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STORM FRONT

Last days of winter set record that few will forget

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Hundreds of Floyd Countians and Eastern Kentuckians were caught off guard last weekend when a severe winter storm dumped up to 30 inches of snow in parts of the county.

Snow began to fall in the county Friday night and by Saturday afternoon blizzard conditions developed throughout the county with heavy snow accompanied by high winds and temperatures in the 20s.

The blizzard forced most businesses and grocery stores to close by Saturday afternoon and only a few convenience stores remained open throughout the night.

State and county highways quickly became impassable and Governor Brereton Jones declared a state of emergency in Floyd and Johnson counties Saturday afternoon.

Floyd County Sheriff's department personnel worked around the clock from Saturday morning until Monday afternoon delivering kerosene heaters, heating fuel, prescription medicines and baby formula to homes throughout the county.

Army National Guardsmen were activated at noon Saturday and at first limited their assistance to medical emergencies.

Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad personnel also responded to medical emergencies and delivered supplies for infants to homes.

Saturday evening throughout Sunday night was the busiest time for emergency agencies.

Emergency calls were referred to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department during that stretch which were either handled by the sheriff's department or relayed to the appropriate agency.

Emergency personnel were stretched to the limit during the height of the storm because normal emergency response units, such as ambulance services, were unable to operate during the severe weather.

Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company officials sent three drivers and trucks to Floyd County Saturday night to help answer emergency calls.

Local citizens pitched in, loaning four-wheel drive vehicles to sheriff's deputies to transport needed supplies to homes in remote areas of the county.

There were several deaths reported in Floyd County during the storm, but none of those deaths have been linked to the weather conditions.

Chuck Hall, sheriff's department office manager, estimated that the department received between 750 to 800 calls during the storm. Calls came from medical and nursing home personnel needing transportation to work and from the family of a sick infant who needed to be transported to a hospital. The department also provided food to a security guard stranded at Overnight transportation center near Middle Creek.

"Everybody worked well together," Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson said Tuesday. "This is the biggest snow I've ever seen fall that fast. In some areas of the county we worked through the weekend in snow that was over our knees and that had drifted from 4-5 feet in some areas."

"The Sheriff's Department tried to keep people supplied with fuel and essential items such as medicine and baby formula," Thompson added.

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Cleanup efforts got underway Monday morning to clear roads and parking lots of excessive amounts of snow dumped when a winter storm passed through the area last weekend.



Roads were impassable, streets were deserted Saturday afternoon in all parts of the county. Temperatures dropped and high winds made wind chill factors well below zero.



Kentucky National Guardsmen joined emergency crews throughout the weekend to provide transportation and fuel to households in remote areas of the county.

State puts local board on notice

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

State school board members and state Education Commissioner Thomas Boysen put the Floyd County School Board and Superintendent Steve Towler on notice Tuesday by sending them a message to either get the system on track or face removal from office.

During the course of the state school board's two-day meeting in Erlanger, Floyd County's lack of action on implementing the district's short-term plan of improvement drew sharp criticism and threats of removal from Boysen and the state board.

State board members voted to send a letter to board members and Towler which says if the board doesn't act quickly on implementing the recommendations, they could be removed from office. The letter stopped short, however, of setting a deadline on making those improvements.

"The failure to correct the mis-

management and to successfully implement the short-term improvement plan is unacceptable and cannot be ignored," the letter said. "Continued conduct by the board members and superintendent that does not successfully accomplish the objectives... or lack of timely progress with the long-term objectives, will be considered by the Commissioner of Education to constitute nonfeasance, willful neglect of duty, and incompetence justifying initiation of the process... to consider your removal."

"We've expressed to Superintendent Towler grave concern and disappointment about the lack of progress on the short-term plan," state board chairman Joe Kelly said Tuesday. "Even on some of the short-term plan items that were termed completed there was concern about the quality of those items and whether or not they represented actual change in philosophy or (if) they simply re-

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Man subdued after threatening officers

by Geoff Belcher
Staff Writer

A routine arrest turned violent for the Prestonsburg Police Department Tuesday when a Lancer man barricaded himself in a house and threatened to kill the arresting officers.

Sergeant Gerald Clark and patrolmen Anthony Castle and Ralph Frasure were attempting to execute an arrest warrant for John Stepp, 29, of Lancer, when Stepp locked himself in the basement of his grandmother's house, Prestonsburg Police Chief Greg Hall said Tuesday.

"(Stepp) told us he'd kill us all, blow our heads off... if we tried to go

into the basement," Hall said.

Eventually, Hall said, Stepp ran from the basement and attempted to gain access to an exterior entrance to the house when officers subdued him. After he was in custody, Stepp attempted to kick the windows out of a patrol car before he was taken to the Floyd County Jail.

Charges against Stepp include one count of resisting arrest; two counts of third degree criminal mischief; one count of second degree assault; one count of third degree assault; and five counts of terroristic threatening.

Stepp is detained at the Floyd County Jail pending a \$34,000 cash bond.

Charges filed in case concerning dead child

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A 19-year-old McDowell woman was charged Friday with two misdemeanor counts for allegedly concealing the birth of her child and failing to report the baby's death to authorities.

Jenny Slone, a Morehead State University student, was charged last Friday with concealing the birth of an infant and failure to notify the coroner and a law enforcement agency of a death. Slone was charged after the results of an autopsy were released last Friday.

Officials said the autopsy was inconclusive on whether or not the baby

was born alive or dead.

In a prepared press release from Slone's attorney, Arnold Turner Jr., Turner said the girl gave birth at her parents home in the McDowell area. Turner said the girl then cleaned the body, wrapped it in plastic and towels and put it in a suitcase where she kept it for days.

The girl then buried the baby in a grave on "property owned by a friend" near her home.

The burial was reported by family members to Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson who contacted Coroner Roger Nelson. The two went

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Rain could be next worry for Big Sandy

by Geoff Belcher
Staff Writer

The Blizzard of '93 may be over, but melting snow and ensuing rain have prompted area emergency and rescue agencies to begin preparing for round two of Mother Nature's assault on Eastern Kentucky.

A National Weather Service spokesman stationed at Hazard said Tuesday that Eastern Kentuckians could expect to receive between one-quarter and one-half inch of rain Tuesday night.

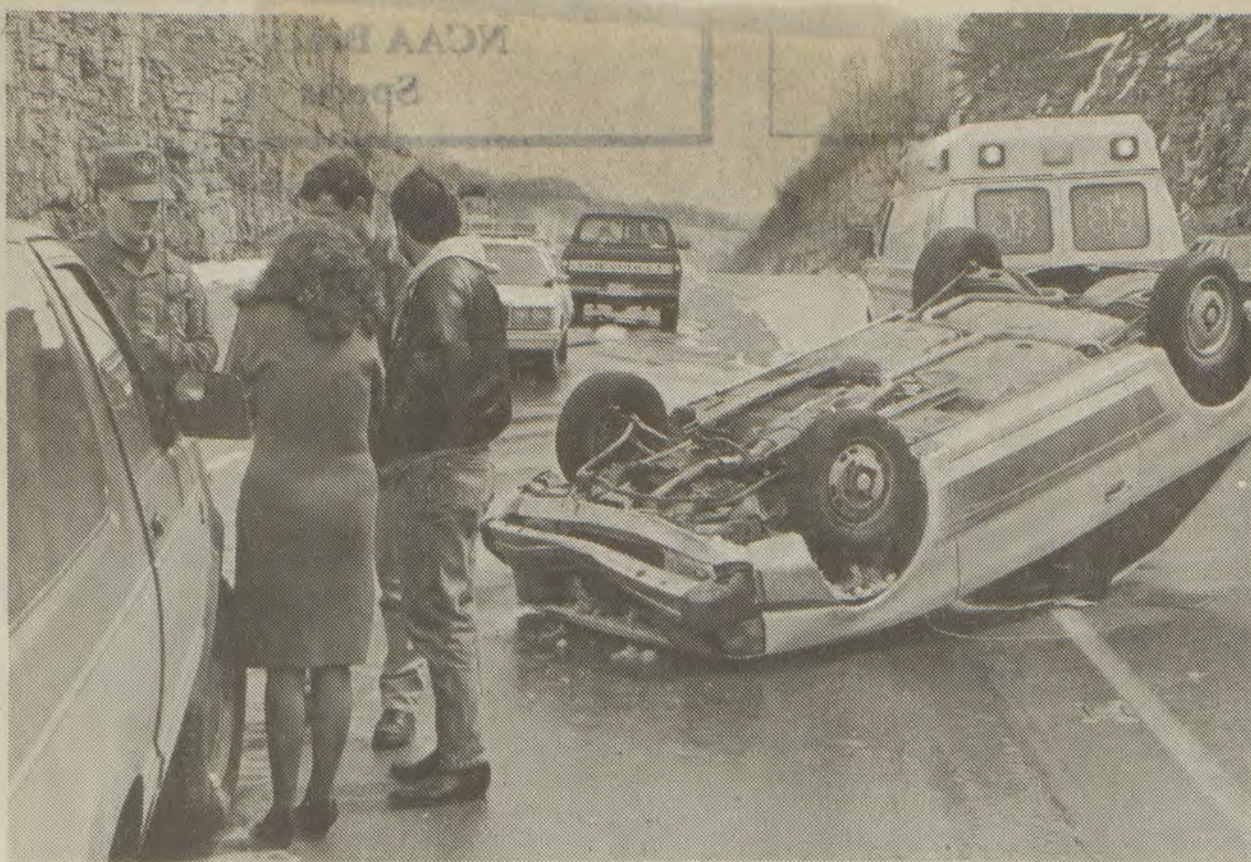
National Weather Service statistics for the region state that there is approximately as much water in one inch of rain as in ten inches of snow. David Chaffins, director of

Prestonsburg-Floyd County Disaster and Emergency Services, said Tuesday that all emergency agencies are currently on stand-by.

Although there is at present no need for an official flood watch, Chaffins said, authorities are preparing supplies and rescue vehicles just in case.

The Floyd County Sheriff's office, Disaster and Emergency Services, the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad and the local National Guard are currently collecting food, clothing and other emergency items and are preparing emergency shelters.

In the event of flooding, residents in low-lying areas are urged to seek higher ground.



Wreck on Route 23

A Floyd County man's vehicle apparently struck another car and overturned on Route 23 in Prestonsburg near the Holiday Inn. The accident is still under investigation by the Pikeville Post of the Kentucky State Police. (photo by Geoff Belcher)

Floyd man to stand trial for murder in DUI accident that killed woman

Preliminary hearings began Friday in Floyd District Court for the man accused of murder for a February drunk-driving accident that killed an elderly Hi Hat woman. Cora Tackett Booth, 66, died February 22 on Route 979 at Mud Creek after a vehicle driven by 20-year-old Glennis Gayheart crossed the center lane and struck the Booth vehicle head-on. Also injured in the accident were Pearl Booth, 33, of Olive Hill; and four-year-old Matthew Hall, of Bevinville, both of whom suffered multiple injuries and were hospitalized at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, where they were later transferred to the University of Kentucky Medical Center at Lexington. Both have been released.

under the influence of intoxicating beverages. Under the state's first offenders program, Gayheart was not sentenced to jail, but his operator's license was revoked for 90 days and he was ordered to pay a fine. That fine was paid in full only days before the accident in which Booth was killed. Results of a blood alcohol test performed on Gayheart after the accident are still pending, Cross said. Assistant Floyd County Attorney Robert Bishop told Floyd District Judge Danny Caudill that the incident was a clear case of murder. Caudill concluded that probable cause had been determined and held the case over for trial. Gayheart is currently lodged in the Floyd County Jail pending \$125,000 cash bond.

Detective Lynn Cross, of the Pikeville Post of the Kentucky State Police, testified Friday that Gayheart admitted to drinking at least 12 cans of beer earlier in the day, and that Gayheart told nurses at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital that he had been drinking liquor. Gayheart was convicted on June 29, 1992 of operating a motor vehicle

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Storm

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The Sheriff's Department delivered over 200 gallons of kerosene to homes from one end of the county to the other. The department also assisted in getting a woman and her five children, who had been without heat or water for two days, moved from Hen Pen to Osborne. Local county workers also assisted in moving the woman and her children. A tense situation developed Saturday night when a woman called the sheriff's department at 1 a.m. and reported her grandson and two of his friends missing. The three reportedly left the bowling alley in Prestonsburg in a black pickup truck at 11:30 p.m. en route to an ambulance service just past the Knott County line where one of the youths worked.

child's illness. The National Guard had 16 personnel on call around the clock and also assisted in transporting medical personnel to hospitals and expanded services Monday to deliver food and fuel to homes in remote areas of the county. Operations were scaled back at the National Guard center Tuesday afternoon and someone will be at the center around the clock until Wednesday.

Sheriff's deputy Johnny Layne drove to the Knott County line and reported that he did not spot the truck. A National Guard unit had just returned from Knott County around the time the three boys were reported missing and advised that no one saw the vehicle.

Local DES officials set up an office Sunday in Floyd County Judge-Executive John M. Stumbo's office to take calls concerning food distribution and clearing county roads. Stumbo said Tuesday that all county roads are expected to be open today (Wednesday). "We have 11 graders on the road and if we can run all through the night, I believe we can have the roads

The three boys called home at 3 a.m. after arriving at a home in Huysville.

open by Wednesday morning," Stumbo said. "We have 465 miles of county road, that's a lot of roads to cover." Gordie's Gulf in Prestonsburg turned over their supply of kerosene, gasoline and diesel fuel to emergency workers in order to supply fuel to families throughout the county and for emergency vehicles. Coal Mac personnel graded roads in the county and Columbia Gas also provided assistance during the emergency.

National Guardsmen responded to 300 emergency calls from a five-county area.

Others providing assistance during the emergency were: the Left Beaver Rescue Squad and Volunteer Fire Department, the Garrett, David, Mud Creek and Maytown Volunteer Fire Departments, Wal Mart and Floyd County Jailer Lawrence Hale who provided food to emergency workers and volunteers.

Sam Sumpter, a sergeant with the National Guard, said two individuals from the Prestonsburg unit saved the lives of an infant and its mother in Magoffin County. Sergeant Sumpter said that the two soldiers walked six miles to hand-carry the infant to the vehicle and then returned to assist getting the mother out. Sumpter did not say what was the nature of the



Basement barricade

John Stepp, 29, of Lancer, allegedly barricaded himself in a basement and threatened to kill Prestonsburg police officers when they tried to execute an arrest warrant for him Tuesday. Stepp is currently lodged in the Floyd County Jail on numerous charges pending a \$34,000 cash bond. (photo by Geoff Belcher)

Charges

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to the grave site and exhumed the baby's body. Slone's case will be presented before a Floyd County Grand Jury which will convene in special session Wednesday, March 17.

Slone turned herself in at the Floyd County Jail Friday and was later released on bond. No date has been set for a preliminary hearing on the case. The case was investigated by Sheriff Thompson and Kentucky State Police detective Lynn Cross.

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Grand Jury to hear evidence in murder rash

by Susan Allen Staff Writer

A Floyd County Grand Jury will convene in special session Wednesday (today) to hear evidence in a rash of murders and assaults that happened in the county within the last month.

Commonwealth Attorney Jerry Patton said Tuesday that he has called for the special session because of the serious nature of the crimes.

Among cases to be presented are:

- Glennis Gayheart, charged with murder for allegedly causing the death of Cora Booth while driving a vehicle while intoxicated;
- Mike Watkins, charged with murder for allegedly beating to death Simson Smith of Turkey Creek last November;
- Jenny Slone, charged with concealing the birth of a child and failing to report a death, for allegedly giving birth to an infant last month and failing to report the baby's death;
- Chad Edward Lovely, charged with murder for allegedly stabbing to death Michael Lloyd Manns;
- John Preston Henderson, charged with murder for allegedly shooting to death Whirley Hall;
- Pamela Turner, charged with first degree assault for allegedly stabbing her husband, Jeff Turner; and
- Johnny Haywood, charged with first degree assault for allegedly stabbing Michael Thompson.

The grand jury is expected to conclude its business Wednesday afternoon, Patton said.

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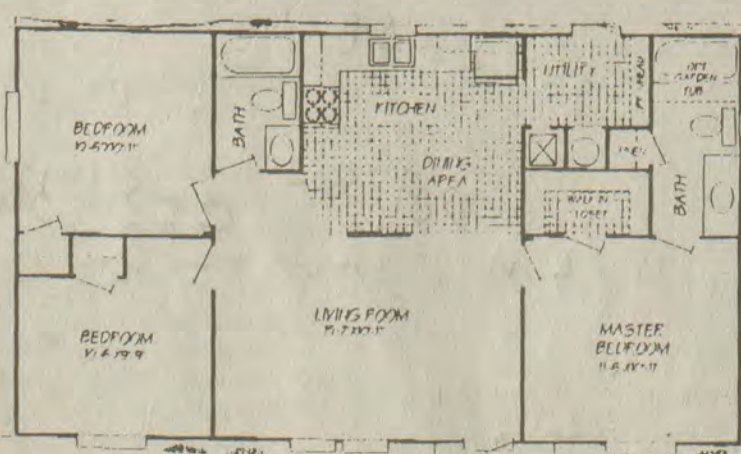
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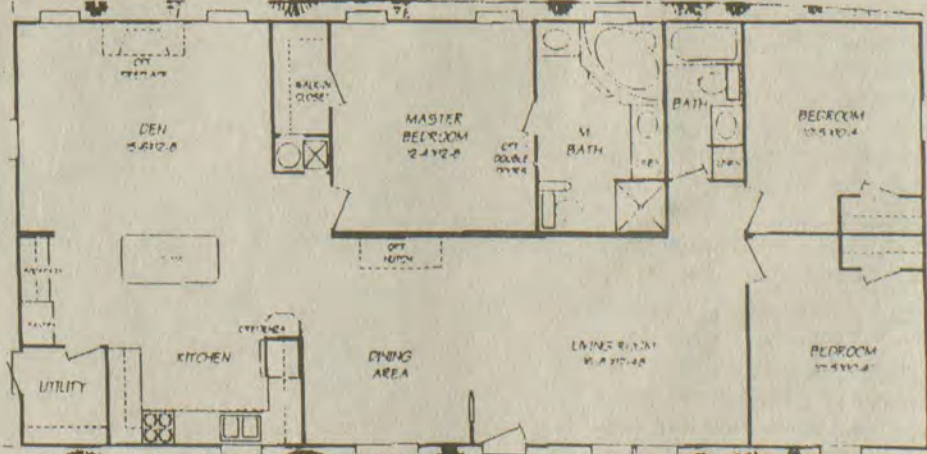
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ALLAN S. PERRY III—Publisher-Editor

Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

Death to violence

by Scott Perry

It is more than simple irony that a member of a pro-life, anti-abortion group could gun down a doctor working with an abortion clinic.

It is a shocking indictment of a society that has half its members standing at the edge of a cliff and the other half more than anxious to shove them over.

Look at how those who proclaim a love for life comforted the children of the slain doctor...

"Praise God," said an abortion protestor, "one of the (baby) killers is dead!"

Regardless of your convictions on the issue of abortion, such a reaction to cold-blooded murder has to turn your stomach.

But this is not about abortion at all.

It's about the prevalence of violence as an answer to dispute.

This is America, where laws are

supposed to be made or changed by the will of the people, not by snarling, gun-toting fanatics.

This is America, a country founded on tolerance and democratic principles not mayhem and terrorism.

How much farther into the abyss will we sink before we come to our senses?

For God's sake, teen-agers are killing each other over designer clothes and motorists are drawing beads on one another over the least discourtesy.

This country needs to be reminded that fanaticism is what led six million people to their deaths a half century ago because their beliefs were different.

This country needs to be reminded that indifference allowed that slaughter to happen.

To do otherwise will only hasten the end of this civilization...like those before us which failed to heed the lessons of the past.

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"They renamed it after the shootout with the religious cult."

—Letters to the editor—

Letters to the editor policy

Letters to the Editor are welcomed by the *Floyd County Times*. In accordance with our editorial page policy, all letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author. Letters must be received no later than 10 a.m. Tuesday for publication in Wednesday's issue and 10 a.m. Thursday for Friday's issue. Letters may be sent to Editor, The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 391, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Letters may be edited for clarity and length.

Reader criticizes Times

Editor:
I read with amusement your editorial on Wednesday criticizing State Department of Education officials for directing then Superintendent, Eldon Smith, to add \$400,000.00 to the Betsy Layne Field House Renovation Project. The reason this was amusing is that just last week, your paper ran an article incorrectly stating that the Construction Manager's fee on this project was almost 10 percent. Now it appears that your paper had the information and documentation establishing this inaccuracy all the time. As your paper is well aware, the original building construction estimate for this project was \$759,213.00. When the additional \$400,000.00 as directed by the State Department of Education is added, the total funds are \$1,159,213.00. When the Construction Manager's fee of \$51,000.00 is divided by the project cost, his fee is only 4.4 percent. Even when the \$15,000.00 "Preconstruction" fee which has never been a part of the construction fee, is included, the Construction Manager's fee is still only 5.6 percent of the project dollars.

Just out of curiosity, it would be appreciated if you could turn on your word processors and see if they contain the word "retraction" or better yet, "accuracy."

P.S. Keep up the good work, I have a client who may be interested in owning a newspaper some day.

Robert Rowe Jr.
Attorney at Law
Prestonsburg

Hats off to Docia

Editor:
The passing of the column of Docia Woods from the pages of the *Floyd County Times* certainly should be marked with some comment! Since no one else has done so, I will take a whack at it.

When I came to live in Prestonsburg 14 years ago, I discovered not only that everyone read the *Floyd County Times*, but also that Docia's column was especially well read from "cover to cover"—especially by Prestonsburg folks. "I read it in the *Floyd County Times*," was the common response when asked, "How did you know that?"

Some of the "information" shared was the kind of thing that makes big-city people snicker at small-town folks: "so-and-so" entertained three folks for dinner at Jerry's Restaurant, and such like. Some scoffed at the material, only serving to confirm the fact that they secretly wished their names had been mentioned in similar fashion!

Docia especially liked to cover church and women's meetings, and when she chose to list the names of all present, she left herself open to a common and expected complaint: "My name was omitted!" Of course, in a succeeding issue she would attempt to remedy the error.

And, as well as she canvassed the town scene for social tidbits, some things were overlooked, and some readers were critical. "I wish she would cover other churches as well as she covers her own," one critic once sniffed.

But, everyone knew, including this writer, that the fault was often on our part: she did include anything and everything that was submitted to her.

We wonder if anyone will take up the thankless task she carried so willingly: calling around for news—and news—to fill her column (and it was usually filled.) Will anyone care enough to get all the names of the Retired Teachers, or Local Church Women, or a Woman's Circle and put them in the paper? Will anyone care enough about their neighbors to write about them in such interesting fashion?

And, for all of our denials to the contrary, all readers of this newspaper will miss that part of the paper. We will miss her style, her attention to detail, her willingness to search and seek out the news. And, because

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Coffee Break

by Scott Perry

Pardon us if we are a bit brief this week; we've been stranded.

No, you too?

Mother Nature certainly put an exclamation point at the end of her winter sentence this week, dumping a record amount of snow on the southeastern U.S. and southeastern Kentucky in particular.

Now it's supposed to rain.

It used to be said that if you didn't like the weather in Kentucky, wait five minutes and it would change.

These days, though, all we can say is....HELP!!!

sonnel who took the weekend calamity in stride to make what could have been the difference between life and death for a whole bunch of folks in the Big Sandy.

A little snow goes a long way in fouling up the works in Eastern Kentucky, and a lot of it, like we had, is a pure disaster.

A good many went above and beyond the call of duty to make a tough situation better.

Take a bow. You know who you are.

We neglected to mention a few words back that while we were indeed stranded by the weekend snowstorm, we were not in anywhere near the same predicament as most of our Big Sandy neighbors.

Fortunately, we were stuck in Lexington with about a zillion other Kentucky Wildcat basketball fans in town for the SEC tournament who risked life and limb daily to slip, slide into Rupp Arena for the conference playoffs.

Hey, it was a dirty job, but somebody had to do it.

Enough about the weather.

The latest storm is forming in Frankfort, where the Governor is forecasting a budget shortfall of some \$70 million and he's asking all state agencies to cut their operating budgets back by two percent.

The culprit behind the shortfall, not so coincidentally, is identified by state budget director Kevin Hable as the rising

cost of health care which, not so coincidentally, is the focus of all the Governor's attention these days.

Odd that we heard nothing about rising health care costs last year, when a multi-million dollar budget shortfall forced the state to delay income tax refunds. Or the year before, when parts of the Kentucky Education Reform Act were threatened because of a lack of funding.

