPPF \$ 23,926.21	START UP CASH \$ 1,200.00
START UP CASH \$ 1,200.00	K-9 UNIT \$ 634.95
TRANSPORTING \$ 17,034.22	MISC. \$ 404.25
MISC. \$ 104.89	BONDS/DUES \$ 1,843.30
	FISCAL COURT FEE PAYMENT \$ 9,820.00
TOTAL \$916,791.55	TOTAL \$ 655,049.87
	TOTAL 2003 EXCESS FEES \$ 61,741.68

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
01-22-04	03-P-00423	Jimmie Ousley 1259 Wilson Creek Langley, KY 41645	Delbert Ousley 2505 Lancaster Road Richmond, KY 40475	Michael R. Eaves 218 West Main St. P.O. Box 300 Richmond, KY 40476
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01-22-04	04-P-00027	Mildred R. Halbert 111 North Front Street Box 223 Langley, KY 41645	Mildred Keeseff 111 North Front Street Box 223 Langley, KY 41645	
01-22-04	04-P-00028	Phelix Scott, Jr. P.O. Box 34 Langley, KY 41645	Darlene Hicks P.O. Box 11 Dana, KY 41615	
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01-23-04	04-P-00030	Minnie Miller Warrix 299 Porter Dr. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Nancy W. Davis 2624 St. Rt. 850 Prestonsburg, KY 41653 ***And*** Ronnie Warrix 2393 KY Route 1428 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
01-23-04	04-P-00031	Sam Crittendon P.O. Box 265 Melvin, KY 41650	Mary Crittendon P.O. Box 265 Melvin, KY 41650	
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01-26-04	04-P-00033	Vera V. Ford 504 Riverside Dr. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Virginia Ford Howell 504 Riverside Dr. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
01-26-04	04-P-00034	Edgar Lee Wright Jr. 18 Shadow Cat Aly Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Edna Jo Mollett 3275 Ky. Hwy. Rt. 40 W Staffordsville, KY 41256	
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01-28-04	04-P-00039	Sharon L. Watson Bingham Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Maxine S. Bierman Childers 134 N. Front Street Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
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2-17-04	04-P-00070	Frank Virgil Tussey 55 White Rock Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Margie Tussey Kendrick 41 White Rock Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
2-18-04	04-P-00072	James Melvin Clevenger 217 Campbell Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Brenda Clevenger 217 Campbell Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
2-18-04	04-P-00073	William Crum 67 Gunnells Branch Banner, KY 41603	Thelma Crum 520 River Side Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653	

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
A public hearing will be held on March 17, 2004 at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the office of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses in an Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of American Electric Power Company from May 1, 2003 through October 31, 2003.
Errol K. Wagner
Director of Regulatory Services
Kentucky Power Company
d/b/a
American Electric Power

NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Any person desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before March 31, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	02-P-00027	Robert H. Hughes	Henry E. Hughes	01-22-04
Final	03-P-00083	Alberto N. Pascarella	Lena J. Pascarella	01-28-04
Final	02-P-00243	Derek Hale	Joyceleen Hale	01-29-04
Final	02-P-00279	Homer Nelson Jr.	Elmina Nelson	02-03-04
Final	02-P-00345	Pearlie J. Nelson	Elmina Nelson	02-03-04
Final	00-P-00409	Bessie B. Hackworth	Debbie Rowe, DeGarmo Hackworth and James Hackworth	02-04-04
Final	03-P-00244	Jerry Howard Ousley	Ramona L. Ousley	02-09-04
Final	02-P-00072	Eddie Shelton	Eddie Clark Shelton	02-10-04
Final	03-P-00040	Abe Sparks	Mornie Sparks	02-10-04
Final	03-P-00264	Wallace Calhoun	Donald Calhoun	02-10-04
Final	03-P00309	Conard Prater	Larry Prater	02-12-04
Final	02-P-00046	John B. Jarrell	Carlie A. Jarrell	02-12-04

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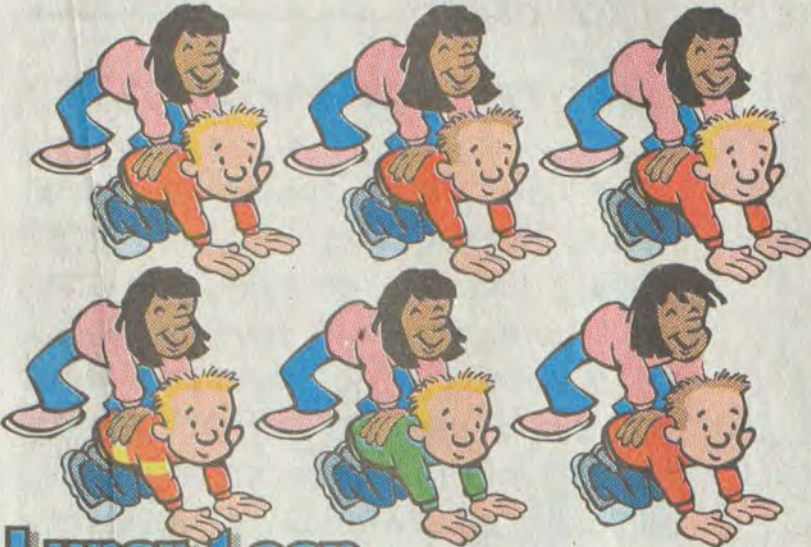
This Week: Leap Year

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Leapfrog Look-alikes

Look closely at each set of leapfrog players. Can you find the two identical sets?

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



Lunar Leap

Astronaut Neil Armstrong was the first man on the moon. As he stepped onto the lunar surface on July 20, 1969, he said, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

On the moon, you would weigh just one-sixth as much as you do on Earth. Why? There is less gravity on the moon. Imagine how far you could leap on the moon!



Sandy Stellar weighs 120 pounds on Earth. Color the spaces containing one star YELLOW, and all the spaces with two stars BLUE to see how many pounds Sandy weighs on the moon.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know that gravity is influenced by the mass of an object.

Leaping Lizards!

Unscramble these letters to discover some famous advice that would be VERY helpful to these lizards.

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words. Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



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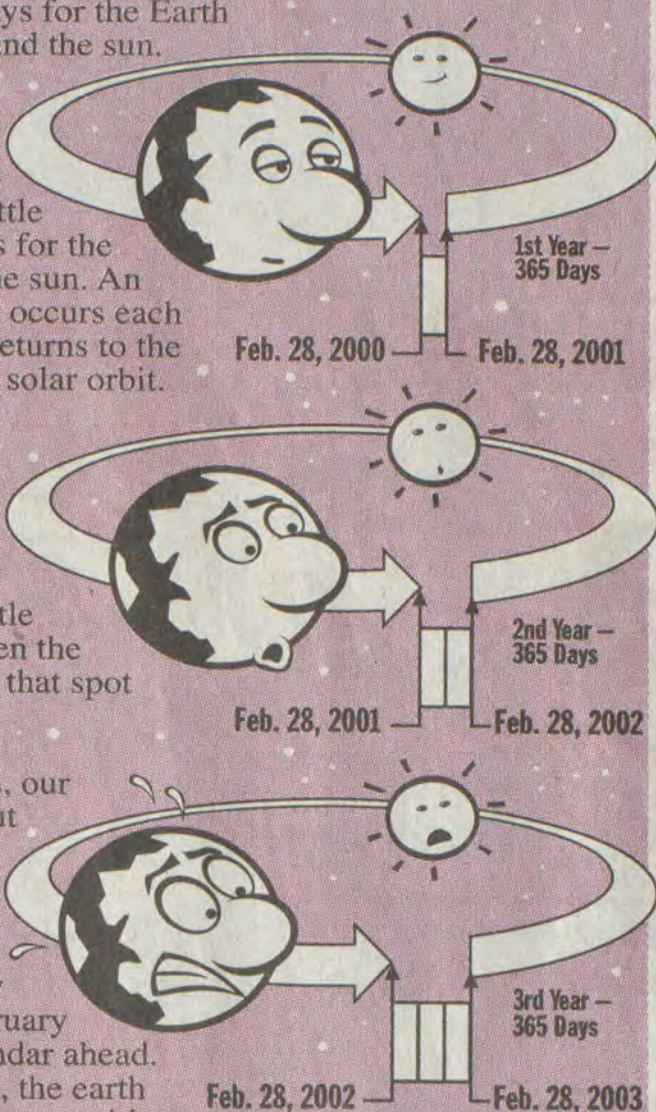
LEAP YEAR!

It takes 365 days for the Earth to travel around the sun. Well, almost.

Actually, it takes 365 days, 5 hours and a little over 45 seconds for the Earth to orbit the sun. An actual new year occurs each time the Earth returns to the same spot in its solar orbit.

But because we observe the new year every 365 days, we are really celebrating a little sooner than when the Earth returns to that spot in its orbit.

After four years, our calendar is about one day behind the Earth's actual orbit. To make up time, a 29th day is added to February to leap the calendar ahead. On February 29, the earth is back to the same position where it was four years earlier. Almost.



Each leap year, we fall about 6 hours behind. Eventually, this will add up to 24 hours. Use the code to find out about how many seconds we are behind each leap year.

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know that objects in the sky move in regular and predictable patterns.

Feb. 28, 2004 Feb. 29, 2004

CODE 3 = ♥

1 = ★ 4 = ⚡

2 = 🌍 6 = ☀

Color the Leap Year illustration above.

- The Sun
- The Earth
- 1st year
- 2nd year
- 3rd year
- Leap year
- Feb. 29

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

Extra! Extra!

Leapin' Learners

Play the Leapin' Learners game with a friend. First, you leap through the even-numbered pages of the newspaper, trying to circle as many words as you can, in 60 seconds, that begin with L. Then, have your friend leap through the odd-numbered pages looking for L words. Who found more?

Standards Link: Word Analysis: Recognize and name letters of the alphabet.

Leaping Leader

Mary Ann Brown was born on Leap Day, February 29. That means her "real" birthday only comes once every four years.

In 1988, Mary started the Worldwide Leap Year Birthday Club for people born on February 29. That year, she also launched the Leap Year Festival in her hometown of Anthony. People have traveled from as far away as Munich, Germany, to attend this fun festival!

Anthony is the ideal location for the festival, because the border town is actually located in two U.S. states. In Anthony, you could leap between **14 + 9** and **23 - 7!** Do the math to find the name of these two states.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

ANSWER: Anthony is located in both NEW MEXICO and TEXAS. For more about the Worldwide Leap Year Festival, visit www.kidscoop.com

- 21 = NEVADA
- 15 = VERMONT
- 23 = TEXAS
- 14 = MAINE
- 16 = NEW MEXICO
- 17 = ARIZONA

Double Double Word Search

- LEAPFROG
- LIZARDS
- ASTRONAUT
- EARTH
- MANKIND
- LUNAR
- LEARNERS
- ORBIT
- GRAVITY
- ANTHONY
- MOON
- STARS
- STEP
- GIANT
- NUMBER

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

A O S R E N R A E L
L S H P E T S E A D
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R A E R R M N I T T
A R A A O A K B H I
N S Z O I N E R O V
U I N G A R A O N A
L N U M B E R U Y R
G O R F P A E L T G

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

Leap Year

Why do we have a leap year?
I think we have a leap year because people thought February needed to be different from all the other months.

Brenna, 6th Grade

I think that the reason for leap year is that people want to get to April Fools' Day faster!

Andrew, 5th Grade

Leap year happens because two aliens were playing tennis with an asteroid. One day, the asteroid hit the earth and sent it spinning in the opposite direction. That made the earth spin just a little slower.

Daniel, 6th Grade

In the olden days, women were not allowed to ask a man to marry them. Women had to wait for the man to ask for their hand in marriage. So, they made up a special leap year day. For one day in every four years, women could ask men to marry them.

Alanna, 5th Grade

I think leap year is a big cover up. I think it's because a famous genius made a mistake in counting the days and parents don't want their kids to know about it.

Chris, 4th Grade

We have a leap year so there can be one extra day in school.

Drake, 3rd Grade

I think we have a leap year because cows have four stomachs and pigs are fat.

D.J., 6th Grade

We have a leap year because, if we didn't, my uncle would not have been born. He's a firefighter and we need him.

Laura, 1st Grade

I think we have a leap year because sometimes the world turns around faster on February 28.

Pat, 5th Grade

I think we have a leap year because every four years, it takes the earth one extra day to go around the sun.

Shannon, 5th Grade

Write On!

Leap Year

What is your favorite tree? Research and write three facts about this tree.

Deadline: March 21, 2004
Published: Week of April 18, 2004

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A REBUS STUMPER!

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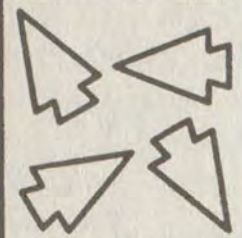

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A **REBUS** is a pictorial representation of a word or phrase. You have five minutes to solve the one above.

Answer: "A misunderstanding between friends." (STANDING is the tough part — ST AND IN G.)

A DRAWING WAGER! Bet your friends that they can't draw four arrowheads in such a way that, instead of four, they will have five. Figure 2 shows you how this can be done.

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 11 through 20 to fill in our Magic Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column should total 75. We've filled in six of the squares. The rest is up to you.

	21	25	
24			22
	27		
			26
[75]			

Answers: First row: 18, 21, 25, 11. Second row: 24, 12, 17, 22. Third row: 13, 27, 19, 16. Fourth row: 20, 15, 14, 26.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



THE PYRAMID OF WORD POWER!

Don't get "dizzy" looking for these words. Starting with the given word **MAELSTROM**, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order, beginning with **MAELSTROM**.

1. A violent whirlpool.
2. A small South American monkey.
3. A great composer.
4. A performer of great skill.
5. An intent gaze.
6. To demolish.
7. Body of water.
8. In the same manner.
9. Your grade for this test?

Answers: (From the bottom up): Maelstrom, marble, master, stare, raise, sea, as, A.



Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

My name: _____

My Kid Scoop™

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Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

How many candles?

Candy, Carlos and Cassie each have the same birthday. Each child's age is printed on the shirt they are wearing. Draw the correct number of candles on each child's birthday cake.



My Letters

C is for Calendar
c is for calendar



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter C. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the C sound like the word calendar?

My Numbers

How many cats?



How many crayons?

Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Rhyme Time

In jumping and tumbling
We spend the whole day,
Till night by arriving
Has finished our play.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



Cats can



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with or include the same sound as the letter C in calendar.	Math Play Point to the number 4 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	What day is today? With your child, look for the date on today's newspaper. Cut out the date and glue it onto a calendar. Repeat daily.	What comes next? Turn to page 4 of today's newspaper. Show your child where the page number is located on the page. Ask your child which page comes after the number on the page. Ask your child which number came before.	Monthly Specials Look through the newspaper for images that reflect special occasions of this month. Cut out these images and make a picture about this month. Repeat for every month of the year. Be sure to include birthdays of each family member.	Create a Story With your child, select an interesting picture in the newspaper. Cut it out and ask your child what he/she thinks happened before this picture was taken. What is happening in the picture? What does he/she think happened next?	Day of the Week Toss Wad up a sheet of newspaper into a ball. Toss the ball to your child saying, "Sunday!" Have your child toss the ball back, saying, "Monday!" Repeat for all of the days of the week.

