



# Big day

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Prestonsburg McDonald's parking lot where Lee was greeted by Ronald McDonald, who escorted him into the restaurant for a celebration with family and friends.

One highlight of the party was when Ronald McDonald assisted Lee in riding his new bicycle, a gift from employees at Equitable, inside the restaurant. With eyes as big as 50-cent pieces and a grin from ear to ear, Lee relished Ronald's "help" in riding the bike, as family and friends wiped away tears of joy and sorrow.

"I've got some pictures for you Lee," said his grandmother. "Just look at him, he's never going to forget this."

The party continued with Ronald leading the group in a game of toss and rewarding each player with prizes for their efforts. Lee opted to postpone his lunch for a couple more spins around the lobby on his new bike with Ronald pushing and guiding the way.

"It was wonderful," said Randi Boyd. "He had a wonderful time. He loved every minute of it. We got him back home and he rode his bike a lot. You wouldn't know he was so sick, he's always on the go. He's taken it (his disease) pretty well."

It is surely one day that Bill Fair will never forget.

"I was crying when we got off the helicopter at McDonald's," Fair said.

"It was very touching. It was his day and we were celebrating life. It was one day that Lee and his family could forget about what's ahead. It was a day to call attention to the fact that this little fellow is fighting for his life. It was very rewarding."

Lee also was the V.I.P. passenger in a fire truck and police car rides, courtesy of the city of Prestonsburg.

"That's the first time I ever saw a cop cry," Fair said. "We were all laughing there at the party, but we were crying inside. When Lee was leaving McDonald's, Ronald McDonald said, 'I wish I could be with you Lee to help you through this, but I can't so maybe this little doll can be with you.' It was very emotional."

"It's easy to get caught up in our everyday problems, but we all need to do things like this more. We need to get involved in situations like this."

Lee will undergo an experimental technique that involves harvesting his own bone marrow. Doctors will remove a portion of Lee's marrow and kill the cancerous cells. Then Lee will undergo extensive radiation treat-

ment to kill all the remaining marrow in his body. The treated marrow will then be injected back into his body in hopes that it will be reproduced cancer free, his mother said.

Fair said Friday's party would be one of the last times for a while for Lee to be able to be around other children or just visit a restaurant.

"After he has the treatment, he'll be in insolation for a very long time because he'll be susceptible to infection," Fair said.

Friday's celebration also brought to mind some disturbing questions for Fair, questions that will never be answered.

"After it was all finished and I laid down Friday night, all I could think about was, why does this happen?" Fair said. "How do you justify something like this happening to a little boy. Lee is an extremely intelligent child and I feel close to him. I just wanted to try to do what Lee said he wanted to do most in life."

"I have two children myself and it's something we all need to be aware of," Fair said.

Fair hopes the party will also bring

attention to Lee's family and the financial burden facing them. He hopes the publicity about Lee will bring in pledges of donations to help the family meet their expenses.

"I would like to see a trust fund set up for Lee because they're going to need the help," Fair said. "I don't think they realize what's ahead."

It wasn't easy for Fair to leave Lee Friday, but the hugs and kisses from Lee and the message from Lee's grandmother will stay with him.

"His grandmother embraced me and kissed me and said, 'If Lee lives to be a 100, and I know he won't, he'll never forget this.'"

Even the weather Friday seemed to accommodate the big day for a little boy.

"If you noticed, when we picked up Lee the clouds disappeared and the sky cleared up," Fair said. "It stayed that way until after the party and the flight back to Jenny Wiley. Then, when we got back into the air, it began to thunder and lightning over Prestonsburg."

"It seems like we had a little extra

help there; like during the time we left with Lee until we got back we were allowed to have good weather during that time," Fair said. "It just makes you wonder."

"I hope that in about five years from now I can go back and take Lee for another helicopter ride," Fair said. "That would be a miracle."

Anyone wishing to make donations or send well wishes may contact Fair by calling (606) 439-4695 or write to Lee at HC 66, Box 525, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

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## Protest

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fire department's official procedure guide. Also adopted was a standard operating procedure for the wearing of goggles and gloves; a confined space rescue guideline; and the creation of the position of health and safety officer.

Special items also need to be purchased to bring the fire department into compliance, including three eyewash units at \$518 a piece. The city is also considering the purchase of a washer and dryer unit as a way to sanitize any contaminated clothing items.

Fire Department Chief Tom Blackburn told the council that he was concerned that the department would never be able to meet all of OSHA's standards without the extensive purchase of hazardous material protective clothing and detecting equipment.

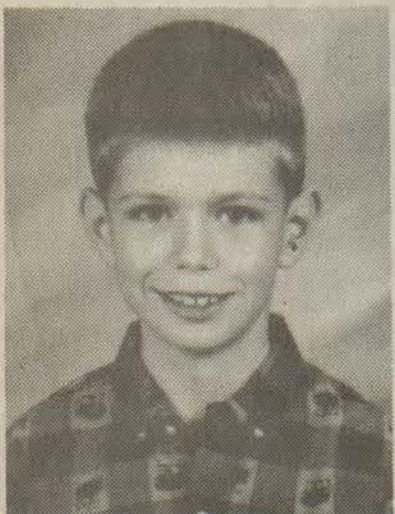
"Right now all we can do is identify and evacuate," Blackburn said. "Like the PCC fire, we didn't know what the smoke was coming from — it could have been freon and we would have been fined had it been and we were in the area."

Blackburn estimated it would cost \$41,000 to give the firefighters and the city the ideal protection. "We need to sit down with the OSHA regulations and see how they apply and figure out what we need just to get our people in and out without them getting hurt," he said.

OSHA levies heavy fines on any municipalities whose emergency units do not follow regulations dealing with hazardous materials. For example, one county was charged thousands of dollars in fines for responding to a chlorine leak at the public pool.

"OSHA is looking at every run we make and those simple things we've done for a hundred years are now considered hazardous materials and we are going to get written up for it," Blackburn stressed, explaining that the department needed additional funds to purchase basic equipment to respond to such calls.

The OSHA regulations and fire department policies were the only things discussed during the special meeting of the City Council.



Mr. Third Grade

Franklin O'Neil Mathews was named Mr. Third Grade of McDowell Grade School, by his classmates. Students eligible were judged on grades, friendship, personality, and work load. He also received a yellow ribbon for making the honor roll all year. He is the son of Debbie Reynolds of Hi Hat and Frank Mathews of Ligon. His teacher is Mrs. Karen Pack.

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# Fame

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better.

The first two people inducted into the Hall of Fame were Chalmer Frazier and Ed Music. Both have been driving forces behind such things as Jenny Wiley State Park, Jenny Wiley Summer Music Theatre, the Mountain Parkway, Highlands Regional Medical Center and Prestonsburg Community College.

"It is hard to come up with things that these two haven't been involved in," Smith said. "They have been working for a long time to make all of our lives a little better."

The next person honored by the nomination was Danny Greene, founder of the David School.

"Danny has worked long and hard helping young people, giving them a renewed opportunity to finish their education," Smith said. "He has been doing this for the past 20 some odd years and we know it has not been without personal sacrifice."

The fourth Hall of Famer was, John Rosenberg, also the winner of the national 1991 Kutak-Dodds prize for outstanding public service through law.

"I have known and worked with (Rosenberg) for a number of years," Smith said. "He inspires us all with his energy, his dedication, and his desire to help people. I believe he is the most unselfish person I have ever known."

Carol Stumbo was also honored by the Chamber for the Hall of Fame. Stumbo has been honored as Ashland Oil's educator of the year, been published in the Harvard Education Review, selected to participate in BREADnet, a telecommunications writing network for teachers, and selected as a Christa McAuliffe Educator, one of five teachers across the nation and the first in Kentucky to receive the honor.

"I know that (Stumbo) deserves every honor that is bestowed upon her," Smith said, "and I also know that none mean as much to her as what happens in her classroom."

Paul Gearheart and Greg Stumbo were also named as inductees into the Hall of Fame.

Also honored during the banquet were all those businesses which par-

ticipated in the Adopt-A-Highway program. Dan Hall from the Department of Highways in Pikeville presented the following with plaques: Allen Central Future Business Leaders of America, Christ United Methodist Church, Dowell Schlumberger Inc.— Accident Prevention Team, East Kentucky Farm Equipment, East Kentucky Home Builders Association; First Baptist Church of Allen,

First United Methodist Church Prestonsburg, Floyd County Judge Executive and the Fiscal Court, Floyd County Times, Garrett Baptist Church — Baptist Women's Group, Garrett Volunteer Fire Department, Harold Telephone, Highlands Regional Medical Center, J&R Construction Company Inc., Jenny Wiley State Park, Langley League, Mount Tabor Benedictines, May Metal, McDonalds, Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club, R/S Body Company, Rotary Club, Sav-More Grocery and World-wide Equipment.

Following the same theme of cleaning up the environment, the following individuals were recognized for their efforts and presented with plaques by Charlotte McFall, chamber executive assistant and chairperson for the Litter Taskforce: Catherine Tackett, Jeff Meek of WPRT/WXKZ, Gorman Collins Jr. of WDOC/WQHY and Dale McKinney of WMDJ.

Two students from Wheelwright High School, Angela Branham and Christie Lackey, spoke on their hopes for the future of Floyd County and told the governor of special programs in their school which were important to them. The governor was then presented with a wall hanging entitled "Hills of Appalachia" handmade by a craftsperson from the David Appalachian Crafts center.

Members of the Kentucky Opry, under the direction of Billie Jean Osborne, provided the entertainment during dinner, Floyd County Judge-Executive John M. Stumbo welcomed the guests and Prestonsburg Mayor Ann Latta introduced the governor as the guest speaker.

To conclude the evening Chamber president Dolores Smith installed the 1991-92 Chamber Officers and Board of Directors.



## Businessman honored

Paul Gearheart (left) of Tel-Com was awarded the Floyd County Businessman of the Year award during the Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet Thursday. Judge-Executive John M. Stumbo (center) and Governor Wallace Wilkinson presented Gearheart the plaque. (photo by Tess Whitmer)

## Technical schools get financial boost

Eastern Kentucky vocational-technical schools could get a boost in their efforts to modernize through a \$100 million spending provision approved by a federal committee.

The funds, sought by Kentucky Congressman Chris Perkins, will be used to buy or lease new equipment and for the repair of aging facilities, many of which were built in the 1930s.

"What I see when I visit vocational schools in Eastern Kentucky and elsewhere are schools that are about falling down and using equipment that's out of date," Perkins said in a June 21 news release. "I don't believe this is the kind of learning environment we should be providing our students."

The first-time funding program is identical to a concentration grants formula authored by Perkins in 1988 that targets funds to schools in economically depressed areas. A substantial portion of the funding will

come to eastern Kentucky vocational schools, Perkins said.