It's not that we dispute the Governor's contention on the cause of this year's budget dilemma. It seems mighty convenient, though, that the state flushed out the culprit just in time to use it in the campaign to draw support for the Jones health care reform plan.

It's odd, too, that we now require immediate attention for a problem that's been around for years.

Or is it?

An extra special tip of the hat to the rescue squads, sheriff and police departments and other emergency per-

—Letters to the editor—

no one else is doing it, we will be the poorer, and so will our community. So, we take our hats off to Docia Woods, society columnist extraordinaire and say, God bless you with many more years of good news for you and yours. Amen and Amen.

Timothy Jessen
Prestonsburg

Clinton's big lie

Editor:
I appreciate your independent, objective observations of all current events. That includes the man that a minority of the citizens of this country have elected to the presidency and the actions he has taken since becoming president.

You may have noticed that we have a new president who relies on the big lie. If you tell something over and over again, even though it is outrageously false, and present it in a way which appeals to the fears or desires of the public, it will be accepted as the truth. That Clinton used it to get elected and is indeed "Slick Willie" in his first actions as president is abundantly clear.

That is, clear to anyone who is not a loyal Democrat that is blinded by the overpowering desire to have anybody from their party in the presidency, is not a left-wing liberal ideology committed to his programs special minority status for such groups as homosexuals, or is not informed at all on current issues.

It was many of the latter group that believed Bill Clinton on the economic issue and gave him his 43 percent to 39 percent winning edge over former President Bush.

One part of Clinton's Big Lie was that the economy was in the worst shape it had been in for fifty years. What he implied was that Hoover had returned in the form of Bush and the country was about to fall into another thirties-style "Great Depression."

While unemployment in the 1930s reached 25 percent, our highest figure last year was 7.6 percent and the last two recessions ran about two percentage points higher. Of course he lied! Clinton also clearly lied about who would have to pay higher taxes.

Any informed person knew that we could not possibly get enough money from the rich (\$200,000 and above) to begin to cut the deficit while adding new spending, yet that is what the boy wonder from Arkansas claimed.

And for those of you who gladly say "We are not paying enough now" let me suggest that you pay my additional taxes to expiate your personal guilt. At the present, several tax watchdog groups estimate the average citizen pays about 40 percent of his/her income in all forms of taxation at the local, state, and national levels.

Perhaps those who cry for more taxes are committed Socialists (never mind that it is now dead in Eastern Europe and the USSR and they are trying to adopt our system) or they are not intelligent enough to make decision about the expenditure of their own income.

I am and I resent President Clinton's intimation that I do not know enough to make my own decisions.

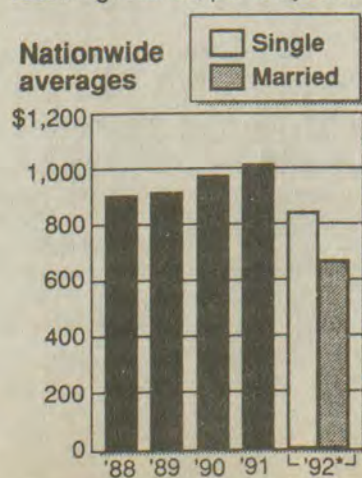
The list could be expanded to include Clinton's criticism of the Bush Administration for doing nothing about the Bosnian crisis and his representation that he would take military action.

Once again Clinton lied, although his fellow potheads would use the "Slick Willie" sophistry that he didn't inhale, i.e., he didn't really promise exactly what action he would take and dropping in some supplies for a few days fulfills his promise. Is this man a congenital liar or is he just a relativist who lies to achieve his goals? We shall find out for at least four long years.

Donald Barlow
Prestonsburg

Smaller tax refunds expected from IRS

Average refunds for taxpayers receiving refunds, per tax year:



SOURCE: Internal Revenue Service

Forgotten promises, forgotten lives

Editor:

As a member of the Floyd County Vietnam Veterans Chapter No. 482 and Marine Corps League of Inez, I greatly appreciated the letter from Gladys Hinkle of Inez concerning the attitudes of people in regard to Vietnam Veterans.

A situation that has always bothered me concerning veterans is that supposedly a veteran is to have preference for a job. I do not see this happening.

Many politicians, when running for office, will say that they will hire veterans for a position and, when elected, this promise is forgotten. Promises made should be kept. A man's word should begin to mean something again, and honor should be respected. When we went and fought, we honored our country and now, we ask that the honor be returned.

For those who fought for it, life has a special meaning that those who protected will never know.

Danny F. Francis
Garrett, Ky

—Other Voices—

OIL TAX WILL COST KENTUCKIANS \$286 MILLION ANNUALLY, WILL MEAN LESS MONEY TO MAINTAIN HIGHWAY SYSTEM

by Jack Fish
Kentuckian for Better Transportation

At current rates of consumption Kentucky's direct share of the Clinton administration's proposed tax on oil will be some \$286 million annually, not including added costs from the tax on fuels used in refining and distribution.

If the tax is levied equally on all petroleum fuels Kentucky motorists will pay an additional \$195 million annually on gasoline and diesel fuels when the tax is fully implemented, and not one cent of this will go for highways.

Historically, the nation's highway system has been built and maintained with taxes on motor fuels paid by those who use the highways. This diversion of taxes on motor fuels to finance general government operations will mean there will be less money available in the future to maintain the nation's transportation system, according to Jack Fish, president of Kentuckians for Better Transportation.

Fish said Kentucky motorists are already paying in considerably more than the state is getting back, and the new tax will pre-empt Kentucky's ability to increase user fees for highway maintenance.

As much as 88 percent of Kentucky's oil consumption is fuel for highway and off-road use and heating and would, therefore, be taxed under the Clinton proposal. Kentucky ranks 19th among the states in oil consumption with 93.5 million barrels for all products. The state ranks 45th in per capita income. Kentucky clearly bears a disproportionate share of this new tax, said Fish. "Kentuckians and Kentucky motorists have no special ability to pay the general costs of operating the federal government," he said.

He went on to say raising energy and transportation costs also "greatly jeopardizes the competitive edge of U.S. industry in the global economy. Low energy and transportation costs in the U.S. have historically been among the important advantages we've had over competing nations with lower wages and benefits and lower environmental costs. Energy intensive industries such as aluminum, steel, chemicals, cement, mining and refining will be particularly hard hit."

Report to Kentucky

Congressman Harold Rogers

CLINTON PACKAGE MUST BE STUDIED

Now that the President's long-awaited economic address has been delivered, it's time to get down to the nitty-gritty business of deciding what's best for Eastern Kentucky.

While the President urged Americans to avoid picking "winners and losers" in his economic package, I think it's vital to the people of Eastern Kentucky that I go through every nook and cranny of what the President is proposing with a fine-tooth comb. I want to be sure his proposal is fair, and that it produces badly needed jobs in Eastern Kentucky.

While I think the President took some strong first steps toward reducing the deficit—for instance his call for a freeze on federal workers' salaries, and a reduction in the federal work force are good ideas—I want to be sure that every possible spending reduction has been considered before working families are asked to accept higher taxes.

For families in Eastern Kentucky, I think the President's proposal has a number of red flags.

My first concern with the President's economic package rests with his call for \$328 billion in higher taxes—the largest tax increase in our nation's history.

He said, KBT is also concerned about the tax as it applies to coal because of the importance of coal to the Kentucky economy. The proposed tax on coal would raise the price of coal at the mine in Eastern Kentucky by at least 25 percent, and Western Kentucky by 31 percent, according to the National Coal Association.

Costs for transportation will, of course, have to be added to this. This can add significantly to the cost in Eastern Kentucky when 78 percent of coal is trucked at some point, according to Mike Musulin, president of the Kentucky Coal Association. He said some coal is trucked as far as the Carolinas. Musulin also said it is not clear whether coal exports would be exempt from the tax if imports, too, aren't exempted. Some 15 percent of the nation's exported coal is from Kentucky mines. Some 10 percent of Kentucky's production is exported.

A number of leaders are calling for a national board based sales tax or value-added tax as an alternative to the Clinton economic plan. Fish said, such a tax, like the energy tax, would mean that the nation's significant underground economy would have a share in funding government. It would also mean much less of the burden would fall on states like Kentucky where economies are so dependent upon oil and coal, he said.

Based on Kentucky's gallonage figures last year, some \$341 million in federal gasoline, gasohol, and diesel taxes were collected in Kentucky. (The current federal tax on gasoline is 14.1 cents per gallon for gasoline, 8.6 cents for gasohol, and 20.1 cents for diesel.) Nearly \$59 million of this (2.5 cents per gallon) went for deficit reduction. Some \$35.3 million (1.5 cents per gallon) was credited to the Mass Transit Account. Kentucky got back just over \$200 million last year in highway apportionments and about \$17 million for public transit.

Under the Clinton proposal, Kentucky would get an additional \$42 million for highways, to fully fund the state's share of the national highway program as enacted in 1991, and an additional \$3.5 million for public transit.

Under the Clinton proposal, the tax rate for coal, natural gas, nuclear power, and most other fuels will be 25.7 cents per million BTUs. For oil the rate would be twice as high—59.9 cents per million BTUs, or expressed in cost per barrel, \$3.47, according to the American Petroleum Institute. That works out to slightly more than 8.26 cents per gallon. The tax would be phased in, one-third per year over the next three years.

Around the Region



The Numbers Game: Kentucky Lottery Results

Saturday's Results March 13	LOTTO KENTUCKY 06-23-26-36-44-47 Next Estimated Jackpot \$2 million
	POWERBALL 02-11-21-35-38-29 Next Estimated Jackpot \$8 million



WEATHER WATCH

Wednesday (today)

A 70 percent chance of rain likely in the morning and turning cloudy by the afternoon. Temperatures falling into the 30s.

Wednesday night

Clearing with the low in the mid 20s.

Thursday

Sunny with the high from 35-40.

Thursday night

Cloudy. Low 24-32.

Friday

Dry. High in the mid 40s to lower 30s.

Information provided by the Jackson Weather Service.

Coal talks to resume March 23

The United Mine Workers and an association that represents many of the nation's largest coal producers will resume contract talks March 23 in Washington, D. C., officials said Friday.

The union and Bituminous Coal Operators' Association were negotiating toward a new contract before talks broke off late last year.

The UMW launched a selective strike February 2, a day after the 1988 National Bituminous Coal Wage Agreement expired.

The strike initially was limited to Peabody Holding Company subsidiaries but was expanded to other companies a day before it ended March 2.

The walkout ended when the union and association agreed to extend the 1988 agreement by 60 days, until May 3.

The UMW and coal operators' association waited until March 23 to resume talks to "provide adequate opportunity for both BCOA companies and the UMWA to prepare for what will be complex discussions," union and association officials said.

The UMW President Richard Trumka has said the union will seek jobs at future company operations during the negotiations.

The UMW has expressed concerns that thousands of union coal miners stand to lose their jobs over the next 10 years as coal reserves are exhausted.

The union has said it wants to end a practice in which operators already organized by the union set up non-union subsidiaries and transfer coal reserves and sales contracts to the non-union sector. —Appalachian News-Express

Knott countian's book lauded

A children's book by Knott County artist Paul Brett Johnson is a Junior Library Guild selection. *The Cow Who Wouldn't Come Down*, recently published by Orchard Books, is termed "delightful and well-polished" by Kirkus Reviews. Johnson did the story and pictures for the book, which is about a cow who flies. —Troublesome Creek Times

Police get the goods

Kenny Cantrell, 27, of Keaton, was arrested March 7 after police raided his home, seizing 80 cases of beer, numerous bottles of whiskey, a 16-channel scanner and cash. In what was billed as the biggest alcohol raid in several years in Johnson County, Cantrell was charged with illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages in a dry county. Kentucky State Police and sheriff's departments in Johnson and Lawrence counties cooperated on the seizure. —Paintsville Herald

Regional News Briefs

Roof falls in on nightclub

In Pike County, country music singer Marlow Tackett and some friends had just finished helping stranded motorists on U.S. 23 early Sunday morning when the roof literally fell in.

Tackett said he and his friends returned to an adjacent apartment when high winds and snow drifts apparently caused the roof of his 18-year-old nightclub to collapse.

No one was injured. Asked if he intends to rebuild the nightclub, Tackett said, "I'm not sure where, but I'm certainly going to get a place. I'm trying to evaluate everything now." —The Lexington Herald-Leader

A potential AIDS vaccine

Doctors at a Harvard Medical School research center have created a vaccine that has protected monkeys from an AIDS-like disease.

Study needed on how vaccine works

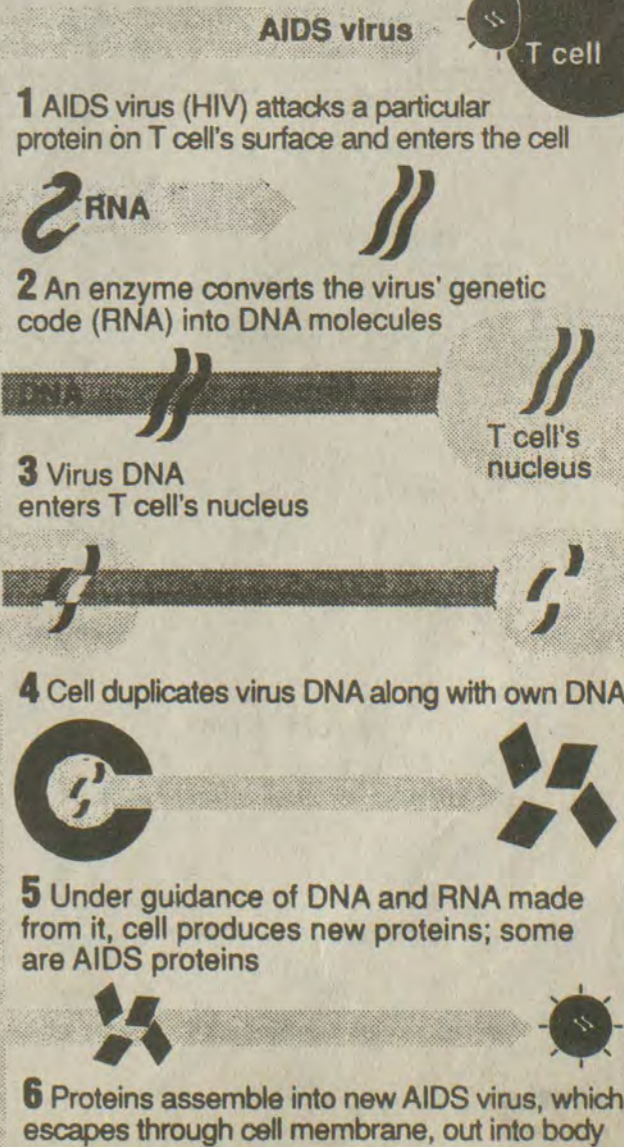
Vaccines, which contain disease-causing organisms, protect a person against diseases like measles or polio by triggering the body's natural immune system.

The monkey vaccine contains live SIV, the virus that causes an AIDS-like disease, from which a key gene was removed. The monkeys got immunity, but did not get sick.

Researchers do not know yet what the removed gene, known as "nef," does or why the vaccine worked.

SOURCES: New England Regional Primate Research Center, National Institutes of Health; Research by PAT CARR

How AIDS virus spreads



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KHC awards \$3.8 million in second round of funding

More low-income Kentuckians will have the opportunity to improve their housing conditions as Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) announced recently the second round of statewide funding under the new federal HOME program. The \$3.8 million awarded will go to 17 local governments and nonprofit agencies across the state to aid in the upgrading of current housing stock through either rental or homeownership rehabilitation.

Christian Appalachian Outreach with Appalachian People, Inc. will receive \$145,000.

Penny Young, director of Block Grant Programs for KHC, stated that "KHC is pleased to participate in the allocation of these funds which help communities who are working to

solve their unique housing needs. Without these funds, made available by the federal HOME program, many of these projects would not have been possible. The continuation of this program will enable many low-income Kentucky families to improve their quality of life by obtaining safe, decent housing."

The HOME program was established under Title II (Home Investment Partnership Act) of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended.

KHC was named administrator of this program and was charged with the task of rating project applications and awarding the funding to those who scored the highest by congressional district. All areas of the state were eligible for funding except the City of Louisville, Jefferson County, the City of Lexington, Fayette County and the City of Covington, which received direct allocations from the federal government to administer their own HOME programs.

The following Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) were also awarded HOME funds:

Christian Outreach with Appalachian People, Inc., \$145,000; Frankfort Housing Redevelopment, Inc., \$228,977.

For more information on the HOME program, contact Penny Young at (502) 564-7680 or (800) 633-8896, extension 230, or (800) 247-2510 (for the hearing impaired only.)



Beth Hall

Stardom for Hall "Closer Than Ever"

Beth Hall was recently cast in Lexington Musical Theatre's Production of the musical revue "Closer Than Ever."

The cast of six perform songs about love lost, love found, and the everyday trials of life in the contemporary musical by Maltby and Shire.

The show ran in Lexington, and had its last show at Madison Middle School in Richmond on March 11, at 8 p.m.

The musical got rave reviews throughout Lexington and Richmond. Ms. Hall, daughter of Dickie and Peggy Hall of Prestonsburg, is a senior performing arts major at Eastern Kentucky University.

"Closer Than Ever" marks her first major role with LMT. She sings with many ensembles as a featured soloist at EKU, and is returning to Traverse City, Michigan, this summer to perform at Dill's Olde Towne Saloon.

Griffey completes banking school's lending course

James G. Griffey, vice president of First Commonwealth Bank, Prestonsburg, was among 49 students who recently completed the rigorous course work of the Kentucky Schools of Banking's Commercial Lending School.

The school is a one-week-residential-commercial loan officer program administered by the Kentucky Bankers Association. It was held at the Holiday Inn—Downtown in Louisville, Kentucky from February 14-19.

For information about the next Commercial Lending School or the upcoming Retail Lending School, please contact Michele Lukcas at the Kentucky Bankers Association by calling 502/582-2453.

Area youth to sing in concert

Morehead State University's Department of Music will present the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers in a Spring Concert on Thursday, April 1.

The program, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall.

James Ross Beane, associate professor of music, will conduct both ensembles. He will be accompanied by Jay Flippin, associate professor, on piano, and Larry Keenan, professor, on organ. Jerrett Gieseler, Morehead senior, will be the baritone soloist for the performance.

Area MSU students participating in the Concert Choir and/or Chamber Singers are Amy Browning, freshman, daughter of Paul Browning of Paintsville; Angela Browning, freshman, daughter of Paul Browning of Paintsville; Kimberly Pruitt, sophomore, daughter of Raymond and Pamela Allen of Paintsville; Brian Ward, senior, son of Larry and Lyda Ward of Paintsville; Chris Hedges, senior, grandson of Virginia Crow of Pikeville; Brian Schindler, of Pikeville, freshman, son of Robert Schindler; Shelley Charles of Racoon, junior, daughter of Orville and Shirley Johnson.

KET education consultant receives state school public relations association award

Jim Blevins, KET education consultant for the Eastern Kentucky region, is the 1993 recipient of the O.V. Jones Memorial Award presented annually by the Kentucky School Public Relations Association (KYSPRA).

"The award is made all the more important to me because it is named in honor of O.V. Jones, one of the original members of KYSPRA, a former superintendent of Grant County schools, and a tremendous supporter of KET," said Blevins.

KYSPRA is a chapter of the National School Public Relations Association based in Alexandria, Va. The group's mission is to help educators develop public relations skills to enhance the effective management of Kentucky schools. KYSPRA has been in existence since 1985. Members include employees of the Kentucky education system, public relations professionals, and college communications students.

The O.V. Jones Memorial Award is given to a KYSPRA member in recognition of outstanding service to KYSPRA and the school public relations profession. Blevins, who lives in Paintsville, was president of KYSPRA from July 1991 to June 1992. He has worked for KET since 1968—the year the statewide educational network went on the air.

"From the very beginning of KET, Jim has been a most valuable and dedicated member of the KET staff," said KET Executive Director Virginia G. Fox. "We are delighted that his outstanding service to the Kentucky education system has been recognized by another statewide organization dedicated to the students and schools of Kentucky."

To compete in Miss Morehead State Scholarship Pageant

Nine students, including a Paintsville woman, will compete for \$2,000 in awards in the 26th annual Miss Morehead State University Scholarship Pageant on Thursday, March 25.

Elena Jill Fraley, Paintsville freshman and a sociology major, is among those vying for the Miss Morehead title.

The program, set for 7:30 p.m. in MSU's Button Auditorium, will center on a "Now That's Country" theme. Tickets, available at the Student Activities Office in the Adron Doran University Center, are \$5 per person.

Special guests for the evening will be Tawyna Mullins, 1993 Miss Kentucky; Natalie K. Shepherd, 1992 Miss MSU; Paul Pace, Ashland native and rising country star, and some former Miss MSU's: Charlotte Case Lundergan, 1970; Mary Beth Fehring, 1978; Glenda Haney Woods, 1987; Tonya Dee Virgin, 1990, and Rachel Ona Craft, 1991.

The winner of the MSU pageant

will compete for the title of Miss Kentucky June 17-19 at Transylvania University in Lexington.

The Miss MSU Scholarship Pageant, sponsored by the University's Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils, is a preliminary to the Miss America pageant. Contestants are judged on a seven-minute private interview, evening gown competition, swimsuit competition and talent competition.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2071.

Anniversary to be celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Milton E. Ryan will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception given by their children from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park. The couple were married March 20, 1943 at Georgetown.

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Top students

Prestonsburg Community College students recently presented a speech to faculty at PCC in a bid to be named to Who's Who Among University students.

The world under the microscope

"How to Care For & Use the Compound Microscope" was again offered by PCC's Office of Continuing Education, under the instruction of Dr. John Shiber, on Saturday morning, March 6th. Many children and several adults from both Floyd and Johnson counties enrolled in the fascinating class.

As each participant sat before a microscope in the zoology laboratory, Dr. Shiber explained the parts of this delicate instrument, their care, and usage. He even showed them how to carry it. "I know that you are all very strong and can easily carry this microscope in one hand," he said, "but even the strongest scientists do not carry a microscope with one hand. They always carry it with one hand holding the arm and the other hand supporting it from beneath the base."

The students were then invited to look at slides under their microscopes; some of which were already prepared, and others which the students were encouraged to prepare themselves under Dr. Shiber's supervision. Some slides they prepared were of drops of pond water in which, under micro-

scopic magnification, can be seen hundreds of minute animal and plant-like protozoans. They looked at human cells which they had scraped from the inside of their own cheeks with the blunt end of a toothpick. They put drops of water which contained specimens of a one-celled green alga, called *Chlorella* on other slides, and great laughter and commotion erupted when they pulled single strands of hair from classmates' heads in order to see what they looked like under the microscope.

Among the prepared slides available were those of head lice, ticks, fleas, and mites, which seemed to attract the younger participants in particular. Some of the older students seemed to be more interested in viewing the slides they had prepared themselves under different magnifications and drawing what they saw, free hand, according to the written instructions Dr. Shiber provided. For the more experienced, there were live cultures of the adult fruitfly, *Drosophila melanogaster*, from which they could extract the salivary glands and view the giant chromosomes therein, us-

ing a specified procedure.

Before leaving the laboratory, everyone received copies of various articles which Dr. Shiber has written on such animals as reptiles (including two articles on snakes and turtles indigenous to Kentucky), spiders, and insects. These provided them with the opportunity not only to learn in the classroom, but also to leave the session with scientific "ammunition" to learn even more on their own.

Those who participated in the class and will receive certificates from the Continuing Education Office at PCC are Timothy Burke, Barbara Burke, Jason Kidd, Christina Kidd, Dinah Kidd, Tony Shiber, Linda Shiber, Daniel DeRossett, Jacob Callis, Candy Conrotto, Wes Conrotto, Jill Conrotto, Lindsey Conrotto, Nathan Cozort, Adam Cozort, Cheryl Cozort, Keith Cozort, and Rodney Handshoe.



First birthday

Ashley LaRae Alex Allen, daughter of Claude and Kathy Allen, celebrated her first birthday on February 24. She was given a party at her maternal grandparents' home, Edgel and Glenna Brown of Garrett. She is also the granddaughter of Chester and Ollie Allen of Wayland. She also celebrated her birthday with her brother, Joshua and sister, Kari.

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- **Form 1040A**
The short form; use this one if your taxable income is under \$50,000 and you have no itemized deductions
- **Form 1040EZ**
The quick form; use this one if you are under 65 and have taxable income under \$50,000; you must claim only one personal exemption for yourself and have no itemized deductions, no other taxes and no tax credits

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'Paintsville Lake's annual cleanup contest a success

As part of the President's "Take Pride in America" program, this year the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Paintsville Lake, sponsored the 6th Annual Clean-Up Contest. On Saturday, April 11, 1992, 46 people volunteered their time and services to participate in Paintsville Lake's "Take Pride in America" program.