Learning Buddies! My Kid Scoop comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill.
Step by Step Success 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

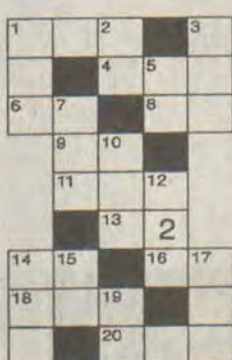
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Rational Numbers

Rational Numbers

answers

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS

- The sum of the digits is 6-Across
- Same digit repeated
- One-half of 13-Across
- Consecutive digits in descending order
- Three more than 6-Across
- Four more than 10-Down
- Same digit repeated
- One-third of 15-Down
- 8-Across plus 19-Down
- 1-Down plus 17-Down
- Two hundred more than 7-Down

DOWN

- Digits of 14-Down reversed
- Consecutive digits in descending order

- The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- Twenty more than 14-Across
- One-fourth of 11-Across
- Digits of 1-Across reversed
- Two times 20-Across
- Four times 2-Down
- Six more than 5-Down
- Eight less than 3-Down
- 9-Across plus 15-Down

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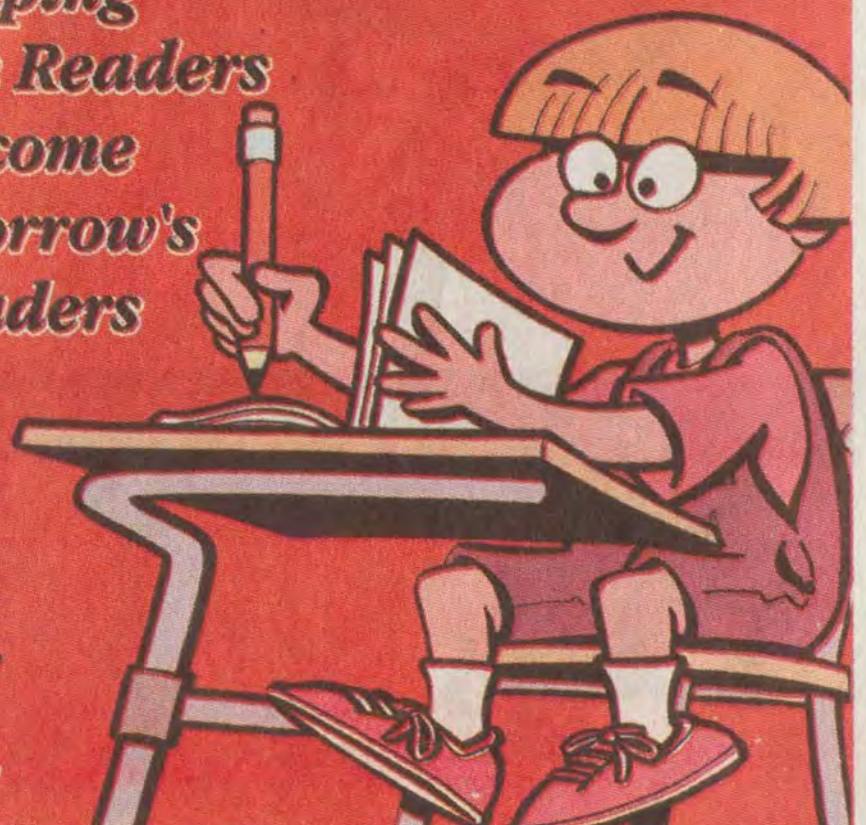
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THOMAS EDISON

During his lifetime of 84 years, Thomas Alva Edison acquired 1,093 patents and made his mark as an inventor, businessman and manufacturer. The light bulb, the phonograph and the motion picture camera are some of his most important contributions. But not all his inventions were successful. Edison had his share of failures, but they never seemed to upset him. On the contrary, he saw failure as a way to move a project toward success.

Family and friends

Edison married an employee, Mary Stilwell, in 1871. They had three children — Marion Estelle, Thomas Alva Jr. and William Leslie. Mary died in 1884. Two years later, Edison married Mina Miller, the daughter of a wealthy Ohio manufacturer. They moved to a large mansion called **Glenmont** in West Orange, N.J., and had three more children — Madeleine, Charles and Theodore.

Henry Ford was one of Edison's closest friends, and the two often vacationed together.

The muckers

Edison did not work alone; he had a skilled team to help him conduct experiments and build inventions. These workers were nicknamed the **"muckers"** and they came from all over the world. Some, like John Ott and Walter Miller, spent their entire lives working for Edison. Muckers worked six days a week and were not paid very well, but the honor of working with Edison and the thrill of creating new things was reward enough for most of the men.

Some related museums

- The Edison National Historic Site, West Orange, N.J.
- The Edison & Ford Winter Estate, Fort Myers, Fla.
- The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Mich.
- Edison Birthplace Museum, Milan, Ohio
- Con Edison Energy Museum, New York, N.Y.

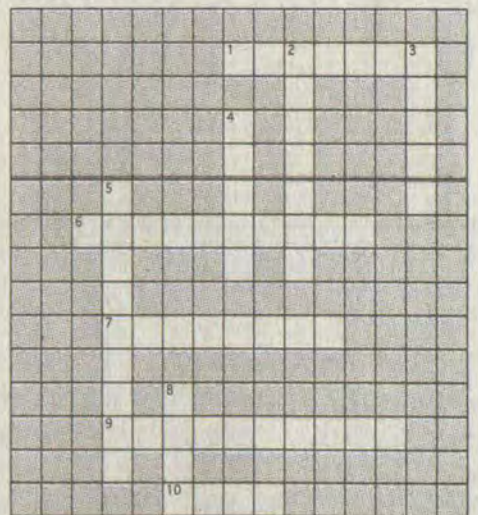
What do you know?

ACROSS

- Nickname for Edison's workers
- Edison sold these on trains.
- Edison's large mansion in West Orange
- This invention was originally intended for dictation.
- Edison made this talking toy.

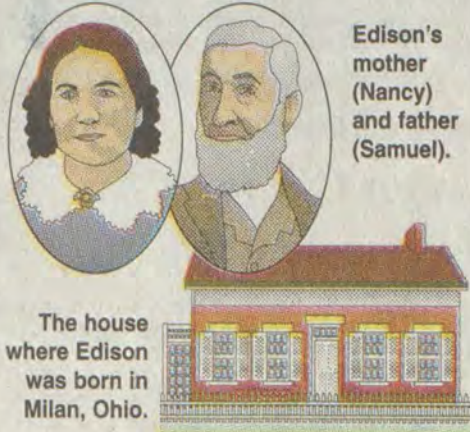
DOWN

- This son of Edison's became governor of New Jersey.
- Edison was the youngest of how many children?
- Town of Edison's birth
- Improvements to this machine launched Edison's career as an inventor.
- This famous man was a close friend of Edison's.



ANSWERS
 ACROSS
 1. MUCKERS
 2. NEWSPAPERS
 3. GLENMONT
 4. PHONOGRAPH
 5. DOLL
 DOWN
 1. CHARLES
 2. SEVEN
 3. MILAN
 4. TELEGRAPH
 5. FORD

SOURCES: World Book Encyclopedia, World Book Inc.; Thomas Alva Edison, Franklin Watts; Edison at Work, Hasting House; National Inventors Hall of Fame; Smithsonian National Museum of American History; www.pbs.org; About.com; Menlo Park Museum in Edison, N.J.



Edison's mother (Nancy) and father (Samuel).

The house where Edison was born in Milan, Ohio.

The early years

Thomas Alva Edison was born on Feb. 11, 1847, in **Milan**, Ohio. He was the youngest of seven children born to Samuel and Nancy Elliott Edison. Edison's forbears lived in New Jersey until the American Revolution, when their loyalty to the British forced them to move to Nova Scotia. The Edisons lived in Canada until 1837, when Samuel, his wife and children moved to Ohio. When "Al" (Edison's nickname) was 7, they moved to Port Huron, Mich.



"Al" at age 14

Edison was schooled primarily by his mother at home. His love of reading and science led to chemistry experiments and model building. An early childhood illness caused significant hearing loss.

By the time he was 12, Edison began work (a common practice at the time). He took a job selling newspapers and snacks on passenger trains that ran between Port Huron and Detroit. By age 15, Edison was publishing and selling his own newspaper, *The Weekly Herald*.

When he was 16, Edison was hired by the Western Union Telegraph Company as a telegraph operator. He continued to read scientific books while studying in-depth the mechanical, electrical and chemical aspects of the telegraph.

On the move

In 1868, Edison moved to Boston and applied for his first patent — the electric vote recorder (a commercial failure).

A year later, Edison moved to New York City, where he was introduced to business and financial leaders. Here, Edison made improvements to the standard stock ticker and began to earn more money.

In 1870, Edison moved to Newark, N.J., where he began to manufacture and sell stock tickers. The **quadruplex telegraph** was invented there. This new-and-improved machine was faster and could send four messages through a single wire instead of just one message sent by earlier telegraphs. The quadruplex telegraph established Edison as a respected inventor.

In 1876, Edison moved to Menlo Park, N.J., where he built a full-scale laboratory and machine shop.



Edison's improvements to the telegraph launched his career as an inventor.

Edison's fifth child **Charles** grew up to serve as secretary of the U.S. Navy in 1940. He was governor of New Jersey from 1941 to 1944.

The cylinder **phonograph** was originally invented as a machine to dictate business letters. When introduced to the public it seemed like magic. But it took a while before its application as a way to record music occurred to anyone. In 1913, Edison converted his phonograph to disc recordings, which were less expensive to make and easier for people to store.

Some of Edison's workers thought he was a tough taskmaster; others were mesmerized by his genius. Reporters loved his frank and down-to-earth opinions, while his closest friends admired his sense of humor and storytelling skills.

Throughout his life, Edison kept abreast of current affairs, business matters, and scientific and technical breakthroughs. He believed in progress, industry and hard work.

"Genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration."
 — Thomas A. Edison

Magic at Menlo Park

With financial help from Western Union Telegraph Company, Edison and his team devoted themselves entirely to invention. Edison wanted to produce a minor invention every 10 days and a major invention every 6 months. True to his word, it was not long before he had 40 projects being worked on at once. The team was so successful that sometimes Edison would apply for as many as 400 patents in one year.

Bigger is better

In 1886, Edison moved to Llewellyn Park of West Orange, N.J. Within walking distance, he built a new laboratory. This one was 10 times the size of the lab in Menlo Park. It was there that Edison worked on inventing a motion picture device. It took five years to develop, but once invented, the kinetoscope created an entirely new industry — making motion pictures. After a lifetime of great inventions, Edison died on Oct. 18, 1931.

A timeline of some of Edison's inventions and improvements

Edison spent much of the 1890s trying to develop a method for processing low-grade iron ore into high-grade ore. His project ended in failure.

Edison contributed to ...

Telegraph	Cement
Telephone	Motion pictures
Phonograph	Battery
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Railroad	Military projectiles
Ore separator	Rubber

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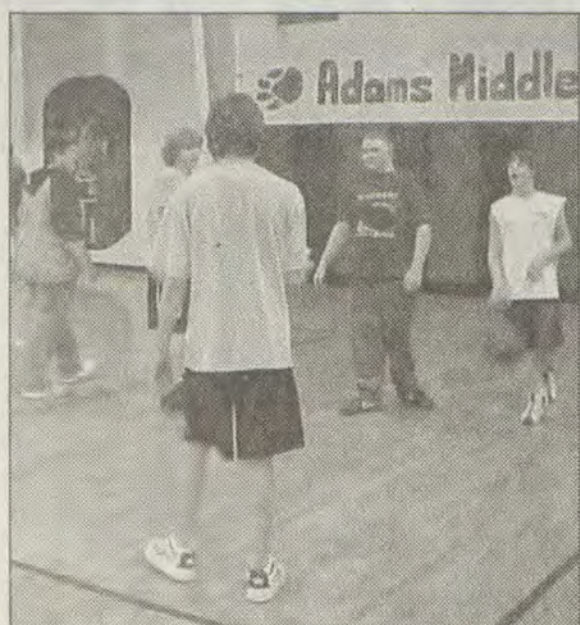
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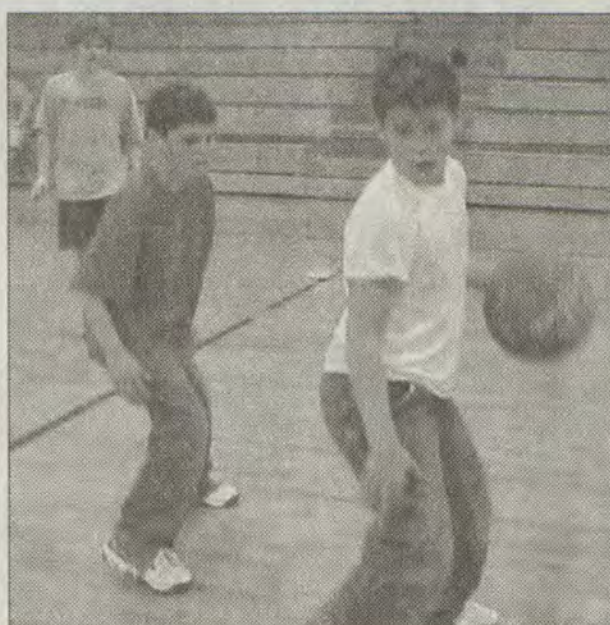
ADAMS middle school



Dane Sizemore, Adam Layne, Seth Setser, and Nathaniel Stephens.



Rikki Hughes, Teddy Ratliff, Josh Paige.



Jimmy Bieger, Jeff Hallam, Megan Goble.

Hoops for Heart

On February 13, Adams Middle School participated in the annual Hoops for Heart event for the American Heart Association. Hoops for Heart allows kids to play basketball, have fun, and raise money for a good cause. In addition to raising money for the American Heart Association, the event teaches students critical health information concerning American society:

- Coronary disease is our nation's number 1 killer, stroke is number 3.
- Only 1 in 10 Americans participate in 30 minutes or more of exercise daily.
- Over 15% of children and adolescents are overweight.
- 4 million children have above normal blood pressure, 27 million children have high cholesterol.

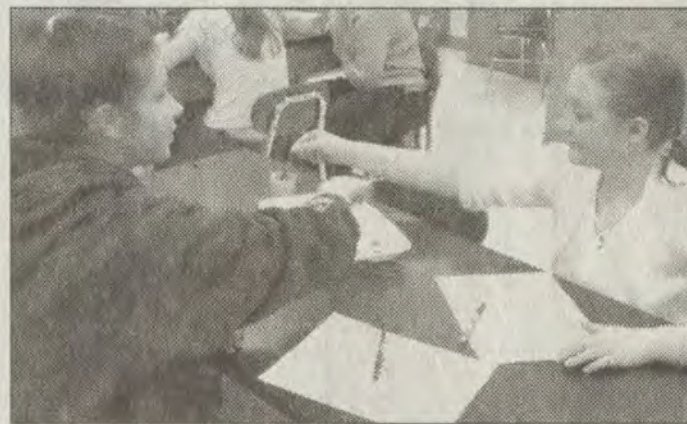
This year, 77 students from Adams participated in the event, and raised over \$1,500 in donations for the American Heart Association.