The funding recommendation must be approved by Congress before spending is authorized.

## Watson decorated

Pvt. 1st Class Willie Watson Jr. has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army.

Watson is an ammunition specialist at Kriegsfield Army Depot, Germany.

He is the son of Willie and Gabrielle Watson of Highway Contract Route 84, Printer.

The private is a 1988 graduate of Betsy Layne High School.

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# Courthouse News

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS (June 18-24)

Paul and Irene Griffee to Patsy Lynn and John Anthony Goble, land at Cow Creek; Johnnie and Margie Akers to Jimmy Lee Akers, land location not listed; Willard Likens and Loraine O'Bryan to Hubert and Reatha Likens, land at Salisbury; Willard Likens to Hubert and Reatha Likens, land at Left Beaver Creek; Delmer and Ruth J. Howell to Dale C. and Donna Howell, land at Frasure Creek of Left Beaver Creek; Sam Stevie and Audrey Burchett to Samuel R. Burchett, land location not listed;

Janice and Johnie Francis to Frederick and Christina Hite, land at Middle Fork of Jennies Creek; Orville Hamilton to Estill Hamilton, Wade Hamilton, Elmer Hamilton, Orville Hamilton Jr., Anna Lois Hamilton and Billie Joyce Hamilton, land at Tinker Fork of Big Mud Creek; Sammy K. and Judy K. England to Steve and Katherine L. Cordial, land at Pin Hook Branch; Wonell and Benson Blair to Charles and Marie Parsley, land at Left Fork of Middle Creek; Florence A. Shepherd Nelson, Deborah Skeens, Mary R. and John Allen and Patricia Ann Shepherd to William Robinson, land at Prestonsburg; Patricia Ann Shepherd, Deborah Skeens, Mary R. and John Allen and Marty Ellen and Ray Barnett to William Robinson, land location not listed;

Julia Waugh Greene to Douglas Greene, land at Little Paint; Hazel Hunter to Charles J. and Elma M. Adkins, land location not listed; Eliza Dusina to Rebecca and Gary Day Jr., land at Left Beaver Creek; Ronald Marstin and Ellen Marie Joyce to Ricky and Audrey Stanley, land at Banner; Donald P. and Georganne Adkins, John E. and Glenda Lee Adkins and Wanda G. and Edward Randal Webb to Jimmy D. and Sarah Adkins, land location not listed; Thomas and Edna B. Kuss to H.D. Fitzpatrick Jr., land at Middle Creek;

## Not same person

Bill Salisbury of Ivel is not the Bill Salisbury indicted by the Floyd County Grand Jury.

## Camp Nathanael begins family conference

Camp Nathanael at Emmalena will hold its annual Family Bible Conference July 1-5 featuring Dr. Kenneth Hanna, president of Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee, as the Bible teacher.

The conference will involve several days of Bible messages, missionary challenges, special music, recreation, swimming, good food and fellowship. It will begin with an evening service on Monday, July 1, at 7:30 p.m. and continue throughout the week, Tuesday-Thursday, beginning at 10 a.m. each day. Evening sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m.

A special program is planned for children who accompany their parents. Everyone is invited to attend. For further information, call 251-3231.

## Fireworks injuries reported for last year

With the Fourth of July around the corner, the Prestonsburg Fire Department has released 1990 fireworks injury summary report. The report lists statewide figures for injuries related to fireworks.

- The summary shows:
- Eighty-eight persons reported injuries;
  - More people, 13, between the ages of 11-15 sustained injuries from fireworks;
  - Thirty-one of those injured suffered burns; 16 abrasions; one person lost their sight; and 40 injuries were unknown;
  - Twenty-six counties reported injuries with Jefferson County reporting 28; Kenton County 12; and Floyd County reported no injuries;
  - Bottle rockets were responsible for 18 injuries; fire crackers 12; jumping jacks, 12; and unknown fireworks accounted for 18 injuries;
  - Emergency medical technicians responded to 40 injuries and fire departments 48; and
  - Most of the fireworks injuries occurred in July with 72 accidents reported.

The Prestonsburg Fire Department keeps a list at the state of all legal fireworks that can be sold in the state. Anyone wanting information about fireworks may contact the department at (606) 886-1010.

Clifford and Claudine Tackett to Kermit and Joanne McCauley, land at Melvin; Sam Stevie Burchett to Della Burchett, land location not listed.

## DISTRICT COURT (June 18-24)

Those found guilty in district court by plea or verdict were:

Paul L. Osborne, 35, of Prestonsburg; A.I. (3 or more); fined \$82.50.

Jimmy D. Hall, 24, of Martin, A.I. (3 or more), Disorderly Conduct, Failure to Register Vehicle Transfer and No Head Gear; fined \$57.50.

Jimmy Hicks, 36, of Garrett; A.I. (3 or more) and Disorderly Conduct, charges consolidated; fined \$82.50;

Clarence E. Moore, 33, of Pilgrim; A.I., Terroristic Threatening and Disorderly Conduct; 30 days probation and fined \$57.50.

Buster E. Adams, 57, of Hager Hill; A.I. (3 or more); fined \$82.50.

Thomas F. Wilcox, 53, of East Point; A.I. (3 or more); fined \$82.50.

Shawn Prater, 20, of Hueysville; Possession of Alcoholic Beverages by a Minor and Possession of Marijuana less than 8 oz., violating drug paraphernalia law; fined \$47.50.

Hardy Kilburn, 29, of Martin, A.I. (3 or more); fined \$47.50.

Pamela L. Watson, 33, of Ivel, DUI (BA.22) and License to be in Possession; 1 day probation, fined \$167.50 and 2 days public service, probated \$50 for ADE.

James D. Hall (birthdate unknown) of McDowell; DUI; 7 days in jail, fined \$567.50 and 14 days home incarceration.

Todd W. Gayheart, 24, of McDowell; A.I. (3rd); fined \$57.50.

Paul R. Wallace, 41, of Blue River; DUI (BA.21) and No Insurance; fined \$157.50 and 2 days public service, probated \$50 for ADE

Martha Craft, 74, of Prestonsburg; Theft by Unlawful Taking; 30 days probation, fined \$67.50 and ordered to stay out of Shopwise.

Hope R. Isaac, 42, of Martin; DUI (BA refused), Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest and Unsworn Falsification; 1 day probation and fined \$161.50.

Danny W. McCoy, 36, of East Point; DUI (BA refused); fined \$161.50.

Robert M. Burton, 22, of Eastbank, West Virginia; DUI (BA.15); fined \$217.50.

Alan W. Crum, 26, hometown unknown; DUI (BA.26); fined \$161.50.

Elvie G. Akers, 22, hometown unknown; DUI (BA pending); 7 days in jail and fined \$207.50.

Kyle G. Wolford, 39, of East Point; DUI (BA.14), License to be in Possession, No Insurance and Criminal Mischief 3rd; 14 days in jail and fined \$1057.50.

Terrence Wilson, 32, of Kite; DUI (BA.18); fined \$157.50.

David A. Miller, 29, of Raccoon; DUI (BA.22) and Disorderly Conduct; 60 days probation and fined \$307.50.

David Mullins, 32, of Paintsville; DUI (BA.13); fined \$167.50.

John G. Halbert, hometown and birthdate unknown; DUI (BA .09), amended to Reckless Driving; referred to state traffic school and fined \$47.50.

Loretta Newsome, 24, of Grethel; Reckless Driving; fined \$57.50.

John Hartline, hometown and birthdate unknown; No Insurance, Drinking in Public, DUI (BA refused) and No Operator's License; fined \$600.

Eurie Tackett, hometown and birthdate unknown; DUI (BA.19) fourth offense, No Operator's License and Reckless Driving; 6 days in jail, 120 days probation, fined \$207.50, referred to state traffic school and must make restitution to Ky. State Treasurer in the amount of \$369.64 within 30 days of release from jail.

Johnny D. Allen, 20, of Prestonsburg; A.I. (3 or more); 7 days in jail and fined \$157.50.

Noah Hall, 42, of Harold; A.I. (3 or more); fined \$72.50.

Christina Fields, 27, of Martin; A.I. (3 or more); 30 days in jail and fined \$87.50;

Martha P. Trimble, 34, of Ivel; A.I. (3 or more); fined \$72.50.

Larry Little, 30, of Weeksbury; Escape 3rd; fined \$72.50.

John H. McCoy, 36, of Prestonsburg; Operating on Suspended License, no registration plates, no insurance, amended to no operators license; fined \$57.50.

James D. Foster, 23, of Dwale; DUI (BA refused); fined \$367.50.

Richard Dean Mullins, hometown and birthdate unknown; No Registration Plates, DUI (BA.17), Operating on Suspended Operator's License, No Insurance; No Registration Receipt and Failure to Register Vehicle Transfer; 30 days in jail and fined \$707.50.

Phillip Booth, hometown and birthdate unknown; DUI (2C), Leaving Scene of Accident, Operating on Suspended License and Drinking in Public; 30 days in jail and fined \$707.50.

Charles Swiney, hometown and birthdate unknown; DUI (BA.17) and

Failure to Notify D.O.T. of Address Change; 14 days in jail and fined \$557.50.

Larry Stone, hometown and birthdate unknown; DUI (2C, BA.17); Driving DUI on Suspended License, No Insurance, Failure to Register Vehicle Transfer, No Registration Plates, No Registration Receipt, Improper Registration Plates and Failure to Surrender Suspended License; 60 days in jail and fined \$707.50.

Kent Seiler, 23, of Archbold, Ohio; DUI (BA.14); fined \$407.50.

Gary E. Carr, hometown and birthdate unknown; DUI (BA pending), Operating on Suspended License, No Registration Plates, No Registration Receipt and Failure to Register Vehicle Transfer; 30 days in jail and fined \$707.50.

Joe J. Mitchell, hometown and birthdate unknown; Leaving Scene of Accident, No Operator's License and No Insurance; 30 days in jail and fined \$82.50.

Michael D. Webb, 24, of Prestonsburg; A.I. (3 or more); fined \$72.50.

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## June wedding is planned

**Yonts/Branham**

A June wedding is planned to unite Stacy Lynn Yonts and Douglas Glennville Branham. Stacy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Yonts of Halo. She is a senior at Wheelwright High School where she is captain of the majorette squad, a member of the Wheelwright Marching Band, Future Homemakers of America, Future Business Leaders of America and Students Against Drunk Drivers.

Douglas is the son of Carrie Alice Branham of Bypro and Greenville Edward Branham of Prestonsburg. He is an emergency medical technician and the owner of Lifeline Ambulance Service at Bypro. He is a 1988 graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

The wedding will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, at the Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church in Prestonsburg. Following a honeymoon in the Carolinas, the couple will reside in Bypro.