This year's clean-up contest was as successful as the five preceding it. Volunteers picked up and removed approximately 6.0 tons of trash and debris from the project's lands. In 1987, 7.6 tons of trash and debris were removed; in 1988, 4.2 tons; in 1989, 3 tons, in 1990, 6.1 tons, and in 1991, 6.2 tons, including this year's 6.0 tons, a total of 32.1 tons have been removed from Paintsville Lake Project areas since the program's inception. Through public awareness,

and assistance in the continued effort to remove unsightly trash from project lands surrounding Paintsville Lake, the program continues to be a success in the Corps' fight to "Keep America Beautiful".

This year's first place winner was the Paintsville Kiwanis Club whose members picked up approximately 2.8 tons of trash. Their prize was a one day free use of a 50 ft. houseboat donated by Paintsville Lake Marina and also their name will be engraved on a plaque which is displayed in the Visitor's Center at Paintsville Lake.

Second place was won by the Cub Scout Pack #840 of Paintsville, whose members picked up approximately 1.1 tons of trash. Their prize was a one day free use of a pontoon boat donated by Goble Excavation & Reclamation Company of Prestonsburg.

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Obituaries

James L. "Buddy" Williamson

James L. "Buddy" Williamson, 63, of Texarkana, Arkansas, died Tuesday, March 16, in Texarkana.

Born August 23, 1929 at Inez, he was the son of Hattie Williamson of Cow Creek. He was retired from the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the College Hill United Methodist Church and a charter member of the Miller County Volunteer Fire Department.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Carolyn Peyton Williamson of Texarkana, Arkansas; one son, Michael Williamson of Texarkana, Arkansas; one daughter, Lynn Polk of Texarkana, Arkansas; two sisters, Louise Carey of Cow Creek and Jesse Bash of Kenova, West Virginia; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 18, at 2 p.m., at the East Memorial Chapel with the Rev. John Damall officiating. Burial will be in the Shiloh Cemetery under the direction of East Funeral Home, Texarlamia, Texas.

Ernest "Bulldog" Preston

Ernest "Bulldog" Preston, 78, of Monticello, formerly of Wheelwright, died Thursday, March 4.

Born July 10, 1914 in Paintsville, he was the son of the late Millard and Malta Wiley Preston. He worked for Inland Steel and Island Creek mines.

Survivors include his wife, Lilla Jane Osborne Preston; two sons, Clarence "Pesti" Preston and David Preston, both of Ypsilanti, Michigan; three daughters, Alice Faye Little of St. Mary's, Ohio, Peggy L. Robinette and Kathy Preston, both of Monticello; two brothers, Millard Preston Jr. of Ohio, and Robert Lee Preston of Fayette, North Carolina; and four sisters, Pauline Rasnick of Pikeville, Grace Montgomery of Salyersville, Mildred Jenkins of Sidney, Ohio, and Dorothy M. Howard of Louisa; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sunday, March 7, at 1 p.m., at the Marvin S. Hicks Funeral Home chapel with Brother Burney Manning officiating. Burial was in Elk Spring Cemetery.

Sylvia Foley Nunnery Purdy

Sylvia Foley Nunnery Purdy, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, March 15, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital following an extended illness.

Born August 9, 1912, she was the daughter of the late Wallace and Maudie Fraley Purdy. She was preceded in death by her husbands, James A. Nunnery Sr. and Frank L. Purdy.

Survivors include one son, James H. Nunnery Jr. of Pikeville; three brothers, Avery Foley of Pikeville, W.T. Foley of Prestonsburg, and James Foley of Ohio; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 19, at 2 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg.

Visitation will be Thursday, from noon until 9 p.m. at the church.

Arrangements were still incomplete at press time.

Clifton Hall

Clifton Hall, 69, of Wheelwright, died Sunday, March 14, at his residence.

Born May 22, 1923 at Wheelwright, he was the son of the late William and Mary Belle Hall. He was a retired coal miner and member of the U.M.W.A. at Wheelwright.

Survivors include his wife, Janivie Stone Hall; three sons, Billy Sam Hall, Eddie Dwayne Little, and Timothy Lee Little, all of Wheelwright; three daughters, Madeline Sue Morgan of Henderson, Ohio, Greta Gay Spears and Tammy Lynn Spears, both of Wheelwright; three sisters, Betty Mullins of Weeksbury, Hilda Mae Ray of Colorado, and Maggie Hoods of Wabash, Indiana; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 17, at 10 a.m., at the Little Rock Regular Baptist Church at Halo with the Regular Baptist Church ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Lee Hall Cemetery at Wheelwright under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Roxie Lee Adams Manuel

Roxie Lee Adams Manuel, 70, of Mountain Parkway, Prestonsburg, died Monday, March 15, at her home, following an extended illness.

Born March 26, 1922 in Brainard, she was the daughter of Ada Owens Adams of Mountain Parkway, Prestonsburg and the late George B. Adams.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Sam Manuel; two sons, Paul Dale Manuel of Prestonsburg and Terry Lee Manuel of Hazard; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 18, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home chapel with the Elders Don Neeley and Wallace Calhoun officiating.

Burial will be in the Jack Arnett Cemetery on Mountain Parkway, Prestonsburg under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Mary Francis Reynolds Bentley

Mary Francis Reynolds Bentley, 82, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, March 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center following a long illness.

Born November 17, 1910 at Teaberry, she was the daughter of the late Preston and Vina Jones Reynolds. She was formerly employed by Mountain Manor Nursing Home. She was a member of the Highland Avenue Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Patsy Ann Price of Proctorville, Ohio; one brother, Homer Reynolds of Beaver; six sisters, Creasie Vance, Ida Gayheart, Martha Vance, and Hazel Goble, all of Beaver, Edith Wilhite of Ligon, and Tommy Vance of Huntington, Indiana; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, March 16, at 2 p.m., at Floyd Funeral Home chapel. Burial was in Richmond Cemetery at Prestonsburg.

Reprinted from the March 12 issue.

Molly Johnson Cesco

Molly Johnson Cesco, 74, of Weeksbury, died Friday, March 12, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville, following an extended illness.

Born March 30, 1918 in Weeksbury, she was the daughter of the late Floyd and Lina Osborne Johnson. She was a member of the Pentecostal Church of God at Weeksbury. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Wesley Cesco.

Survivors include two sons, Paul Cesco and Tommy Cesco, both of Weeksbury; one stepson, James Cesco Jr. of Mullins, West Virginia; four daughters, Bessie Vicars of Melvin, Jane Damron of Allen, Eva Hall of Lexington, and Creasa Reed of Wichita, Kansas; two stepdaughters, Irene Mollett of Tomahawk and Eleanor Kantos of Cleveland, Ohio; four brothers, Calvin Johnson, Harold Johnson, and I.B. Johnson, all of Weeksbury; and Bas Johnson of West Virginia; two sisters, Irene Moore of Ligon and Rilda Newsome of Tomahawk; eight grandchildren, 16 step-grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and ten step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, March 15, at noon, at the Pentecostal Church of God with the ministers Jay Patton and Harold Johnson officiating.

Burial was in the Johnson Family Cemetery at Weeksbury under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

William D. Henegar

William D. Henegar, 65, of Wayland, died Saturday, March 13, at his home following a short illness.

Born March 24, 1927 at Hardburly, he was the son of the late Hugh B. and Alice Workman Henegar. He was a retired electrician, formerly employed by the Park-Drop Ford, Cleveland, Ohio, and a U.S. Army World War II veteran. He was a member of the Martin Branch Free Will Baptist Church, a member of the D.A.V., and a member of Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Cleveland, Ohio.

Survivors include his wife, Willadean Stone Henegar; two sons, William D. Henegar Jr. and Bryan Mulkey, both of Wayland; two daughters, Janice Ann Hill and Betty Sue Mulkey, both of Wayland; one brother, Hugh Henegar of Wayland; one sister, Rose Mary Mason of Columbus, Ohio; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 17, at noon, at the Martin Branch Free Will Baptist Church at Estill, with the Clergymen Clester Hall, Buddy Jones, and others officiating.

Burial will be in the Lackey Cemetery under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Goldie Mae Compton Vanderpool

Goldie Mae Compton Vanderpool, 84, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, March 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center following a long illness.

Born May 13, 1908 in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late James David and Elizabeth Bow Compton. She was a member of the Hueysville Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Vanderpool.

Survivors include three brothers, Jasper L. Compton of Beaver, Ohio, Chester P. Compton of Paintsville, and J.D. Compton of Virgie; three sisters, Dixie Ann Jacobson of Chicago, Illinois, Thelma Coburn of Prestonsburg, and Corinne Compton of Sacramento, California.

Funeral service will be Wednesday, March 17, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home chapel with the Clergymen Rondal Hayes and Greg Nichols.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Nancy Case

Nancy Case, 90, of Honaker, died Sunday, March 14, at the residence of her daughter at Honaker.

Born December 19, 1902 at Grethel, she was the daughter of the late Seymour and Christina Hall Adams. She was a member of the Church of Christ at Honaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Henry Case.

Survivors include four sons, Timothy Case and Edessell Case, both of Honaker, Lowell Case of Pikeville, and Elva Case of Hazel Green; three daughters, Glenna Damron and Bertha Kidd, both of Honaker, and Jewel Kidd of Hazel Green; 40 grandchildren, 78 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 18, at 11 a.m., at the residence of Glenna Damon at Honaker with the Church of Christ ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Case Cemetery at Honaker under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Quinten Roosevelt Martin

Quinten Roosevelt Martin, 73, of Kite, died Monday, March 15, at Knott County Nursing Home following an extended illness.

Born July 9, 1919 in Drift, he was the son of the late Robert and Mary Hall Martin. He was a disabled veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Perry Martin; one son, Glenn Martin of Kite; one brother, Champ Martin of Georgia; and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 18, at 1 p.m., at the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church with the ministers of the Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Martin Family Cemetery at Kite under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Noah Hamilton

Noah Hamilton, 76, of Michigan City, Indiana, died Wednesday, March 10, at the Life Care Center, Michigan City, Indiana.

Born June 19, 1916 at Melvin, he was the son of late D. Emmett and Virgie Ellen Tackett Hamilton. He was a retired ticket agent, formerly employed by the South Shore Railroad. He was also a former teacher for the Floyd County School System for many years. He was a member of the John Franklin Miller American Legion, Post No. 37, and the Trainmen's Union (TCU).

Survivors include his wife, Gertrude Hamilton; one son, Noah A. Hamilton of Lake of Four Seasons, Indiana; three daughters, Sheila Frasure of Michigan City, Indiana, Amy Jane Mock of Taylorsville, Indiana, and Treva Jean Campbell of Buena Vista, Colorado; three sisters, Stella Howell of Salem, Virginia, Marge Parsons of McDowell, and Draxie Newsome of Ligon; two brothers, Foster Hamilton of Columbus, Ohio, and Elmer Hamilton of Kettering, Ohio; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 13, at noon, at the Ott/Haverstock Funeral chapel, Michigan City, Indiana.

Burial was in the Swan Lake Memorial Gardens in Michigan City, Indiana, under the direction of Ott/Haverstock Funeral Home.

Information courtesy of Hall Funeral Home.

Reprinted from the March 12 issue.

Reta Jo Mullins VanHoose

Reta Jo Mullins VanHoose, 54, of Paris, formerly of Garrett, died Saturday, March 13, at her residence.

Born October 23, 1938 in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Itley Ratliff Mullins of Garrett and the late Troy Mullins. She was the owner of VanHoose Steak House, Paris. She was a member of the Eastern Star No. 167, one of the Founders of Friends of Meteer School, on the board for Meteer School and hosted the annual golf tournament for Meteer School.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, James A. VanHoose of Paris; two brothers, James Mullins of Garrett and Gene Mullins of Wayland; two sisters, Audrey DeRossett of Prestonsburg and Virginia Mae Hall of Bryson City, North Carolina.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 17, at 1 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Paris, with the Rev. Phil Jacobs officiating.

Burial will be in the Paris Cemetery under the direction of Lusk-McFarland Funeral Home.

Information courtesy of Hall Funeral Home.

Funeral delayed

Due to the weekend snow storm, the funeral of Wanda "Peggy" Mildred Spears, 74, of Endicott was delayed until Monday, March 15, at 11 a.m., at Carter Funeral Home, with the ministers Gordon Fitch, Virgil Hunt and Jim Smith.



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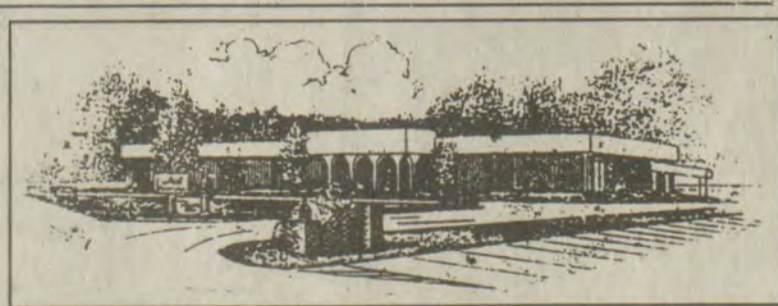
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Star students

The McDowell High students enrolled in the KET Star Channels German II course pictured in the KET Star Channels studio at the Kentucky Education Technology conference are (left to right): Lora Daniels, Lisa Hobson, and Steve Hall with KET Star Channels' German II instructor Melinda Burt. All the McDowell High School students enrolled in the course were on the air during the course on March 1.

McDowell High students demonstrate KET satellite courses at conference

McDowell High School students who study German II with daily, live satellite courses from KET traveled to Lexington on Monday, March 1 to help KET demonstrate the KET Star Channels' satellite distance learning program to a conference of more than 2,500 participants.

The students normally receive the course at McDowell High School. KET Star Channels' German II instructor Melinda Burt conducts the course at a KET studio in Lexington. KET Star Channels' courses are delivered live, daily by satellite to more than 1,500 students across Kentucky and 18 other states.

On March 1, however, KET moved the entire KET Star Channels program—all six interactive courses, the studios, the cameras, the control rooms, the teachers, and even classrooms of students—to the Kentucky Education Technology Conference at the Lexington Hyatt Regency Hotel.

KET wanted conference participants to see first-hand what every aspect of the KET Star Channels program looks like—from the studio to the classroom. KET officials especially wanted to demonstrate the teacher/student interaction allowed during the courses through the student keypad response system developed by KET. The keypad allows students to answer questions throughout each hour-long course.

In 1991, the KET Star Channels system was recognized nationally by the Ford Foundation and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government with a prestigious Innovations in State and Local Government Award.

"The KET Star Channels' distance learning program has brought KET international inquiries and visits," said KET Executive Director Virginia G. Fox. "Yet, we find as we visit schools,

that many students and educators in our own state are not familiar with how the program operates or the courses it offers Kentucky students."

The McDowell High School students enrolled in the KET Star Channels German II course were among students from 5 high schools who sat in the model KET Star Channels classroom for each class at the conference. The McDowell High School students enrolled in the course are Lora Daniels, Steven Hall, Jeffrey Dye, Curtis Hall, and Lisa Hobson. The classroom facilitator is Willie Elliott.

KET began the KET Star Channels program in 1989 to deliver advanced high school courses to students in schools where the courses are not available. For the 1992/93 school year, KET delivers seven KET Star Channels courses in Latin I, Latin II, German II, Probability & Statistics, Discrete Mathematics, Precalculus and Physics.

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Robbie is nine, but tiny for his age. He has congenital hydrocephalus and as a result has a shunt to drain the excess fluid from his brain. He wears a helmet during school, outside play, or riding in a car to protect his shunt but Robbie does not let this slow him down. He is a charming, social child who will quickly steal your heart. Robbie likes to swing and play outside. While Robbie will never be able to be totally independent, with support and encouragement it is realistic to expect Robbie will be able to work and meet many of his own needs.

Donnie is eight and has big brown eyes and a winning smile. Develop-

mentally, Donnie has reached all milestones at the appropriate time. He likes swimming and pizza. Donnie is a very sweet and loving child.

Robbie and Donnie had been with their foster family a long time and will need time and patience from their new adoptive family to allow them to make the transition. The adoptive family will need a strong commitment and to accept both boys as they are. They need to realize that Robbie will always need some support. Robbie and Donnie will provide a tremendous return on your investment. Can you make that investment in their future?

If you would like more information on these children or any child in the Special Needs Adoption Program, please call your local Dept. of Social Services at 606-886-8192 or the Special Needs Adoption Program at 1-800-432-9346.

Focus on little children to prevent poisoning

Plenty of adults fumble, gripe and swear at those children-resistant containers their prescription medicine comes in. They find it hard to open the containers, too.

Learn to open them, and by all means keep using them if there are small children at home or if there are children visit frequently, said Larry Piercy, extension safety specialist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

"Using child-resistant packaging for adult oral prescription medicines is one way to reduce the number of children under five who die each year from accidental poisoning in the home," said Piercy.

More than 400 children have been saved since 1974, according to a recent study by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. The agency analyzed child fatality data from 1964 to 1986 and found a statis-

tically significant decline in child fatality rates after 1974, the year that child-resistant packaging was required for all oral prescription medicines. The study found that 340 lives were saved from 1974 through 1986 or an average of 26 lives per year, he said. That means it's reasonable to estimate that child-resistant packaging has saved over 400 lives through 1992.

People can expect to find child-resistant packaging around the home for products such as aspirin and aspirin substitutes, furniture polish, drain and oven cleaners, lighter fluids, and pesticides, among other products.

National Poison Prevention Week, designated for the week of March 21-27 this year, aims to focus attention on the need for keeping all such products away from children, especially those under 5-years-old.

BY DR. DEAN EDELL

EDELL HEALTH NOTES

MAN RUNS INTO A PATCH OF TROUBLE ... Here's a novel kind of drug side effect: You take the medicine and someone else feels the effects.

It's a hazard unforeseen by the makers of the transdermal patch, the newest way to take your medicine. As its name implies, it's a medicated pad that sticks to your skin, allowing the drug to be absorbed slowly. The patches deliver drugs continuously

over a long period of time—say, three days—and offer an alternative to popping pills every few hours.

According to a recent report in the British Medical Journal, a doctor could not figure out why he'd been feeling nauseated for two days—until his wife found her transdermal estrogen patch stuck to the back of his thigh. The lesson of this story, say journal editors, is that you can patch things up and make a situation even worse.

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 post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to the Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication or 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

McDowell Family Resource, Youth Service Center upcoming events

- Day and night G.E.D. classes are available. Day classes will meet every Thursday from 9-11 a.m.; night classes, every Tuesday and Thursday, 8-9 p.m.

- After school care for school-aged children needing someone to stay while waiting on their parents to pick them up. The hours will be from 3-6 p.m. for working parents or parents attending school. There will be a \$1 charge per hour for each child staying in the center. There is no charge for any child staying less than one hour.

- Line Dance Classes every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 6-7:30 p.m. began March 17 and 18. The class is free and open to the public.

- Parenting Class at Drift Head Start on March 19, at 10 a.m. Kim Blocker from Our Lady of the Way Hospital will be teaching the class.

For more information about these activities, call the center at 377-2678.

P.H.S. reunion committee to meet

The reunion of the Prestonsburg High School classes of 1918 through 1933 is making plans for the "grand" reunion scheduled for Saturday, June 5, at May Lodge in Jenny Wiley State Park.

Former Prestonsburg High School students who graduated in 1918 through 1933 and who are interested in attending this reunion, should contact James B. Goble, HC 66 Box 1490, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, or call (606) 874-2325.

A.C.T.S. Schedule

The A.C.T.S. (Adult Christians Together in Singleness) will meet on the following days in March.

- March 20: Bowling at Rebel Lanes in Prestonsburg, at 6 p.m.
- March 27: China Pearl Restaurant in Paintsville, at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship.

For more information, call 874-9844 or 789-5350.

Allen Family Resource Center upcoming events

- G.E.D. day classes, Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; and night classes, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-9 p.m.

For more information, call the Allen Family Resource Center at 874-2165.

Betsy Layne Resource Center upcoming events through the month of March

- G.E.D. day classes, each Wednesday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

- Quilt classes, each Monday, 6-8 p.m.
- Exercise program, each Tuesday, 6-8 p.m.

- March 25: Health Fair at the Betsy Layne gymnasium, in the dome.

- March 26: Family Resource Center Advisory Council meeting at 3 p.m.

- Need After School Care for children? For more information, call the center at 478-5550 and ask for Terisa Hall.

Maytown Family Resource Center upcoming events

- Maytown Family Resource Center is sponsoring GED classes every Thursday, starting at 9 a.m., upstairs over the Maytown Fire Department. It is open to the public.

For more information, call 285-0321.

Clark Family Resource Center upcoming events

- March 18: D.A.R.E. to Care for Parents, 7 p.m., in the library.

- March 24: Advisory Council meeting at 3 p.m. in the library.

- March 25: Line Dance Class, 7-9 p.m., in the lunchroom.

For more information, call Clark Family Resource Center at 886-0815.

NOTE: If school is cancelled the day of the event, the event is also cancelled.

Floyd County Retired Teachers Association will meet Thursday

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association will meet Thursday, March 18, at 10:30 a.m., at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Juanita Singleton, president of the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association. Lunch will be served in the dining room for those who wish to partake. All Floyd County retirees are encouraged to attend.

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The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, from 6-8:30 p.m. at the First National Bank, Main Street, Pikeville. The seminar is being presented at no charge and is co-sponsored by Morehead State University Small Business Development Center.

The number of people who can attend this seminar will be limited only by available space. For additional information or to pre-register, contact Linda or Mike at the Small Business Development Center at (606) 432-5848, or Robbie McKinney at the First National Bank at (606) 437-6244.

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Please call Barbara Rice at 886-2027 or Carole Rice at 886-6626 for complete details.

Maytown site-based council to meet

The Maytown site-based council will have a special called meeting in the school library on March 24, at 4:30 p.m. The agenda will be to approve the tentative 1993-94 school budget and is open to the public.

Camp Nathanael hosting singles weekend

By popular request, Camp Nathanael will conduct a College/Career Retreat for single adults March 26-27. It will be an exciting time of interaction with other young singles from this area with many former campers of the region especially invited to attend. The activities begin Friday, March 26, at 6 p.m. and conclude Saturday evening. The cost of the retreat will be \$15. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required. For more information, call 251-3231.

Jenny Wiley Chapter AARP to hold dinner meetings

Dinner meetings of the Jenny Wiley Chapter AARP, which were not held during the months of January and February will resume the regular schedule with dinner at the cafeteria of the Highlands Regional Medical Center beginning at 5:30 p.m., on Friday, March 19, at the meeting to follow.

Floyd County Retired Teachers to hold luncheon-meeting

Delphia Hicks, president of the Floyd County Retired Teachers' Association, announces that the quarterly luncheon-meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18, beginning at 10:30 a.m., at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park. The guest speaker will be Juanita Singleton, president of the Kentucky Retired Teachers' Association. Lunch will be served.

Living well with diabetes class

The Living well with diabetes class will meet Thursday, March 25, at 6 p.m., Floyd B. Class Room at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Guest speaker will be Linda Omer, director of Physical Therapy.

Hunter education course

A free Hunter education course at Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club will be held March 25-26, 6-9 p.m.; and March 27, beginning at 9 a.m.

Meeting date changes

Prestonsburg Area Computer Enthusiasts (PACE) club will meet every Thursday, instead of Tuesday, at 7 p.m. at Morehead Computer Lab.

East Kentucky

Christian Singles

The East Kentucky Christian Singles will meet March 19, at 6 p.m., at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park. A program will follow dinner. All single adults are invited.