First row: Mrs. Rebecca Hicks, Curriculum Resource. Second Row, from left: Keith Tackett, Angela Collins, Danielle Slone, Ali Hackworth, Boyd Holbrook, Raymond Conn. Not pictured: Nathaniel Dye.

Job Shadowing Program

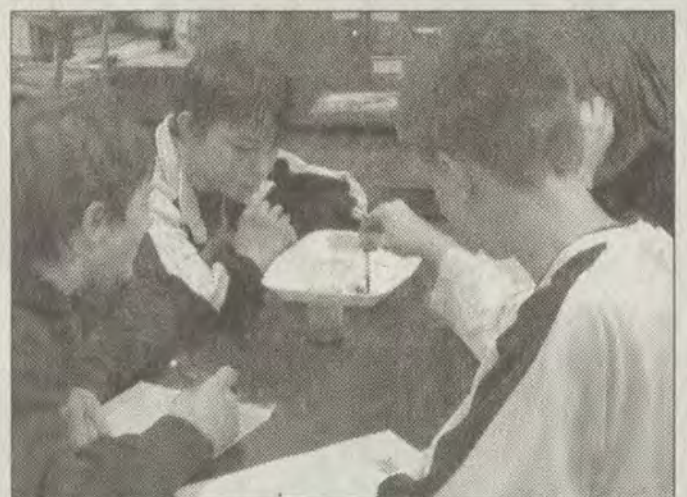
As part of their portfolio assessment for 8th grade, students in Mrs. Creed's class completed a job shadowing program to learn about different careers. Students observed various people at their jobs, asking questions about job requirements and duties. The students then reflected on their interest in this job as a possible choice for their future.



Desiree Shepherd and Kayla Hall performing the science experiment.



Savannah Johnson, Ali Hackworth, Meghan E. Goble, and Janet Johnson observing the results of their experiment.

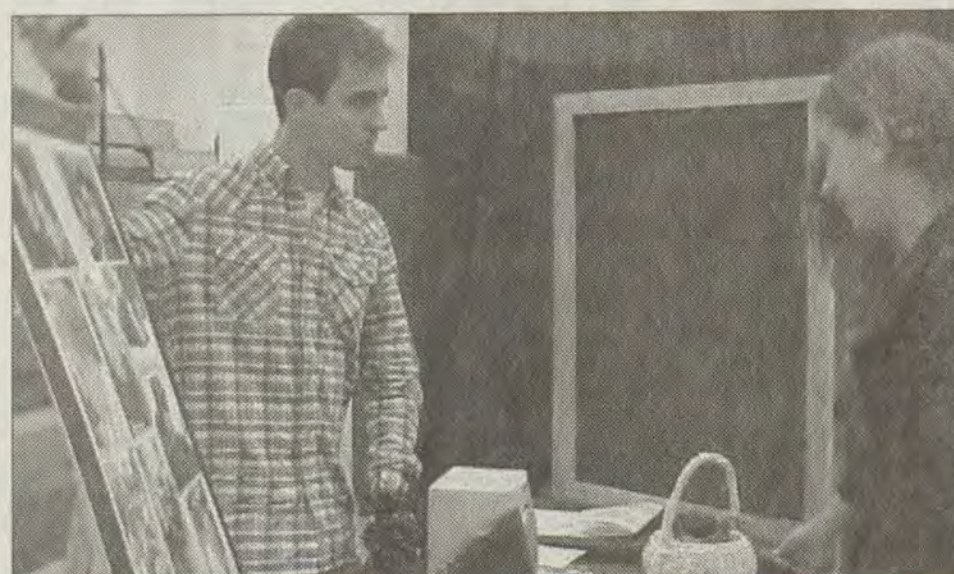
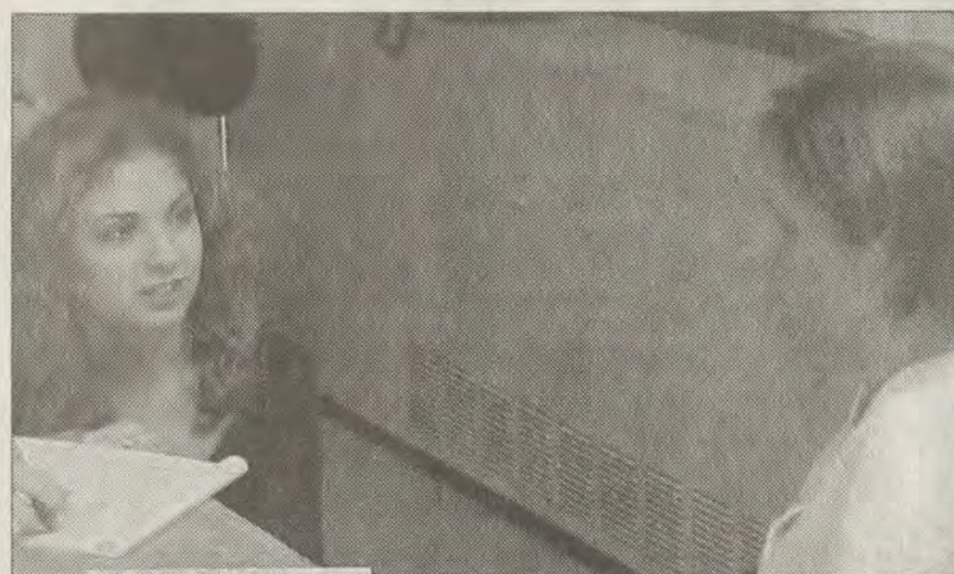


Josh Conn, Slack Minix, Chris Daniels, and Chris Mullins testing food samples.

Learning about Nutrition

During an instructional unit on nutrition, Mrs. Fannin's 8th grade class has learned about the nutrient contents of different foods, and how the human body uses the nutrients on a daily basis. In a recent experiment, the 8th grade class learned about carbohydrates, and which of the foods we eat contain starches. Given a sample of various foods, the students tested each sample using iodine, which changes color in the presence of starch in a food.

ALLEN CENTRAL high school



Allen Central High School students who participated in the STLP Showcase held at Pike Central. Students presenting at the Showcase were Morgan Salisbury, Zack Slone, Sarah Tackett and Brett Watson.



Brandy Parsons' Digital Art was exhibited at the STLP Showcase and will also be shown at the state "Pathways to Proficiency 04" Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference.

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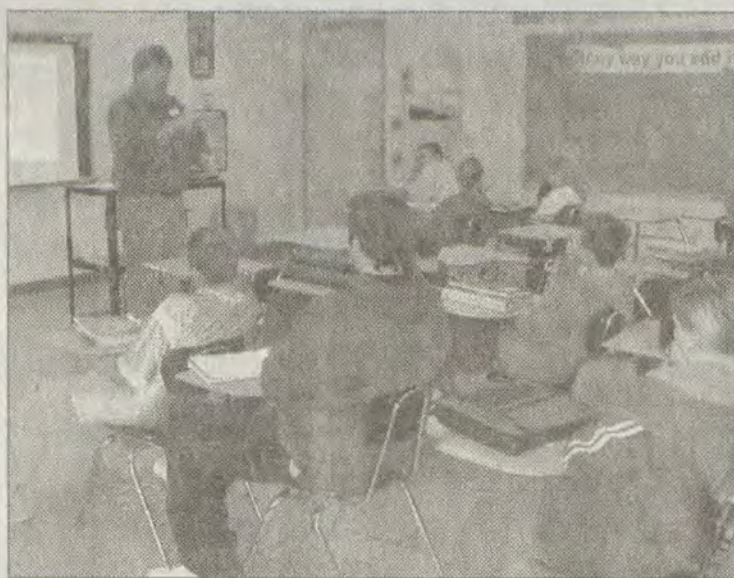
ALLEN CENTRAL middle school



Beta Club Members Assist with Collecting of Food

Beta Club Food Drive

Allen Central Middle School Beta Club in coordination with the Youth Service Center sponsored a canned food drive.

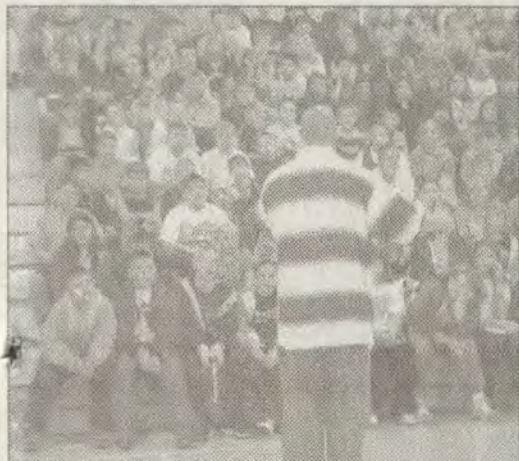


Mrs. Bays brought math to life as she invited Mr. Chris Daniels to talk with her class about how math is involved in his job as a surveyor.



Academic Team Preparation

In preparation for the upcoming Governors Cup Competition the Allen Central Middle School Academic Team competed against the teachers.



John Earle explains the importance of making good decisions.

John Earle

Allen Central Youth Service Center provided the students with a motivational presentation by professional football player John Earle. Mr. Earle discussed the importance of making good choices in school and life.



District Champions

Academic Team Champions

Allen Central Middle School Academic Team placed first in district competition. The middle school placed first in Future Problem Solving, first in Quick Recall, and first place overall.

In math, Wesley Perkins came in 2nd place, while Josh Manuel and Clyde Hamilton tied for 5th place. In Science Zack Griffith placed 1st and Weston Reid placed 5th. In Social Studies Michaela Tussey placed 2nd, Josh Manuel placed 3rd, and Carl Little placed 5th. In

Language Arts Jeremy Davis placed 2nd and Clyde Hamilton placed 3rd. In English Composition Stacie Carriere placed 3rd and Breanna Duff placed 4th. In Arts and Humanities Stacie Carriere placed 1st, Jessica Conley placed 4th, and Chelsie Cordial placed 5th. Allen Central Middle School Academic Team is coached by Mrs. Sandra Stapleton and Mrs. Lynn Handshoe. The future problem solving team is coached by Mrs. Billy O'Quinn.



Sixth Grade Showcase Academic Team

Sixth Grade Showcase

Allen Central Middle School Students participated in the Regional Sixth Grade Showcase. A one-day academic event designed to provide a competitive opportunity for Kentucky's sixth graders. The sixth grade Academic Team is sponsored by Mrs. Sandra Stapleton. Allen Central Middle placed a close second behind LBJ Middle School from Breathitt County.

Congratulations to:
 ■ Michaela Tussey, first in Social Studies
 ■ Jamie Mullins, fifth in

Social Studies
 ■ Michaela Tussey, first in Arts and Humanities
 ■ Clyde Hamilton, second Mathematics
 ■ Bridgett Slone, sixth in Language Arts

Allen Central Academic team would like to thank the following businesses for their assistance with the competition: Food City, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Renois Roadhouse, Papa Johns, Subway of Prestonsburg, Wal-Mart, and Ebony and Ivory.



ACMS KYA Students



KYA Students

Kentucky Youth Assembly

Allen Central Middle School students were given the opportunity to not only see government in action but to become a part of the process. The Kentucky Youth Assembly is a hands-on program where students take over the state government for three days. On the second day of the conference, students debate the important issues facing our state at the capitol in Frankfort. Students can participate in many ways at the conference, including serving as a senator or representative, running for Governor or another elected leadership position, or even arguing a real Supreme Court case before a panel of student justices. ACMS KYA is sponsored by Mr. Brad Short, Mr. Jeremy Hall, and Ms. Tanya Harris.



Sixth-Graders Shoot for the Stars

Krista Hamilton's sixth-grade students constructed rockets, discussed various design elements, and tested their hypothesis to achieve maximum air time for their rockets.



Top Twenty School Winners

Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child

Allen Central Middle School students participated in the Christmas through the Eyes of a Child Program. The top twenty

school winners were recognized and the top twelve students were given the opportunity to read their stories on WMDJ.



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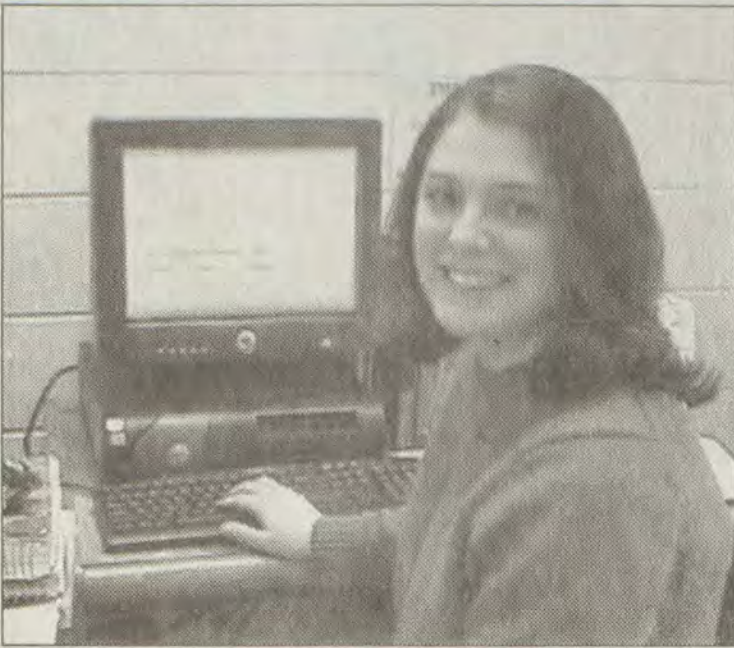
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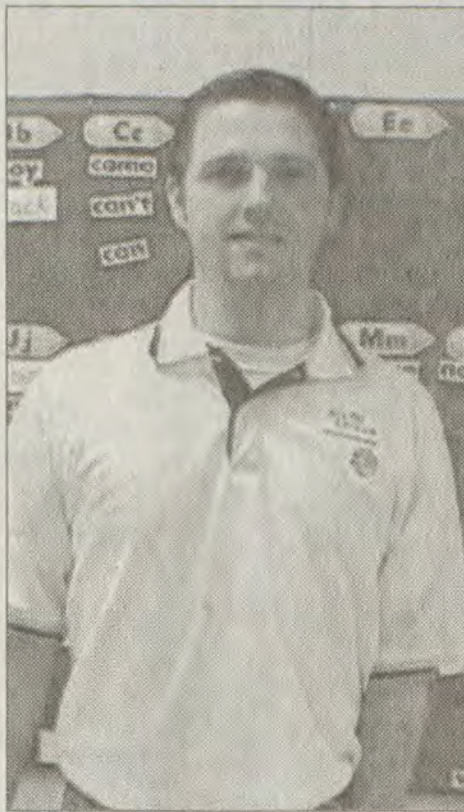
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ALLEN elementary



Erin Burchett is a first-year teacher at Allen Elementary. She teaches second grade. Mrs. Burchett earned her bachelor's degree from Morehead State University. She resides at Sugar Loaf with her husband, Paul Burchett Jr., and their 2-year-old daughter, Beth.