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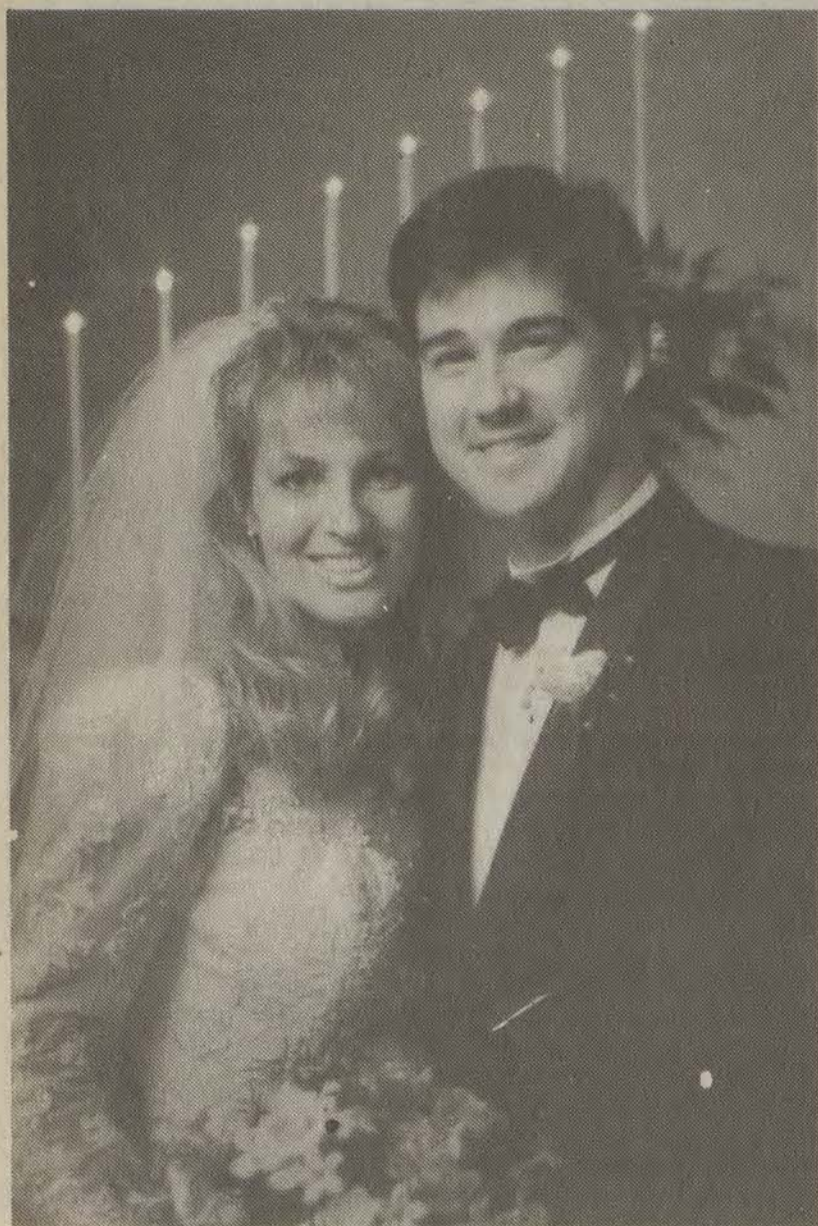
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The bride, daughter of Ruby and Harold Tackett of Prestonsburg, is a 1981 graduate of McDowell High School. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and is a former employee of the Floyd County Board of Education.

The groom, son of Eugene Murphey of Roswell, Georgia, and the late Grace Adams Presson, is graduate of Mercer University, with a degree in Business Administration, and Quincy Aviation School.

Attendants at the wedding included the bride's sister, Barbara Jones, who served as matron of honor. Serving as bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Kathy Soler-Sala, of Bethesda, Maryland; Stacy Hall and Jennifer Kunajukr, both nieces of the bride. Carrie Hutson served as the flower girl.

Groomsmen included Dan Keenan, who served as best man; Todd Howard, Frank Massengill and Mark Schaefer. Stan Fenner and Victor Soler-Sala served as ushers. Michael Finley was the ring bearer.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at St. Ives Country Club in Atlanta, Georgia.

After a honeymoon trip to St. Lucia, West Indies, the couple are residing in Georgia.

## State police plan extra patrols during holiday

Summer festivities often peak around the July Fourth holiday and the Kentucky State Police will be in force to try and insure a safe holiday for everyone.

Extra patrols and high-speed pursuit Mustangs will be equipped with radars and VASCARS (visual average speed computer and recorder) on the highways to check for speeders and those who may decide to drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol. There were 14 fatalities on state highways last July Fourth holiday period. Five of those died in alcohol-related crashes.

Drinking and driving is an unnecessary risk. Driving sober is the only way to drive. If you have had any alcohol, designate a sober driver to take you home.

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## Health Services offers tips for being safe with fireworks on the 4th

With patriotic feelings running high among Kentuckians, this year's approaching Fourth of July should erupt in an abundance of home fireworks displays.

But Department of Health Services consumer health safety officials remind Kentuckians that all fireworks carry the potential for injury to people and property—even those that seem "safe."

Terry Wescott, the department's product safety branch manager, says that most injuries associated with fireworks fall into one of two categories—the use of an illegal explosive or the misuse of a legal firework.

"The very nature of fireworks makes them dangerous to begin with," Wescott said. "So if you're horsing around or not paying attention to what you're doing, you increase your chances of being hurt—or of hurting someone else."

Kentucky law allows the use of certain "Class C" fireworks, which generally are non-explosive types such as sparklers, snakes, wheels, fountains, certain rocket types and smoke devices.

All legal fireworks have a label with the words "Class C common fireworks," the item's name, instructions, cautions and manufacturer's

name. Any firework without a clearly printed label containing the maker's name and address and cautions is probably illegal and should not be used.

Wescott advises parents to make sure that children's use of fireworks—even sparklers—is supervised by adults.

"Young children simply don't appreciate the danger involved in using fireworks," he said, "and need a responsible adult helping them. Older kids tend to show off and play around and not take the activity seriously."

Wescott offers the following tips for keeping Independence Day a fun one.

—Before using fireworks, read and follow all warning instructions printed on the label.

—Never attempt to make fireworks, even with kits advertised for this purpose. Mixing and loading chemical powders can kill or maim.

—Remember that even sparklers can be dangerous—they burn at a high temperature and can catch clothing on fire or burn the skin.

—Don't hold fireworks in your hand and wait for the fuse to burn to the end.

—Always light fireworks in a clear area away from houses, buildings and flammable materials. If the grass is dry, be particularly careful.

—Never ignite fireworks in a container, especially glass or metal.

—Do not try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Keep a bucket of water nearby to douse fireworks that are ignited but don't go off. Soak them with water and discard.

—Don't throw lit fireworks at another person or at an animal.

—Don't carry fireworks in your pocket.

—Light fireworks one at a time and away from other fireworks.

—Check fireworks for loose fuses since they may prevent the item from igniting as it should.

—Store fireworks in a cool, dry place inaccessible to youngsters.

For more information on fireworks safety, contact Wescott at Department of Health Services, 275 E. Main St., Frankfort, KY 40621. His telephone number is (502) 564-4537.

## Commission to review P & B's ambulance request

The Commission for Health Economics Control in Kentucky has scheduled a public hearing, July 2, on a proposal for a health care facility to serve clients in Floyd County.

P & B Ambulance Service, Prestonsburg, has requested approval to add two conforming ambulances to its existing service equipment. The project involves a \$65,000 capital expenditure.

The hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room C of the First City Complex, 102 Athletic Drive in Frankfort.

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# Protecting The Environment

## Recycling: Myth vs. Fact

by Bob McAninch

Floyd County Solid Waste Beatles! Watergate! Oliver North! Persian Gulf! The American people love their manias. We go through one after another. One of the current manias is recycling. The concept is simple enough. Everyone understands it, and in fact, I have taught the concept to kindergarten students. Want to be an environmentalist? Just say you are in favor of recycling. There, it is done. Now you have a new identity. I am afraid it is a bit more complex than that. Solid Waste Director David Cooley and myself just returned from the World Recycling Conference held in Chicago. Representatives from three continents attended. We spent four full days listening to experts in all fields of recycling. Most people know this much. You separate your glass, plastics and newspapers. Now you can sell this somewhere and it will be reused. Right! Wrong!

Let us begin with glass. The glass industry will buy glass for recycling. However, it has to be sorted by color: flynt (clear), amber, green and blue. Further, it must be crushed into what the industry calls "cullet". Further, only soda bottles, beer bottles, juice containers, ketchup bottles, wine and liquor bottles and food containers, in general, are acceptable. Not acceptable are auto windshields, mirrors, light bulbs, flower pots, laboratory glass, crystal, ceramic cups, plates, window glass, ovenware, drinking glasses and opaque glass.

The glass that is acceptable melts at 2,800 degrees. But, the ones that are not acceptable have higher or lower melting points, and therefore, cannot be intermingled. Just one piece of window glass can ruin an entire load of recycled glass. The furnace has to be shut down and be completely cleaned out. This causes the loss of one whole day of production.

The glass industry will buy cullet from those who have a history of delivering a good uncontaminated product. If you sell them a couple of bad loads, they will not buy from you anymore. Consequently, you must have a foolproof separation system.

The glass industry will pay \$40 a ton for processed cullet. That is 2 cents a pound. There is currently no way to separate glass into the above categories, process it, and transport it out of Eastern Kentucky to one of the 27 (out of 70) glass plants that ac-

cepts cullet. Recycled glass must compete with sand. The glass industry is not likely to pay more for cullet as long as sand is literally "dirt cheap."

Plastics fare no better. Plastic is referred to by its initials "polyvinylchloride=PVC". Plastic has to be separated into PVC, PET, PP, PS, LDPE, and HDPE. Once again, different melting temperatures cause the need for separation. The plastic industry will buy PVC and PET. There is no market for the other four types. As long as oil is at least \$20 a barrel, it makes economic sense to recycle PET and PVC. If oil goes up to \$30 a barrel, then it would become profitable to recycle all six kinds of plastic. Plastic is made from oil and recycled plastic must compete with oil prices. Right now, the plastic industry will pay 2 cents a pound, but it must be crushed and in 5,000 pound bails. We have no economically feasible way to sort, process, and transport plastic at 2 cents a pound.