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Card Of Thanks

The family of Verdie Newman Akers wishes to thank all of those who were so kind and considerate during our time of grief. We want to thank those who sent food, flowers and gifts of love. We especially want to thank the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

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THE FAMILY OF
ALPHA JEAN BLEVINS

Card Of Thanks

The family of Ettie Crum would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: those who sent food and flowers, prepared the grave or just spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to Rev. Dan Heintzelman for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF
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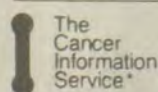
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THE FAMILY OF
NELL ALLENE GEARHEART

Card Of Thanks

The family of Rena Catherine McKinney Slone would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the Preacher Marc Nations for his comforting words, Church of Christ singers for their beautiful songs, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

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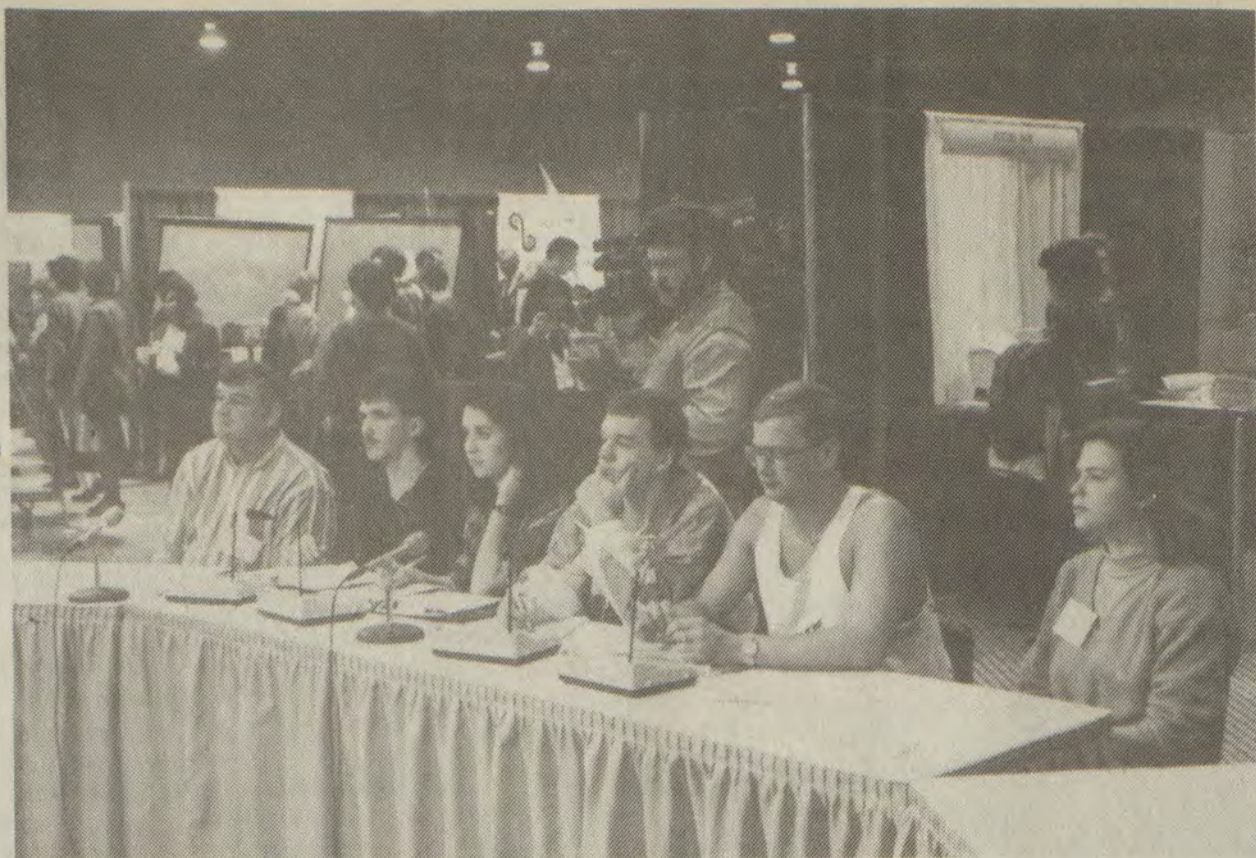
Q: I read that eating vegetables and fruit can help prevent cancer. Green beans, soup beans, potatoes and corn-on-the-cob are all my family likes to eat. Is that enough?

A: The National Cancer Institute says to aim for five or more servings of fruits and vegetables a day. These can be fresh, frozen, canned, dried or in juice form.

The ones your family likes are good choices, but eating a variety of foods also is important. Try adding lettuce and several

tomatoe slices to sandwiches, or raisins and slices of banana on cereal. Hand them a glass of juice in the morning or when they ask for a soft drink. Berries, bananas and other fruit can be mixed into pancake batter or jello. If you chop onions, cabbage, celery or squash into very small bits, they will blend into soups and other foods that cook for a long time.

For a free copy of *Diet, Nutrition & Cancer Prevention*, or booklets about eating more fruits and vegetables, call 1-800-4-CANCER, the Cancer Information Service.



Learning conference

McDowell High School students enrolled in the KET Star Channels' German II course demonstrate the KET Star Channels' distance learning program to a conference of more than 2,500 participants in Lexington. Pictured from left to right are classroom facilitator Willie Elliott, students Jeffrey Dye, Lisa Hobson, Curtis Hall, Steve Hall, and Lora Daniels.

Social Security Symposium at PCC

The Big Sandy Social Security Administration will present a Social Security Disabilities Symposium on Friday, March 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Pike Auditorium on the campus of Prestonsburg Community College.

The Social Security Symposium will feature recent changes in social Security laws and regulations—changes in factors of entitlement, supplemental security income disability, application and appeals process and medical benefits. The Symposium will also feature an open forum for questions from participants.

Jim Kelly, the District Director of the Big Sandy Area of Social Security will host the Symposium. According to Mr. Kelly, the information that will be presented during the Symposium is both for the general public and for social work professionals who must apply social security standards every day. Continuing education credits will be granted to participants by CE/CS of Prestonsburg Community College.

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In awarding the certificate, Cable in the Classroom also lauded Cablevision's managing partner, Rifkin & Associates, as one of the first member cable companies in the country to connect every public junior and senior high school in the cable systems it operates.

Cable in the Classroom, the cable television industry's nonprofit public service initiative, has provided free installation to over 50,000

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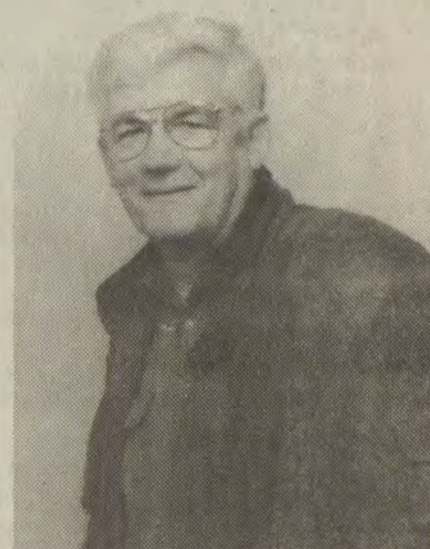
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GC to accept applications for scholarships

The Woman's Association of Georgetown College is accepting applications for its 1993-94 scholarships. Nine scholarships worth \$400 each will be awarded to outstanding women leaders interested in attending Georgetown College next fall semester.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of financial need, academic standing, and recommendations from applicant's minister and an official from her high school or college.

Recipients are eligible for scholarship awards in succeeding years and may be freshmen or upperclassmen. The deadline for applicants is April 15, 1993.

For more information or to receive an application form, contact Dr. Ruth B. Heizer, Department of Philosophy, Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky. 40324, (502) 863-8080.

UK offers engineering scholarships

The University of Kentucky already has offered about \$11,000 in scholarship money to mining engineering students from Kentucky for the fall 1993 semester, and applications still are being accepted.

Richard Sweigard, director of the Kentucky Mining Engineering Scholarship program at UK, says UK has a strong record in placing its graduates in jobs in the industry. "Job placement is going very well," Sweigard said. "We had five graduates in the fall semester, and they all are employed in the mining industry, and we have five projected graduates in the spring, all of whom have jobs awaiting them."

In the 1992-93 academic year, UK mining engineering students received almost \$85,000 in financial aid. All students who satisfied the criteria are currently receiving scholarships or grants-in-aid, Sweigard said.

Funding for scholarships and grants-in-aid comes mainly from the UK Center for Applied Energy Research, and is supplemented by corporate scholarships, private endowments and professional society scholarships.

Admission to UK and declaration of a mining engineering major are required for financial aid. Other requirements vary according to the scholarship.

Those interested in scholarship opportunities for eastern Kentucky students may contact Danny Belcher after 5 p.m. at 606-639-6275.

FACTS OF LAW

By
Miller
Kent
Carter



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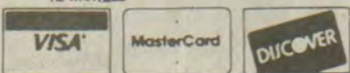
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Moving the mail

By horse, dog, reindeer and camel

By Vicki Moeser
Smithsonian News Service

If the U.S. Postal Service had a motto—which it does not—it might well be “faster and faster, farther and farther,” according to James H. Bruns, director of the Smithsonian’s new National Postal Museum, scheduled to open this July in Washington, D.C. America’s postal system has been obsessed with speed and distance, he says. “To carry the mail faster and further over the years, the Post Office Department has experimented with many innovations, such as balloons, rail lines, streetcars, buses, pneumatic tubes, helicopters, rockets, satellites and motorcars.” And, he adds, animals.

For the first 200 years of its existence, the pace of America’s postal system was largely determined by the speed of horses. The first attempt to establish regular horseback mail service was made in the 1670s by Francis Lovelace, Bruns writes in his book *Mail on the Move* (Transportation Trails, Polo, Ill., 1992). Lovelace, the Colonial governor of New York and New Jersey, decreed that “a post shall go monthly between New York and Boston.” Although the distance was only about 260 miles, the trip took more than two weeks, partly because there were no roads connecting the two cities.

As postal service expanded throughout the Colonies, delays in mail delivery were an accepted way of life. “Post riders escorted travelers they might come upon, and they were known to simply tarry,” Bruns says. “For a coin or two, some riders could be persuaded to herd oxen along the way, while others were often more than willing to haul goods along their routes.”

In all fairness, Bruns adds, slow service was not always the carrier’s fault. “Horses were forever losing shoes, coaches broke down and ferries were a problem. Because there were few bridges, ferry operators grumbled at having to carry post riders across rivers and streams in the dark and during storms.”

The Articles of Confederation, adopted in 1777, gave Congress “the sole and exclusive right and power” to establish and regulate post offices. Following the adoption of the U.S. Constitution in 1789, Congress created the U.S. Post Office Department to “establish post offices and post roads.” Throughout much of the 19th century, the Post Office Department favored the practice of placing con-

tracts with private firms, rather than using federally owned animals, vehicles or watercraft.

As mail service began moving westward, riders or vehicles drawn by horses linked the sparsely populated frontier. In 1788, solitary riders on horses carried the mail between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh on a two-week schedule.

Statistically, in 1791, roughly nine-tenths of America’s mail was carried by riders on horseback. The remaining tenth was largely transported by coaches and boats. To improve service, a frenzy of road construction began in the 1790s. As a result, by 1799, more than 16,000 miles of post roads had been established.

By 1806, mail-coach service was extended beyond the Appalachian Mountains. “Early mail wagons were not pleasure palaces,” Bruns says. “They lacked most creature comforts. There were no glass windows, functional heaters or comfortable seat cushions. Leg room was scant. The trips were slow and long, and by journey’s end, the aroma and hygiene of one’s traveling companions frequently left much to be desired.”

After gold was discovered in 1848 at Sutter’s Mill in California, prospectors joined with homesteaders flocking westward. That same year, the Post Office Department awarded a contract to the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. to carry mail from New York to Panama, where it was taken by horseback or rail across the isthmus, then put aboard ships bound for San Francisco. Under the best conditions, a letter would arrive in California three to four weeks after it was mailed.

Some mail also was hauled by stagecoach across the country. The Post Office Department issued a contract in 1857 to the Butterfield Overland Mail Co. to provide service from Missouri to California. The advertised traveling time was 24 days, but mail service was often delayed for months.

“By the 1860s,” Bruns explains, “two events sealed the fate of the Overland Mail, a system which was once referred to as one of the greatest overland transportation ventures ever undertaken. These were the Civil War, which resulted in the disruption of the southern Overland Mail route, and the advent of the Pony Express.”

The fact that the Overland Mail ran through Texas, New Mexico and Arizona made Northern politicians uneasy. They were anxious not to allow California, with its vast gold resources, to be wooed by the South.

“The Pony Express was the perfect alternative,” Bruns says. “It operated over a central route that was about 1,000 miles shorter than the Overland Mail’s southern route. And, more importantly from the Northern per-

mary mail movers in the West, and elsewhere, well into the early 1900s.

Not all four-legged creatures were successful mail movers. Consider the camel. Surprisingly, camels were imported from the Middle East to de-

side to side with each alternating step. These ‘ships of the desert’ caused most riders to get deathly seasick.” Not wanting to prolong a bad decision, the camels were either released in the desert or given to zoos.

Reindeer were used in Alaska to deliver mail from the 1890s into the early 1900s, but they also proved to be cantankerous. They were hard to train, Bruns says, frequently kicking their drivers and sometimes even biting them.

Prior to the turn of the century, Star Route contractors served in every portion of the country. They used dog sleds to deliver mail in Alaska and the Great Lakes region well into the early 1900s. “Years ago, they not only had the right of way over every other vehicle,” Bruns explains, “but they also, at certain times and places, were treated like the royalty of the road.”

In *Mail on the Move*, Bruns tells how James Wickersham, who was one of the first U.S. district judges in the territory of Alaska during the great gold stampede [in 1897], recalled how the contract mail drivers were the most important people on the trail. In winter, Klondike carriers typically operated four-horse bobsled stages or eight-to-ten dog teams over some of the roughest terrain imaginable.

For their daring, the drivers were treated like kings. At roadhouses en route, they were given the best chair for dinner, the nicest bunk at bedtime and the first batch of hot cakes in the morning (perhaps as an incentive to get started as early as possible). In addition, their leader dogs were allowed to sleep under their beds without even the slightest complaint from other travelers.

“Nowadays, most people do not even know that Star Route service exists,” Bruns says. “This is largely due to the fact that these contractors’ trucks are pretty much indistinguishable from any other freight haulers’ vehicles.”

Even as motorized conveyances—from railroad cars, streetcars and airplanes to buses, vans and jeeps expedited the mail delivery around the nation, animals continued to move the mail. “Horses were used for mail delivery in Washington, D.C., until 1922,” Bruns says. “On many of the narrow streets of Philadelphia, horses were used until 1955.”

Animals are still instrumental in getting mail to its intended destination. A mule train leaves the post office in Peach Springs, Ariz., five days a week, hoofing 2,400 feet be-

low the south rim of the Grand Canyon to the Havasupai Indian reservation.

In addition to letters, greeting cards and junk mail, the mules deliver groceries, beverages, even eggs as delivered as U.S. Mail,” explains Linda Padilla, the officer-in-charge of the Peach Springs post office. “Hikers often mail their backpacks so they can make the eight-mile journey into the canyon unencumbered.”

The mules illustrate that four-footed friends can do what four-wheel drive cannot when it comes to seeing that the mail goes through. “The only way in or out of the canyon is to use a helicopter, your feet or the mules’ feet,” Padilla says.

Owney:

Mascot of the railway mail service

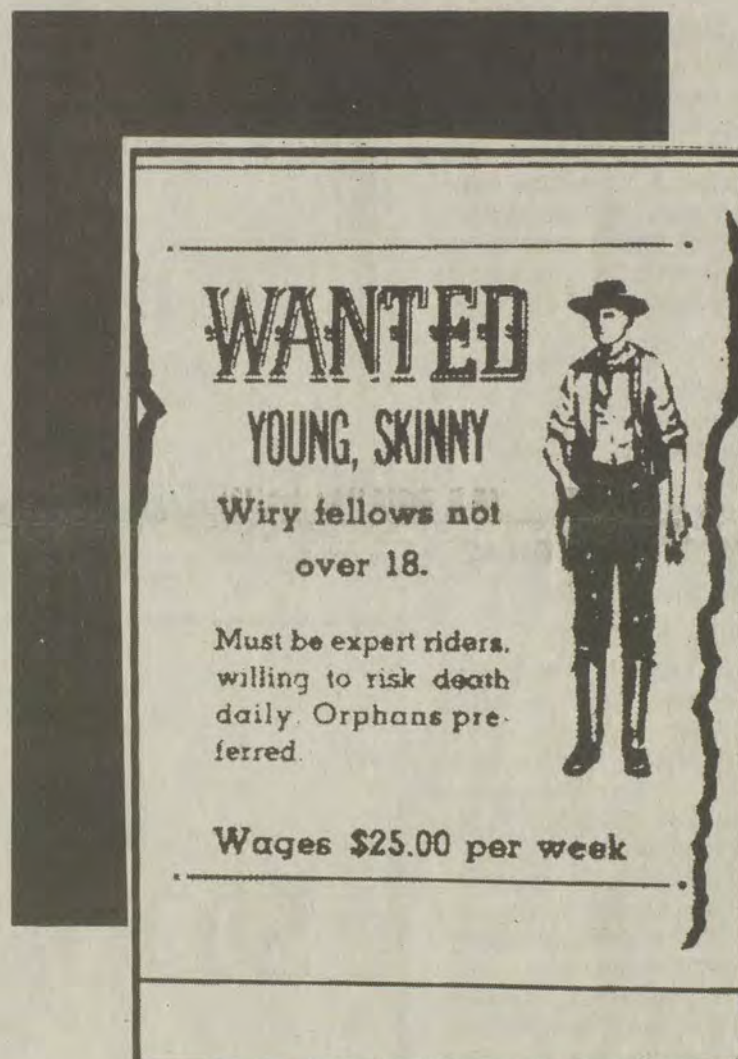
By Vicki Moeser
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It’s been said that the dog is man’s best friend. Mail carriers may growl at that suggestion, but there are, of course, exceptions. One cold, fall night in 1888, a mongrel puppy crept into the Albany, N.Y., post office and cuddled up on a pile of old mail bags. Instead of chasing him away, busy postal workers took pity on the puppy, fed him and let him stay.

The dog, basically of terrier stock, came to be known as Owney, although the origin of his name remains a mystery. Owney felt comfortable among the mail bags and would ride on the soft piles of pouches on the wagons that moved the mail between the Albany post office and the local railroad depot several blocks away. Soon, the pooch was hopping from one railway mail car to the next, first traveling to New York City, and then to points beyond—without regard for destination. The clerks in Albany bought the dog a collar to identify him if he got lost or into trouble. The inscription read: “Owney, Post Office, Albany, New York.”

Before long, Owney was away from Albany for months at a time. “The railway mail clerks loved having Owney aboard and they made

(See Owney, AA 5)



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Despite its mythology, the Pony Express operated for just 18 months. Young, skinny riders were sought for the arduous, 10-day trek from Missouri to California.

spective, it was outside Southern control.”

Pony Express riders were sought through an advertisement stressing adventure to any young, skinny fellows who were expert riders and willing to risk death for \$25 a week. Orphans were preferred. Although the postage rates were expensive, the time travel from St. Joseph, Mo., to San Francisco was 10 days.

Despite its popular mythology, the Pony Express contract was short-lived, operating only from April 1860 until October 1861—just 18 months—until the transcontinental telegraph line was completed. Afterward, stagecoaches and trains served as the pri-

mary mail in the American Southwest from the late 1850s to the early 1860s. “It was a disaster,” Bruns says.

Although camels had been used successfully to carry mail in such places as Egypt and Syria, where the desert is sandy, the terrain in the Southwest is a rocky desert, which caused the camel’s feet to become cut and bruised.

“It seems camels hate everything,” Bruns says, “most of all their drivers, who learned never to turn their backs on the dromedaries for fear of being bitten, spat upon or kicked. The leg action of a camel is not like the center of a horse. The camel’s loping stride makes the rider’s body shift from

REAL COWBOYS DON'T CUSS

Oh, for the good ole days...when men were men and women were women and you could go to the movies for nine cents.

And what movies they were, too. Especially the westerns. When I was a kid, they knew how to make westerns.

From all indications, it would appear that a western—Clint Eastwood’s *Unforgiven*—has a good shot at winning a bunch of Oscars at next month’s Academy Awards. I haven’t seen it and probably won’t, but I understand it’s rated R—for violence and language. That’s okay, I guess, if you like that sort of thing, but those of us

who grew up listening to our cowboy heroes saying nothing worse than “shucks” or “durn” and blushing when the saloon girls winked at them, have a problem with all this so-called “realism” upon which movie-goers today seem to thrive.

We stood in line on Saturday mornings back in the 1940s waiting for the Royal Theatre to open.

We were willing to lay down our pennies and Roy, Gene, Hoppy and Durango were willing to lay down their lives. We knew, without doubt, that

our cowboy heroes never cussed and would do whatever was necessary (and fair) to protect all the nesters and sod-busters from the likes of those ugly bad guys who wore black hats, string ties and thin moustaches. Have things changed, or what? I mean, back in those days when

Randolf Scott played the town marshal and told the poor old widow Jones that he’d guard her money, she (and we) knew it’d be guarded. Today’s hero, though, might just as easily shoot the widow, kidnap her niece, steal her buckboard and ride off on a big

spending spree—with the audience cheering him on.

I’m afraid that there were several things about those old westerns that just wouldn’t wash today.

For example, not only did cowboys not cuss, people didn’t bleed back in the forties. I sat for years and watched fist fights and gun battles and never saw ten drops of blood all totaled. Today’s audiences would never accept bloodless violence. I saw more blood in the first fifteen minutes of *Dances with Wolves* (another big Academy Award winner back in 1990) than I saw in all the years I was going to the movies as a kid.

I doubt, too, that folks today would accept the predictabilities that we did.

Like when the good guy (nearly always on the white horse) chased the bad guy (nearly always on the black horse), we knew he’d never catch him and knock him off his horse until they came to a little hill over which they could both roll. Even we had sense enough to know that if they’d have hit the flat ground, it’d have killed them both.

And would folks today accept rocks big enough to hide a 40-piece orchestra? How many times have we seen Gene and Ole Frog Milhouse break into song as they rode alone across the vast prairie, only to be accompanied by orchestra music? If the musicians weren’t behind a rock, where in the world were they?

Back then, when a villain was finally headed off at the pass and totted off to jail, and when our hero patted his girl on the head and kissed his horse and rode off into the sunset, we all headed for the popcorn machine. Now, though, we must wait and listen as the hero explains why the crook was a crook and how he was misunderstood as a youth and how he turned to a life of crime only after being falsely accused of robbing Wells Fargo when he was just a mere boy of ten.

Before he’s finished, we’re all disliking the hero and feeling sorry for the crook.

Unforgiven may win an Oscar or two, but if folks think westerns are good now, they should have seen ‘em back then.

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Kentucky AIDS and HIV infection numbers continue to show stability

In a review of AIDS cases and HIV infection in Kentucky, state health officials say that the numbers continue to show stability from year to year.

"While Kentucky can be pleased that the total number of cases is relatively low," Health Commissioner Rice Leach, M.D., said, "we must not become complacent because the human misery associated with AIDS is the same for every patient and patient family regardless of the prevalence and incidence numbers."

For 1992, 164 diagnosed cases of AIDS have been reported in Kentucky; however, Leach says that number will increase due to delays in reporting.

In 1991, 153 cases were recorded; 1990's figures were 165 cases. A total of 920 cases have been reported since 1982.

"Sixteen of the 1992 cases are included due to a broader AIDS definition adopted by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last fall," said Reginald Finger, M.D.,

the department's chief epidemiologist. "However, even with these cases, the overall trend is essentially level."

"It's reassuring that Kentucky has not seen a rapid rise in either AIDS cases or in HIV infections," he said. "However, the data are not so rosy that we should back off of education and prevention efforts. In fact, a sure way to see the numbers start on an upward trend would be to slack off in the areas of education, outreach and community-based support."

Leach urged all health care providers and facilities to maintain their efforts to educate the public about HIV infection and AIDS.

Finger says that as of the end of 1992, a known 1,414 people in Kentucky were infected with HIV but had not developed AIDS. This compares to 1,019 people known to be HIV-infected at the close of 1991.

He estimates that approximately 4,400 people are living with the virus in Kentucky, including those who have not yet been tested.

AIDS cases have been diagnosed

in residents of 85 Kentucky counties in all regions of the state. Even though some counties have not had diagnosed cases, Finger cautions that residents in the areas could still be at risk because of people who are infected but who have not yet developed the disease.

"If you are practicing risky behaviors, you are putting yourself at risk of HIV infection whether you live in Louisville or a rural county," he said.

The Louisville area leads the state with 365 reported cases. The Lexington area has had 182 cases, with Northern Kentucky reporting 100.

The statistical picture of Kentuckians with AIDS has changed little since the state started tracking the disease in 1982.

The breakdowns show 90 percent of cases among men; 71 percent, ages 20 to 39; and 79 percent, white. The most common risk behaviors continue to be men having sex with men, 65 percent of cases, and injection drug use, 10 percent.

Of the 920 people diagnosed with AIDS, 636 (69 percent) have died.

Finger says that even though *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia (PCP) continues to be the primary illness reported for AIDS patients, the percentage of patients contracting the pneumonia has lessened.

"In 1990, 50 percent of Kentucky AIDS patients were reported with PCP. In 1992, that number fell to 35 percent," he said. "We believe that this is due to HIV-infected persons who are taking drugs to prevent PCP."