Nick Halbert teaches a kindergarten and first-grade split class at Allen Elementary. Mr. Halbert lives at Langley with his wife and their 4-year-old twins Tori and Chase. Mr. Halbert also managed to teach ESS and take on the head coaching position for the boys' basketball teams at Allen. He attended Morehead State University, where he got his bachelor's degree in early childhood education, P-5, and a minor in social studies, graduating with a 3.5 GPA. He plans to start in the summer on his master's in education.



Allen Head Start students were busy in the month of January. During this month, one of the parent/child activity projects was a snowman creation. The children enjoyed displaying and discussing their family projects.



Dwanta Adkins, a kindergarten student at Allen Elementary, is shown with Mrs. Linda Gearheart, principal, for attending all of the first 100 days of school with no tardies or absences.



Mrs. Halbert's and Mrs. Vanover's kindergarten classes at Allen Elementary celebrated the 100th day of school on Thursday, Feb. 12. They received certificates and various other items which indicated the 100th day of school.

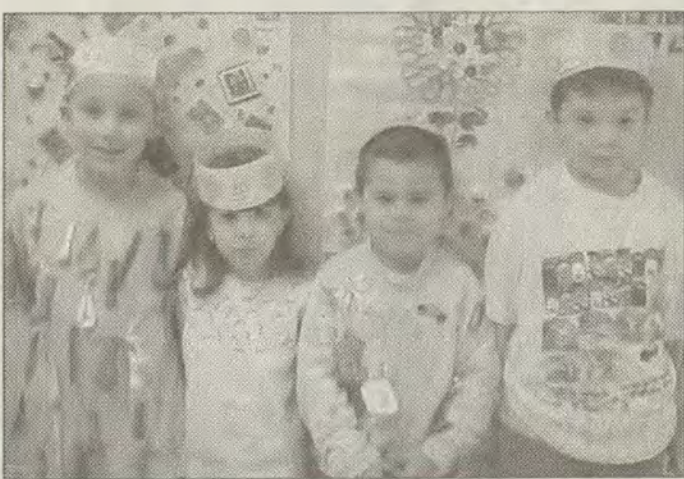


Allen Elementary students Natasha Skeens, eighth grade, and Cory Grigsby, second grade, won the attendance award for the fourth month of school. They are shown with prizes donated by Meade's Wholesale and other sponsors.



Allen Elementary students Darby Cooksey, fourth grade, and Charlie Lewis, sixth grade, won the attendance award for the third month of school. They were awarded prizes donated by Meade's Wholesale and other sponsors.

BETSY LAYNE elementary



Kindergarten celebrates 100 days of school.



Chase Newman earned the Good Character Award.

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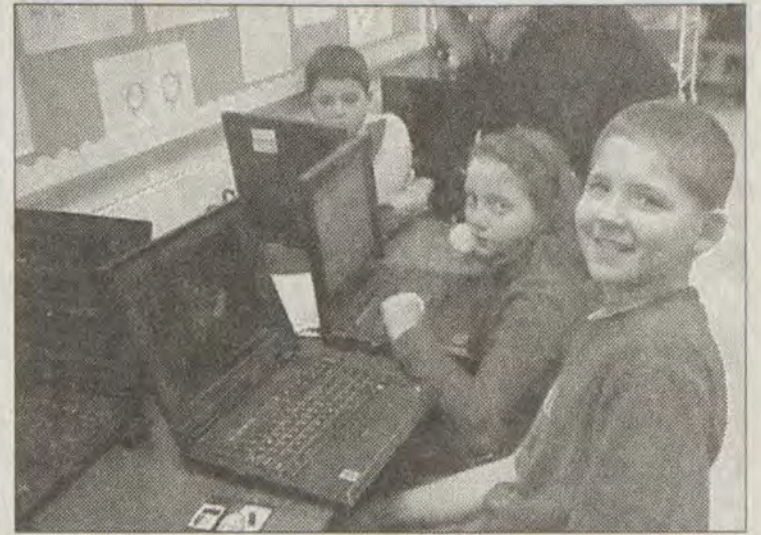
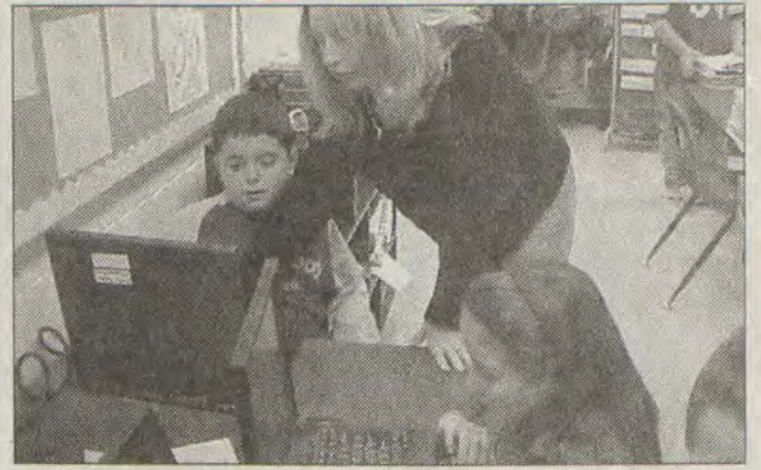
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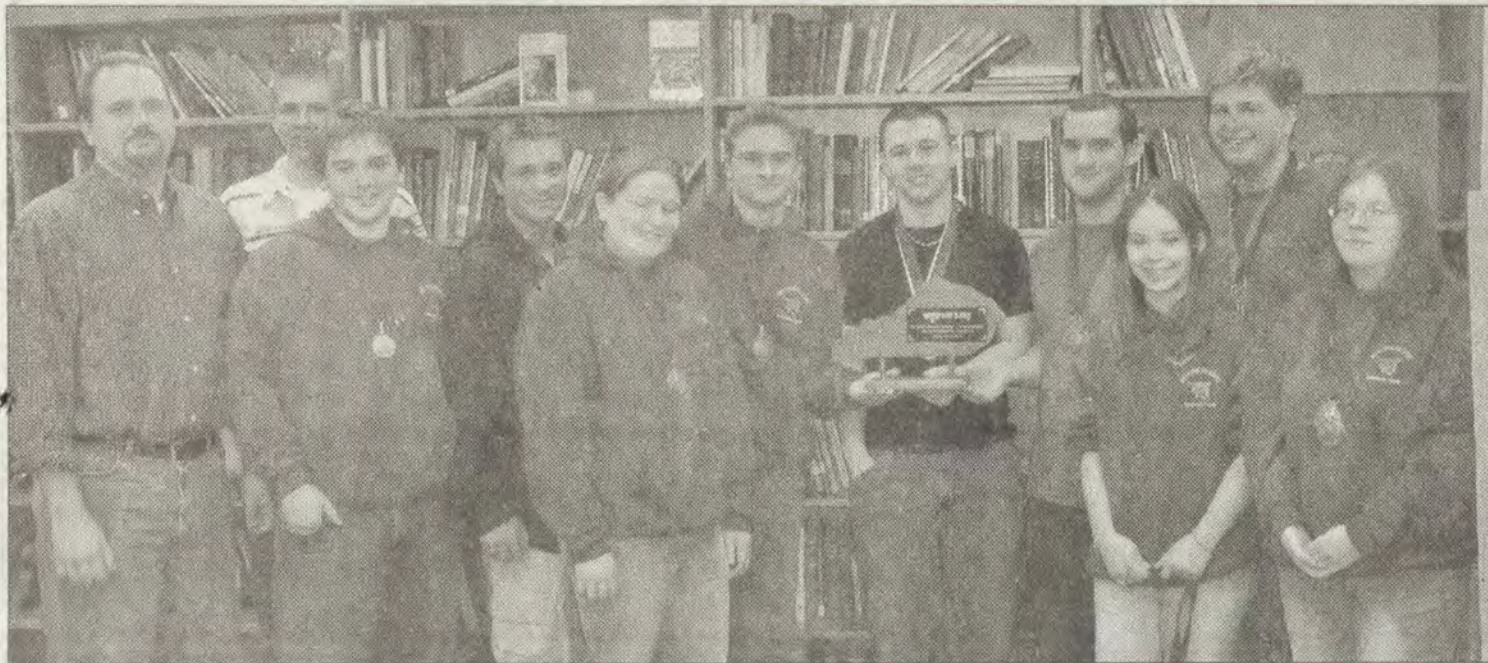


The Betsy Layne Elementary quick recall team placed first in academic competition. They are coached by Katrina Davis.



Mrs. Compton's room uses laptop computers for portfolios.

BETSY LAYNE high school



Pictured above, left to right, BLHS academic coach John Kidd, Brentton Akers, Josh Howell, Dustin Hamilton, Jennifer Hall, M.J. Meade, Mike Slone, Adam Chaffins, Valerie Slone, Michael Stewardson and Casey McMillan

BLHS academic team takes district title again

The BLHS Academic Team enjoyed a SWEET victory on Valentine's day at the District Academic Competition at Prestonsburg High School. Team captain, Mike Slone and quick recall starters M.J. Meade, Brentton Akers, Adam Chaffins, and Jennifer Hall, secured victories over Allen Central High School, South Floyd High School and host school Prestonsburg in overtime.

Along with their first place title in quick recall competition, BLHS also took top place recognitions in Written Assessment Competition. M.J. Meade scored

first in Science and second in Language Arts while Casey McMillan earned fourth place in Language Arts. In Math testing, "B" Akers placed 2nd while Adam Chaffins took fourth. Mike Slone received second place in Social Studies and Michael Stewardson took fifth. In Arts and Humanities testing, Mike Slone also received third place honors.

"These students continue to improve," explained John Kidd, BLHS Academic Coach. "But we will have to work hard to enjoy the same success in regional competition."

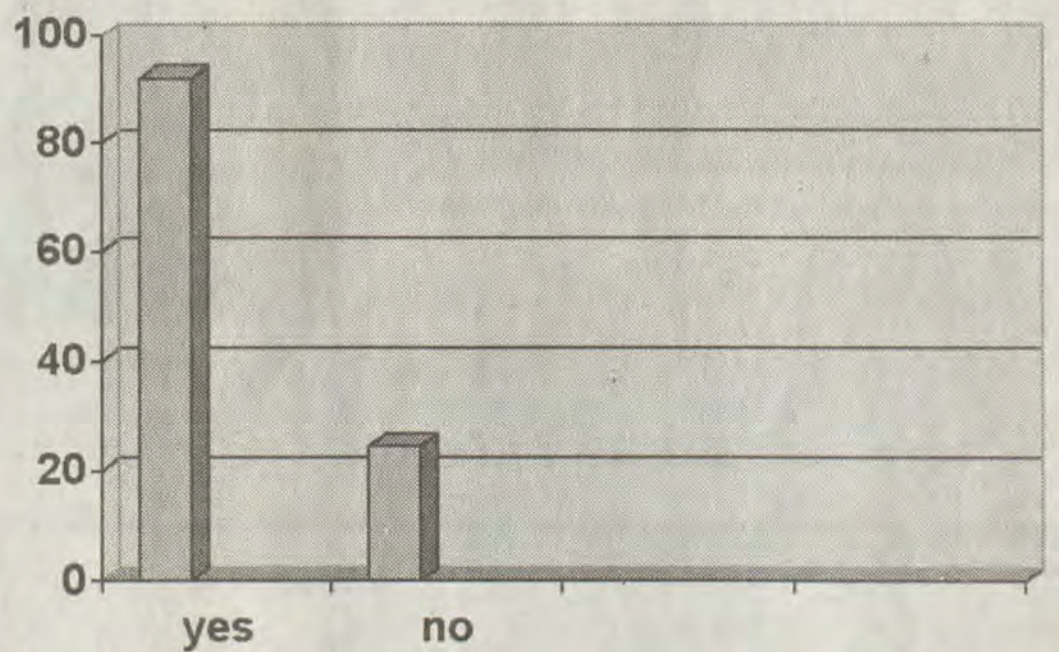
CLARK elementary



Clark Elementary 5th Grade students took a field trip to the Capitol in Frankfort. The students are pictured here in the Rotunda.



Clark Students enjoy the World of Flight.



School or no school

Two of our reporters from the Indian Express went around the entire school and did a survey. The question asked was: How did you feel about coming back to school after a really long Christmas Break. We had two choices, were you glad or not. Here's the results:

■ 92 students said they would rather be here at school

■ 24 students said they wouldn't rather be at school

Personally we were pretty bored staying home and we're glad to get back to school. So that concludes this article written by the Indian Express — Reporters Samantha Trout and Holly Whitaker. That's the rap!

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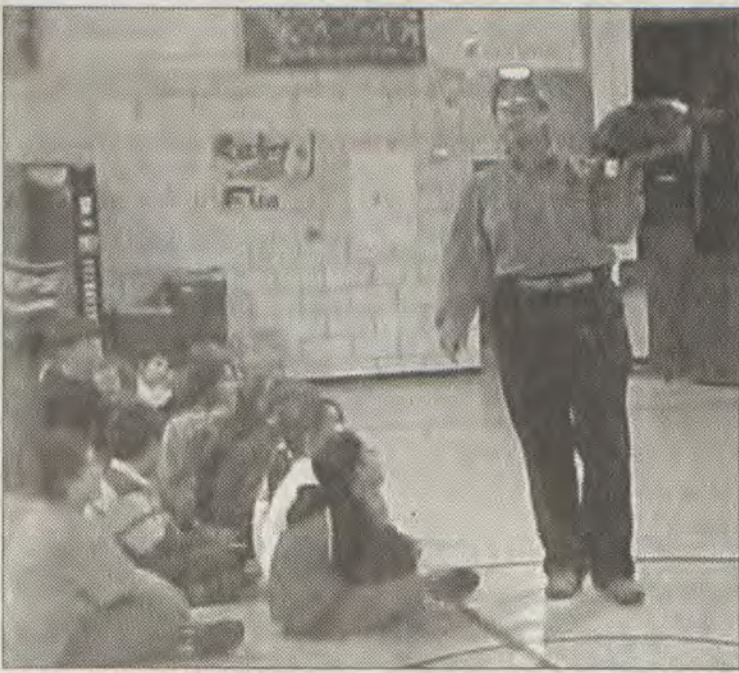
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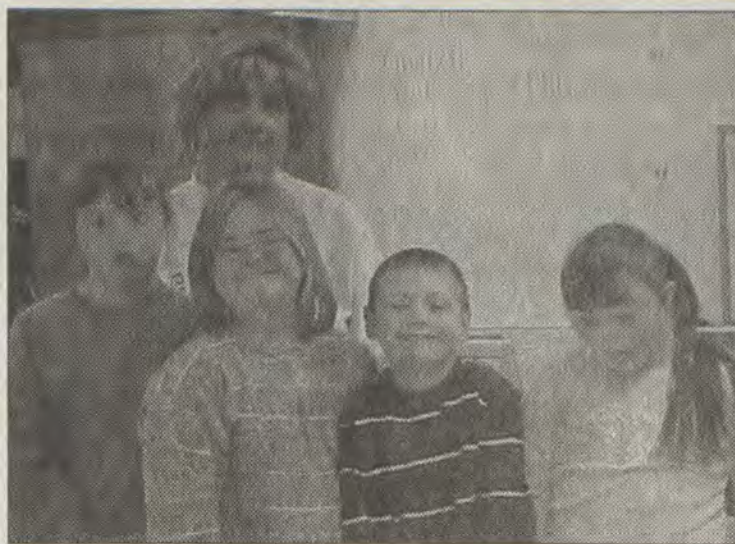
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On Dec. 5, Ms. Bingham's class went on a Community Based Instruction trip. The students used their consumer and economics skills to purchase the best buys for Christmas gifts. They purchased gifts for their family members. Pictured above are Ms. Bingham, Amanda Shepherd, Kelli Wright, General Sword, and Ashley Blackburn.