Paper is worse. To recycle newspaper, you must take out all magazine papers and any "scratch and sniff" paper. Paper must be sorted into corrugated, newsprint, white office paper, and computer paper. The rest is trash and cannot be recycled. Only a few years ago, one Eastern Kentucky publisher had a fellow who was paying him \$125 for a truckload of newsprint. Then, the fellow said he would still haul it away, but could pay nothing for it. Then he started charging to haul it. After a while, he quit coming altogether. As people around the country do more and more recycling, they are glutting the markets. Today you cannot give away newsprint to most recycling centers.

Recycling facilities are springing up all over the urban areas of the country. David and I visited an \$8.5 million facility under construction in DuPage County, Illinois. It was a massive facility that could process 150 tons a day. It separated metals, plastics, glass, and paper. When we asked about further separation of these products the officials just looked at us. When we asked where they were going to market these co-mingled materials, they responded that "they were sure they would find markets". The plant is scheduled to open in September. In February, I am going back to see how they have fared. Well-meaning people with hair-brained ideas can be economically dangerous.

We, at Floyd County Solid Waste, are dedicated to cleaning up the environment. But, it must be done in a sound financial way that poses no threat to what we have built, nor can we let it break the bank of our customers. We charge \$8 per household. In Louisville, it cost \$17 per household and they have not yet met the new regulations. As all cost eventually rise, we know that someday we will have to raise our price. But we are dedicated to keeping solid waste prices affordable.

We provide technical help to other counties for free, and in fact have helped 17 other counties get their programs started. Currently, we recycle an average of 120 cubic yards of large items per month. We recycle our oil and have practiced office recycling since 1983. We are about to purchase an antifreeze recycler and will process antifreeze for ourselves and others. We are working with the Floyd County School Board to begin a pilot recycling program in the schools. We must start small and expand our program in a sensible fashion.

David Cooley and I are scheduled to visit a commercial recycling center in Nashville later this month. In early August, we will tour the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Research Center in Cincinnati. We also have visits scheduled to Proctor and Gamble's Solid Waste Technical Center and ELDA's Landfill Gas Recovery Facility. As we learn more, we will try and construct an economically feasible program of recycling here in the mountains.

Not one politician is opposed to recycling. It is not lack of political support that holds the programs back, it is dollars. Dozens of people have told me we need to recycle, but not one has said "I know it will be expensive, so here is my check for \$100.

Several communities now place a \$2 surcharge on the bill of those who want their waste recycled. We have to plan carefully and move slowly. Anyone who puts together a recycling program based upon getting 2 cents a pound is going to be out of business in a year. As everyone is trying to do this at the same time, the price of recyclables will fall (aluminum has gone from 56 cents to 32 cents per pound). Wisdom dictates caution under these circumstances. We will do what we can with the dollars we have.

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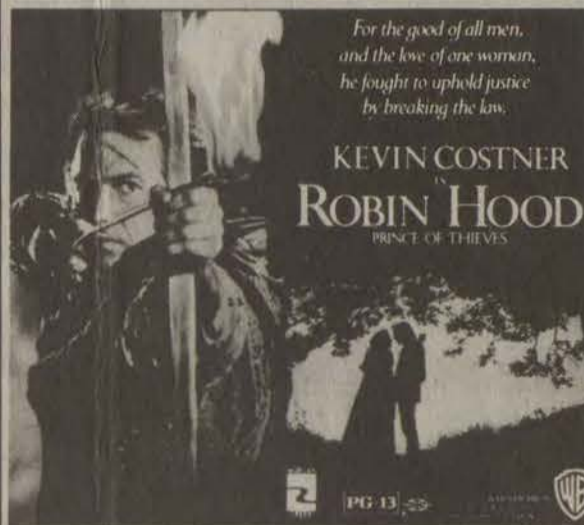
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## COA president testifies before task force in Pikeville

Coal Operators and Associates, Inc. President David Gooch testified before more than thirty state lawmakers Thursday in Pikeville during the Kentucky General Assembly Small Business Task Force meeting. Gooch discussed some of the problems facing Eastern Kentucky's Mining Industry.

Gooch said, "The current topic of the return of more coal severance tax is one which is of great interest to the mining community, since we are the

ones who pay the tax."

Currently, only 12 percent of the coal severance tax is returned to the county of origin. "The coal industry is on record as supporting a greater return of coal severance tax funds to the mountains," said Gooch.

He also talked about the assumption that the coal industry is on the decline. "Some say we (coal) are a walking corpse. Others, for their own reasons, have placed our death at 10 to 25 years in the future," said Gooch.

## KET's Star Channels wins national recognition

Kentucky Educational Television's Star Channels — which uses satellite technology, telephones, computers, specially-designed keypads and interactive software to offer advanced courses in math, science and foreign language — was named a finalist in the 1991 Innovations in State and Local Government Awards Program.

The Innovations Program, now in its sixth year, is sponsored by the Ford Foundation and administered by the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Ten winners, to be announced in September, will be selected from the finalists to receive \$100,000 grants from the Ford Foundation.

The programming is designed to meet the state's most pressing educational need — equal access to quality learning, especially for students and teachers in Kentucky's most remote and poorest school districts. Serious problems there have kept the state's schools near the bottom of national education rankings for decades.

Star Channels programming was evolving even as the Supreme Court of Kentucky declared the state's K-12 educational system unconstitutional in 1989, citing gross inequities in access to educational opportunities.

Today, Kentucky Educational Television (KET) produces six live 50-minute programs each school day,

two 90-minute blocks of nationally-distributed professional development programming for teachers each week, and a monthly "Issues and Answers" forum for educators. Next year KET will add two new high school courses to its daily production schedule, and its first interactive programming for grades K-8.

The keypad technology enables KET to poll simultaneously hundreds of students at sites around the country to assess their comprehension of material during the course of each lesson. Within seconds, a TV screen at the teacher's station displays a readout of responses, allowing the teacher to modify a presentation to meet student needs.

Students can also phone in questions during the live broadcast via an 800 number. Speakerphones and audio bridging make it possible for several classrooms to communicate. In addition, trained tutors from the University of Kentucky are available by phone before and after each program, weeknights and weekday afternoons, to answer questions and work with individual students.

This past school year (1990-91), 1,618 middle and secondary school students in 21 states enrolled in KET's six interactive learning courses. Some 245 schools currently participate in the program, which has won several national awards.

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# Community Calendar

**Editor's Note:** As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, the Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will host meeting and public service announcements.

## Diabetes program

Highlands Regional Medical Center will resume its Living Well with Diabetes classes beginning Thursday, June 27, at 6 p.m. in the Martin room.

## EMT classes

Prestonsburg Community College is planning to start a New Emergency Technician (EMT) class in August. The class is limited to 30 participants on a first-come first-serve basis. If interested, contact Continuing Education by June 30 at 886-3863, ext. 278.

## Human Resources hearing

The Cabinet for Human Resources has scheduled a public hearing for Kentuckians to express opinions on a federal nutrition program for low-income mothers and young children.

Those wishing to make comments about the WIC program, formally known as the Special Supplemental Food Program for Woman, Infants and Children, can speak at a public hearing on Thursday, June 27, in Frankfort.

Anyone involved in the WIC program — participants, health care providers and vendors — as well as the general public is invited to attend the public hearing at 1 p.m. in room G-1, Capital Plaza Tower, 500 Mero St., Frankfort.

Please preregister by June 26 by writing to Peggy Kidd, Dept. for Health Services, Division of Maternal and Child Health, 275 E. Main St., Frankfort, Ky. 40621.

## 4-H Camp to begin

This year's 4-H Camp will be held July 8-12 at Camp Diederich at Rush. The fee is \$52 for the entire week and includes transportation, insurance, food and lodging. Children 8-14 are eligible to attend. Some scholarships are still available. Application deadline is June 28.

## Cub Scout day camp

The Lonesome Pine District of the Boys Scouts of America will be having a Cub Scout day camp. The camp is open to all boys who have completed any grade from 1-4 by June

1991. The camp will be held June 26-27 (with a rain date set for the 28th) at the Pikeville mini park.

Activities include water fun, sports, games, archery, Indian lore, knot tying, advancement, leather works and other crafts.

The cost of the camp is \$15 (\$20 for non cubs). This fee includes the cost of craft materials, pool use, lunch, beverages and a patch.

For more information, contact Susan Young, director, at 437-9807 or Clyde DeRossett at 874-2673.

## Moore reunion

The Harry Lee Moore family annual reunion will be Saturday, July 6, on Turkey Creek at or near the old home place. Family members and friends are urged to attend. Please bring a covered dish of your choice. For more information, call Arnold Moore at 886-9435.

## Bentley reunion

The Bentley family reunion will be held this year on Saturday, July 6. All family and friends are invited to attend. There will be a potluck dinner, games, prizes and fun for all.

## 4th of July celebration

Jenny Wiley State Park has scheduled a 4th of July weekend celebration. The celebration features live entertainment, clogging, square dancing and lots of other activities. For more information, call 886-2711.

## Rose reunion

The Rose family reunion will be held June 29 at 11 a.m. at the Dewey Dam spillway, shelter No.1.

## KHEAA meeting

A special meeting of the board of directors of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority will be held on Thursday, June 27, at 9 a.m. in the conference room of the Council on Higher Education, Suite 101, 1050 US 127 South, Frankfort.

The purpose of the meeting is to adopt a Statement of Consideration from comments at a public hearing on regulation 11 KAR 4:040 which will be held Friday, June 21.

## Sheriff's Ranch applications available

Applications for girls who wish to attend the Kentucky Sheriff's Ranch

are available at the Floyd County Sheriff's Department. Girls from ages 9-13 from low-income families may apply. The camp will be held July 14-19.

## Water district to meet

Commissioners of the Beaver Elkhorn Water District will hold their regular monthly meeting Wednesday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the water

office in Wayland.

## Drug education classes

Representatives of the Floyd County Sheriff's office are available to present lectures on drug education to groups, churches or organizations. For more information, or to schedule a class, call Rick Thornsberry at the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, 886-6171, or toll-free 1-800-834-5430.

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## Fire claims life of Pike firefighter

A Feds Creek Volunteer Firefighter was killed early Saturday morning in a fire at Mouthcard in Pike County. Steven Edward Bryant, 33, of Steele was pronounced dead at 3:27 a.m. Saturday, June 22, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital following injuries suffered in the line of duty.

The Feds Creek Volunteer Fire Department was notified at approximately 11:30 p.m. Friday night that the Mouthcard Mine Supply (formerly Thompson's Hardware) was on fire. According to state police reports, a portion of the roof fell and covered Bryant at about 2:30 a.m., apparently after some type of explosion in the burning structure.

Bryant and two other firefighters

were transported to Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Leo Murphy of Mouthcard was treated for second and third degree burns from melted tar which splashed from the falling roof. He was listed in fair condition Monday at Cabell-Huntington Hospital.