In fact, Finger said, health officials believe the availability of such drugs has led to more people being tested for the presence of the HIV virus.

"Five years ago, an estimated 20 percent of HIV-infected people knew they had the virus," he said. "Today that estimate is 50 percent."

"The increase is due both to the access to testing and the availability of drugs that can help ward off developing AIDS. Many people see the promise of preventive drugs as a reason to find out whether they are positive."

"However, anyone who engages in risky behaviors should be tested and receive counseling about protection and prevention," he said.



Media jobs

Members of the Betsy Layne JTPA Club Esteem recently toured the Floyd County Times to learn about jobs in the newspaper business. Pictured from left are Ronald McNeil Jr., Brad Hall (in back), Jamie Collum and Times' proofreader James E. Goble.

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Cooley Medical celebrates 10 year anniversary

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Cooley Medical's service to Eastern Kentucky. Cooley Medical began in October 1982, delivering "quality patient healthcare at home". Today Cooley Medical employs more than twenty employees and serves over 18 counties. This year Cooley Medical expanded its services with "The Baby Connection": a team approach to pneumogram and apnea monitor service for babies at home.

"A 'team approach' to our patients has been our ultimate goal in providing superior services," says

Gary Bailey, president of Cooley Medical.

Cooley Medical provides 24-hour emergency nursing and technical service to its healthcare patients at home. From medical supplies and oxygen therapy to home infusion therapy, Cooley Medical has been delivering a brighter day to health care at home for 10 years. Cooley Medical has three locations: in the Mayo Professional Park, South Mayo Trail, Pikeville and on South Lake Drive and North Arnold Avenue in Prestonsburg.



Happy anniversary

Employees of Cooley Medical are celebrating the company's tenth anniversary this year.

Family, community wellness key to student success

A student suffering from lead poisoning probably won't do well in school. A University of Louisville program is offering intervention and prevention measures to eliminate home-based problems and to help students succeed.

Ric Hovda, co-director of the Student Success through Wellness for Urban Children and Families program, says the project works with the community groups to identify neighborhood priorities. Teams of future and practicing teachers, physicians, lawyers, nurses, social workers and police help the community address those needs.

For more information about the program, call John Drees at U of L, (502) 588-6171.

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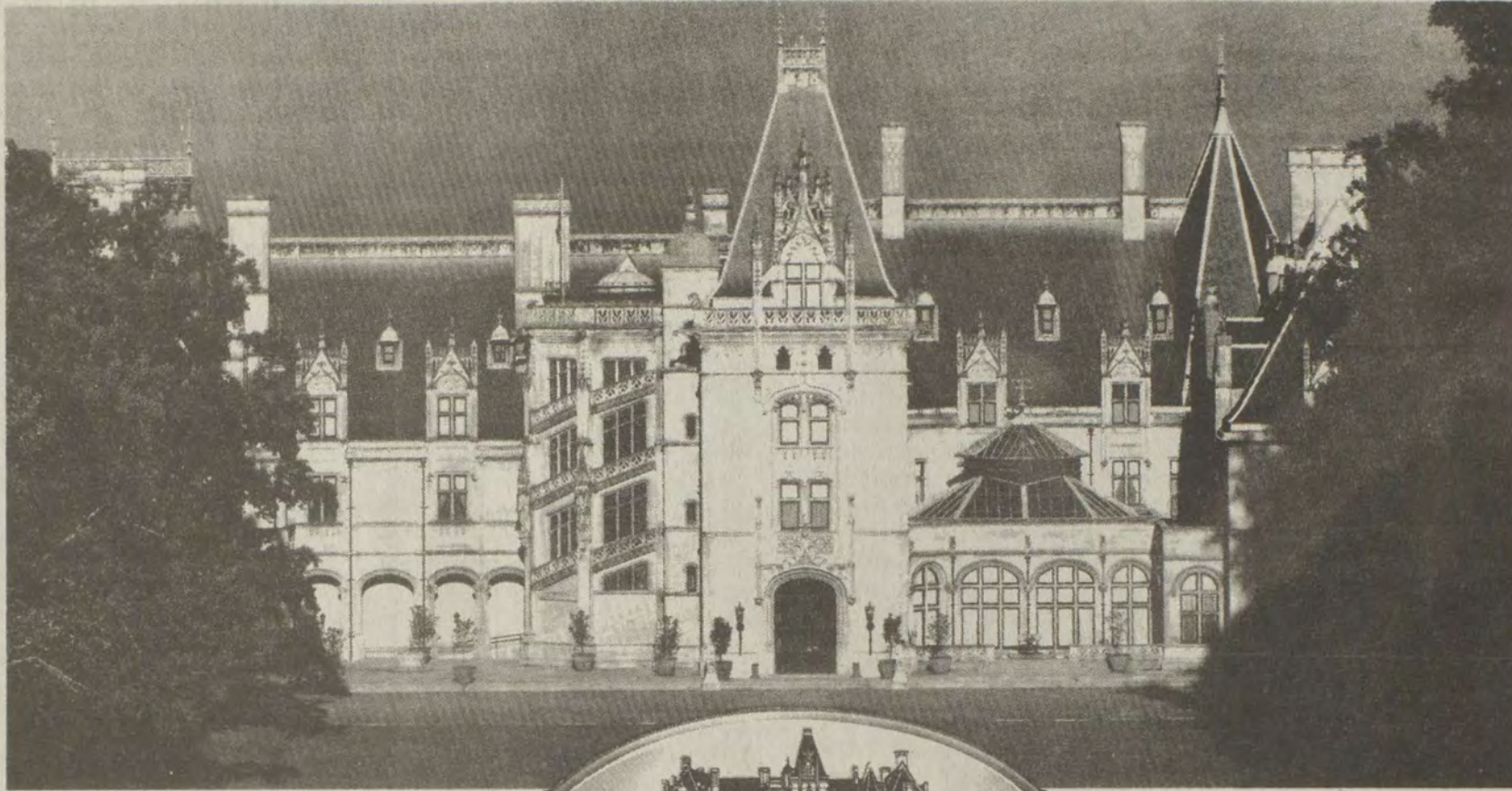


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Continuing education

Cassie Bowlin, JOBS participant, recently received her GED diploma. Frank Salyers, JOBS coordinator and Barbara Crider, JOBS case manager, presented Bowlin with a Certificate of Achievement. She plans to continue her studies at Prestonsburg Community College.

The partnership for Kentucky school reform wins national award

The Partnership for Kentucky School Reform has won the Best in Class education award from The Conference Board in New York City for its efforts to improve elementary and secondary education.

The Best in Class Award was created in 1991 by The Conference Board to recognize the efforts of leading businesses to improve primary and secondary education and to further education reform as set forth in the National Education Goals.

The award recognizes a company's commitment and contribution of leadership resources and talent to improve precollege education.

The Partnership for School Reform was formed in 1991 as a state-wide coalition of three companies, Ashland Oil, Inc., Humana Inc. (since separated into Humana Inc. and Galen Health Care, Inc.) and United Parcel Service. Members of The Partnership pledged a 10-year commitment to support the Kentucky Education Reform Act.

"We felt The Partnership for Kentucky School Reform was an honest representation of a corporate effort to make fundamental changes in education and it's a model that others could replicate in other states. We felt the amount of commitment these companies and their CEOs made was

outstanding. It's a very impressive program," said Leonard Lund, The Conference Board Program Director of Business/Education Research.

The award will be presented at The Conference Board's annual business and education conference to be held March 9th in New York City.

Education Commissioner Thomas C. Boyesen said, "The Partnership for Kentucky School Reform richly deserves this recognition. The Partnership has provided courageous leadership in helping to sustain public support for systemic reform of our schools."

"This is a well-deserved recognition of Kentucky's business leadership. Business people across the state fueled the education reform movement from the start," said Robert F. Sexton, executive director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence. "The three companies that made this long-term commitment to KERA are leading the way now sending a strong signal about how serious this is to Kentucky." The Prichard Committee coordinates The Partnership's work.

Founded in 1916 The Conference Board's two-fold purpose is to improve the business enterprise system and to enhance the contribution of business to society.

Floyd County businesses invited to UK employment conference

Floyd County businesses are invited to participate in a first-ever University of Kentucky Employment Conference April 29 in UK's Memorial Coliseum.

The conference is being co-sponsored by the University's Career Center in cooperation with the Lexington Herald-Leader.

"It is our hope that this conference will provide a common ground for Kentucky employers in education, government, social service, health and private industries to discuss current and future opportunities with job seekers throughout the state," said

Drema Howard, associate director, UK Career Center and conference chair.

In addition, agencies providing free services to job seekers will be available to answer questions, Howard said.

About 50 booths representing organizations ranging from computer manufacturers, hospitals, the hospitality industry, higher education and government are expected to set up the "networking fair," Howard said.

In addition to interacting with their colleagues from around the state, Floyd County employers will have the opportunity to attend morning workshops on the American Disabilities Act, total quality management, helping plateaued employees, tapping Kentucky's international labor force, and interview strategies for the 90s.

The display booths will be set up in Memorial Coliseum from 1-4 p.m. April 29. Tables and material to set up semi-private interview booths will be provided at the fair.

A registration fee for the conference will include printed promotional and advertising material which will be distributed statewide and attendance at all conference sessions.

For a registration form and additional information, call Drema Howard, University Career Center, 606-257-2746.

Have a question about healthcare?

Kentuckians who have questions about Gov. Brereton Jones' proposals to restructure the state's health care systems can get the information with a simple, no-cost telephone call.

The Kentucky Health Care Reform Answerline opens Tuesday, March 2 at 1-800-928-8692. The toll-free line will be staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time/7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday.

The creation of the Answerline coincided with the presentation of the governor's proposals to the Commission on Health Care Reform, a panel of legislators and administration representatives, which will work to transform the plan into legislation to be considered during a special session of the General Assembly.

"Health care reform will affect the lives of every man, woman and child in this Commonwealth," Jones said. "People want details about this plan, especially how it will relate to them personally."

"Because it is toll-free, the Answerline affords virtually anyone with a question a direct line to getting the information that they desire."

Staff armed with copies of the plan, additional reference materials and easy access to the governor and key authors of the plan, will field calls from citizens.

"I strongly encourage Kentuckians to call the Answerline and clarify any issues of concern or confusion. Sharing this information is vital to insuring that we meet our goals of controlling health care costs and providing coverage for every Kentuckian," Jones said.

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Unemployment rate takes a leap

In the Big Sandy region, the unemployment rate leaped from 8.9 percent in December to 10.4 percent in January. Local rates ranged from 8 percent in Johnson County to 21.6 percent in Magoffin County, one of three counties in the ADD with a rate above 10 percent.

Floyd County's rate was 9.0 percent.

The monthly sample of claimants of unemployment insurance benefits showed 32.8 percent had worked in mining, 25.7 percent in construction, 12.5 percent in services and 9.5 percent in trade.

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In order to prepare your Form 2290, the assistants will need your employee identification number from a previous Form 2290, or from another document. You will also need to bring the vehicle identification number for each truck you wish to license.

The IRS will be available at the clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on these 4 days. The clerk's office is located in the Floyd County Courthouse in Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Your Form 2290 will be prepared by the IRS and they will accept your payment by check or money order.

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For further information you contact Carla at the County Clerk's office at 886-3816.

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Owney

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sure he was warm, safe and well-fed," says James Bruns, director of the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum, scheduled to open in Washington, D.C., in July. "They treated him like one of the crew."

Knowing that his trips were taking him across the country, the mail clerks in Albany fastened a note to Owney's collar asking employees of the Railway Mail Service (which was operated by the Post Office Department) to record his journeys by attaching leather and metal bagging tags to his collar. Soon, Owney's collar could barely hold the trinkets; it got so heavy that he could hardly hold up his head.

"To lighten the load," Bruns says, "Postmaster General John Wanamaker presented Owney with a special, harnesslike jacket on which the dog's souvenirs could be more evenly spread around."

Some railway mail clerks occasionally would remove a few tokens and send them to the Albany post office for safekeeping, thus preserving Owney's tag collection as a record of his travels. In all, Owney accumulated more than 1,000 tokens, badges and medals—including dog licenses from Brooklyn, N.Y.; Sidney, Neb.; and Grand Rapids, S.D. His memorabilia is now in the collections of the National Museum of American History and will be on view at the new National Postal Museum.

Owney was a celebrity. He made an appearance at the Fifth Annual Convention of the National Republic League, held in 1892 in Buffalo, N.Y. He attended the Iowa Bankers' Association Convention in 1893 in Council Bluffs. Owney was a guest at dog shows across the country where he received many awards—although none for breeding. His awards were for his accomplishments. A Los Angeles kennel club presented a silver medal to Owney in April 1893 for being the "best-traveled" dog to at-

tend their show.

Owney even traveled around the world. Leaving Washington state on a steamship in 1895, Owney first visited Japan and China. Then it was on to Singapore, Suez, Algiers and the Azores before landing in New York City 132 days later. Hundreds of his friends turned out to welcome him back. All told, the mail-loving mutt logged some 143,000 miles in his career.

"One of the main reasons Owney

was so well loved was that he was both a friend and a good luck charm," Bruns explains. "Despite the fact that accidents were common on railway mail cars, none of the trains Owney traveled on were involved in an accident." In 1893 alone, there were more than 400 train derailments, collisions or explosions. "Superstitious railway mail clerks usually bribed Owney onto their trains with food and treats...and the dog was willing to oblige."

By 1897, Owney was beginning to show signs of age. He had lost his vision in one eye and reportedly could eat only soft foods and milk. For his protection, he was sent into retirement at the Albany post office. But Owney preferred to roam. He slipped out and boarded a mail train bound for Toledo. "While in Toledo, he was shown to a newspaper reporter by a postal clerk," Bruns says. "During that interview, Owney became ill-tempered. Although the exact circumstances were not satisfactorily reported, Owney died of a bullet wound on June 11, 1897."

Postal clerks chipped in money so a Toledo taxidermist could preserve Owney. Originally, Owney's remains were exhibited at the Post Office Department in Washington, D.C. In 1911, Owney was transferred to the Smithsonian Institution, which has cared for him ever since. He will find a new home at the National Postal Museum.



Smithsonian News Service Photo courtesy of the National Postal Museum

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Ten tips for a safe crib

From the very beginning of your child's life, products must be selected with safety in mind. One of the most important pieces of nursery equipment is a safe crib.

More infants die each year in accidents involving cribs than with any other nursery product. Here are ten important guidelines for a safe crib:

Buy cribs with corner posts less than 5/8 of an inch in height. Saw off excess corner posts so that they are flush with the headboard. Corner post extensions can be a catchpoint for children's necklaces or cords around the neck.

Never use a crib that has missing slats. Crib slats must be no more than 2 3/8 inches apart so babies are not able to slip through and be strangled.

Use a mattress which fits snugly. If you can fit more than two fingers between the edge of the mattress and crib side, the mattress is too small. An infant can suffocate if its head or body becomes wedged. If you cannot replace the mattress, roll large towels and place them along the crib sides. Fill the opening completely.

To discourage your baby from climbing out, buy a crib with as large a distance as possible between the top of the side rail and the mattress support. Most infants are injured while climbing out of their cribs.

If you paint the crib, use only high quality household enamel paint and

let it dry thoroughly so that there are no residual fumes. **DO NOT** use paint manufactured prior to February 1978, when the 0.06 percent lead limitation went into effect.

Never hang any stringed object such as a toy or laundry bag on the cornerpost. If you have toys with cords, cut them off.

Crib gyms and other brightly colored toys that stretch across the crib can be a hazard for older, more active babies. Make sure they are installed securely at both ends.

Avoid placing the crib next to a window where a child could strangle on a drapery or blind cord.

Never use thin plastic cleaning or trash bags as mattress covers. The plastic film may cling to children's faces and cause suffocation.

Check the crib to make sure no parts are missing and that all screws, bolts or mattress support hangers are secure.

Your child depends on you for safety when he or she sleeps. And remember, the safer your child sleeps, the sounder you'll sleep.

For more information, contact the Consumer Product Safety Commission in Washington, D.C., 20207, or call the toll-free number 1-800-638-2772.

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Driving costs drop slightly in 1993

Despite an average \$270 jump in the price of a new American car, motorists won't have to pay more to own and operate that vehicle this year, says AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky.

According to AAA, ownership and operating costs for a new car driven 15,000 miles a year will pay an average \$5,804—down \$16 from 1992. The average cost per mile dipped .1 cent to 38.7 cents.

Two factors contributed to the decrease: higher insurance deductibles and lower finance charges. Motorists are raising their insurance deductible from \$100 to \$250 and their collision insurance deductible from \$250 to \$500, AAA said.

AAA's driving costs are based on a composite national average for operating three domestically built passenger cars: a subcompact Ford Escort LX, a mid-size Ford Taurus GL and a full-size Chevrolet Caprice.

The 1993 average driving expenses varied from 1992 as follows:

- * Depreciation increased \$113 to \$2,830.
- * Maintenance cost rose .2 cents per mile to 2.4 cents per mile.
- * Tire costs are unchanged at .9 cents per mile.
- * Taxes, license and registration costs were up \$4 to \$178.
- * Total insurance costs fell to \$744.
- * Finance rates dropped, reducing the annual loan cost to \$670.

Copies of "Your Driving Costs", a pamphlet for computing driving expenses is available from AAA by calling 233-1111 or toll-free 1 (800) 568-5222, or by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to AAA Public Relations, P.O. Box 1581, Lexington, Kentucky 40592.



Dance and auction

Recently, the Duff Junior Beta Club held a dance and student auction. The dance and auction combination was a unique idea thought up by the Beta Club sponsor Greg Nichols. On the night of the dance each Beta Club member was auctioned off to the highest bidder. The students would then go to the buyer's home to do various jobs, such as wash cars, yard work, and spring cleaning. Pictured are Beta Club officers Brady Scott, president; Tara Shepherd, vice president; Hannah Halbert, secretary; and Jason Bentley, treasurer.



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Sportsman or barbarian
by Johnny B. Martin
Park Ranger

One of the main reasons I always wanted to be a federal park ranger was to have the opportunity to work outdoors in a federally protected resource. Since I have been working for the Corps of Engineers, I have had the chance to do this and I have thoroughly enjoyed the overall experience.

I say "overall experience" because there are some things that I have experienced while doing my job that are not very enjoyable.

There are two things in particular that have stuck out in my mind at Dewey Lake. One is the trash and litter we find on and around the project. The other is the illegal hunting or should I say poaching that goes on, too.

I don't want anyone to take this wrong because most of the visitors to the Dewey Lake project are conscientious and seem to care about the environment.

Most people who use our beautiful resource, be it for hunting, fishing or other recreation experiences, are true sportsmen. They care about the environment. They don't litter and they carry out what they carry in. A lot of these people will even pick up trash that was left behind by non-sportsmen. The true sportsman will also abide by all hunting and fishing regulations and, by all means, would never hunt or fish illegally.

True sportsmen respect the natural resources and want to preserve them so their children can enjoy the outdoors. These are the people federal and state rangers like to run across.

There is a minority of people who hunt and fish illegally and trash up the outdoors. These people are defi-

nately not sportsmen. As a matter of fact, nobody wants to run into people like this in the outdoors. Because though federal and state rangers don't enjoy what these people do, we want to run into them in the outdoors if their activity is illegal.

Some of the things we have seen or been told of by sportsmen or agencies would make any normal person very angry; things like people shooting doe or her fawns with firearms and leaving them lying. This is definitely not the act of a sportsman, but of a barbarian.

Those who leave trash in the woods or on the lake couldn't be classified as sportsmen either. They have no respect for our natural resources.

Federal and state rangers are always looking for violators of laws pertaining to our great outdoors. In Kentucky, if someone is brought up on charges of illegal hunting, he faces a fine of \$300-\$1,000 dollars, plus replacement costs of approximately \$750 more. This can include jail time, as well as confiscation of all hunting equipment and vehicles. He also stands the chance of federal charges being brought against him, too.

You, as a concerned citizen, can get involved, too. If you see any illegal activity, report it to state or federal officials. If you prefer, they can keep your identity confidential. The Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife has a toll free number you can call to report illegal hunting. The number is 1-800-25-ALERT.

It will make a difference if we all get involved in protecting our natural resources. Let's work to rid our outdoors of the barbarian types and replace them with true sportsmen. Current and future generations will appreciate having clean and safe areas to enjoy. It's up to you!

Panel recommends more long-term support for adopting families

Making "the connection for life" called legal adoption is not simply matching child and parents for happily-ever-after; it's a lifelong situation calling for continual adjustments—and lots of ongoing support.

That's the premise that drove the planning when the state Post-Legal Adoption Task Force probed the network of services now spanning the state for adoptive families and proposed ways to make it better.

The 12-member task force, headed by Jefferson Circuit Judge Ellen Ewing and including legislators, children's advocacy organizations and adoptive parents, presented its Strategic Plan for Post-Legal Adoption Services to adoptive parents at an adoption conference in Louisville March 6.

Overall, the plan promotes "parent empowerment" through full partnership with professionals and community resources, more thorough background information about the child before placement, and a variety of support services after. These include more ongoing training, family therapy, support from other adoptive families, and the support that comes from more awareness of adoption issues among people in schools, family resource centers and mental health agencies, especially.

"We now have a blueprint for the community to more fully join us in helping its vulnerable children recover and move on toward healthy adulthood," said Social Services Commissioner Peggy Wallace.

"Adopting families have long had considerable informal assistance, but this plan is a commitment to build on what we have for a stronger, expanded network of services that families can consistently count on over the long term, regardless of where they live in Kentucky."

Some of the recommendations deal with the adoption process or would require new funding for staffing, training and expanded therapy, she noted, "But this is our guidebook for where we want to go. We want all those who gave so much time and perspective to the planning to keep us on the path, focused on the long-range goal of healthy adults with permanent family ties."

The task force received more than 300 written responses to a survey of Kentucky adoptive families and held two forums to hear directly from family members, educators and mental

health professionals.

The federal grant supporting the task force's work is also helping create the Adoptive Parents Association of Kentucky (APAK) and a planned adoption handbook of assistance and resources for families, Wallace said.

The task force was assisted by the Department for Social Services' Special Needs Adoption Program (SNAP), which has overseen around 1,200 adoptions since it began in 1979, and has some 275 children awaiting adoption at any given time. Many of the children have been abused or neglected, and have some degree of emotional problems or physical disability.

"These kids are survivors—resilient and remarkable, and our adoptive families are very committed," said Jim Wilson, a SNAP adoption specialist and post-adoption services project director. "But adoption begins with loss, and the children have severe trauma to overcome. We can't expect a family to 'fix it all' on their own."

"But the wonderful reality is that Kentucky is adoption-friendly. People are eager to learn and change. It's really heartening when mental health and school people say they have limited experience with adoption and ask us to help them get more training."

For more information about the post-adoption services plan, the adoptive parents organization (APAK), or any aspect of adoption, call SNAP toll-free at (800) 432-9346, or Social Services' adoptions branch, (502) 564-2136.