CHRISTMAS STORE

Clark students are having a great time shopping for Christmas. Parent volunteers help students find what they are looking for and wrap it up nicely for the holidays.



In Memory of Our Teacher, Mrs. Jan Wright

As a teacher, Mrs. Wright was nice to students and other teachers. It was awesome being in her class. She took pictures of our class and hung them on the wall. Hanging pictures was special because everyone looked at them and said: "Oh! Look what a pretty class!"

She was respectful to students and she listened to us. When someone was sick, she always made sure everything was okay. She did not give a lot of homework. There were times when she was serious because she wanted us to score high on our work. Sometimes, she rewarded

us with candy for good work. Then, there were times that she was funny and she laughed.

Mrs. Wright treated others with respect. She was friendly. She always had a smile on her face. She was nice to people even if she didn't know them. She was a great listener. When we learned that she was sick, we all prayed for her family, knowing that we might lose a teacher. We will always remember her by what she did, instead of what she didn't do.

By: Mika Hackworth, Victoria Hammonds, Sammantha Howard, & Samantha Trout

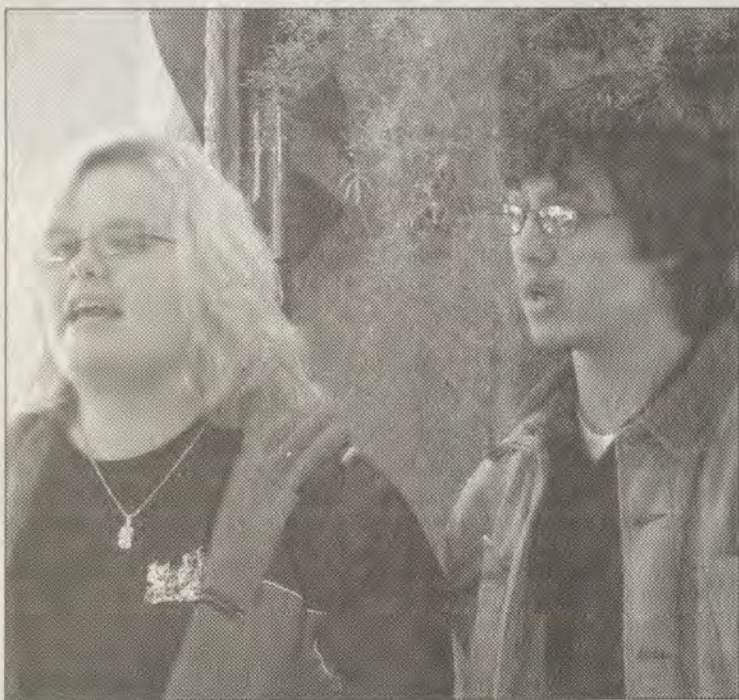


TAG takes a trip to HCC

by Whitney Rowe
CLARK ELEMENTARY INDIAN EXPRESS

The T.A.G (Talent and Gifted) students took a trip to Hazard Community College on Dec. 2, 2003 to the Challenger Space Center. During their time there they made rockets, parachutes, paper airplanes, and water rockets. After they had accomplished their projects they were able to launch everything they had made. When they completed their launching some people got to try freeze dried ice cream, strawberries, and cinnamon apple chunks.

DAVID school



Students Christy Crum and Brandon Powers sang at Mid-Year Graduation held on January 22.



President Dr. Joseph Stepp from Alice Lloyd College speaks to students during his visit to The David School.



Students Roger Lee Collins and Justin Osborne played music during the school's 30th Anniversary Party held on January 12.

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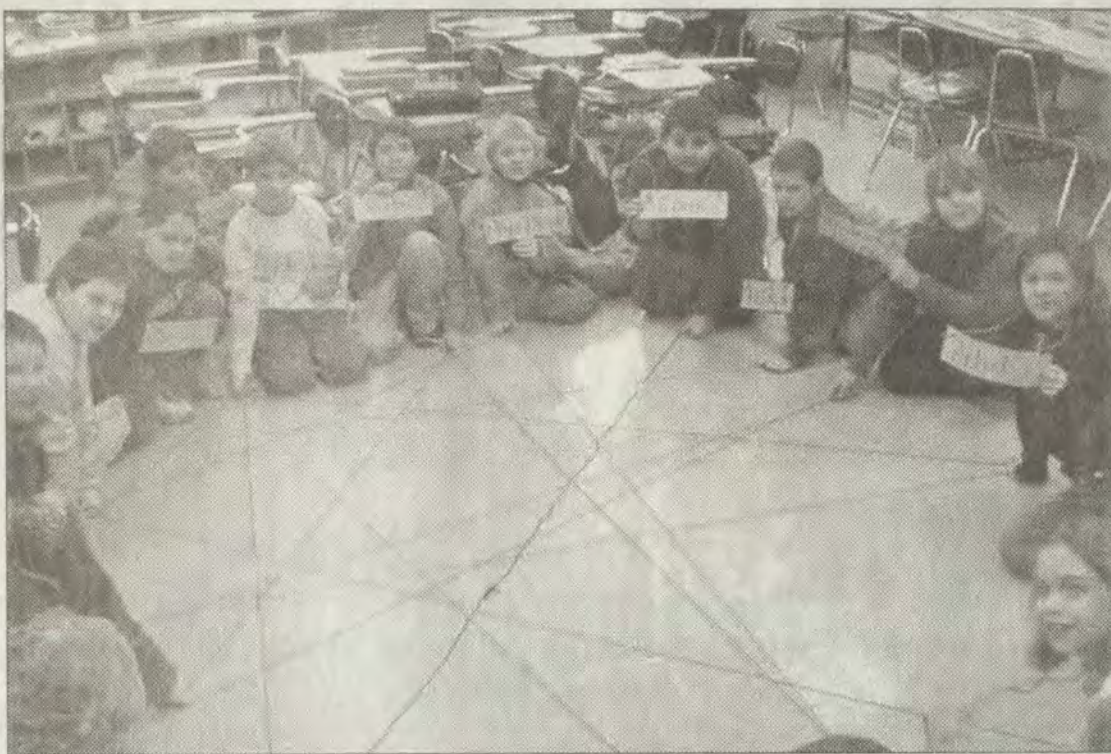
Math-A-Thon

James A. Duff Elementary 5th Grade students participated in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Math-A-Thon. This program enables young people to build good character and offer encouragement to others while pursuing the importance of mathematics. It also makes students aware of how vital it is to help children who suffer from catastrophic diseases, such as cancer. These students worked hard in recruiting sponsors who pledged a certain amount for each of the 200 problems they completed in a Math Fun Book. Pictured are winners: Samantha Caudill, Morgan Sexton, Ashley Hale, Sarah Perkins, and absent from the picture is Lauren Mullins.

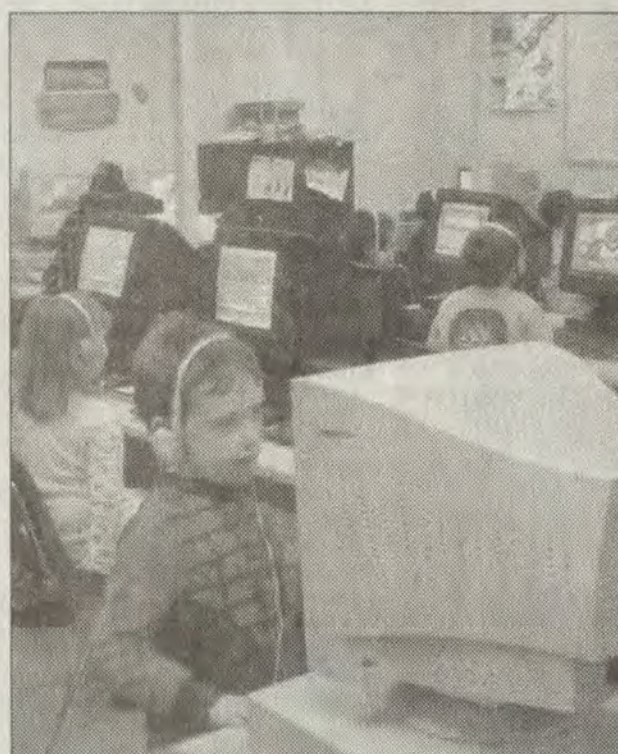


In Mrs. Ratliff and Ms. King's 4th grade science class, the students made windsocks to determine wind speed and direction.

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Students in Mrs. Case's 5th grade class learn about economic interdependence by creating a career web.



First grade students in the computer lab do activities on-line via www.learning.com.



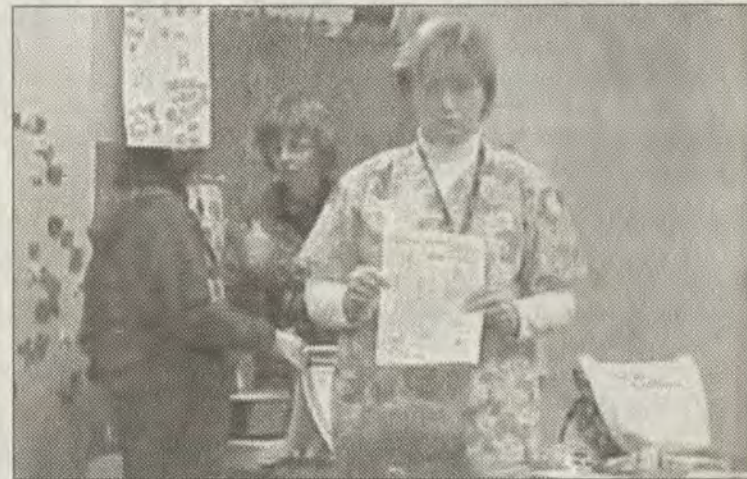
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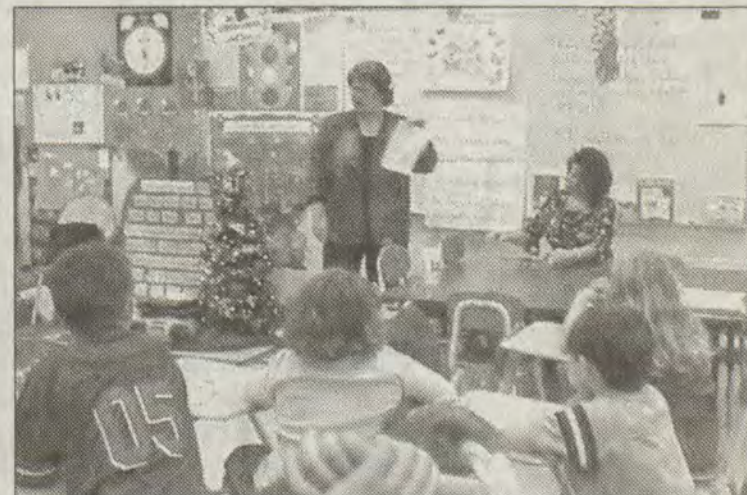
Mad Cap Productions and May Valley teacher Monica Compton performed for May Valley Staff and Students.



Mad Cap Production brought Life-Size puppets to May Valley for one of three performances of "The Fisherman & his Wife".



Our Lady of the Way Hospital presenter Carol Jo May with "Safety" in Mrs. Anna Shepherd's Class at May Valley Elementary.



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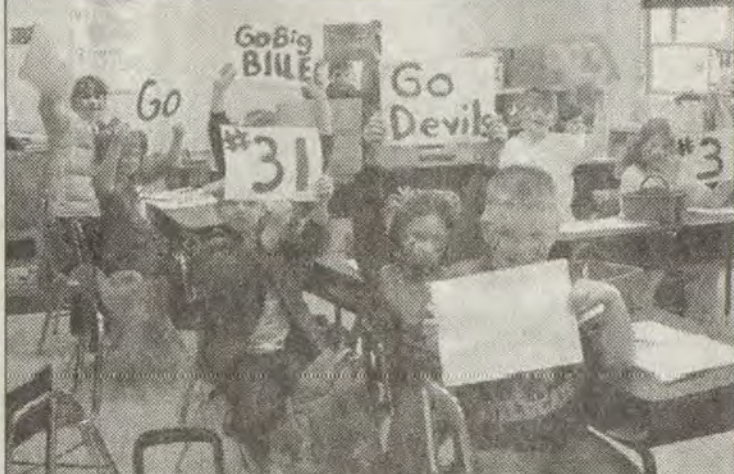
Students in Mrs. Gwen Hamilton's fourth grade science classes have been studying about sound and sound waves. The students each made soundproof boxes to demonstrate what they learned during the unit. Pictured below are the students with the soundproof boxes: Brandon Ray, Andrea Hamilton, and Heather Mosley.



Students in Mrs. Rachel Crider's Social Studies class recently learned about the Industrial Revolution. Students worked hard on inventing new machines. They also studied how changes in technology quickly change the way people live and work. Students pictured are Mary Beth Hall and Kayla Dye.



MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY'S 5TH GRADE CLASSES



Students at McDowell Elementary show their school spirit.



Students at McDowell Elementary enjoy activities to celebrate the 100th day of school.

Students in the 5th grade are experiencing an open classroom this year. Students work together along with their teachers as a group completing projects and assignments. Students have many advantages with this setting. The classroom has two and three certified teachers at all times. Students also enjoy help from instructional aids and volunteers. Effective (Proficient) modeling is taking place all day long. All students are benefiting from the extra help and time that this classroom provides. We are looking forward to Higher Test scores for our 5th grade. Classroom teachers are Rachel Crider, Stephanie Gearheart and Cindy Tucker. Classroom aides are Bridgett

Burke and Cheryl Herrington

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Prescription Drug Abuse

A great deal has been written about alcoholism and drug addiction over the last decade. However, we only seem to see information about prescription drug abuse and addiction when someone famous has a problem and needs treatment or dies. Historically, prescription drug addiction has been the most under-reported drug abuse problem in the nation (National Institute of Drug Abuse). Addiction and withdrawal from prescription drugs can be more harmful than other substances, because of the dangerous nature they have. Prescription drugs relieve pain for millions of people and enable many of them with chronic medical conditions to control their symptoms and lead productive lives. The majority of people taking prescription medications use them responsibly, however the non-medical use of prescription drugs has become an epidemic problem—especially in our area.