Benny Chaney of Mouthcard suffered a broken leg when he was struck by falling debris. He was listed in fair condition at the Methodist Hospital.

Bryant is survived by his wife, Mary Frances Bryant, and two sons, Johnathan Johnson Bryant and Steven Jefferson Bryant.

The fire is under investigation by trooper Les Stapleton, arson investigator detective Barry McKenzie and the state Fire Marshal's office.

## Chamber News

Members of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce express their appreciation to those who attended the annual banquet held June 20. They extend a special thanks to Judy Gobel, sales catering coordinator, Jim Stinnett, chef, and to the dining room staff at Jenny Wiley State Park, whose planning, service and food preparation exceeded expectations. Chamber members organizing the event said they felt fortunate to have such a professional staff to work with in this endeavor.

Those who attended the banquet were treated to an art exhibit given by Floyd County Arts. Floyd County is blessed with talented artists and craftpersons, and the Chamber plans to support and promote the group. The Chamber also expressed their

thanks to these talented individuals for being a part of the banquet. For more information about the newly-formed arts group, call the Chamber office.

The Chamber's monthly board of directors will meet Monday, July 1, at noon at the Jenny Wiley Lodge. Dr. Nelson Grote, president of Morehead State University will be the guest speaker.

On July 12, the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce will meet with the Kentucky State Chamber Executive Board to discuss issues that deal with Floyd County and Eastern Kentucky. The meeting will begin at noon at the Jenny Wiley Lodge. Those who plan to attend this meeting should call the Chamber office at 886-1341 by July 8.

# Sports

By Ed Taylor, Sports Editor

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**A Look At Sports**  
by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

## "NOW THAT SCHOOL IS OUT...."

"Now that school is out, what are you going to do for sports?"

That is a question I have been asked more than once. High school athletics do play a big part of a newspaper's sports coverage. However, there are other areas of sports interest other than high school.

The summer baseball programs have been very active and they will occupy much of the month of July with their All-Star tournaments. Little League and Babe Ruth teams will be playing at different locations. After the local tournaments are over, the winners will advance to regional play and then to the state level.

We also will have swimming teams in action around the area. We will try our best to give a lot of coverage to this sport as there seems to be much interest in the local swimming teams.

After the baseball season ends, we will begin to turn our attention towards the upcoming football season which promises to be exciting. The football teams on the high school level will not get started as early as the previous years due to a new ruling by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. Also, the high schools will be limited to just 10 games this season, plus the new alignments. So, it will be somewhat different.

We want to take a closer look at each school and hopefully we will learn in the next few weeks who will lead the Trojans at Wheelwright this coming football season. Grade school football has not died out. The grade school season is always fun to cover. We have some very talented football players in our grade school system.

If everything holds true to past years, come September, it will be basketball time in the grade school ranks.

So, there seems to be plenty of sports to cover in our area.

## DIBBLE WANTS TO SHAKE

### "NASTY BOY" IMAGE

Coming before the National League President has certainly had a humbling effect on Cincinnati Reds ace reliever Rob Dibble. Now, Dibble blames the media for painting an ugly picture of Randy Myers, Norm Charlton and himself. According to Dibble, it's an image that he would like to shake.

As everyone knows, Dibble has had hearings before Bill White, twice for throwing a baseball and once for throwing a bat, and now must wait and see what the outcome will be. The hot-tempered Dibble may have to miss some games for the Reds at a time when they will certainly need him the most.

Reds General Manager Bob O'Quinn has stated that the Reds hope that the suspensions, if there are any, will not have to be served back to back.

What is so sad about all this (not for Rob Dibble, he deserves whatever he gets) is the effect it has on the younger ball players. I don't know if anyone else in Floyd County has paid any attention to what has taken place in our lower leagues. I am talking about nine to 12-year-old ball players that are trying to be nasty like the "Nasty Boys." The younger players feel that this is the image they should develop if you are going to be a ballplayer in any league. I attended one Little League game last week and I never heard such filthy language come out of young kids' mouths as I heard that day. What makes it worse is that the coaches did nothing or said nothing to the two players.

That is what makes the antics of players like Rob Dibble sad — the influence it has on the younger kids. I think it is too late for repentance for Dibble, let him get his due! There was a time that the Cincinnati Reds' front office and coaching staff would not permit such things.

Until the next time, good sports everyone and be good sports — it suits you.

## Boating Safety Starts With Staying Sober

by Lisa Grady

In a society where drinking and driving is socially unacceptable, it is ironic that setting sail with a boatload of booze is still considered appropriate by many people.

According to the National Transportation Safety Board, recreational boating is second only to highway transportation in the number of fatalities that occur every year, and it is estimated alcohol is involved in at least half of all boating accidents.

The 70 million people who enjoy recreational boating each year often forget alcohol has the same effect on them whether they are operating a car or a boat. When a person is drinking, the brain's ability to process information slows. Reaction times are longer in situations that demand immediate response.

On land, people often designate a driver who does not drink for the evening. Everyone who consumes alcohol on a boat is at risk, because when the boat's motion is coupled with reduced coordination, people can fall overboard.

Three functions are impaired when a person is drinking and boating:

- \* Judgment. The ability to make decisions quickly, particularly in high-risk situations, is one of the first things to go. For decisions such as avoiding swimmers or objects in the water, the wrong choice can be fatal.
- \* Balance. An attack of dizziness

or a misstep can lead to disaster. Most boating deaths occur when people fall out of boats or land in the water when the boat capsizes.

- \* Hypothermia. Alcohol gives a false sense of warmth. In reality, it can help the body lose heat, fatally.

Boating while intoxicated is not only dangerous, but illegal. At the end of 1988, 30 states had set up a blood alcohol standard for boating, with stiff penalties. Random spot checks have been set up on some lakes and rivers.

The National Safety Council recommends that recreational boaters follow these rules:

- \* Don't drink and boat.
- \* Wear a US Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device, or life jacket, as protection if you do slip overboard.

- \* Check the weather and water forecasts before leaving shore.

- \* Limit the number of passengers in a small boat. There might be seating for four, but the capacity might be two or three. Check the capacity plate.

- \* Have visual distress devices approved by the Coast Guard.

- \* Use the "one-third rule" of fuel management: one-third of the fuel to go, one-third to get back and one-third for reserve.

- \* Tell someone where you're going and when you'll be back.

To make boating safe and fun, call 1-800-336-BOAT to sign up for a free course near your home.



**Safe at home**  
A Martin Cardinal received the safe sign as he crossed the plate in the first game of tournament play Sunday at Minnie Park. (photo by Mike Burke)

## Prestonsburg Elementary Students Recognized For Physical Fitness

An awards ceremony was held Wednesday, June 12, at the Prestonsburg Elementary School where students who had achieved 50 percent or better in all five physical fitness tests, received certificates. The test included curl-ups, pull ups or flex arm hand, V-sit reach, shuttle run and mile run. Students receiving certificates were: Fourth Grade - Kyle Richardson, Jessica Stephens, Grant Castle, Ryan Hardee, Eric Joseph, Jessica Marsillett, Mike McGuire, Chinley Partington, Greg Dixon, Amy Feltner, Jon May, Russ Music and Andi Ratliff.

Fifth Grade: Leslie Fugate, Deame Campbell, Andy Jarvis, Lesley Stout, Nathan Fannin, Patrick Burke, Jake Poston, Matthew Slone, Kate Hyden, Allison Leslie and Steve Little.

One student, Tyson Wills of Prestonsburg, achieved 85 percent on all tests and was awarded the Presidential Physical Fitness Award. Wills worked extremely hard on

improving his physical ability and proved he is physically fit. Wills is the son of Rodney and Mary Kay Wills.

## Slots Still Open For Pee Wee All-Star Tournament

The Pee Wee Tournament to be held Friday and Saturday, June 28-29, at the ball field of Stumbo Elementary School still has room for more teams. The tournament is open to any Pee Wee team in Floyd County.

The deadline for team registration is today (Wednesday). There is a \$25 per team entry fee and individual trophies will be awarded to the first and second place teams.

To register a team, call Lynn Hall at 587-1637.



**A good eye**  
A Martin Blue Jay laid off a high pitch during Sunday's third game of the Beaver Creek Little League Tournament. (photo by Mike Burke)

## Mud Creek Peewee League

### Smurfs vs. Pirates Thursday, June 20

The Smurfs scored three runs in the bottom of the 5th to edge the Pirates 4-3 and improve their record to 7-6 on the season.

Shannon Williams picked up the win for the Smurfs and Brent Newsome was tagged with the loss.

The Pirates took the early lead with two runs in the top of the first. Clifton Hall singled and then scored on Derek Akers' double. Akers scored on Brent Newsome's ground out.

The Smurfs countered with a run of their own in the bottom of the first behind Eric McKinney's two-out walk and Shannon Williams' RBI double.

The Pirates extended their lead to 3-1 with a run in the top of the third behind walks to Jonathon Howell and Josh Williams and back-to-back singles by Clifton Hall and Kevin Bentley. Bentley picked up the RBI.

The Smurfs recorded goose eggs in the 2nd through 4th innings before picking up three runs in the bottom of the 5th for the win. The runs came after a walk to Eric McKinney; singles by Shannon Williams, Trenton Tackett and Jonathon Tackett. Jonathon Tackett's hit scored McKinney to make it a 3-2 game, then Dustin Hall singled to drive in Williams and knot the score at 3-3. Devin Reynolds singled in Tackett for the winning run.

The loss drops the Pirates to 4-9 on the season.

### Reds vs. Tigers Thursday, June 20

The Reds held off a 5th inning rally by the Tigers to post a 5-3 win and to improve their record to 10-3 on the season.

After holding the Tigers scoreless in the top of the 1st, the Reds plated three runs behind singles by Robbie

Johnson, Leroy Adkins and Ryan Hall. Hall's hit drove in Johnson.

Justin Martin's two-out single scored Adkins, and Nathan Hamilton made it 3-0 Reds after singling in Hall.

The Tigers went three up, three down in the second and got just one baserunner in the third before the Reds widened the margin to 5-0 with two across in the bottom of the third. Derrick Martin picked up both RBIs in the inning, doubling in Brent Tackett and Leroy Adkins. Tackett had reached base on a walk and Adkins and Ryan Hall followed with singles. Hall was stranded on strikeouts by Justin Martin and Nathan Hamilton.

Following a scoreless 4th, the Tigers rallied with three runs in the top of the 5th behind back-to-back doubles by Stevie Mitchell, Josh Hamilton and Christy Johnson. Hamilton's hit drove home Mitchell, and Sheena Akers picked up an RBI on a ground out that scored Hamilton.