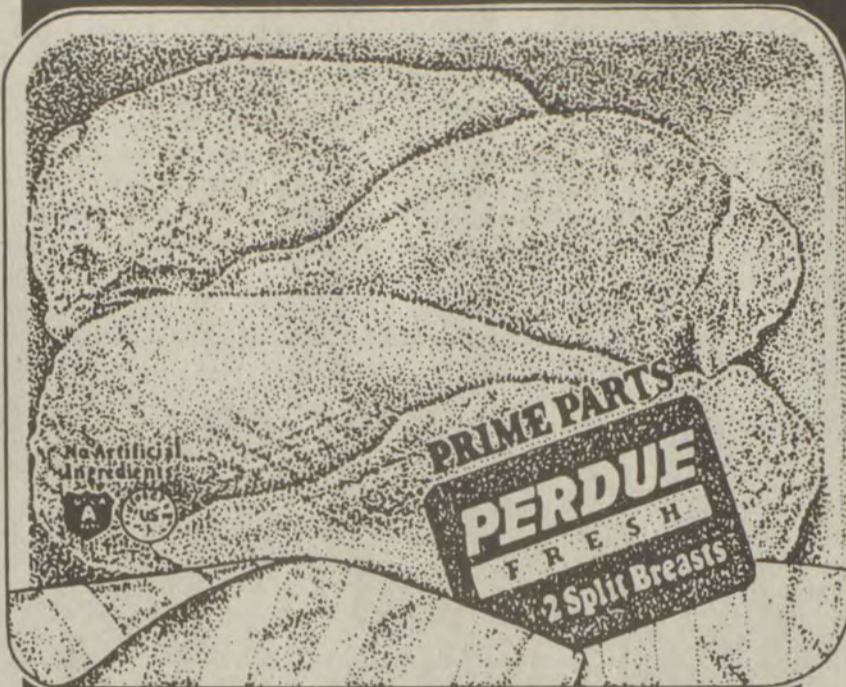


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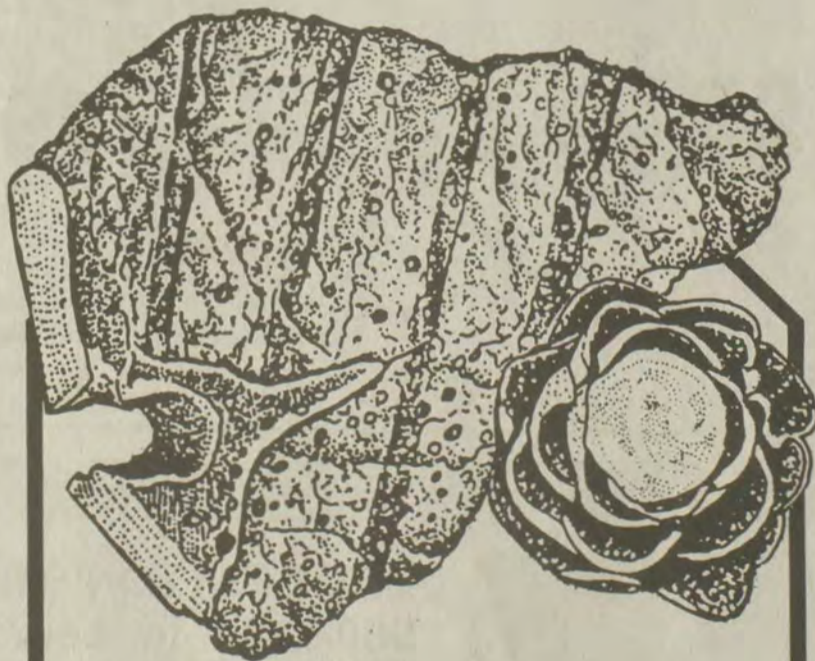


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If you're like the average American family, you can expect to change your address more than ten times during the course of your life. However, if any of those moves are job-related, you may not have to bear the financial burden of the move on your own. As the Kentucky Society of CPAs points out, you may be able to take a tax deduction for many reimbursed job-related moving expenses.

Deductible expenses include the costs of pre-move house-hunting trips, transporting your family and your household to the new location, as well as some of the fees associated with selling your old home and buying a new house. To claim these deductions, you must satisfy certain tests of time and distance, and you must itemize on your tax return. However, this deduction is not subject to the two-percent floor on miscellaneous itemized deductions.

MEETING THE DISTANCE AND TIME TESTS

To meet the distance test, your new job location must be at least 35 miles farther from your old residence than the old residence was from your former job location. If you're moving to take your first job, you meet the distance test if you can show that your new place of work is located at least 35 miles from your old residence.

In addition to satisfying the 35-mile distance test, you must work full-time for a specific period of time at the new job location. The time requirement varies depending on whether you are an employee or are self-employed.

To meet the full-time work requirement, employees must work in the new area for at least 39 weeks during the first 12 months after arriving in the new area. The 39 weeks of work need not be consecutive or with the same employer. For self-employed workers, the full-time work requirement is double the requirement for employees. Self-employed taxpayers must work at least 39 weeks during the first 12 months following the move, and a total of at least 78 weeks during the first 24 months immediately after the move.

If you and your spouse are employed and you file a joint return, either of you can satisfy the full-time work requirement. However, you cannot add the weeks your spouse works to those you work to satisfy the time test. The 39-week requirement is waived if you are disabled and cannot work, if your employer transfers you to a new location, or if you lose your job for reasons other than your willful misconduct.

DEDUCTING DIRECT AND INDIRECT MOVING EXPENSES

There are two types of moving expenses you may deduct: direct expenses which are fully deductible and indirect expenses which are deductible within certain limits.

Indirect moving expenses fall into three categories: pre-move house-hunting expenses, temporary living expenses at the new location, and certain costs associated with selling or renting your old home and buying or renting a new one. Unlike direct moving expenses which are fully deductible, you cannot deduct more than \$3,000 of these expenses. Of the \$3,000, no more than \$1,500 may be deducted for pre-move house-hunting trips and temporary living expenses. Special rules apply to foreign moves.

In the house-hunting category, you may claim transportation, lodging and 80 percent of meal expenses for you and your family to travel to your new work location to look for a new residence. If you need to live in temporary quarters when you arrive in your new home town, you may deduct the cost of lodging and 80 percent of meal expenses for any 30-day consecutive period after obtaining employment.

The final category of indirect expenses includes certain costs associated with the sale of your old house and the purchase of a new one—including real estate agents' commissions, attorney fees, title and appraisal costs, and similar fees. The costs are deductible up to the \$3,000 limit. While you can choose to use these expenses to reduce the gain on the sale of your previous residence or to boost the basis of your new one, CPAs generally recommend that you deduct these costs as moving expenses (up to the \$3,000 limit), since doing so gives you an immediate tax benefit. Bear in mind that selling or purchasing expenses which exceed the \$3,000 cap may be used to reduce

your gain on the sale of your old home or to increase the basis of your new house.

If you rent, you may be able to deduct any penalty you paid to break the lease on your old apartment or house, and any commission or legal fees you incur (up to the \$3,000 limit) in renting a new apartment or house. You may also take a deduction for a security deposit that you forfeit as a result of breaking your lease. You may not, however, deduct a security deposit you pay in connection with your new lease.

Expenses necessary to move your family's furniture, household goods, and personal belongings—including the costs of packing, shipping, transporting, as well as storing your belongings for up to 30 days—are considered fully deductible direct expenses. The costs of moving your pet and shipping your automobile are

also fully deductible.

You may deduct the full cost of your family's transportation and lodging en route to your new residence, as well as 80 percent of the cost of your family's meals. If you use your own car to travel to your new home town, you may deduct either your actual costs of gas and oil or take a deduction of nine cents a mile. Deductible direct expenses also include the costs for food (subject to the 80 percent limit), and lodging for one day before your departure from your old home (assuming you were unable to live in it then), and for the day you arrive at the location of your new home.

CPAs remind you that tax requires you to report as gross income any reimbursement you receive from your employer for moving expenses. You can then offset the reimbursement with your allowable deductions for moving expenses.

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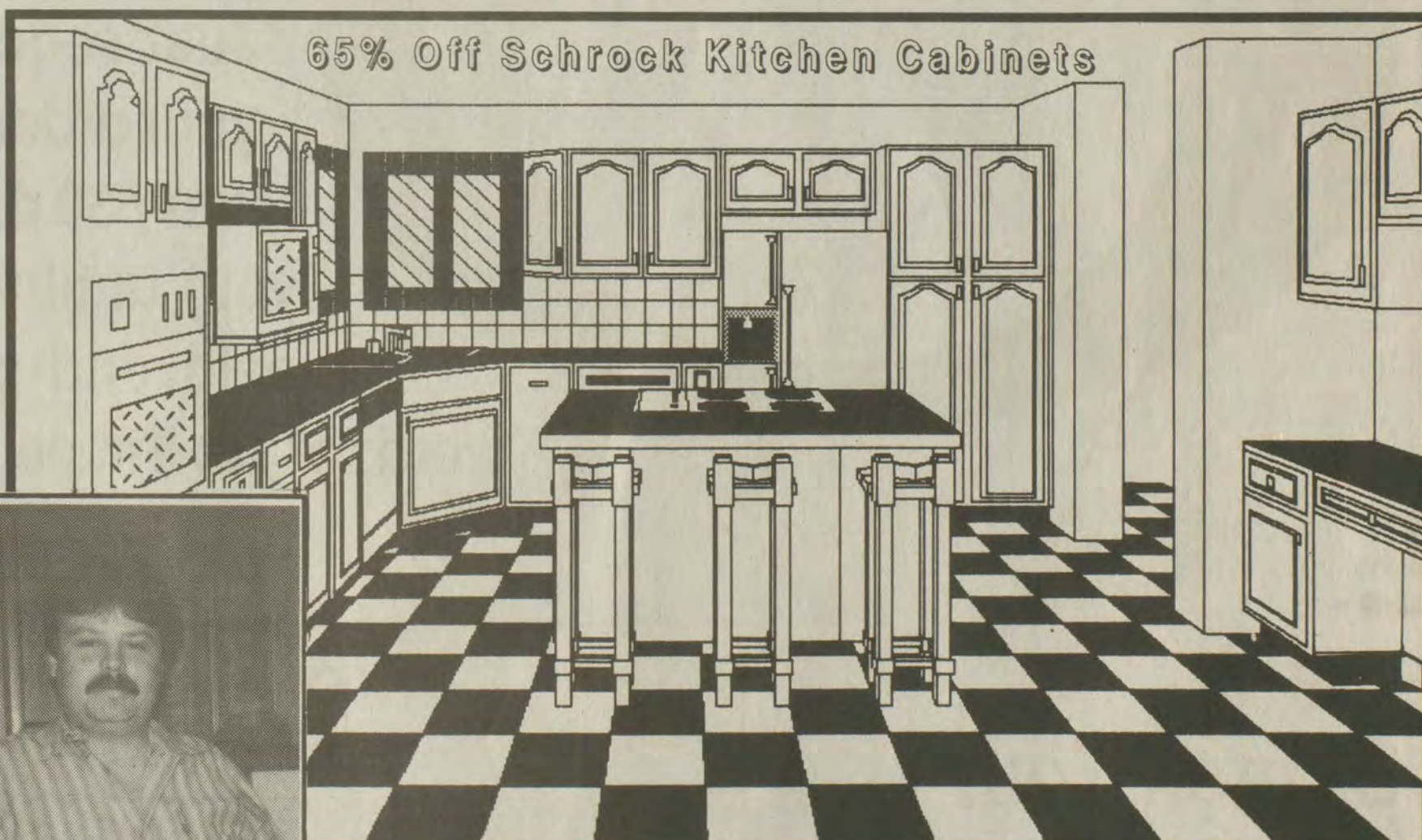
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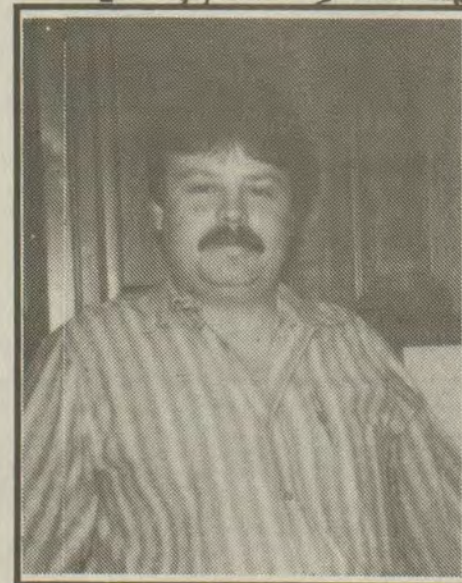
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Veterans Questions & Answers

Editor's Note: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q—My wife and I plan to be buried in a plot we purchased in a private cemetery. Even though it's not a national cemetery, we agree that we'd like the traditional veterans' headstone. I understand that, as a veteran, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will supply a standard headstone for my grave, even if I'm buried in a private cemetery. My wife, however, is not a veteran. What happens if she dies before I do? Will VA supply a headstone to mark her grave?

A—The law does not authorize VA to provide a headstone or marker for a spouse or dependent of a veteran buried in a private cemetery regardless of the sequence of death. If the veteran dies first, VA may provide the headstone (or flat marker), and the next of kin may request that space be reserved for later inscription of vital information about the spouse. The family would have to bear the cost of the inscription following the death of the spouse. If the spouse of the veteran dies first and is buried in a national cemetery, a state veterans cemetery or a military cemetery, VA is authorized to provide the headstone inscribed with the vital information (name, date of birth and date of death). In such a case, the inscription will read: Given Name/Date of Birth/Date of Death/WIFE OF or HUSBAND OF/Grade, rate or rank/Name of Veteran/Branch of Service. Upon the death of the veteran, if burial is the same gravesite, VA will provide a replacement headstone with information about the veteran inscribed on the front and the spouse's information on the back of the stone. The inscription on the back would read: Given name/HIS WIFE or HER HUSBAND/ Date of Birth/Date of Death.

Q—What is the current interest rate on Department of Veterans Affairs VA-guaranteed home loans?

A—With the signing of new legislations Oct. 28, VA will not be setting the interest rate on VA-guaranteed loans. The Veterans Home Loan Program Amendments of 1992 authorized VA to permit veterans to negotiate interest rates on VA-guaranteed home loans with lenders. Veterans also can negotiate the number of points the lender charges for making the loan. The program will be in

effect through December 31, 1995. This new law also authorized a three-year program for VA-guaranteed adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs), which will be similar to FHA ARMs, with the interest rate index corresponding to the specified national interest rate index. The rate may be adjusted annually (limited to 1 percent), with adjustments to the loan rate limited to a 5-percent increase for the life of the loan. ARMs may be used to refinance existing loans.

Q—What is the funding fee for interest rate reduction refinancing loans?

A—Legislation signed into law October 28 reduced the funding fee from 1.25 percent to .5 percent.

Q—I was in the reserves for six years. I recently heard that reservists are eligible for Department of Veterans Affairs VA-guaranteed home loans. Is this true?

A—A new program for members of the Selected Reserve was signed into law October 28. Individuals with six years of service in the Selected Reserve will now be eligible for VA's loan guaranty benefit. Individuals no longer in the Selected Reserve must have served at least six years and have received an honorable discharge. The program requires a 2 percent funding fee on a no-downpayment loan. Reservists will pay the same funding fee as other veterans for manufactured home loans (1 percent), and interest rate reduction refinancing loans and assumptions (.5 percent). You may apply for a certificate of eligibility for this program using VA Form 26-1880, Request for Determination of Eligibility and Available Loan Guaranty Entitlement. Contact your nearest VA Regional Office for information. You may call VA's new nationwide toll-free number—1-800-827-1000; or, if you live in the local calling area, continue to use the local phone number.

Q—Is a general discharge a bar to receiving Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill) education benefits?

A—Yes. The law requires that to be eligible for educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill (Active Duty), also known as Chapter 30, a veteran must have received an honorable discharge. No other type of discharge is acceptable.

Q—I have a private pilot's license. I am a veteran and desire to obtain

flight training. What is the reimbursement for flight training?

A—The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) reimburses 60 percent of the cost of the course.

Q—I am entitled to benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill. I want to

take some courses at a community college to help me decide if I want to return to school full time. Will the GI Bill pay for those courses?

A—No. You must be pursuing an educational, professional or vocational objective.

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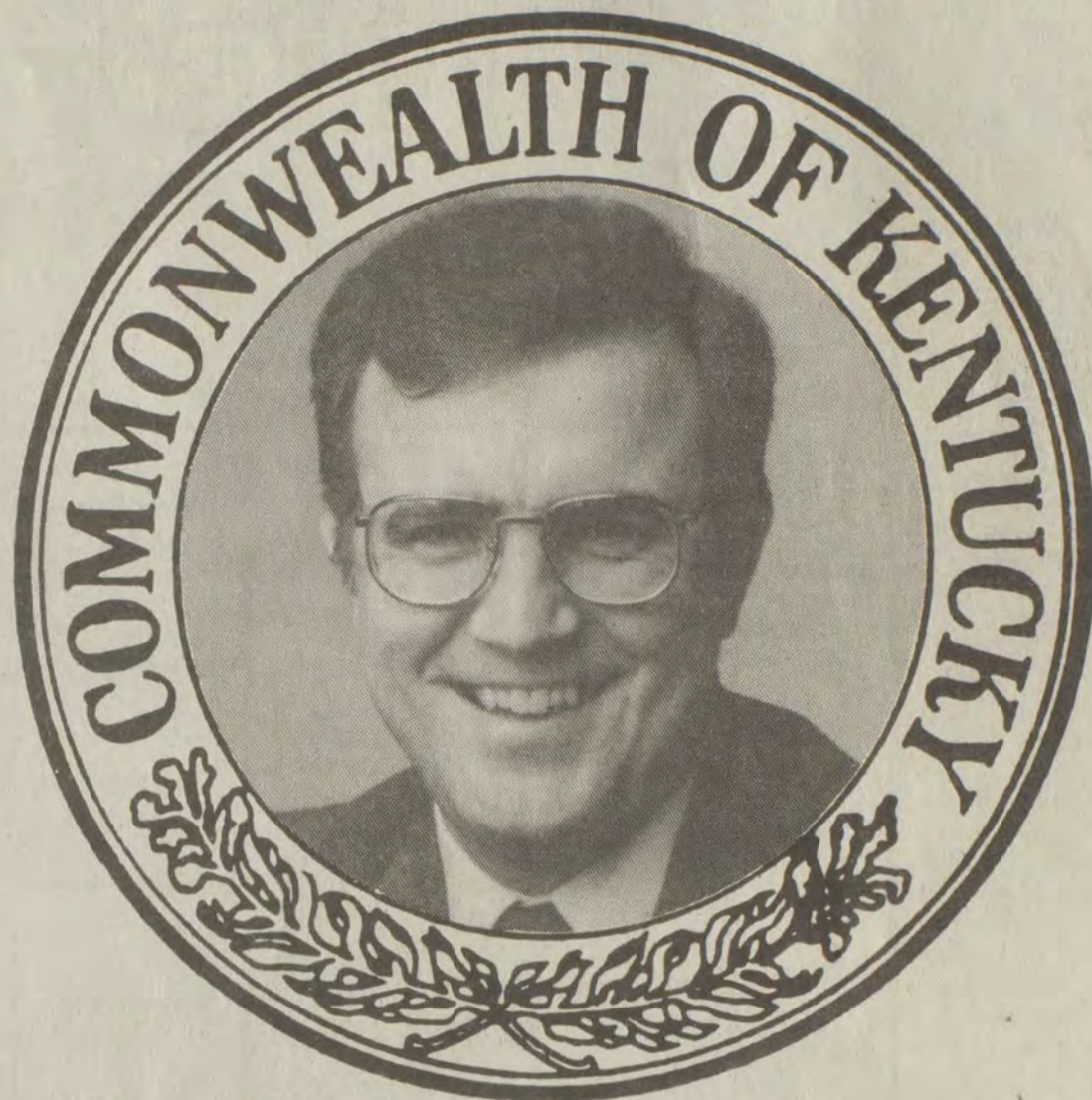
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Search is on :

Grandma with "a-peel"

To promote a bumper crop of Granny Smith apples, the Washington Apple Commission has started a nationwide search to find a grandmother whose lifestyle personifies the healthful attributes of the state's famous apples.

The first Search For Granny Smith will be coast-to-coast, said the Commission's vice president Vicky Scharlau.

"We're looking for grandmothers who are outgoing women, live life to the fullest and are active in their community," Scharlau explained. "We're looking for movers and shakers, as well as cookie bakers."

Scharlau said the success of the search depends totally on the children, grandchildren, spouse or friends of a noteworthy grandma. Those wishing to nominate someone for the Granny Smith search should write, in 100 words or less, why the nominee should be considered and enclose their photo. Nominations should be sent to Granny Smith, P.O. Box 18, Wenatchee, WA 98807, and received by April 16, 1993.

"We set the guidelines of our search to mirror the key attributes of our apples, and allow any grandmother the opportunity to participate," Scharlau said. "Thankfully, the name Smith is widely used. So we could have a Granny Smith from any part of the country or any ethnic group.

Seven grandmothers, and the person who nominated them, will be chosen to participate in the "Granny Finale," to be held May 1 in Washington at the annual Apple Blossom Festival in Wenatchee. Finalists will be interviewed by a board of apple growers and celebrities to pick the national Granny Smith winner, who will be featured on grocery store posters and for the upcoming year. Airfare and trip expenses will be picked up by the Washington Apple Commission.

The guidelines include:

•Nominee must be a grandmother who's sweet to the core and the apple of someone's eye. They must be hand-picked by their children, grandchildren, spouse or friends to be a Granny Smith nominee.

•Nominee should have "a-peel," exemplifying health and fitness by being able to carry large volumes of grandkid photos wherever she goes.

•Nominations can include a picture of the nominee, but the photo—like Washington Granny Smith apples—must be in good taste.

"Finding a real Granny Smith is something we've wanted to do for some time," said Scharlau. "Youth and beauty are always being celebrated, so it will be nice to recognize the beauty of seniors for a change. It's also a way of honoring our best customers—the 35-and-over crowd buys the most Granny Smith apples."

Governor declares April 2 Arbor Day in Kentucky

Gov. Brereton C. Jones has proclaimed Friday, April 2, as Arbor Day in Kentucky. This will be an occasion for Kentuckians to recognize the importance of trees and woodlands to our state and its economy.

At noon on April 2, a tree planting ceremony will be held on the lawn of the Governor's mansion in Frankfort. The public is invited. The governor's proclamation encourages similar plantings across the Commonwealth to promote the many benefits of Kentucky's wooded areas.

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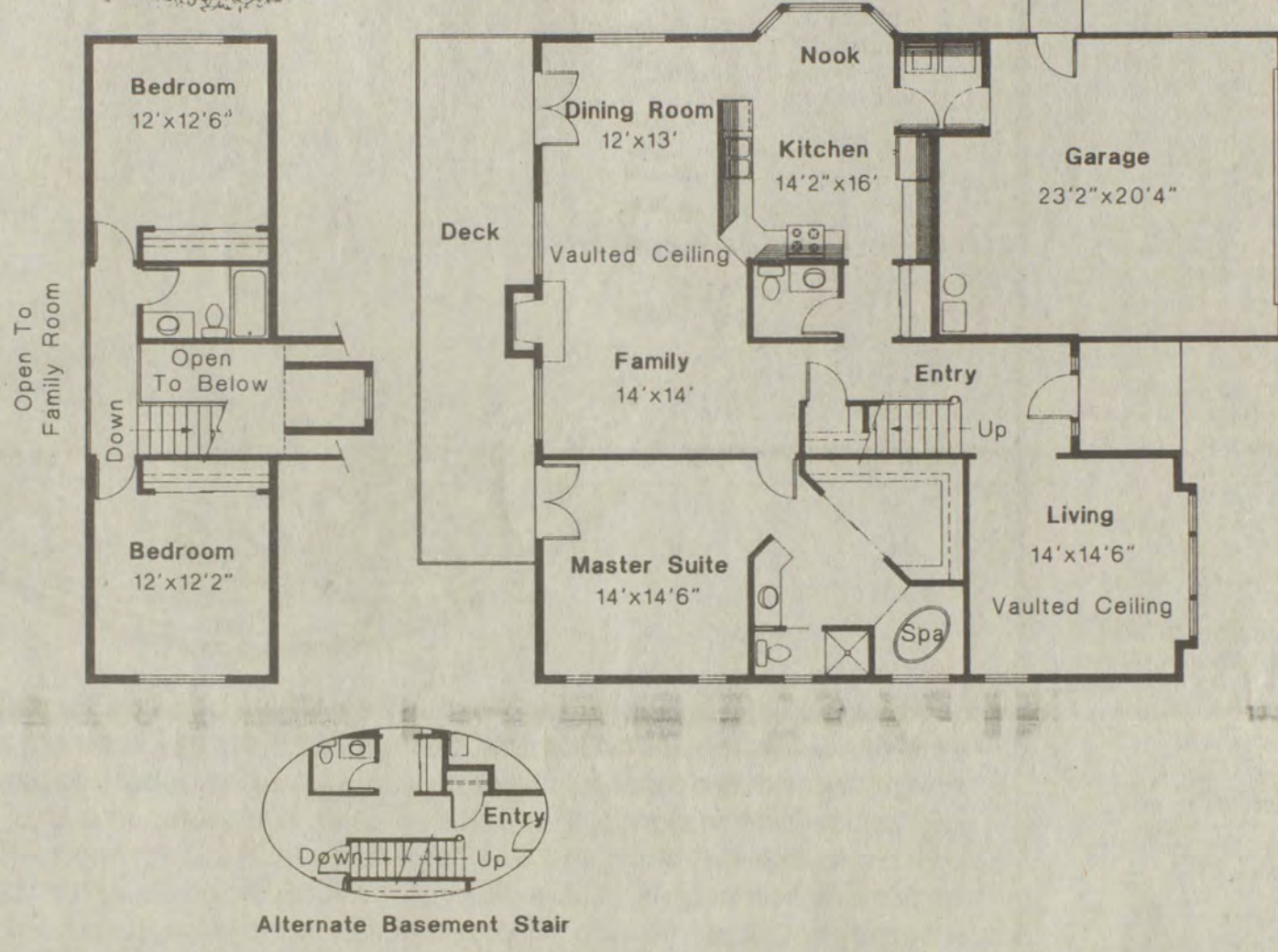
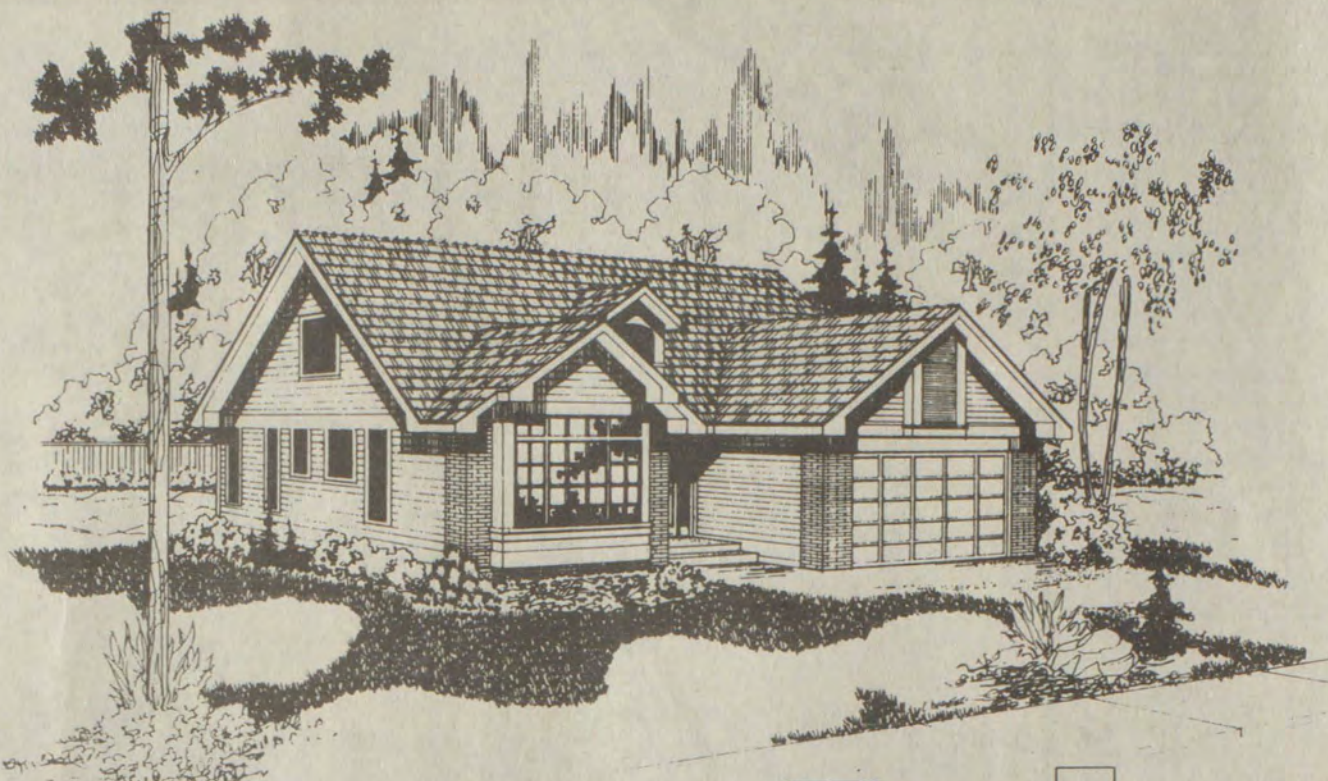
While the large country kitchen is adjacent to the combination dining/family room, it isn't completely open. This arrangement keeps kitchen messes out of sight until there is time to deal with them. Other features include a sunny eating nook, a small pantry, and a pass-through counter to the family room.