Prescription drug addiction is no different from alcoholism or an addiction to any other substance; however, no one is prescribed alcohol or cocaine for medical reasons. Prescription drug abuse is defined as the intentional misuse of a medicine outside of the normally accepted standards for its use. People who suffer from chronic pain are in a very difficult position. Painkillers do relieve pain. If a person takes the same medication for long periods of time, they can develop a tolerance for it. Once this happens it takes a larger amount of the drug to get the same effect. Many prescription drug addicts do begin by needing the drug they are prescribed for medical reasons, but somewhere along the way they lose control over their use and an addiction begins to develop. The latest national Household Survey on Drug Abuse said that nearly 9.3 million Americans reported having abused prescription drugs. According to the Drug Abuse Warning Network, 13 of the nation's 20 most abused drugs are prescription medications. DAWN data also suggests that prescription drugs account for about 25-30% of all drug abuse. Rod Colvin, author of the book "Prescription Addiction: The Hidden Epidemic" described it best when he stated "It's one of the nation's most serious, least understood, most under-reported problems."

When used appropriately, prescription drugs are very effective in treating a wide variety of debilitating disorders, but when used non-medically, they can be dangerous, addicting, and even deadly. Two types of the most commonly abused drugs are opiates/narcotic analgesics and benzodiazepines. Opiates/Narcotic Analgesics are generally used to control pain. Benzodiazepines, or tranquilizers, are used to manage anxiety. These drugs are prescribed for short-term use for things such as acute pain and anxiety that is a reaction to a specific event. They may also be prescribed for chronic pain or generalized anxiety.

Commonly Abused Opiates

- Vicodin, Lorcet, Lortab
- OxyContin, Percocet, Percodan, Tylox
- Demerol • Dilaudid
- Methadone • Sublimaze, Duragesic

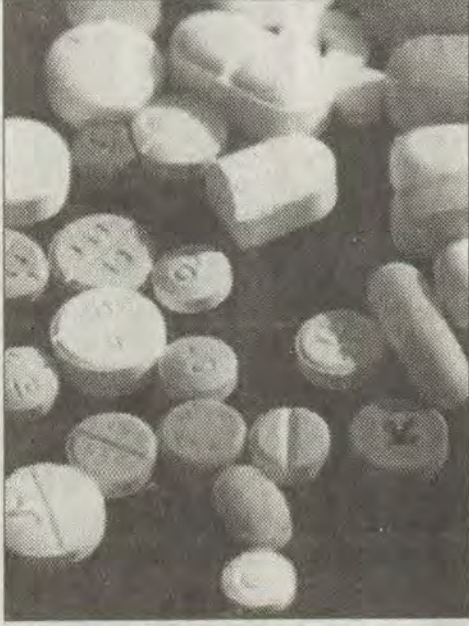
Commonly Abused Benzodiazepines

- Librium • Valium
- Ativan • Serax
- Xanax

Other prescription drugs that are not quite as popular as those listed above, but definitely deserve mention as being commonly abused, include stimulants such as Ritalin, and muscle relaxants such as Soma, Flexaril, and Skelaxin.

*Please note that all of the above medications are listed by their brand names. They are all available in many generic forms as well, which means that they may be sold under several different names.

Addiction rarely occurs among people who use a prescription medication as prescribed. Patients, healthcare professionals, and pharmacists all have roles in preventing misuse and addiction. For example, if a doctor prescribes a medication, the patient should follow the directions for use carefully. They should also learn what effect the drug could have and possible interactions with other drugs by reading all of the information provided by the pharmacist. (There is a reason that you get those papers with each of your prescriptions, READ THEM.) Warning labels are also placed on the prescription bottle to remind you of possible side effects (Note: If there is a warning label on your medication that says, "Do not operate heavy machinery while taking this medication," please remember that does not only mean tractors, it also means automobiles, motorcycles, 4-wheelers, etc.). Physicians and other health care providers should screen for any type of substance abuse during



routine patient interviews with questions about what prescription and over-the-counter medicines the patient is taking; how much of each and why they are necessary. In turn, the patient is responsible for being honest and accurate when answering those questions.

In 1999, an estimated nine million people, aged 12 and older, were currently (use in the past month) using prescription drugs non-medically; more than a quarter of that number reported using prescription drugs non-medically in the previous year. We would like to reverse this trend by increasing public awareness, encouraging the efforts of prevention, and treatment specialists, and supporting our local law enforcement; **it is going to take everyone working together to make a difference.** While most people live in a world where the local pharmacies provide the drugs needed to make them well, others dwell in an underworld where those same drugs are bought, sold, and stolen. People don't realize that there are prescription drugs being used for abuse everywhere, from the larger cities to the small rural areas, such as ours here in Eastern Kentucky. Because of the drugs' medicinal origin, these battles are often fought under the radar, while illegal drug battles receive most of the press. Nevertheless, officials try to take as many chunks out of the line of distribution as possible, while on the job.

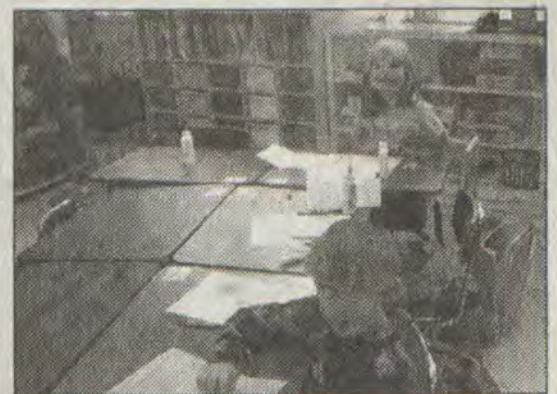
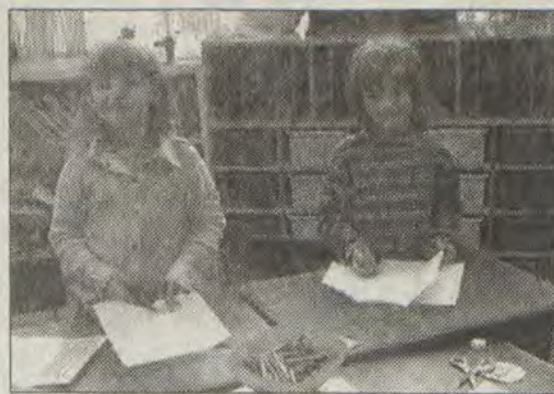
As prescription abuse has become more of a problem, different measures are being put in place to try to move toward a solution. One major tool in the fight against prescription abuse is the **Kentucky All-Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting system**, also known as **KASPER**. This database contains more than 35 million prescription records. The state Department for Public Health runs it under strict rules that require a formal complaint before an investigation can be opened. In addition to police officers, physicians can also use the system to check whether patients are going to other physicians to get multiple prescriptions. Drug Task Forces are also becoming more common throughout the state. In an effort to combat our county's drug epidemic more aggressively **Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson established the Floyd County Drug Task Force**, which meant having select officers that worked solely on drug-related investigations. The Drug Task Force has only been in place for eighteen months and currently operates with only three undercover officers. In those eighteen months our drug task force, with the help of both the **Floyd County Sheriff's Department and Prestonsburg's City Police Department**, have made a huge increase in the drug cases that are now active throughout our county. In a little over a year, they have filed charges against 77 suspects, with several others on the way. They have not handed a case to a prosecutor yet, that hasn't held up. While most of these charges were for first and second degree drug trafficking, six of the individuals arrested in the January 2004 roundup were charged with "doctor shopping." These were the first arrests for doctor shopping in Floyd County. Doctor shopping is when an individual goes to two or more doctors to get the same or similar prescription during the same time period (with the intent to defraud the doctors). This is a major contributor to the pill supply that is being sold in our communities. In pursuing "doctor-shopping" cases officers will cut down on the number of pills being prescribed, which in turn will cut down on the number of pills being sold on our streets. **Officer Stan Farler, who supervises Floyd County's Drug Task Force, stated that in 2003 the task force's drug cases increased by 900%.** With a minimal amount of money and a huge amount of long hours and good police work, the Floyd County Drug Task Force is proving itself as a force to be reckoned with if you are involved in the illegal sale or use of drugs in this county.

Good Luck, Guys!

Each of us, as citizens of Floyd County, have a responsibility to stand up and be accountable for our actions. We all have some role that we are in that is affected by the abuse of drugs. Whether it is as an official, a business leader, a teacher, a church member, a parent or grandparent, we all have a responsibility to the youth of this county to make it a safer place to live in. **We have to recognize that our children are the future of this county and what we do now sets the example for what they will do tomorrow.**

Jamie Ward Minix
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 Prevention Specialist, Floyd County Fiscal Court

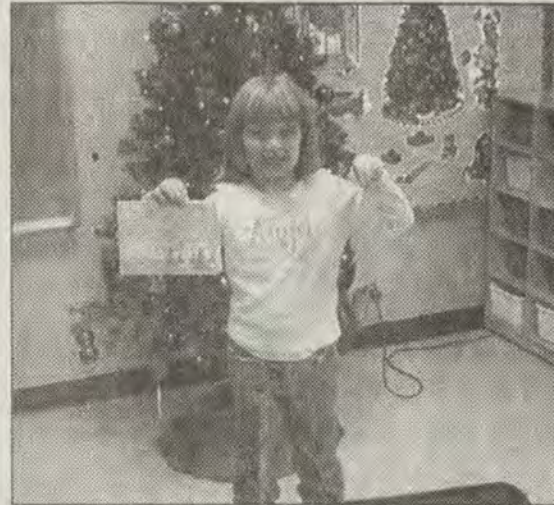
This has been sponsored by Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, and the Floyd County Fiscal Court. Jamie Ward Minix, Prevention Specialist.



Kindergarten students at McDowell Elementary recently studied a unit on Thanksgiving. They learned many facts about the first Thanksgiving. They enjoyed making Native American rain sticks and using Native American symbols to decorate vests and headbands. They also created a Thanksgiving journal with pictures and words to show what they had learned throughout the unit.



Leigh Ann Florence, author of *Woody the Kentucky Weiner*, talked to students at McDowell Elementary about the importance of integrating reading and writing. She is pictured with her dachshund, the inspiration for the book.



Primary Students at McDowell Elementary are studying Christmas traditions around the world. They are taking the new information to compare against their own cultural traditions.

MTN. CHRISTIAN academy



MCA elementary academic team wins District Governor's Cup competition

MCA's Elementary Academic Team recently won the district Governor's Cup competition. MCA was the overall winner, placed first in Quick Recall and placed second in Future Problem Solving. Individual winners that will advance to the regional level are: Science: first place, Shikha Sachdeva; second place, Joshua Gray; third place, Minus Helton. Language Arts: first place, Harmeet Bhagrath; second place, Andreea Gabor; third place, Swathi Gutti. Math: first place, Shikha Sachdeva; second place, Joshua Gray. Arts & Humanities: first place, Aanchal Saraf. Social Studies: first place, Andrew McCormick. English Competition: first place, Harmeet Bhagrath. The team is coached by Ms. Bronita Slone.



MCA's middle school academic team wins district title

MCA's Middle school academic team won the District Championship, the Katherine Hume Sportmanship Award, Quick Recall and placed second in Future Problem Solving in the Governors Cup Competition. MCA also had several individual winners they are as follows: Math: first place, Shilpa Sachdeva; second place, Taylor Clark. Science: first place, Jarred Tackett; fourth place, Warren Vierheller. Social Studies: first place, Shilpa Sachdeva; second place, Lynsey Caudill; third place, Taylor Moak. Language Arts: first place, Elizabeth Davis; second place, Elizabeth Kilburn; third place, Lynsey Caudill. Arts & Humanities: first place, Elizabeth Davis. The team is coached by Mrs. Angie Wilkes.



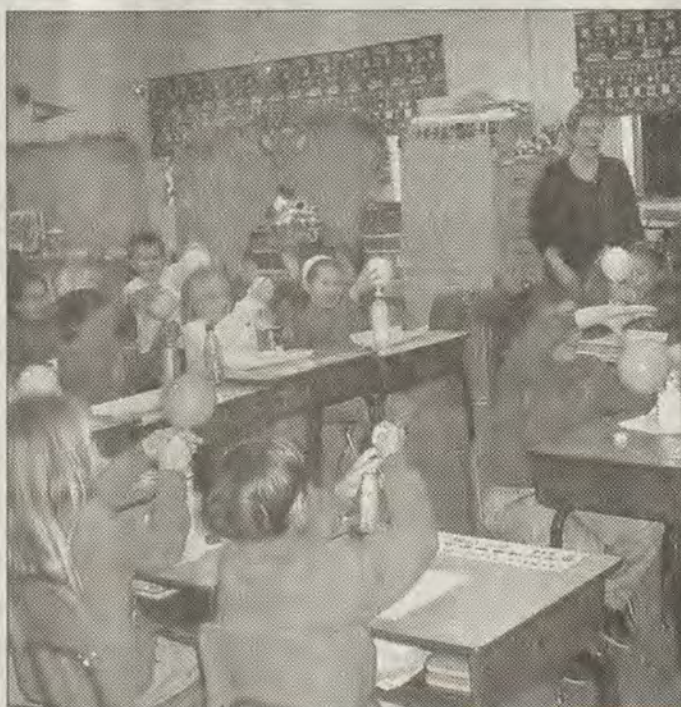
National Geographic Bee

Taylor Moak, seventh-grade student at Mountain Christian Academy, was the 2004 National Geographic Bee school winner. Taylor has also completed a written exam that may qualify her to attend competition on the state level in April.

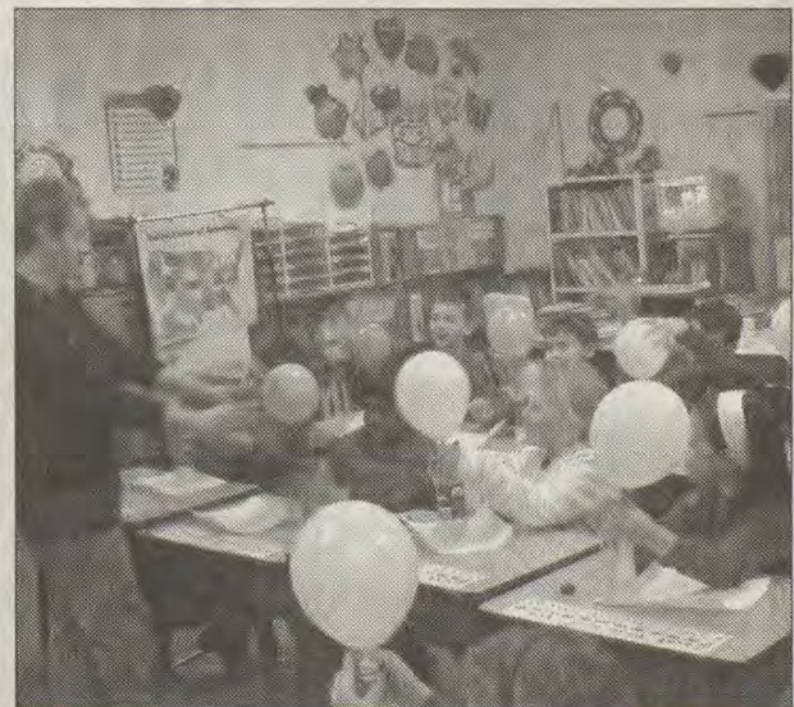


8th Grade Celebration

MCA recently recognized all their eighth students for academic excellence, athletic achievement, and other accomplishment. Lindsay Maggard, daughter of Richie and Michelle Maggard was crowned Miss Falcon and Taylor Clark, son of Eddy and Robin Clark was named Mr. Falcon.