Dustin Rogers' single drove home Johnson for the final Tiger run and the 5-3 game.

Derrick Martin picked up the win for the Reds while Christy Johnson was saddled with the loss.

### Smurfs vs. Reds Wednesday, June 19

In last Wednesday's action, the Smurfs picked up a run in the top of the 7th to break a 1-1 tie and beat the Reds 2-1 in extra innings.

The Reds drew first blood in the bottom of the 3rd on four consecutive singles. Ryan Hall's RBI single drove home Joe Hall for the Reds' only score.

The Smurfs tied it at 1-1 in the top of the 5th when Devon Reynolds singled to score Dustin Hall. Hall had reached base on a single.

In the top of the 7th, the Smurfs

picked up the game-winning run on doubles by Shannon Williams and Dustin Hall. Hall picked up the winning hit and RBI.

Shannon Williams got the win for the Smurfs, and Derrick Martin took the loss.

### Pirates vs. Tigers Wednesday, June 19

Game two of Wednesday's card also went extra innings, with the Tigers coming out on top 2-1 in seven.

The game was a scoreless pitching duel through the regulation five innings before the Pirates picked up a run in the top of the 6th. The run was plated after a one-out walk to Natasha Baker and an RBI single by Kevin Bentley.

The Tigers tied the tilt at 1-1 behind singles by Leslie Hamilton and Stevie Mitchell and a walk to Matt Slone. Hamilton scored on Shawn Hamilton's single.

Sabrina Bentley singled before Dustin Rogers went down swinging and Bubo Hamilton broke the deadlock with a game-winning single to drive home Kevin Bentley.

Christy Johnson got the win on the mound for the Tigers while Brent Newsome took the loss.

## LEAGUE STANDINGS (after 14 games)

\*One regular season game remains

TEAM	W	L
REDS	11	3
SMURFS	8	6
TIGERS	5	9
PIRATES	4	10

\*The final regular season games are set for July 8 (two weeks off for vacation) and the Mud Creek Peewee League Tournament starts Friday, July 12.



**Go to first**  
This Astro player drew a walk in Sunday's first-round game against the McDowell Stars. The tournament was held at Minnie due to the bad field conditions at the Martin Park. (photo by Mike Burke)

# Bassin' with the Pros

## VEGETATION IS IMPORTANT TO BASS LAKES

Bass fishermen love it. Water skiers and homeowners hate it. Large-mouth bass need it.

What is it? "It's grass," says Ken Cook, a former fisheries biologist who studied fish habitat for years and learned that lakes need a certain amount of vegetation to support a healthy bass population.

"Vegetation, particularly the milfoils and hydrillas, provide critical habitat away from the shoreline," explains Cook, now a highly respected tournament angler and member of the Evinrude Outboards Pro Staff. "There is only so much habitat available along a shoreline in the form of stumps, logs or weeds, so vegetation that grows away from the shoreline can be extremely important."

"Thick vegetation provides both food and shelter for fish," he continues. "Large bass spawn in the grass, and the smaller bass use the grass for protection from predators. At the same time, the grass attracts other small organisms that are an important part of the food chain, so the bass hiding in the grass have plenty to eat."

Although vegetation is important in all lakes, the Evinrude pro notes, it

is probably most valuable in older lakes where the early cover has deteriorated and the habitat has diminished.

"You can see this clearly in a number of impoundments throughout the nation," he explains. "At Sam Rayburn Lake in Texas, the old habitat is gone, but it has been replaced with hydrilla. In its early years, Rayburn was an excellent lake. Then, as the habitat was lost, the bass fishery declined dramatically."

"Today, with the hydrilla again providing habitat, the bass fishing is excellent. Most of the tournament pros consider Sam Rayburn to be one of the three best bass lakes in America, not only for numbers of fish but for the size of fish it produces." Water manipulation projects, in which a lake's water level is purposefully lowered for several months to allow new vegetation to grow, is an accepted form of fishery management in some states, adds Cook.

In these lakes, the bass fishing invariably improves once the vegetation is present again.

"There is, of course, a limit to the amount of vegetation desirable for a lake," says Cook, "and this largely depends on the lake itself. Too much vegetation creates problems for boaters skiers and homeowners."

Where vegetation has been re-

moved through chemical spraying, grass-eating carp, and other methods, says Cook, the fisheries have always declined accordingly.

"When you take away the vegetation, you take away the habitat. The fish move to the shoreline cover, or whatever is left, but the lake can never support the same number of bass as it did when vegetation was present."

"The bass fishing flourishes for one or possibly two years because the fish are more vulnerable without their cover, but after that, the fishing declines very noticeably."

### THIS BASS PATTERN MAY WORK ANYWHERE

Fishermen spend hours and sometimes days trying to figure out a bass pattern, that almost mythical combination of fish location and lure presentation that unlocks the daily secret of catching bass. Sometimes they never find it.

Is there one universal pattern bass fishermen can try on any lake anywhere and usually catch fish?

"I don't know if it's always a usable pattern, but one of the most reliable patterns I've ever found is fishing boat launching ramps with a plastic worm," laughs Evinrude Outboards Pro Staff angler Cliff Craft. "It's not very glamorous or excit-

ing, but it sure is easy, and it works."

"Nearly all lakes have at least one concrete launching ramp and usually several. As to lure selection, I use a plastic worm because I can work it slowly along the edges of the concrete, but I'm sure a jig or a crankbait will also work at times."

Craft discovered boat ramp bass fishing by accident years ago while night fishing on Lake Lanier north of Atlanta. He noticed one particular ramp had a streetlight illuminating the ramp, and on a whim, Craft cast his lure up on the concrete. To his surprise, a nice largemouth hit.

Craft immediately cast again and caught another. From there he motored to the next ramp and promptly caught a third bass, and then a fourth at still another ramp.

"At this point, I became a dedicated boat ramp fisherman," smiles the Evinrude pro. "In fact, during a tournament on West Point Lake on the Alabama-Georgia border, I caught all my fish around boat ramps and finished quite high in the standings."

Craft thinks boat ramps offer several ingredients bass find attractive. For one, the ramps have a hard bottom that often grows algae. This algae attracts small minnows upon which the bass can feed.

Ramps also frequently offer quick access to deep water, a combination bass everywhere seem to prefer. They can feed in the shallow water, then move to deeper depths for safety and security.

"Still another factor always worth considering," says Craft, "is that fish are often released around boat ramps. Anglers may catch a fish miles away and carry it in their livewell until they get to the ramp, either to show to friends or possibly to weigh at a tournament. Then they let it go."

"Not all released fish leave that area. Many of them remain, particularly if there is suitable habitat and food for them. These are the bass you can catch over and over again."

The service experts at OMC recommend all boaters carefully check their propellers for bent blades and "dings" that might cause damage to gearcase bearings. Use a file to remove small burrs and nicks from aluminum or stainless steel propellers, but if a blade is bent, take the unit to a marine dealer.

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# Kentucky Afield

By Russ Kennedy

## RECORD SPRING TURKEY HARVEST

In just one year's time, Kentucky's wild turkey harvest increased almost 100 percent. According to George Wright, wild turkey program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR), over 2,600 gobblers were taken during the 1991 spring season.

Wright estimates that 30 percent of the 7,500 turkey hunters who went afield this past April were successful and five percent harvested their legal limit of two. Kentucky's turkey hunter success rate is among the highest of all states with huntable populations.

The wild turkey has made a remarkable comeback in Kentucky over the past decade and can now be found in 118 counties where suitable habitat is available. Fayette and Bourbon are the only counties where turkeys have not been reintroduced.

Prior to KDFWR's modern day restoration program begun in 1978, the wild turkey had all but disappeared from Kentucky. In 1976, the total statewide harvest was only 24. However, thanks to wildlife trades and the state fish and wildlife department's dedicated efforts, to date more than 4,000 birds have been released on 260 sites across the commonwealth. And the restoration effort is continuing.

Kentucky's current wild turkey population numbers more than 25,000 and that figure is expected to continue climbing steadily over the next 20 years.

The top 10 turkey harvest counties for 1991 include Nelson (201), Muhlenburg (195), Christian (158), Butler (140), Harlan (97), Letcher (88), Hart (84), Bullitt (83), Larue (79) and Caldwell (77).

## BLACK BEAR KILLED IN PIKE COUNTY

A young male black bear was shot and killed by a Pike County resident in early June, according to Randy Joseph, Kentucky state conservation officer stationed in Pike County. The 165-pound bear was estimated to be around two years old.

Prior to the shooting, the state fish and wildlife department's office at Prestonsburg had received no sui-

sance bear complaints from Pike County, according to Becky Littleton, assistant district wildlife biologist.

Black bears are strictly protected in Kentucky and killing the animals can result in severe penalties.

The late spring to mid summer months are when reports of bear sightings reach their peak in Kentucky. It's the time of year when young males — generally around two years old — set out to establish a "domain" or territory of their own.

Bears are not particularly social animals. They stay clear of one another and certainly don't like being around people. When they do come close to humans, they're after food — not human contact.

Food is also the main reason bears occasionally visit folk's backyards. Unsecured garbage cans, recently used barbecue grills or scraps left out for pets can sometimes attract bears. And once accustomed to a ready food source, a bear will return time and time again for a free meal. So, it's easy to understand why people who live in "bear country" should pay close attention to how food is stored, as well as garbage (and animal carcass) disposal.

DON'T FEED THE BEARS — intentionally or carelessly! Doing so can CREATE needless problems.

With the increasing possibility of encountering a black bear, you may ask what's a person to do who finds one of these critters investigating their porch or exploring their yard? The best answer is to do nothing. Left alone, black bears will usually continue on about their business and move clear of the area.

Conflicts with farmers can arise when bee hives, corn crops or orchards are located near the edge of woods. In these cases, electrically charged barbed wire fences usually provide the best protection from bear damage. Once bears get shocked a couple of times, they learn not to be repeat offenders.

For more specific information about preventing bear and other wildlife damage, contact the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Division of Information and Education, #1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, KY 40601; phone (502) 564-4336 or contact your district wildlife biologist.

Remember, killing a black bear is a crime.

## Martin Peewee League Results

### TIGERS VS. ANGELS SUNDAY, JUNE 23

The Tigers collected 14 runs on 22 hits Sunday to ground the Angels and earn the Martin Peewee League regular season championship. The 14-5 win set the Tigers' final won-loss record at 13-1.

The Angels got things started with three runs on seven hits in the top of the first, but the Tigers responded with three of their own on four hits in the bottom half of the inning.

After holding the Angels scoreless in the second, the Tigers put another five runs across on eight hits in the home half of the stanza.

The Angels rallied with two runs in the third but could get no closer. The Tigers added one in the third, and five in the fourth for the 14-5 decision.