A small powder room is conveniently close to the kitchen, family room and entry. The utility room is also handy, tucked into a passageway between the two-car garage and the kitchen.

Amenities in the master suite include a huge walk-in closet, spa tub and a separate shower. French doors from the bedroom open onto a wide deck.

Two good-size bedrooms and a bathroom nestle under the gable that runs the width of the Maderas. A railed bridge at the top of the stairs overlooks the family room, to the rear, and the entry hall to the front.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$7.50 to Associated Designs, 1260 Charnelton St., Suite 2, Eugene, Ore. 97401. Please specify the Maderas 10-012 and include a return address when ordering.



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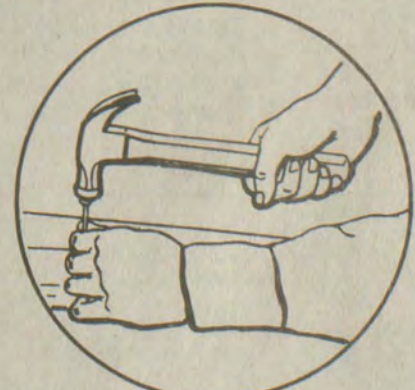
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TIP student

Andrea Denise Griffith was selected by the Talent Identification Program to participate in the annual talent search. TIP is sponsored by Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. She is scheduled to take the SAT in April. She attends Allen Elementary where she is a Beta Club and Academic Team member, and the spelling bee runner up. She has also maintained honor roll status throughout school. She is the daughter of Tony and Sheila Goble Griffith of Allen and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Goble, also of Allen, Nell Charles of Mt. Sterling, and Doc Griffith of Somerset.

Ricky waits for a family



Ricky

This little "chunkster" is Ricky (B/4-2-90). He has dark sparkling eyes, brown hair and a medium brown complexion. Ricky's birth mother was very young at the time of his birth and could not adequately care for him.

Ricky is a happy child. He enjoys playing, running and being with other children. Ricky walked at one year of age. He is beginning to talk in sentences. He is making progress on his potty training. He developed a facial paralysis to his right jaw in November of 1991. His doctor has diagnosed this temporary paralysis as Bell's palsy.

Ricky's foster parents report he is a very picky eater. They can't figure out how he says so chunky.

This little guy needs a family to call his own. For more information about Ricky or other waiting children, please call the Special Needs Adoption Program at 1-800-432-9346 or contact your local Department for Social Services office, 886-8192, Norma Boyd.

Poison Prevention Week March 21-27

The third week in March is always designated as Poison Prevention Week as a reminder to Kentuckians about poison-proofing their homes.

But for safety's sake, say state health officials, every week should be poison prevention week for parents and others who have small children in their homes.

Of the 53,000 Kentucky accidental poisonings reported to the Kentucky Regional Poison Control last year, the most frequent reports related to household chemicals, analgesics and cosmetics.

March 21-27 has been declared Poison Prevention Week in Kentucky by Gov. Brereton C. Jones.

Terry Wescott, manager of the consumer product safety branch in the state Department for Health Services, says that spring cleaning chores offer Kentuckians the opportunity to check their homes for poisoning potential.

"Actually, most poisonings could be prevented with a few simple precautions," he said, "especially when we see that household chemicals, analgesics and cosmetics were the chief causes of poisonings last year.

"We all need to take a periodic look at our homes to make sure there aren't hazardous products in reach of children," he said. "Hazardous products run the spectrum from the most obvious, such as bleach and gasoline, to not-so-obvious items, such as perfumes and houseplants."

Wescott recommends the following checklist for anyone with small children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins or friends.

- In the kitchen—Remove cleaning products from under the sink where they are easily reached by kids. Place medicine, including vitamins, on high shelves. Always store food and household products separately.

- In the bathroom—Again, cleaning and other household items should not be stored under the sink. Put all medicines, cosmetics, colognes,

mouthwashes and other toiletries out of the reach of children.

- In the bedroom—Do not leave medicine in dressers or bedside tables; make sure cosmetics, powders, etc., are stored out of the reach of children.

- In the laundry area—Keep all bleaches, soaps, detergents, fabric softeners and sprays on a high shelf.

- In the garage/basement—Lock

up all insect sprays, weed killers, fertilizers, turpentine, paints, rust removers and other household and garden chemicals.

- In general—Always keep products and medicine in original containers so that if there is a poisoning, you will have information for the doctor or emergency line. In addition, hazardous products often have child-resistant closures that should be left in place to prevent such emergencies.

Keep alcoholic beverages away from children.

Know the common names and toxicity of the plants in your house and yard—again you might need to know the name of a particular plant in case of a poisoning emergency.

Wescott cautions that keeping dangerous items stored out of the reach of children is not always enough to prevent a poisoning.

"Many poisonings occur when medicine or hazardous products are being used and adults become careless," he said. "For example, if you're in the middle of using a garden chemical and you stop to talk to a neighbor, you can become distracted and leave the hazardous product within a child's reach.

"Small children can get into something like that very quickly, and at the toddler age, they tend to put every-

thing they pick up right in their mouth.

"Just make sure that you put away a potentially poisonous product—even if you'll be gone only for a minute."

Wescott says that in the case of a poisoning, parents should contact either their private physician or the Poison Center. Numbers should be posted along with other emergency numbers.

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**A
Look
At
Sports**
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Sports Editor

Happy Birthday Wishes to....
Toby Newsome of Betsy Layne High school. Toby is a freshman at Betsy Layne and is a promising golfer. He also is a member of the baseball team. Toby turned 16 today. Happy Birthday Toby!

Have someone you want to wish a happy birthday to. Give me a call or drop a note this way and we will see to it.

1993 Basketball Season over...
It is over. The 1993 basketball season is history. No more high school basketball in the county until December of this year.

It has been a good year. A fast one, but a good one. I enjoyed the season as well as any I have covered.

My thanks to all the departing seniors after this school year and to our fine coaches. Thank you for the entertaining year.

The "Mother of all Great Storms" really took us this time. Even the boys' regional had to be put on hold and that doesn't happen too often. The tournament (completed last night) featured Belfry and Elkhorn City in the finals.

Prestonsburg and Allen Central made a good showing in the tournament. I felt both teams had a chance to win it all and make the trip to Lexington.

Both held good leads but just could not build on it. That seems to be the problem with all our teams in the county, especially against the better clubs. We have them on the ropes but are unable to put them away.

We start turning the ball over or our shot selection leaves a lot to be desired. No "killer" instinct it seems.

Prestonsburg led at one time by 11 points only to see the lead evaporate in the third. Todd Conley was allowed to do his thing.

Allen Central built a nine-point lead in the third, only to see it go by on the board. Failure to protect the ball in the third period hurt the Rebels.

In both games the three-point basket hurt our local teams as they failed to defend against it. Conley did against Prestonsburg and Matt Varney for Belfry.

Friday night, after leaving the Shelby Valley Sports Center with the snow flying all over, I got home only to awaken the next morning to the biggest snow in several years.

Knowing that I wasn't going anywhere (I was supposed to leave for Florida Monday morning to attend spring training), I looked forward to watching the SEC tournament on the tube.

I must admit that I enjoyed the time at home just to rest — although I did shovel some snow — and not having to get out. But after two days of that I started getting restless to get back into the games.

I watched the tape of the Kentucky/Indiana game. I also watched Kentucky beat Arkansas three times and LSU twice more. I started viewing the Kentucky win over Duke back in 1978 but fell asleep during that one.

It was fun at home but I am glad to be back at the computer once again. I love my job and I miss it when I'm not here.

The Wildcats looked impressive in the SEC. The way they handled the University of Tennessee I thought that 150 points wasn't within reason.

Then the Arkansas game was a surprise. I thought it was a well-played game for the Cats, although they did blow a huge lead. It is always good to beat the Hogs and send them "wee, wee, weeing all the way home".

Rider. Who knows anything about them? They must have something; they did win 19 games this season.

Seton Hall or Florida State and UK seem destined for a showdown in the Southeast Regional finals. But don't overlook a team by the name of Western Kentucky. Coach Ralph Willard's team is a very good club and they could be

(See A Look At Sports, B 3)

Conley "trey-iffic" in Elkhorn's win over Blackcats

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Even in the midst of a snow storm warning, the boys' 15th Region basketball tournament picked up Friday night with a double-header.

While the weather outside was very cold, the atmosphere inside the Shelby Valley Sports Center was heating up as fans poured into the new facility.

Elkhorn City's junior sensation, Todd Conley, heated up as well, pouring in 42 points to guide the Cougars past the Prestonsburg Blackcats 68-59 in the semifinal round.

Conley did everything for the Cougars as he led his team into the

finals of the regional tournament. The sharp-shooting Conley was "trey-iffic," hitting eight treys in the game and connecting on six of eight from the free-throw line.

Jeff Bailiff was the only other Cougar in double figures with 10 points.

Prestonsburg placed four in double figures with senior center Chris Burke leading the way with 14 points. Aaron Tucker added 13 with Joe Whitt and Sean Damron finishing with 11 each.

The Blackcats seemed to have the Cougars where they wanted them as they held Randy McCoy's ballclub to just one field goal and four points in the second quarter in building an 11-point, 31-20 lead.

Prestonsburg trailed 16-15 after the first quarter but turned in one of the better defensive performances in the second quarter than the Cats have experienced all season.

However, the 11-point lead proved not enough as Elkhorn came roaring back in the third period. Prestonsburg failed to take care of the basketball.

The Prestonsburg turnovers allowed the Cougars to claw their way right back into the game. Instead of building on the 11-point deficit, Prestonsburg went the other way.

The Blackcats turned the ball over on their first two possessions in the second half and Elkhorn capitalized on both miscues. Bailiff scored on a

layup on the first turnover and Conley had a basket underneath to cut the lead to seven, 31-24.

Trailing by nine, Elkhorn scored the next eight points to pull to within three points, 37-34, on Bailiff's two three-pointers and Conley's baseline jumper.

After a layup by Eric Fitzer for the Blackcats, Conley drilled a three-pointer that seemed beyond even the NBA circle to cut the lead to two, 39-37.

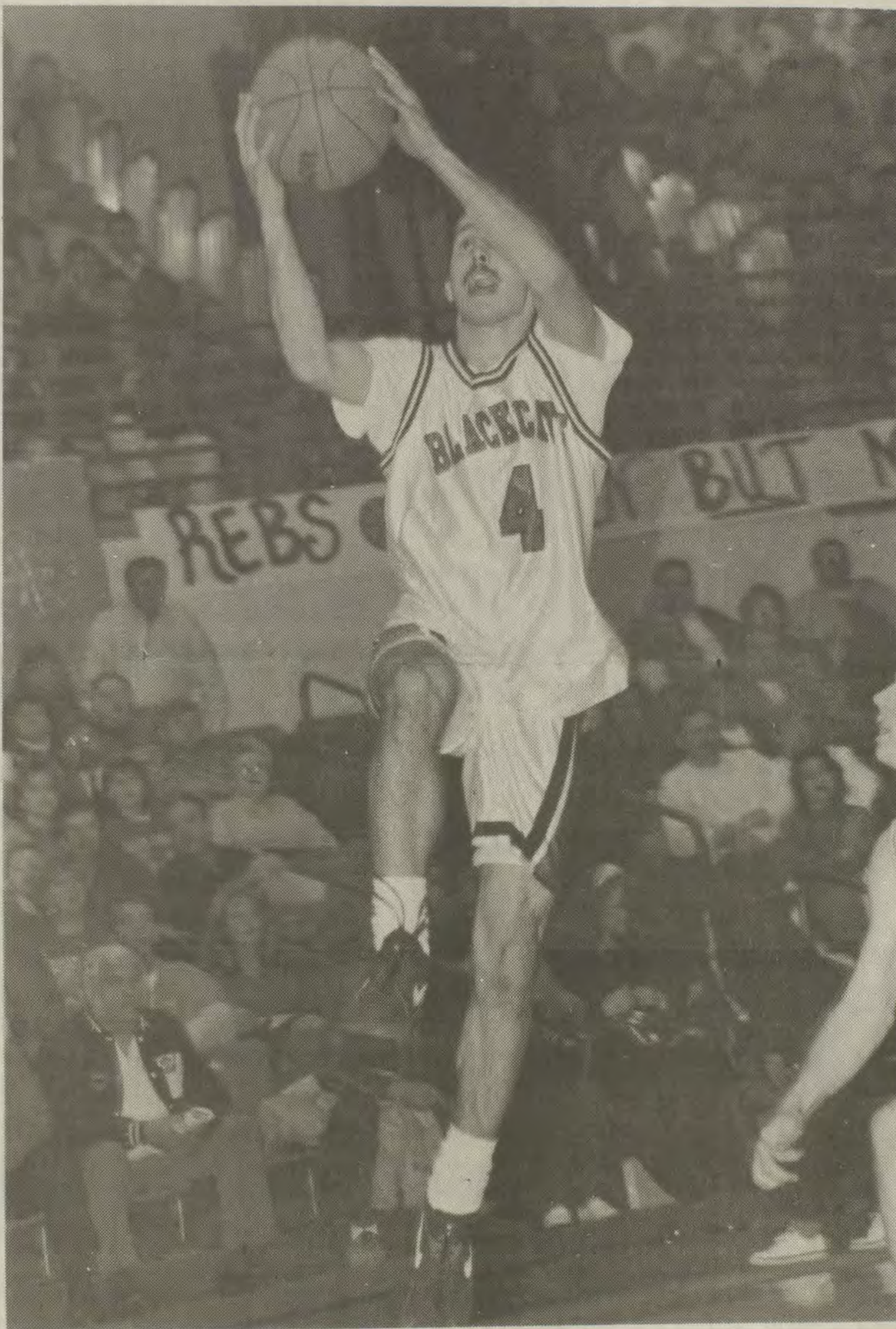
Prestonsburg was called for a three-second violation and Conley buried another three with 1:11 to go to give his team a 40-39 lead. Tucker hit a long jumper just before the horn to send Prestonsburg back out in front, 41-40.

Cory Reitz, who finished with just eight points, connected on two free throws to start the final period. After

PRESTONSBURG (59)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Reitz	2	0	4-4	8
Burke	7	0	0-0	14
Tucker	5	0	4-3	13
Whitt	4	1	1-0	11
Fitzer	1	0	0-0	2
Damron	1	3	0-0	11

ELKHORN CITY (68)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Conley	6	8	8-6	42
Salyer	2	0	4-2	6
Hall	2	0	2-0	4
Crum	2	0	2-2	6
Bailiff	1	2	2-2	10

P'BURG.....15 16 10 18 - 59
ELKHORN.....16 4 20 28 - 68
(See Blackcats, B 3)



Plays final game!

Prestonsburg's Aaron Tucker, like many seniors in the county, played his final game as a Blackcat when his team fell to the Elkhorn City Cougars in the semifinals of the boys' 15th Region Basketball Tournament. Tucker had 13 points to close a good career. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Hall scores 47 ...

Rebels outlast Magoffin Co. 96-91 in foul plagued game

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Allen Central fans had the Magoffin County crowd seeing red in Thursday night's first-round game of the boys' 15th Regional Basketball Tournament at the Shelby Valley Sports Center.

The Rebel fans came decked out in their red T-shirts and one end of the new gym was a sea of red.

It was an enthusiastic crowd that gathered to support the Rebels in their first regional game. The fans gathered long before tip-off time and were at it long before the game began.

The enthusiasm didn't stop until after the Allen Central team posted a 96-91 win over a very good Magoffin County team to advance to the semifinal round.

Allen Central coach Johnny Martin made his way straight for the fan section at the final buzzer, holding up the number one sign for the fans. The number one sign was not to indicate that his team was number one but that the Rebel fans were number one. The gesture only made them cheer louder.

"Our fans are great," said Martin after the game. "They have been all season long. We couldn't have won the game without their backing us."

Many fans in the stands were wondering if either team would have enough players to finish the contest as all five of Magoffin County's starters and four from Allen Central fouled out.

Central lost their four players first, and in the fourth quarter Magoffin County started dropping them with each foul.

It was a game that saw a young sophomore, Jeremy Hall, pour in 47 points before fouling out in the fourth quarter with over four minutes remaining.

"If he hadn't fouled out, he would have scored 60 points," said Roy Martin, a die-hard Rebel fan.

Hall had been in bed, sick with the

flu and missed his team's last four practices. It was not known how much action he would see in the Magoffin County game.

"He hasn't practiced," said Coach Martin. "He just got on the bus to come over here (Shelby Valley) and didn't even have any warm-up time."

Asked about his performance, Hall said that even he was astounded.

"Yeah, I'm surprised," he said with a big smile on his face as he swallowed Gatorade. "I never figured I would have a game like this as a sophomore—maybe as a junior or senior."

The Magoffin County crowd became excited when Hall exited the game with his fifth personal foul and 4:12 showing on the scoreboard. The Hornets were in the midst of a comeback after falling behind by 18 points.

Magoffin County coach Danny Adams did everything he could in trying to stop the hot-shooting Hall, but nothing worked.

Hall picked up his third personal foul with 3:57 left in the third quarter. A minute and seventeen seconds later he was whistled for his fourth and Coach Martin took him out.

Coach Martin had to go deep into his inexperienced bench for help after the four departed the game. One of those put on the floor was an eighth grader, Thomas Jenkins.

With Hall out of the game, along with Carl Watkins, Ronnie Samons and point guard Bobby Dingus, junior Jason Martin took control.

Martin was calm under pressure and connected on six consecutive free throws when they counted to assure the Rebels of their victory.

Allen Central led 64-46 with 4:39 left in the third period when Dingus and Hall got into foul trouble. Magoffin County went on a 9-4 run to narrow the margin to 13 points. Allen Central's lead had been cut to 10 points at the end of the third quarter, 69-59.

(See Rebels, B 2)

Wiley named Female Player of the Year; first team

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Allen Central Lady Rebel's point guard Jenny Wiley was rewarded for her hard work during her four years at the Right Beaver school.

Wiley was named the 15th Region's Female Player of the Year by a vote of region sports-writers and sportscasters. Wiley was also

named to the 15th Region's All-Region first team.

Wiley joins Samantha Bevins of Johnson Central, Jackie Harless, Sheldon Clark and Cyndi Horn, Sheldon Clark, Sandy Ford of Pikeville and Meridith

Mullins of Paintsville tied for the fifth spot on the All-Region first team.

Staci Moore of Allen Central, placed on the 15th Region's second team, just missing the first team by one vote. Moore along with

Brandi Baker of Shelby Valley, Mandy Horn of Sheldon Clark, Amy Castle of Johnson Central and Amy Reed of Prestonsburg compiled the second team.

Johnson Central's Tonya Lewis led the third team fol-

lowed by Jennifer Davis of Paintsville, Dee Dee Martin of Betsy Layne, Angie Coleman of Belfry and Jamie Runyon of Belfry.

Wiley has led the Lady Rebels of Allen Central at the point guard position the past two years and has been praised for her hustle and determination during the basketball season.

Wiley averages just over 15 points per

(See Wiley B3)



**JENNY WILEY
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**



DEE DEE MARTIN



STACI MOORE



AMY REED

Rebels

(Continued from B 1)

The Hornets kept coming at Allen Central, challenging the taller Rebels on the boards. Magoffin County was getting two and three shots at the basket as they scored seven unanswered points to start the fourth quarter and cut the lead to three, 69-66 with 6:17 left to play.

Hall hit six straight free throws for Allen Central to help maintain a 79-71 margin.

Magoffin County went on an 8-2 spurt for an 86-83 score. Brandon Holbrook hit two free throws just ahead of Martin's two charity tosses for Allen Central. A rebound basket by Billy Inmon and Darrell Russell's two foul shots brought the Hornets within striking distance.

Samons completed a three-point play for the Rebels with two minutes left to give Allen Central an 89-83 lead. Dingus then was called for his fifth personal foul with David Gibson going to the line and 1:50 showing on the clock. Gibson hit both tosses.

In their full court pressure Magoffin County fouled Martin, who canned both shots for a six-point 91-85 game. Rodney Ward buried a three-pointer to make it 91-88, as the Hornets just refused to go away.

The Rebels then handed the Hornets an opportunity to really get in it as they turned the ball over on two consecutive possessions. With 57 seconds remaining, Samons went to the bench with his fifth personal, sending Inmon to the stripe. Inmon missed the front end of the bonus shot with David Moore pulling down the rebound. Moore was fouled but missed the front end of the bonus shot.

Again, Magoffin had a chance to tie the game but could not connect from long range. Phillip Patton went high for the rebound but was fouled. Patton hit the first of two with 36 seconds remaining and the Rebels led 92-86.

Ward's long NBA three-point attempt was off the lip of the rim; Martin was fouled and put on the line. The junior guard drilled both tosses for a 94-88 game.

A ray of hope still lingered for Magoffin County when Gibson drilled a three-pointer to cut the lead to 94-91. The Hornets had no choice but to send Patton to the line with five seconds left. Patton hit both attempts for the final 96-91 count.

Hall was almost unstoppable as he scored 26 of his 47 points in the first half. The hot shooting guard had six points on his first two shots of the game as he hit a three-pointer and then completed a three-point play. Allen Central scored the first 10 points of the game and rolled out to a 15-4 lead early in the first quarter.