Mrs. Gibson's first-grade class conducted an experiment proving that by mixing a solid and a liquid a gas will be produced that will inflate a balloon.



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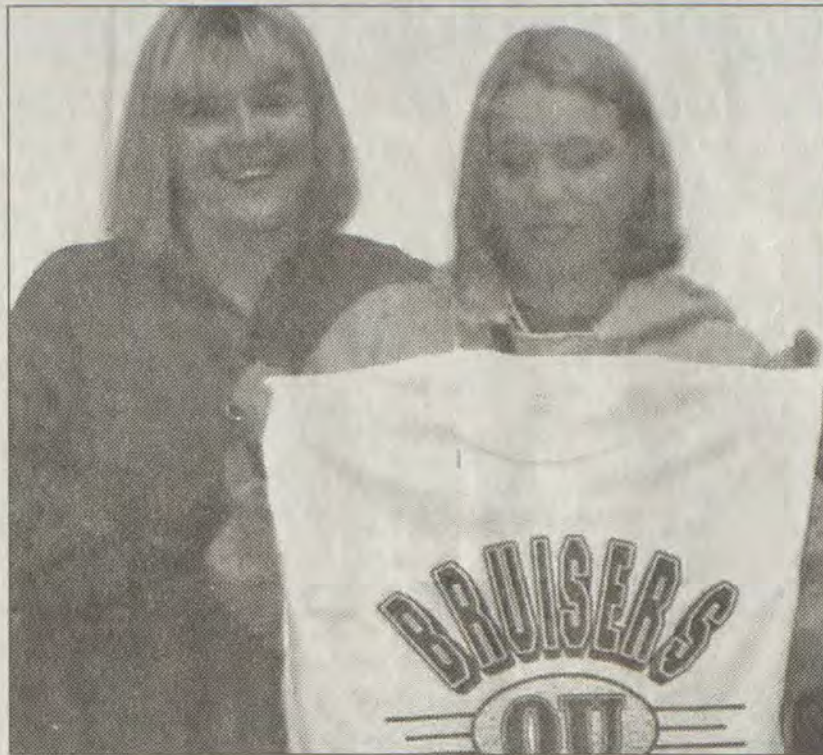
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OU is proud of senior, Kenny Kretzer. He placed first in the light-weight division of Dynamite Fights in Hazard. Kenny will continue his success after graduation; he has already enlisted with the Marines.

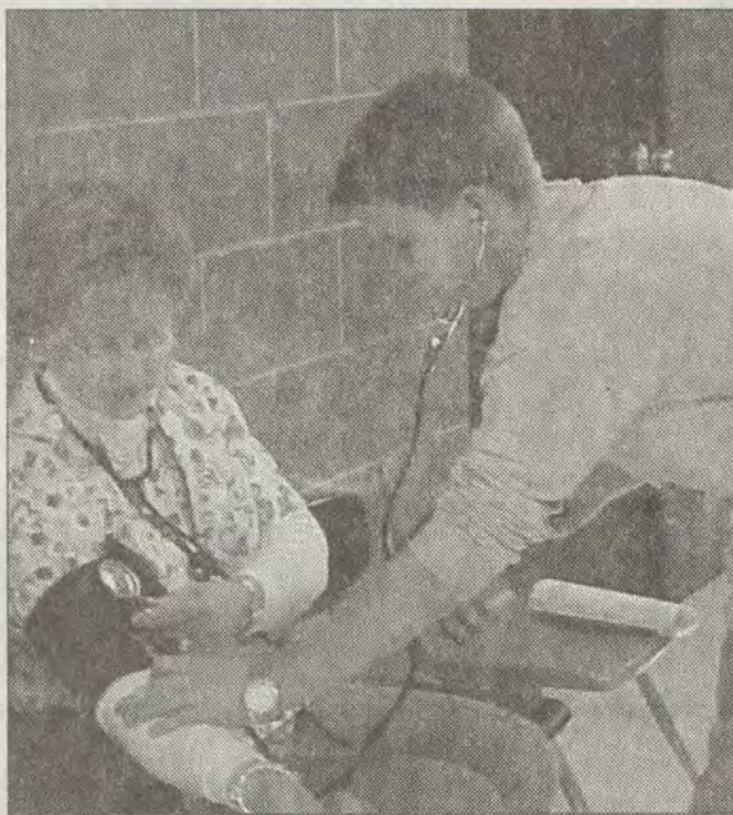


Senior class advisor, Debbie Kidd, stands proudly with Kim Wright as she displays the shirt given to her by Ms. Compton and the staff of OU. All students were given the shirts as a Christmas gift.

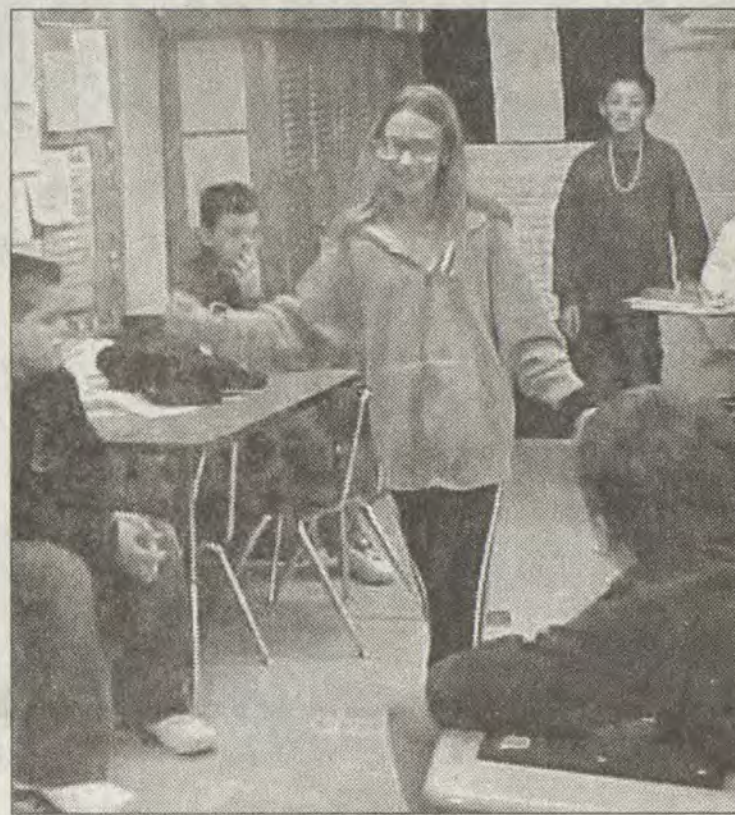
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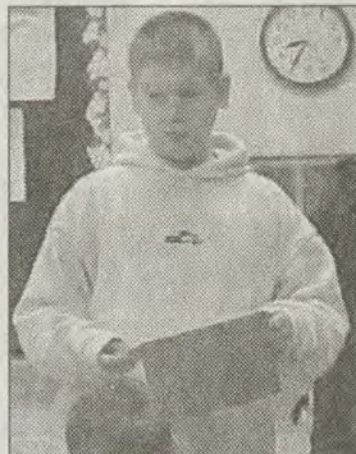
Mrs. Carlotta Jones', Mrs. Sandy Daniels' and Mrs. Sheillah Vance's kindergarten classes celebrate 100 days of school. They had balloons, confetti, candy and gum during their countdown. Everyone counted to 100 and all had fun.



Carol Jo May, of Our Lady of the Way, and health aide Dreama Bates allow sixth-grade students to demonstrate the proper procedures for checking blood pressure. Carol Jo had given a presentation on blood pressure training before the demonstra-



Kim Sanders (Our Lady of the Way) presented our fifth and sixth grade students a program about drugs and alcohol abuse. Students were able to feel some of the effects alcohol causes, through use of special goggles.



Mrs. Joyce Johnson's classes made and delivered Valentine cards to our kindergarten students, as part of their 4-H project.

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Math-A-Thon
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Accelerated Reading Winners

Jonathan Ramsey, Hannah Tackett, Mikeah Johnson and Megan Bates.



Math-A-Thon Winners for February

From left to right, Christian Burchett (fourth grade), Jordan Pack (kindergarten), Tyler Little (third grade), Joslyn Isaac (second grade), Annie Hall (fifth grade), Breonna Jackson (sixth grade) and Devon Newsome (first grade).

PIARIST school



The Piarist School Junior class toured the library at Prestonsburg Community College to improve their library and research skills. From left to right are Ina Howard, Ashley Gunnell, Keisha Slone and Savannah Jarrell.



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Budding artist Savannah Jarrell took the time to admire art on display while on a field trip to Prestonsburg Community College.

Piarist students to compete in regionals

The academic team at the Piarist School is winding down another season. Last year the team finished fourth in the region. This year, after losing half of their starters, they knew it would be a rebuilding year.

While as a whole they they struggled, Michael Combs, Justin Frasure, Ashley Gunnell and Shannon Hicks were able to shine. The four of them will represent the team and school at regionals on February 28.

Shannon placed in the top five in science at the district competition as well as being an integral part of the third-place Future Problem Solving Team. A junior who has not yet taken physics, Shannon expects to continue to improve.

Ashley represents the school in language arts, in which she placed first; English composition, in which she earned third-place honors; and captains the future problem solving team. She has regularly placed in English composition for her three years at the Piarist School, and before, for her middle school team.

Justin Frasure, another junior,

leads the team as its overall captain. He tied for fourth in language arts and placed third in social studies. Justin, or Bob, as he is often called, exhibits a true knowledge and joy of history. Representing a long tradition of excellence in social studies, Justin hopes to place at regional competition and continue on to state competition at Louisville in March.

Michael Combs has already placed once in regional scrimmages, and hopes to do so again on the 28th. A sophomore, Michael

will represent the Piarist School in mathematics and in arts and humanities. Michael is another student whose success in academic team comes from a true interest in the subject. Michael studies mathematics and humanities for his own enjoyment and hopes to represent the team in Louisville this March.

Congratulations should be given to all of the team for their hard work which is carved out of their busy schedules. Many of them represent the school in several different activities. Good luck at regionals.

Y-Club to attend KUNA

The Piarist School Y-Club will be attending the Kentucky United Nations Assembly, March 21-23, in Louisville.

KUNA is sponsored by the Kentucky YMCA. The assembly gives students the opportunity to represent a country in a festival of Nations.

This year the club will be representing Djibouti. Countries that have been represented in the past include Japan, Holland and Brazil.

Y-Club students have been building a hut for their country since the first of the month and are eagerly looking forward to having a good time. They are very grateful for this learning opportunity.

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The PES academic team includes, from left to right, first row, Wil Allen, Cassie Whitt, Hannah Walker and Casey Moore; second row, Jessica Lafferty, Brandi Frasure and Charlie Joseph; third row, Brittany Davis, Nathaniel Fraley, Tori Hunt; fourth row, Kaitlyn Minix and Tyler Whitt; fifth row, Joan Cornett, Brain Branham and Betty Minix.



Floyd County Times

The students in a kindergarten class at Prestonsburg Elementary are shown using The Floyd County Times in the classroom.



Prestonsburg Elementary students win SNOOP contest

SNOOP (Spay and Neuter Organization of Prestonsburg) sponsored its first art contest promoting the importance of having our animals spayed or neutered.

Grand prize winner Tori Hunt received a SNOOP t-shirt and a large grand prize ribbon. All other school winners received ribbons to commemorate their winning place.

Winners included:

■ In the fourth- and fifth-

grade division, Emily Hammonds, first place; Ashley Daniels, second place; and Latosha Lafferty, third place.

■ In the second- and third-grade division, Jordan Marcum, first place; Savannah Bryant, second place; and Tyler Honeycutt, third place.

■ In the kindergarten and first-grade division, Taelor Blevins, first place; Caitlin Kaessinger, second place; and Mariah Ratliff, third place.



Learning geometry through gingerbread houses

by Kaitlyn Minix, Cassie Whitt, Tyler Whitt, Madysen Nunnery

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, the sound of laughter could be heard in the hallway and you could smell frosting a mile away. Mrs. Shepherd's fifth-grade math classes were making gingerbread houses. We had studied Germany and its many traditions for our Christmas unit and we also found out it was known for its gingerbread. This is one reason we made gingerbread houses. The other reason is we were studying geometry. Gingerbread houses have all kinds of geometric shapes. In the activity we made lines, angles, and solids out of candy.

Even though making gingerbread houses was fun, it was

also hard work. First, we had fun designing the house grid paper and then building our gingerbread houses. After our houses were completed, we had an open response question for homework about four geometric attributes of our gingerbread houses and how our project related to real life.

In geometry we learned about shapes, angles, types of lines, protractors and all kinds of other things. But the most interesting thing we learned in geometry was symmetry, which is a line on which a figure can be folded so that two parts fit exactly. In our opinion, gingerbread houses are a perfect example of geometry. I think making gingerbread houses is a great Christmas project, which incorporates leaning in a fun way.



Safety Patrol

One of the hardest-working groups at Prestonsburg Elementary School is the Safety Patrol. They are on post every morning and evening being sure that our students are safe. They are also responsible for raising and lowering the flag using the proper respectful procedure.

Students are selected for the Safety Patrol after being recommended by their fourth-grade teacher. They must maintain a C average and be trustworthy. They must also be able to follow directions.

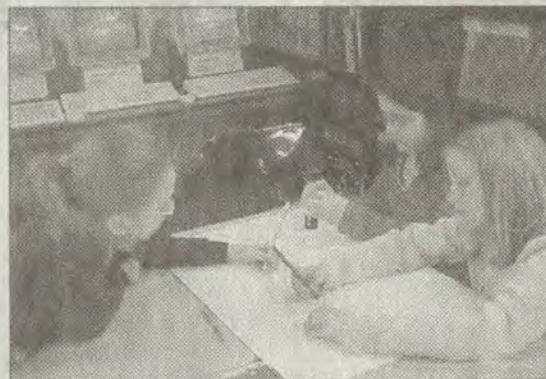
This year's members are Wil

Allen, Brian Branham, Brittany Davis, Brandi Frasure, Robert Grigsby, Tori Hunt, Jamie Marsillett, Kaitlyn Minix, James Sturgill, Hannah Walker and Kalan Wells.




St. Lucia Hats

The kindergarten students at Prestonsburg Elementary completed a unit called Christmas Around the World in December. These students are shown wearing St. Lucia Hats they made as part of the study. The girls are Kaitlyn Fraley, Abby Shepherd, Jonna Ousley, Rama Ashomsi, Cassandra Poston, Muna Shakhshiro, Katie Goble, Shelby Hitchcock, Morgan Meade, Hannah Hunt, Keilee Justice and Seaira Craft.



Electricity

These students in Mrs. Goble's science have been learning about electricity. The students investigated how to build a working electric current.



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Whitney Bradley and Megan Goble enjoy giving the scorer/timer table a facelift.