George Hall was perfect at the

plate for the Tigers, slamming home runs in each of his three appearances.

### TIGERS VS. COLONELS THURSDAY, JUNE 20

The Tigers blasted the Colonels on Thursday, winning 11-3.

After a scoreless first, the Tigers plated three runs in the top of the second on four hits. The Colonels responded with a single run in their half of the inning, and after two it was 3-1 Tigers.

The Tigers widened the margin with four in the third and added four in the fifth while the Colonels picked up solo runs in the third and fifth.

The Tigers got 11 runs on 20 hits, while the Colonels got their three runs on 10 hits.

George Hall picked up a homer in the third inning for the Tigers and Brandon Sizemore got a round-tripper in the fifth.

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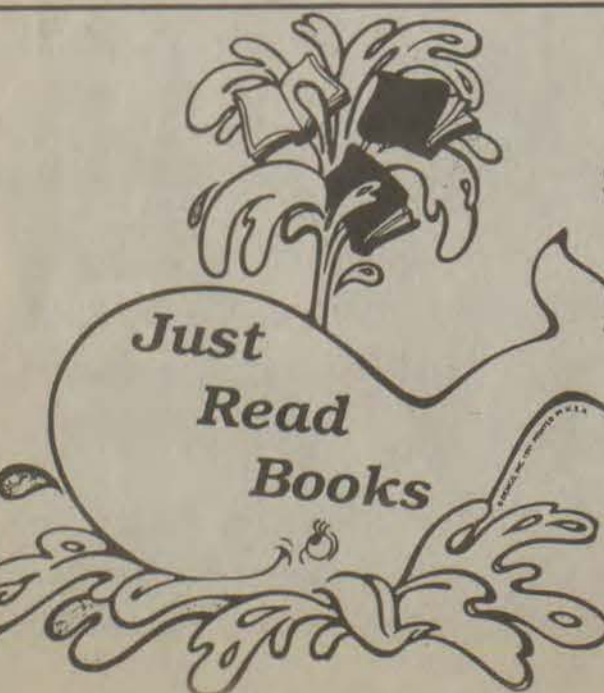
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**Close call**

A McDowell Star little leaguer reached third before the ball during the Star's game Sunday against the Drift Astros. (photo by Mike Burke)

**KDFWR Commission Approves New Crappie, White Bass Limits**

New size and creel limits for crappie and new limits for white bass were among several items recently approved by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission.

The commission approved a 30-fish daily creel limit on crappie and white bass in all Kentucky waters except the Ohio River, where the daily limit remains 60. Waters with special creel limit on these two species also remain the same.

In addition to a reduced daily creel limit, the commission approved a 9-inch minimum size limit on crappie for Green River and Nolin River lakes. All new sizes and creel limits are

scheduled to take effect March 1, 1992.

The 1991 dove, wood duck, woodcock and snipe seasons were set pending U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approval in August. Season dates are: Dove - September 1-30, October 5-28 and November 30 through December 5 with a daily limit of 15; Wood duck - September 18-22 with a two bird daily limit; Woodcock - October 15 through December 18 with a daily limit five; and snipe - October 15 through December 18 and the daily limit eight.

The commission also took action to close portions of the Green and Barren Rivers to mussel harvest. The

closed areas are as follows: Green River, from the western boundary of Mammoth Cave National Park downstream to Lock Number 4 (Woodbury Dam); Barren River, from the Barren River Lake Dam downstream to where it joins the Green River. This closure will become effective January 1.

In other business, the 10 horsepower motor limit for boats used on Wilgreen Lake in Madison County was removed. However, boat traffic on this lake will be restricted to idle speed only, effective March 1, 1992.

All regulatory actions of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission are subject to approval by the appropriate legislative committees.



**Holding back**

This little leaguer for the Blue Jays tried to hold up on a high fast ball in a game against the Martin Braves at Minnie Park. (photo by Mike Burke)

**Catch of the Day will melt pounds away**

If you want to stay skinny, eat healthy and tickle your taste buds, then fish is the dish for you. The fish your family catches can reduce your grocery bill, increase your life span and have all the neighbors dropping in for a delicious, easy-to-prepare dinner.

Even the fish you buy and don't catch are high in protein but low in cholesterol, calories and fat, contain all nine essential amino acids required by our bodies and are easily digestible. Fish are a good source of B-vitamins, and vitamins A and D also are found in fatter fish. Supplying many minerals our bodies need, fish have low sodium content.

If fish is so good for you, why aren't you eating more of it? You can get more fish cheaply and enjoy this delicious food. Here's some alternatives:

- Go fishing. You don't need a boat, motor and expensive equipment to fish. Purchase inexpensive rods and poles for less than \$20 and a carton of live bait for less than \$5. Plentiful farm ponds across the country can be fished for free or for a nominal charge, if you simply ask permission. miles of small streams where you can fish at no charge cross roads and highways. Every state has

public fishing waters, usually heavily stocked with some species of fish you can catch for the table.

- Clean fish on the halves for neighbors and family. Fish cleaning is a hassle for most people, and many anglers will give half their catch away to someone who will clean their fish for them.

- Offer to a take home with you strong-smelling loud-tasting fish like white bass and sea bass other anglers prefer not to keep. Fillet the fish, place in a bowl, cover with 7-Up, and refrigerate overnight. Or, combine one quart water, 1/4 cup vinegar and three tablespoons salt in a large bowl, and mix well. Refrigerate and soak fish overnight. Then wash the fillets, and cook them. They'll be delicious.

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P.O. Drawer 375, Fairfield, AL 35064. Request a free chart of spices best-suited for cooking fish by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the above address.

**Speedway opens in Louisa area**

Louisa Fire Department has a unique fundraising event going on through the summer months. The fire department is operating the Louisa Kart Speedway, located about two miles south of Louisa on Rt. 2565, to raise money to purchase new rescue equipment.

The speedway is open on Saturday evenings and concession is available. Gates open at 6 p.m.; races start at 8 p.m.

For more information, call the Louisa Fire Department at (606) 638-9308.

**RUNNING THE MOONLIGHT MILE**

The seventh annual Moonlight Mile will be held July 4 in Paintsville, beginning at 9 p.m. on Island Creek Road.

The one-mile event offers trophies in ten age groups, both male and female, commemorative tee shirts for participants, door prizes and refreshments.

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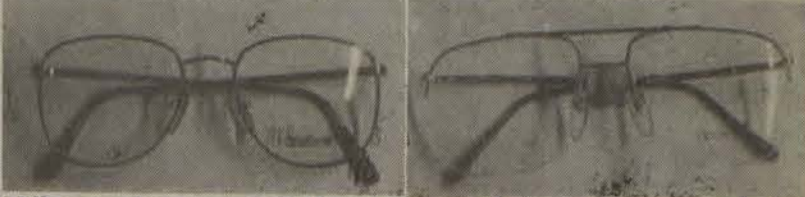
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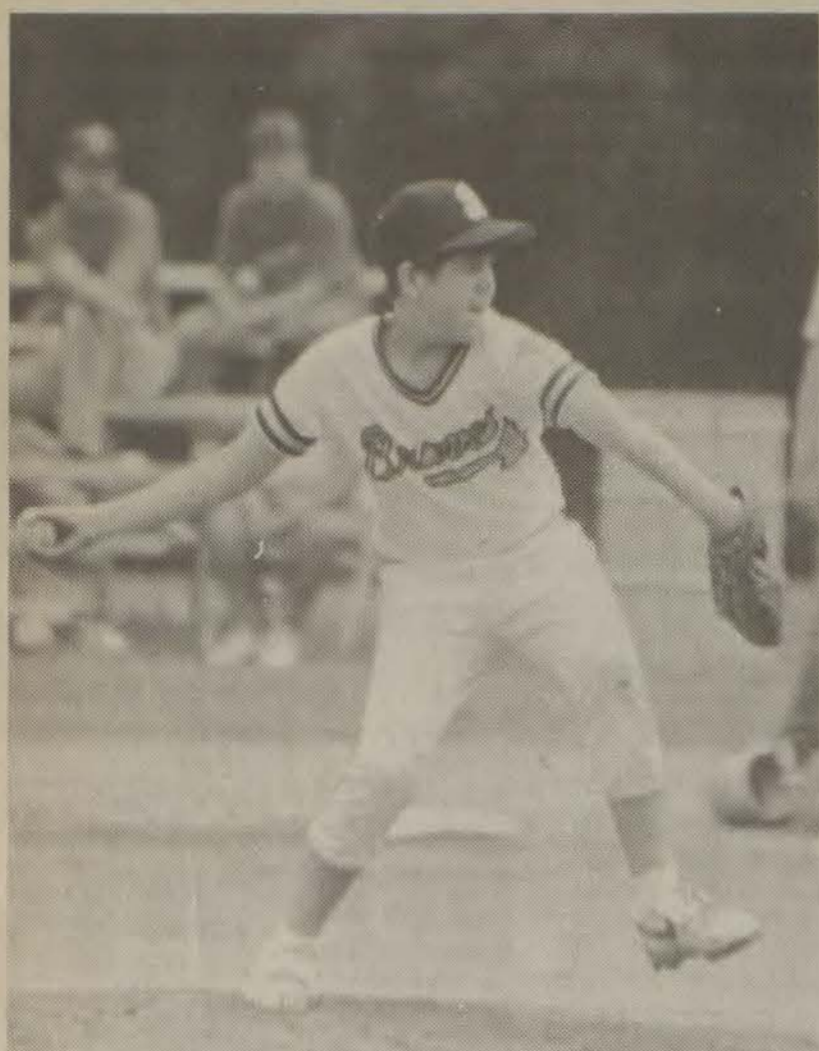
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**Something extra**

The pitcher for the Martin Braves tried to pitch his way out of a first Inning jam in Sunday's first-round game of the Beaver Creek Little League Tournament. (photo by Mike Burke)

**Children And PFDs: A Very Important Combination**

During a recent episode of the cartoon Muppet Babies on Saturday morning, Miss Piggy reminded the others that they could not ride in her boat unless they put on life jackets.

Reinforcing the lesson was a commercial interruption minutes later when Tony the Tiger was promoting Frosted Flakes during a whitewater trip, and he was wearing his life jacket as well.

More than the recent national media focus on boating safety practices for children, state law often requires that children under a certain age wear a personal flotation device, or PFD, when they are on a boat.

The National PFD Manufacturers Association recommends the following advice when choosing a PFD for your child, when they are on a boat:

\* Children's PFDs are sized according to weight range. Pick the one that's right for your child.

\* Some manufacturers specify a chest size, so measure your child's chest under the arms before you go to pick one out.

\* Crotch straps are particularly important on children's PFDs, as they keep the device in place. They should be used whenever the PFD is on.

\* If the child does not swim, a Type II Child or Infant device is recommended to keep the child face up in the water.

\* Be sure to try the PFD on the child in the store. Be sure it fits snugly, and to test it, lift the child up by the shoulders of the PFD to make sure it will not slip over the chin or ears.

\* Children tend to panic when they fall in the water, which can make it dangerous even with a PFD. It is important to get them used to wearing it in the water.

\* Even though a PFD is designed to keep a child afloat, it does not substitute for supervision. Never leave a child unattended. Discourage running, pushing and boisterous play on a boat or near the water.

For more information about the brand names and manufacturers of children's PFDs, contact the association at (312) 836-4747.

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**Reserved Seats For Breeders Cup On Sale June 25**

Approximately 6,000 reserved seats for the 1991 Breeders' Cup, Thoroughbred racing's \$10 million extravaganza to be held November 2 at Churchill Downs, will go on sale at the track on Tuesday, June 25.

Grandstand mezzanine, terrace and infield reserved tickets will be available starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Gate 1 ticket booths located on Central Avenue adjacent to the Kentucky Derby Museum.

"This is an opportunity for the general public to purchase reserved seats for the championship day of Thoroughbred racing," said Churchill Downs President Thomas H. Meeker.

"In its short eight year history, the Breeders' Cup has been a marvelous showcase for our great equine stars while fulfilling its charter of taking the event around the nation to the people.

"We had a tremendous number of requests for tickets by letter, starting the day after the record 1988 Breeders Cup that was held here," Meeker added. "A large percentage of those

requests has been filled, along with allocations for holders. Now we are devoting seats to race fans in this world-class sporting event."

Ticket prices are \$15, \$20 and \$25, depending upon location, and are limited to eight tickets per person. Tickets must be paid for in cash.

Advance general admission to both the grandstand/infield and clubhouse may be purchased for \$10 per ticket. These tickets do not include a reserved seat or access to trackside seating.

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**Watkins Finishes High In Red Man All-American**

Competing in one of the world's most prestigious bass tournaments last week, local angler, Tee Watkins, finished the contest in the top half of the pack. Enduring the raging swells and breaking white-caps that prevented several competitors from returning to the weigh-in site, Watkins ended the tournament with a catch of 16 pounds, 12 ounces, a catch that earned him a 19th place finish.

The tournament, held last Friday and Saturday on New York's Niagara River and Lake Erie, was the culmination of the 1990 Red Man Tournament Trail. Watkins, a Floyd Countian who is widely regarded as one of the finest anglers in Eastern Kentucky, competed against some 7000 anglers last year to earn himself one of only 40 positions to the coveted Red Man All-American tournament. His all-expense paid trip to Buffalo, New York, as a competitor in the All-American was the highlight of his nine-year stint on the Red Man trail.

The high point of the tournament for Watkins was catching a four pound, five ounce, smallmouth that was eventually recognized as the largest fish caught in the angling competition. That smallmouth earned Watkins a check for \$1000 and a gift certificate from Browning in the

amount of \$3000. "I guess I can afford to buy me some new fishing poles," Watkins said through his ear-to-ear grin.

The eventual winner of the contest was Arvin Smith, an employee of Ranger Boat Company from Flippin, Arkansas. Smith's 26 pound, six ounce catch earned him a check for \$100,000.

"This tournament was one of the most spectacular events that I have ever witnessed," Watkins says, "and I am thrilled to have been a part of it. Just being able to compete against some of the top bass fishermen in the country was a real thrill for me. Sooner or later, I reckon my feet will touch the ground again," he says with a laugh.

Watkins, who makes his home in East Point just outside of Prestonsburg, will spend the next few days traveling with his family through Canada, New York, Indiana and Ohio, visiting friends and relatives along the way. His wife, Sharon, and his children, Jeremy and Telah, accompanied him to the tournament, prayed for him while he was on the water, and cheered for him during the weigh-in shows.

He should be arriving in East Point Thursday or Friday of this week.



**Run scored**

This Cardinal walked across the plate against the Cubs in the first game of the Beaver Creek Little League Tournament. (photo by Mike Burke)

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**Eye on the ball**

This Martin Cardinal kept his eye glued to the ball in Sunday's first-round game against the Garrett Cubs in tournament play Sunday at Minnie Park. (photo by Mike Burke)

**Wild Side**

by: Chris Aitman

**BRIGHT SKIES AND GLUE-ME DAYS**

*Accidents happen.* (Bumper stickers say it a little more eloquently, but the gist is the same.)

And when things break when we're out on the water, the result can be disastrous. The following example graphically illustrates my point.

A couple of years ago, I was fishing in a tournament down in Knoxville, Tennessee, and had just discovered a wonderful crankbait pattern that I thought would surely put me in the money. For some reason, I had tried on a gaudy pink and green plug of some obscure sort, and proceeded to wear out the bronzebacks with it. I didn't have another to loan to my partner, and he couldn't find a lure in our collective tackle cache that the fish would hit.

I slipped my fourth smallmouth into the livewell, picked up my rod and made a cast...and smashed my ugly little crankbait into a rock protruding from the surface. As luck would have it, the bait broke in half just behind the bill, so I located and retrieved the rear end of the bait. Seeing that a repair was impossible, I retired the broken plug to the bottom of the boat and chose another lure. Like my partner, I could not get the fish to strike another plug, and had just about given up all hope of the tournament spoils when I remem-

bered the tube of super glue stashed in the dash. I had used the adhesive to piece together a broken running light the night before, and tossed the glue inside the windshield when I was finished.

After drying the two pieces thoroughly, I stuck them together with a dab of "one-drop-holds-a-ton miracle adhesive". Four bronzebacks later, the plug was still intact and I was a few dollars richer!

Sonny Lee, a tournament angler from Knoxville, TN, shared the super glue secret with me several years ago. "I is one of the most valuable things in my tacklebox or boat," he says seriously. "I've used it to fix boat parts and repair lures, and I can credit some tournament winnings to the glue."

Lee often uses the glue to repair soft plastic lures. "I've been in tournaments where the fish were hitting a

particular worm," he notes. "If you run out of those worms, you don't catch fish." Paul Elias suffered a similar fate in the 1989 Classic, and had to resort to using "used" worms when his supply of "green weinies" ran out. In this situation, Lee says that he can use super glue and torn up worms to piece together fishable worms, or repair gashes and splits in the plastic. "It's amazing what you can do with a few pieces of worms and a little glue. And it works much better than melting them together." You can also use the glue and pieces

of various soft-plastic baits to create new lures of your own design.

Sonny Lee also uses these bonding agents to secure grubs and worms to leadheads so that they will not slide down the shank of the hook. (Simply put a dab of glue on the leadhead and slip the head of the bait against it.) And when slipping a grub/worm/craw-worm and leadhead combo into a tube lure, Lee uses a drop of the glue to secure the grub/worm/craw-worm to the leadhead and facilitate insertion into the tube.

From repairing lures and reels to sticking on broken line guides, cyanoacrylate adhesives like Crazy Glue and Super Glue are extremely useful for on the water angling repairs. Like the commercial says, "Don't leave home without it!"

**Aaron At Bat**

by: Hank Aaron

**FRIENDLY COMPETITION**

Baseball has given me many things, but none do I value more than the warm friendships formed during my playing years. The world seemed just a bit smaller back then and moved at a slower pace. When I broke into the majors, teams were still traveling by train, and that meant hours of swapping stories, trading tips on how to bat against the next opposing pitcher and general kidding around.

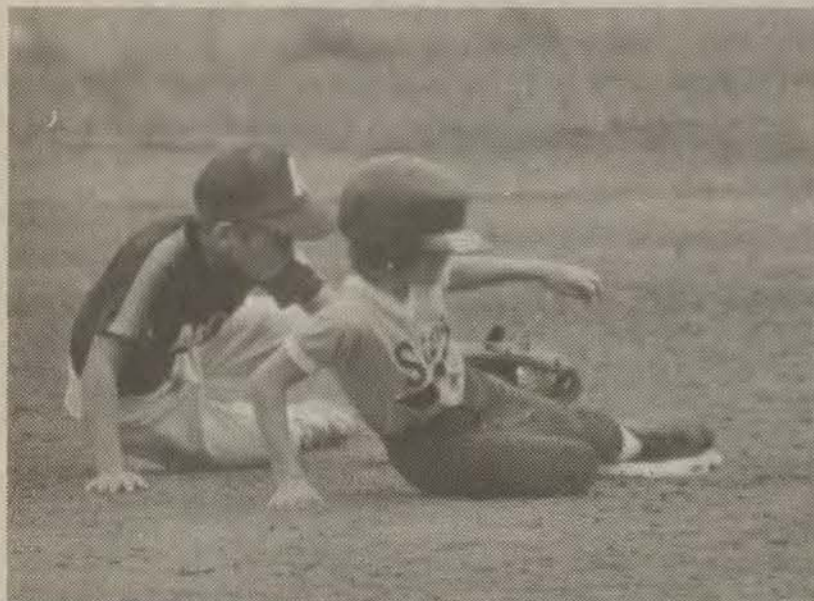
The baseball world certainly was smaller. Unlike today, where each league is divided into divisions, there were fewer teams and everyone played each other the same number of times. The results were far greater opportunities to get to know players on opposing teams. As hard as we'd play against each other during the game, there was no barrier to solid friendships. If the Braves were headed into Chicago, I could look forward to seeing friends like Ernie Banks or Billy Williams.

One of the sad results of our current era of jet travel, multimillion-dollar salaries and free agency will be fewer friendships. Let's face it, the chances of two good players teaming together for five, 10 or 15 years are very slim. It used to be that a team would never trade a star, except perhaps at the very end of his career. Eddie Mathews and I played together for 13 years. We broke the record set by Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig for most home runs hit by teammates.

What are the chances that Aaron-Mathews or Gehrig-Ruth combo would last today, season after season? Very slim. If the team resisted the temptation to trade, the chances are excellent that the players themselves would go for free agency and sign a contract with the highest bidder.

No matter how much you guard against it, the "here today, gone tomorrow" aspect of today's baseball has to put a damper on friendships, and when teams are flying across the country to get from a night game in Houston to a day game in Chicago, there isn't much energy left over for chatter and horseplay.

With the multimillion-dollar salaries being paid today, a player is more likely to become buddies with his agent or his investment counselor than the guy playing second base.



**Safe at second**

This McDowell Star successfully stole second base in a first-round game against the Drift Astros at Minnie Park Sunday. (photo by Mike Burke)



**Sitting down on the job**

A little leaguer from the Astros slid into third as an infielder for the Stars dove for a hard line drive. (photo by Mike Burke)

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