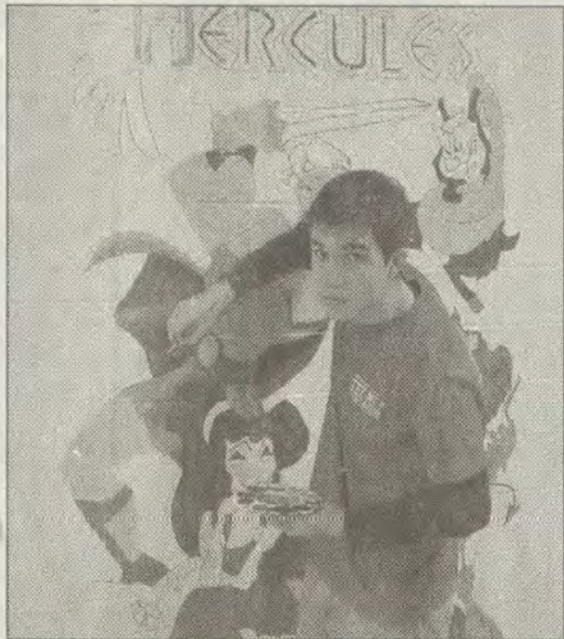
Ashley Goble and Kelly Clark are students in Mrs. Williams' fine arts drama class.



Spanish students Heather White, Sara Isaac and Tessa Shepherd, with teacher Mrs. Auton.

PHS arts & humanities

The Arts & Humanities Department of Prestonsburg High School is continually learning, creating and performing. Courses are offered in art, drama, dance and music to fulfill the arts and humanities component of CATS testing. Spanish and German are also offered to students.



Jeremy Shepherd puts his finishing touches on his artwork in the hallway.



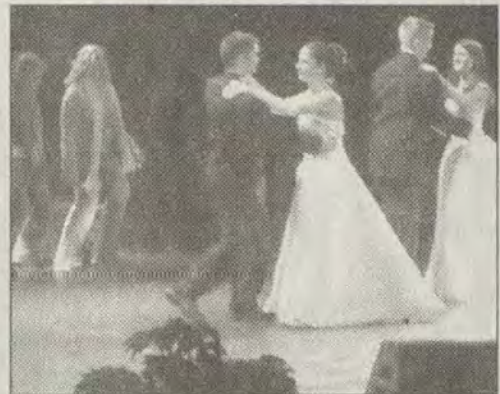
Drama students Kim Williams and Robyn Stephens practice "safe stage combat" to use in class performances.



Members of the PHS Concert Band enjoyed performing their holiday favorites.



In learning "safe stage combat", drama students Jamie Slone and Derek Williams learn such techniques as falls, chokes, kicks, slaps, face punches and body blows.



Performing "The Christmas Waltz", Katherin Austin with Matt Huff and Allison Hamilton with Dakota Maynard.

Students in the Music Department presented their Christmas program at the Mountain Arts Center on Dec. 12. A total of 89 students participated in the annual event. The Concert Band and Honor Choir performed standard holiday classics to an audience of approximately 1,000. The band is conducted by Ms. Christie Piper and the PHS Honor Choir is under the direction of Mrs. Kathi Caudill.

Art students have diligently worked to create some enthusiasm in the hallways of PHS. Students work in collaborative groups throughout the year.

Drama students are involved in the basics of acting and finding themselves involved in some exciting scenes from some classic drama productions.

Spanish students are very excited about learning to speak another language and learn about heritage and traditions of another country.

The Arts & Humanities faculty consists of Mrs. Elizabeth Auton (Spanish), Mrs. Kathi Caudill (choral music), Mrs. Maggie Fannin (art) and Mrs. Barbara Williams (drama).

SOUTH FLOYD middle school



Kodi Hall, eighth-grade math student of the month.



Kelly Johnson, eighth-grade math student of the month.



Walter Hall, seventh-grade math student of the month.



Kody Little, seventh-grade reading student of the month.



Kayla Slone, seventh-grade science student of the month.



Megan Chapman, a student at South Floyd Middle School, had 22 inches of her hair cut and donated 11 inches to Locks of Love. The hair will be used to wigs for cancer patients.



Holly Motherwell, eighth-grade English/reading student of the month.



Faith Little, eighth-grade social studies student of the month.



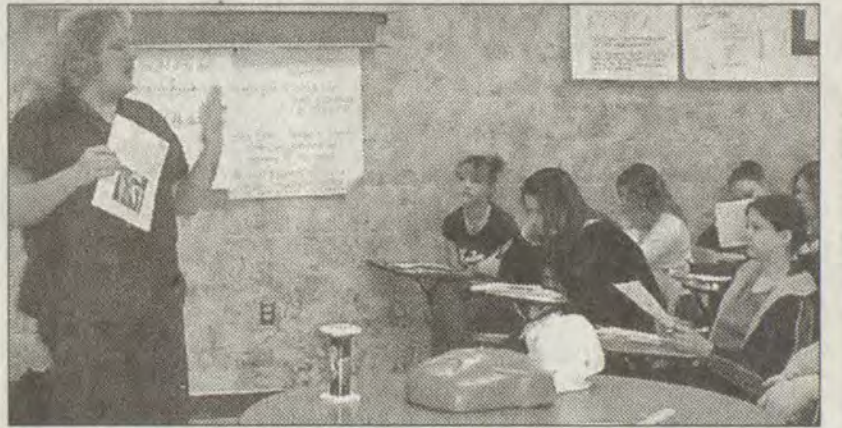
Rachel Johnson, seventh-grade social studies student of the month.



Chris Henson, eighth-grade English student of the month.



Kim Patton, eighth-grade science student of the month.



Mrs. Osborne's physical education class is discussing a unit on nutrition and healthy eating habits. Our Lady of the Way Hospital provided her class with presenter Kim Sanders, who discussed nutrition facts and how unhealthy eating habits can lead to health problems relating to the heart.

SFMS District Governor's Cup Winners



Ethan Gayheart, first place district team.



Kerry Meade, first place future problem solving.



Andrew Moore, first place future problem solving and quick recall.



Kody Little, first place in quick recall and future problem solving.



Trisha Damron, first place quick recall, fourth place English composition and fifth place arts and humanities.



Tyler Greer, fourth place science.



Kodi Hall, first place English composition, language arts and future problem solving.



Matraca Bentley, third place language arts.



Zach Brown, first place quick recall and future problem solving, third place social studies.



Corey Wallen, first place math, science and quick recall.



Stephanie Conn, fifth place social studies.

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News from Stumbo Elementary

1. Mrs. Freda Hamilton's Class News

Birthdays for January: Travis Hamilton January 27, Austin Moore January 27, Shauna Brown January 27, Becky Hamilton January 25, Jeremiah Vance January 4.

In Mrs. Hamilton's class, the students have been doing two and three number addition and subtraction problems with and without regrouping. Mrs. Hamilton is very pleased with her students enthusiasm and desire to select and use a variety of problem solving strategies in math.

The P3 & P4 students at Stumbo Elementary will be having monthly multiplication tournaments beginning the end of February. Students will compete for prizes.

3. Mrs. Stephanie Lawson & Mrs. Melissa Little's P4 classes

recently completed dioramas about ecosystems as well as Ms. Abshire's fifth and sixth grade science classes.

4. Mrs. Jill Tackett's P1 class has been learning about light and color. Math has been very interesting learning about geometric shapes. Please practice these at home with your child. We have started spelling last month. Parents need to nightly practice these with your child. Tests are every Friday. We have weekly vocabulary test that include vocabulary words and story content. You need to have your child read to you nightly to help increase their reading comprehension and fluency.

5. The following students have not missed any days of school or had no more than three tardies this nine weeks: Paige M. Bowditch, Lindsay M. Hall, Robert B. Hall, Brittany

N. Hamilton, Christopher Michael Henson, Melissa Hill, Jessica D. Kidd, Alexis M. King, Brandon C. Martin, Lindsey L. Martin, Tanner J. Martin, Stephanie Newsome, Jeremy C. Osborne, Sasha N. Osborne, Lindsey P. Rogers, Heath W. Tackett.

1. Mrs. Little's P4 Class: We were busy, busy, busy right before Christmas Break. We studied several winter holidays such as Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Las Padas and how several countries celebrate Christmas. It was very interesting. We worked very hard to present a program, "Christmas Around the World" for our families and again for the primary classes. It was great.

We are so excited, many of us have graduated to full time cursive writing. While a few of our classmates still need a little

work before graduating too we are sure they are practicing at home to prepare for the great event. We ask parents to help all of us to read our stories for reading nightly, study spelling words, practice our multiplication and cursive writing often. We are learning all we can to prepare for the CTBS test this Spring. Parents please make sure your child completes their nightly homework. It is essential to ensure they are ready for the testing. Honor Roll Students for 2nd nine weeks: Tanner Martin and A.J. Salmons

2. Open House is scheduled for the Tuesday, March 2nd from 6 to 7:30 p.m. We want to invite all the community to come see our completed new facility. We have been playing our boys' basketball games in our new gym. Come celebrate with us!

Remembering



people realize how dedicated Mrs. Shepherd was to our school. She worked many late hours during the evenings and weekends. When the staff was asked to clean and paint their own rooms, Mrs. Shepherd was here helping other staff members with their rooms until 3 a.m. She took great pride in our school and was forever trying to make improvements. Even after becoming ill, she would call the school with an idea or teaching activity. She also would ask how staff members and students were doing.

Mrs. Shepherd joined our Stumbo family approximately three years ago after the previous counselor, Mark Newsome, moved to central Kentucky.

While here, her responsibilities were numerous and her love for our children became more and more obvious as time passed. Few

Mrs. Shepherd was incredibly important to many people here at Stumbo and she will never be replaced in our hearts. To say that she will be greatly missed is an understatement.



Cody Akers, fourth grade student in Mrs. Newsome's class, won third place in the county conservation art contest for 2003. This is the third year that Cody has won in the county competition. The theme for this year was "Kentucky's Wildlife... Rediscovering It's Value". He is the son of Ricky and Breena Akers of Grethel.

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Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No ... the amazing artifact known as the Sikhote-Alin iron meteorite sped to earth nearly 57 years ago and fell in the Sikhote-Alin Mountains in eastern Russia on Feb. 12, 1947. In groups of five, the Wee Care students explored this 300-pound meteorite and its amazing "atmospheric heated thumbprint impressions." This was one small step for the children and one giant leap for the early elementary education of Eastern Kentucky.



Pike Central High School JAG students Miss Ashley (an aspiring young elementary school teacher) and Miss Whitney (an aspiring young pediatrician) amaze and honor the staff and students each Thursday with their grace, style and helping hands as they explore and socialize with the children in an early learning environment. Wee Care is blessed to be acquainted with such outstanding young adults.



Hearts and hands join together in fellowship and celebration as the Wee Care families enjoy a relaxing holiday meal with the staff and church elders.



Haleigh Hamilton brings this blank canvas to life during art class with her astounding imagination and flair for color, lines and patterns that bring into being a completed work of art that assures the onlooker an amazing adventure.



The value of knowing each child's personal learning style is exhibited by director Mrs. Cindy as she shares a moment of quiet learning with Hannah, who is one of Wee Care's leader reader club.



Ms. Erin gives her undivided attention as she works one-on-one with each of her 2- and 3-year-old mathematics superstars in a very exciting "shapes" lesson.

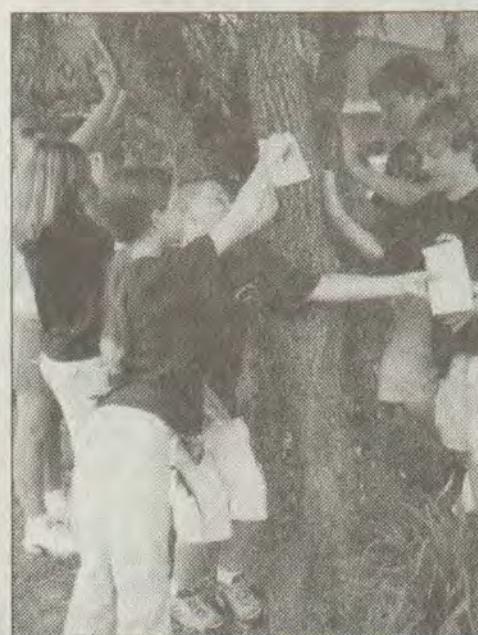


"Now I lay me down to sleep ..." A moment of bonding between little one and teacher that influences this tiny heart for a lifetime.

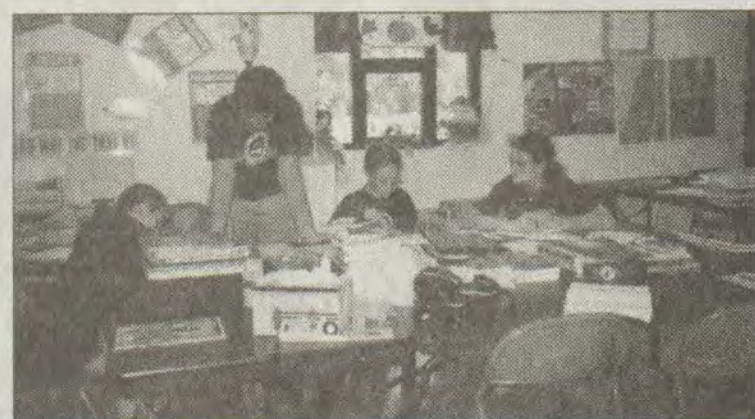


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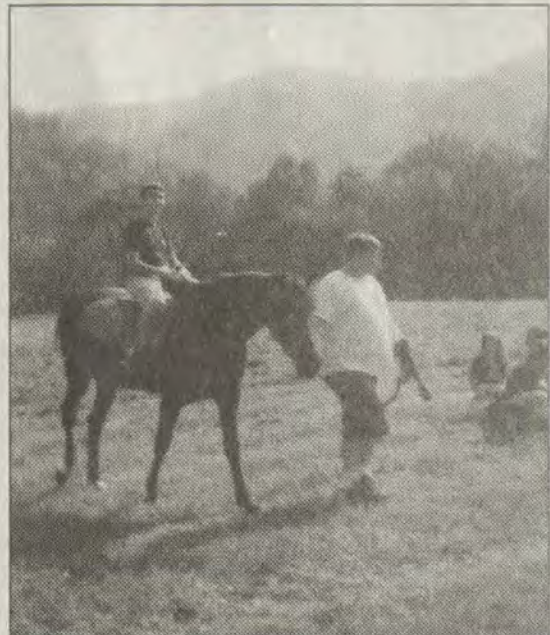
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Mrs. Castle's class enjoyed an outside science class.



The sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students sent letters and Christmas greetings to soldiers in Iraq as part of a 4-H project.



Students in Mrs. Akers' class enjoyed the animals at May Stables. They even got to practice their riding skills.



Winners of the Domestic Violence Essay Contest included, from left to right, sixth-graders Savannah Reno and Whitney May, who tied for second place, and Leandra Padgett, also a sixth-grader, who won first place.



Ms. Zornes enjoys having her picture made with one of her students, Hunter, middle, and two third graders, Aaron and J.D. Adams.



Owen, Hunter and J.D. anxiously wait for the ball game to begin.