Gibson scored Magoffin County's first six points. Allen Central went up 25-13 and led 28-20 at the first stop.

The Rebels owned a 49-40 half-time lead.

Hall had six three-pointers in the game and was a perfect 17 of 17 from the charity stripe.

Martin's 27 points were lost in the shadow of Hall's performance but it was his leadership that kept the Rebels from falling apart in the final two minutes.

Patton added 10 points in an almost unnoticeable performance.

Ward led Magoffin County with 25 points and Gibson tossed in 24.

Russell added 14 and Inmon scored 10.

Russell, Ward, Neil Harvey, Gibson and Inmon all fouled out for Magoffin County.

Magoffin County had eight treys in the game with Brandon Holbrook scoring three. Russell and Ward had two each.

Allen Central hit 34 of 41 free throws. Magoffin County was 17 of 29.

The 47 points for Hall was a career high, breaking the 32 he scored in the district tournament finals.

Also, another milestone for Coach Martin was that the victory marked the fifth time that a Johnny Martin coached team has beaten Magoffin County in the regional tournament. The last time was in the 1990 regional tournament.

The Rebels improved to 15-11 on the season and Magoffin County finished with an 18-10 mark.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY (91)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Russell	2	2	7-4	14
Ward	9	2	1-1	25
Harvey	1	0	4-2	4
Gibson	4	0	5-2	10
Holbrook	0	3	2-2	11
Combs	1	0	0-0	2
Skaggs	0	0	2-1	1

ALLEN CENTRAL (96)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Watkins	2	0	0-0	4
Martin	8	0	14-11	27
Hall	6	6	17-17	47
Patton	3	0	6-4	10
Samons	2	0	1-1	5
Spencer	1	0	2-1	3

MAGOFFIN.....20 20 19 32 - 91
CENTRAL.....28 21 20 27 - 96

M'Dowell AAU topples Elkhorn 56-33 behind Tackett's 15 points

McDowell's 12-year old AAU basketball team defeated the Elkhorn AAU squad 56-33 in their first AAU game this season.

McDowell was led by Anthony Tackett with 15 points. Jonathan Lawson tossed in 11 points and Adam Tackett scored in double figures with 12 points.

Darrin Newsome netted nine for the winners and Ryan

Hall totaled five.

Michael Gross and Justin Paige each had two points.

Swincy led Elkhorn with 17 points and Johnson tossed in nine.

McDowell led 16-6 after the first quarter and took a 25-16 lead at the half.

"This is an unselfish group of boys," said coach James Hall. "They have played together for the last three years."

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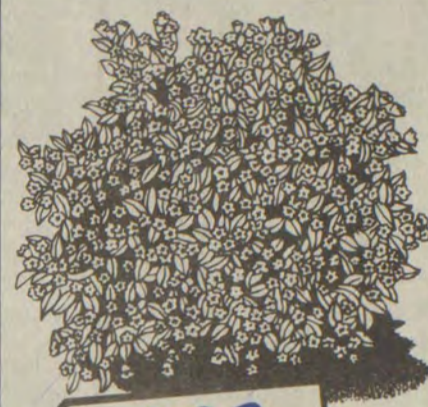
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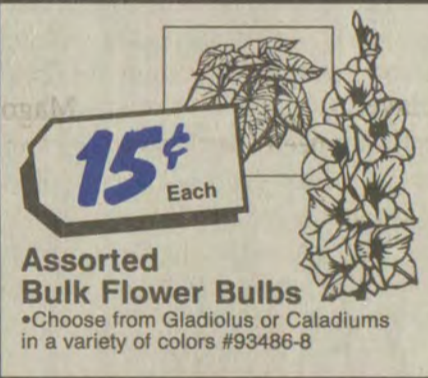
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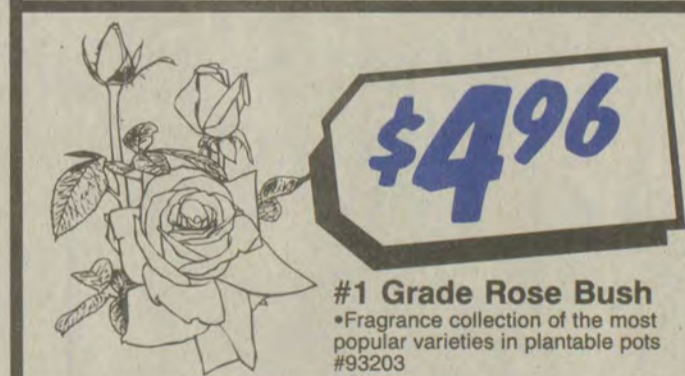
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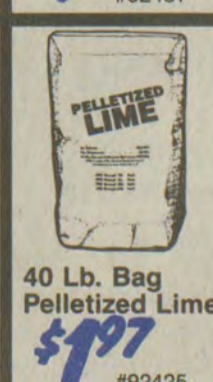
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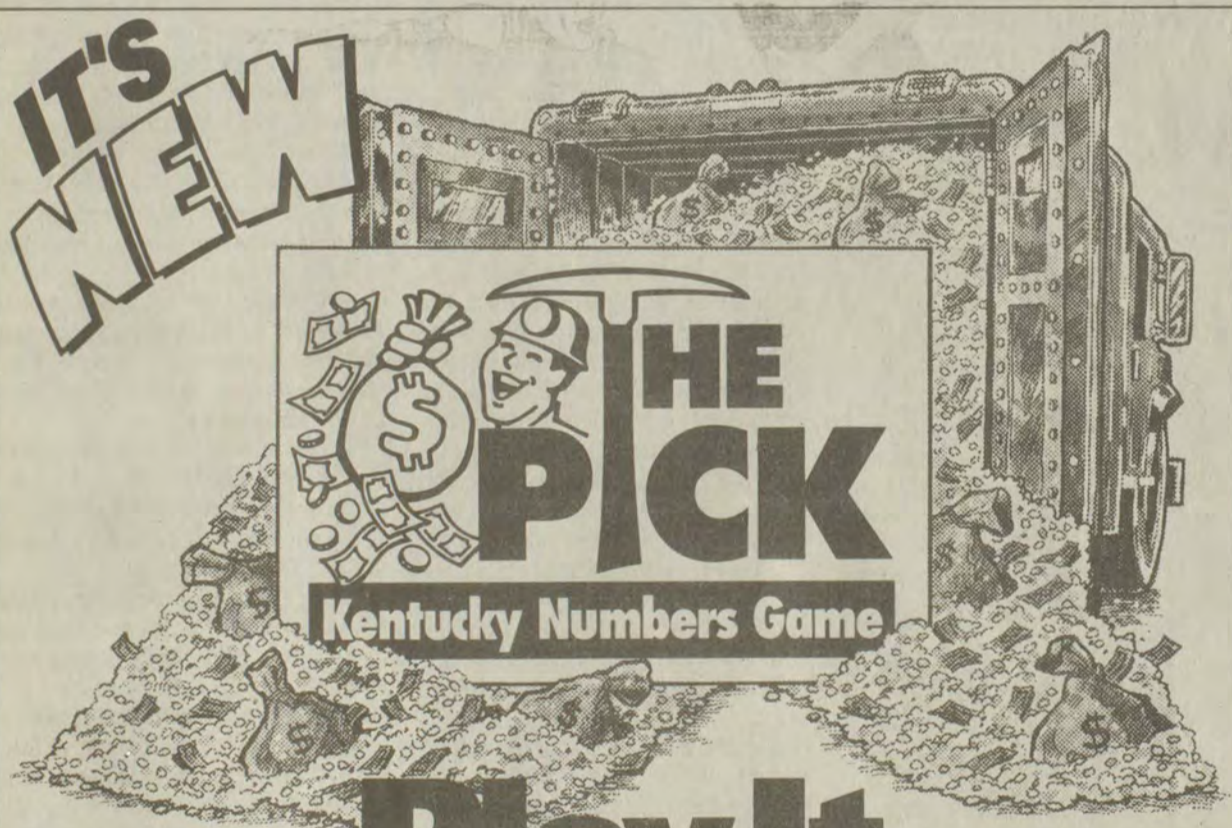
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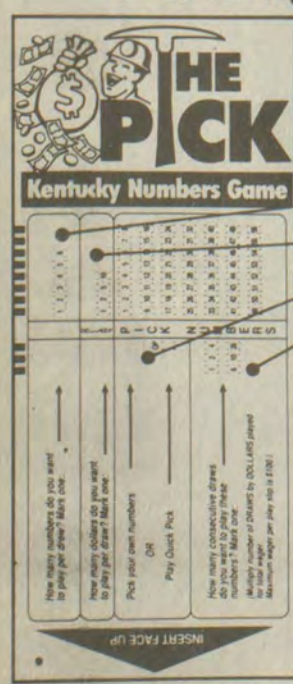
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Blackcats

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a layup by Justin Hall, a basket by Burke and Damron's three-pointer gave Prestonsburg a six point, 48-42 lead.

Conley was fouled behind the three-point circle and the junior sank all three free throw attempts. But Prestonsburg got a baseline jumper from Burke and Tucker's short jumper to send the Blackcats back out to a seven-point lead with just over five minutes to play.

Then Conley did his thing by hitting three consecutive three-pointers, sandwiched between with two Reitz free throws, to tie the game at 54 with 3:44 left in the game.

Elkhorn took the lead, 56-54, on a layup by Salyer at the 3:18 mark. The Cougars extended the lead to four on Hall's layup off a break.

A three-point play by Tucker

brought the Blackcats to within one, 58-57 with 2:17 on the clock. Elkhorn then went up court and threw the ball out-of-bounds giving the ball back to Prestonsburg. Burke then hit a 10-foot jumper and the Blackcats led 59-58 with 1:44 remaining.

Nine seconds later Prestonsburg put Bailiff on the line where he sank two free throws to give his team a 60-59 lead.

Prestonsburg turned the ball over and sent Hall to the line with 1:04 to go in the game. Hall missed both free throw attempts but in a scramble for the loose ball, Tucker fouled Brett Salyer. Salyer missed the front end of the bonus shot, but the Blackcats failed to block, and Conley was there to put the ball back in to give Elkhorn a three-point lead, 62-59.

With 42 seconds remaining,

Tucker missed the front-end of a bonus shot with Elkhorn grabbing the rebound. Prestonsburg sent Brandon Crum to the line where he connected on both charity tosses. Salyer hit two

free throws and Conley scored on a layup as Elkhorn scored the final 10 points of the fourth quarter for a 68-59 victory.

After trailing 16-15 at the end of the first quarter, Prestonsburg scored the first 11 points of the second period to go ahead 26-16 with 4:12 left in the half. Damron's second three-pointer of the quarter gave the Cats their 11-point halftime lead. Damron finished with three treys for the Blackcats.

The loss closed the Blackcats basketball season at 15-12. Elkhorn improved to 23-5 on the year.

Wiley

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game but her value as a point guard lies in her leadership role. Wiley plays the last minutes of a ball game just as hard as she does the opening ones.

She averaged eight rebounds and dished off eight assists per game.

"She is the heart, soul and backbone of this team," said Lady Rebel head coach Bonita Compton. "She is a team leader. She works so hard in a ball game. Jenny can do it all. She plays defense, rebounds and passes the ball very well."

Moore has been the team's leading scorer but dropped off in her scoring the final four weeks of the season. Being hit by the flu and suffering an injury have slowed the hot-shooting Lady Reb.

Always rated as one of the regions most dangerous shooters, Moore can take over a game with her three-point shooting.

A hard-nosed player, Moore has been one of the key players to the Allen Central offense. A strong rebounder for her size, she is also a very strong defensive player.

Martin has been a work horse for the past three years for the Betsy Layne Lady Cats. She is the team's leading scorer (16 ppg) as well as leading the team in rebounds (9 pg).

A strong inside player, Martin likes to get the ball down low and go strong to the basket. Her ability to score close in has

caused many opponents problems in defending her.

Sheldon Clark's Robin Harmon Newsome and Johnson Central's Phillip Wireman were named Coaches of the Year.

Four Floyd County players were named to the all-region teams. Prestonsburg's Aaron Tucker and Allen Central's Jeremy Hall were named to the second team All-Region City. Todd Conley of Elkhorn City led all vote-getters for the number one spot on the first team. Conley also was selected as the Male Player of the Year.

Randy McCoy of Elkhorn City was the boy's Coach of the Year.

Joining Conley of the first team were Sheldon Clark's John Slone and Max Hale. Steve Staton of Belfry and Jeremy Johnson of Shelby Valley round out the top five.

Tucker headed the second team followed by Johnson Central's Shane Moore. J.P. Blair of Pikeville, Hall of Allen Central and Rodney Ward of Magoffin County made up the second team.

J.I. Joplin of Pikeville led the third team, followed by seven who tied for the other four spots.

Also named were: Brian Lyon of Paintsville, Matt Baker of Shelby Valley, Matt Varney of Belfry, Jason Martin of Allen Central; Brad Tiller of Sheldon

Clark, Chris Burke of Prestonsburg and Chad Lyons of Johns Creek.

Tucker, a senior, led the Blackcats all season with his scoring and defensive skills. A solid inside/outside player, Tucker is perhaps the most athletic in the region.

Hall established himself as a outside scoring threat as a freshman in last year's district tournament. As a sophomore, he has burned the nets in this year's district also, and put on a show in this season's regional tournament.

Hall scored 47 points in the opening round against Magoffin County, and tossed in 21 points in his team's loss to Belfry. He attempted 22 free throws, hitting all 22.

Martin was the early scoring leader for the Rebels. His scoring dropped off some during the middle of the year but picked back up toward tournament time.

Martin is a solid team leader and can do it all — rebound, play defense, get the assists and, of course, score.

Prestonsburg's Burke is headed for Pikeville College where he will play next season. Burke played his best basketball during tournament time. The 6-8 center was a force inside for Coach Gordon Parido during the district tournament. He also excelled in the regional tournament, as well.

A Look At Sports

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in the regional finals instead of Seton Hall or Florida State.

Challenging UK in the first three rounds will be Wake Forest, Iowa, Utah and Northeast Louisiana.

Here are my final four.

• East Regional: North Carolina over Cincinnati. North Carolina advances.

• Midwest Regional: Duke over Indiana. Duke advances.

• West Regional: Arizona over Michigan. Arizona advances.

• Southeast Regional: Florida State over Kentucky. Florida State advances.

Florida State will meet Arizona with the Wildcats coming out the winner. North Carolina will handle Duke to advance to the finals.

North Carolina will topple the Arizona Wildcats for the national championship.

Dark horses in the tournament:

• Louisville. The Cards are playing very good basketball right now.

• Wake Forest. Experience in the ACC makes them tough.

• Cincinnati. Good pressure ballclub and last year's Jucos (junior colleges) make them experienced in tournament play.

The real long shots:

- Arkansas
- Ball State
- Northeast Louisiana
- Vanderbilt

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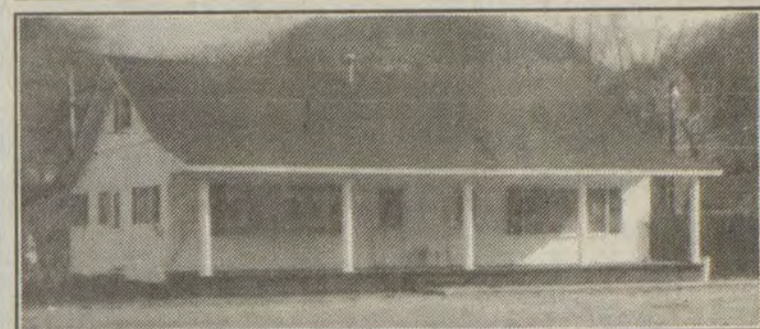
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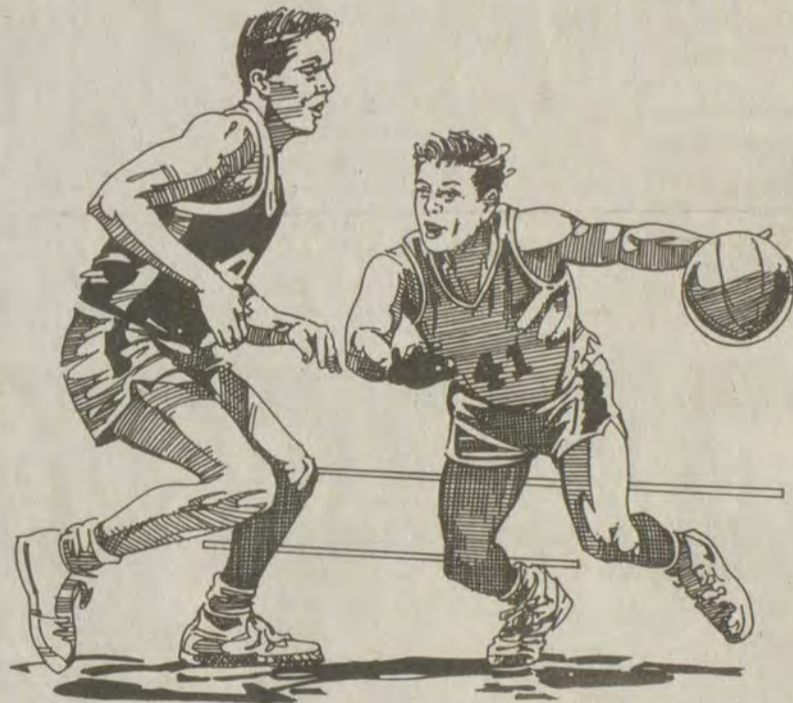
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Rebels fall to Belfry in regional semis

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Belfry Pirates used their big weapon against the Allen Central Rebels in the semifinals of the boys 15th Region basketball tournament at Shelby Valley Friday night.

It wasn't some trick offense. It wasn't anything that hadn't been seen before. The Pirates threw all five defensive players at the Rebels in applying full-court pressure. The result was turnovers, turnovers and more turnovers.

Matt Varney had a field day from the three-point circle in scoring 27 points to lead his team to a 82-75 win over the Rebels. Thus, Allen Central's dreams of a trip to Rupp Arena this week ended.

Varney drilled six treys and was five of six from the free-throw line in scoring 27 points. Steven Staton added 17 for Belfry and Jared Hager finished with 13.

Jeremy Hall led the Rebels with 21 points and was a perfect five-of-five from the charity stripe. Hall was 22 of 22 from the line for the two games he played in the tournament. He hit 17 straight against Magoffin County in the first round.

Carl Watkins added 15 for Allen Central. Jason Martin netted 14 and Ronnie Samons scored 10. All ten of Samons points came in the first quarter.

The Rebels looked to be in charge as they took a 44-36 lead early in the third period. But Belfry sent all five players at the Rebels and applied some sticky full-court pressure defense that took the Rebels completely out of their offense.

The Pirates went on a 16-6 run that netted them a 56-52 lead at the end of the third period. Belfry would allow the ball to come in-bounds, but then would immediately double and sometimes triple team the ball causing the turnover.

The Rebels led 46-40 in the third on a Martin jumper. But Belfry then started their run on a free throw by Varney and ended it on a layup by Varney. That gave Belfry a 56-50 lead.

It was a disorganized Allen Central team that played the third quarter. They looked confused against the Belfry pressure and at times played out of control.

Patton scored on a layup for the Rebels to start the fourth quarter and narrowed the margin to two points, 56-54, but back-to-back treys by Varney gave the Pirates a eight point, 62-54 lead with 6:20 left in the game.

Scott Thomas completed a three-point play with 5:36 left to give Belfry a nine-point advantage 65-56. Hall's layup and two free throws by Bobby Dingus made it a 65-60 contest. But Varney drilled yet another three-pointer to keep the lead at eight.

Watkins hit two charity tosses with 3:47 left to narrow the margin to four, 68-64. A three-point basket by Hall made it a 70-67 game with just over two minutes remaining.

Later Hall was fouled on a three-point shot and hit three straight free throws to keep his team close at 76-73.

Belfry began to play keep away and Allen Central had to put them on the foul line. Varney and Staton both hit two free throws and a costly Allen Central turnover spelled defeat for the Rebels.

Allen Central held a 23-17 first quarter lead on the strength of Samons inside play. Samons scored the final six points of the first quarter to snap a 17-17 tie.

The Rebels took a 1-0 lead on Patton's free throw but Belfry ran off the next eight points for an 8-1 margin. The Rebels then went on a spurt of their own by scoring the next eight points for a 9-8 lead. Watkins hit a baseline jumper against the tight defense of Belfry and Hall followed

with a layup. Samons drilled a baseline jumper and Watkins then hit a short turnaround.

After Hager picked Hall's pocket and scored on a layup, Allen Central went on top 15-10 on Martin's rebound basket with 2:42 left in the first quarter.

Samons layup made it a 17-12 game but a layup by Benji Burgett and a three-point basket by Hager tied the game at 17-17.

The Rebels built a nine-point, 35-26, lead on Martin's three-point basket with 4:01 left in the second period. The Rebels went on to lead 42-36 at the half on Hall's trey and a short jumper by Martin.

Dingus netted eight points for Allen Central and Patton tossed in five. Martin and Hall had two three-pointers apiece.

Belfry hit eight treys in the game. The Pirates shot 23 free throws hitting 18. Allen Central attempted 17 and canned 13.

Allen Central completes their sea-

son with a 15-12 mark. Belfry advanced to the tournament finals with a 24-10 mark.

ALLEN CENTRAL (75)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Watkins	6	0	4-3	15
Martin	4	2	0-0	14
Hager	5	2	5-5	21
Patton	2	0	3-1	5
Dingus	2	0	5-4	8
Samons	5	0	0-0	10

BELFRY (82)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Staton	4	1	8-6	17
Browning	4	0	0-0	8
Thomas	3	0	3-3	9
Hager	4	1	2-2	13
Varney	2	6	6-5	27
Muha	1	0	2-2	4
Burgett	3	0	2-0	6

CENTRAL.....23 19 10 21 - 75
BELFRY.....17 19 20 28 - 82



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All season long the radio crews have been out to cover the basketball games, as well as other cable television stations. But one crew that perhaps has gone unnoticed has been these fine folks from CableVizion who have been to every Prestonsburg game. They also taped, for delay telecast, the district and regional tournament. The local cable station also taped all the girls district tournament for playback. (photo by Ed Taylor)

ALL 15TH REGION SQUADS

The All 15th Region Squads were selected by area sportswriters and sportscasters who turned in ballots with their choices. 1st Team selections were given 3 points, while 2nd Team selections received 2 points, and 3rd Team picks received 1 point.

Girls

First Team	School	Pts.
Samantha Blevins	Johnson Central	12
Jackie Harless	Sheldon Clark	12
Jenny Wiley	Allen Central	11
Cyndi Horn	Sheldon Clark	11
Meridith Mullins (tie)	Paintsville	9
Sandy Ford (tie)	Pikeville	9
Second Team		
Stacie Moore	Allen Central	8
Brandi Baker	Shelby Valley	6
Mandy Horn	Sheldon Clark	6
Amy Castle	Johnson Central	5
Amy Reed	Prestonsburg	5
Third Team		
Tonya Lewis	Johnson Central	4
Jennifer Davis	Paintsville	4
Dee Dee Martin	Betsy Layne	3
Angie Coleman	Millard	3
Jamie Runyon	Belfry	2

Boys

First Team	School	Pts.
Todd Conley	Elkhorn City	21
John Slone	Sheldon Clark	20
Stevie Staton	Belfry	15
Jeremy Johnson	Shelby Valley	15
Max Hale	Sheldon Clark	15
Second Team		
Aaron Tucker	Prestonsburg	14
Shane Moore	Johnson Central	12
J.P. Blair	Pikeville	11
Jeremy Hall	Allen Central	11
Rodney Ward	Magoffin Co.	10
Third Team		
J.I. Joplin	Pikeville	6
Brian Lyon (tie)	Paintsville	5
Matt Baker (tie)	Shelby Valley	5
Matt Varney (tie)	Belfry	5
Jason Martin (tie)	Allen Central	5
Brad Tiller (tie)	Sheldon Clark	5
Chris Burke (tie)	Prestonsburg	5
Chad Lyons (tie)	Johns Creek	5

Player of the Year: Jenny Wiley - Allen Cent.
Coach of the Year: Phillip Wireman - JCHS
Robin Harmon-Newsome - Sheldon Clark (tie)
Figures compiled by Brad Frisby and Noel Crum.

Player of the Year: Todd Conley - Elkhorn City
Coach of the Year: Randy McCoy - Elkhorn City

Floyd County Babe Ruth sign-ups Saturday

The Floyd County Babe Ruth League will conduct signups for the upcoming baseball season this Saturday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Convention Center at Stumbo Park.

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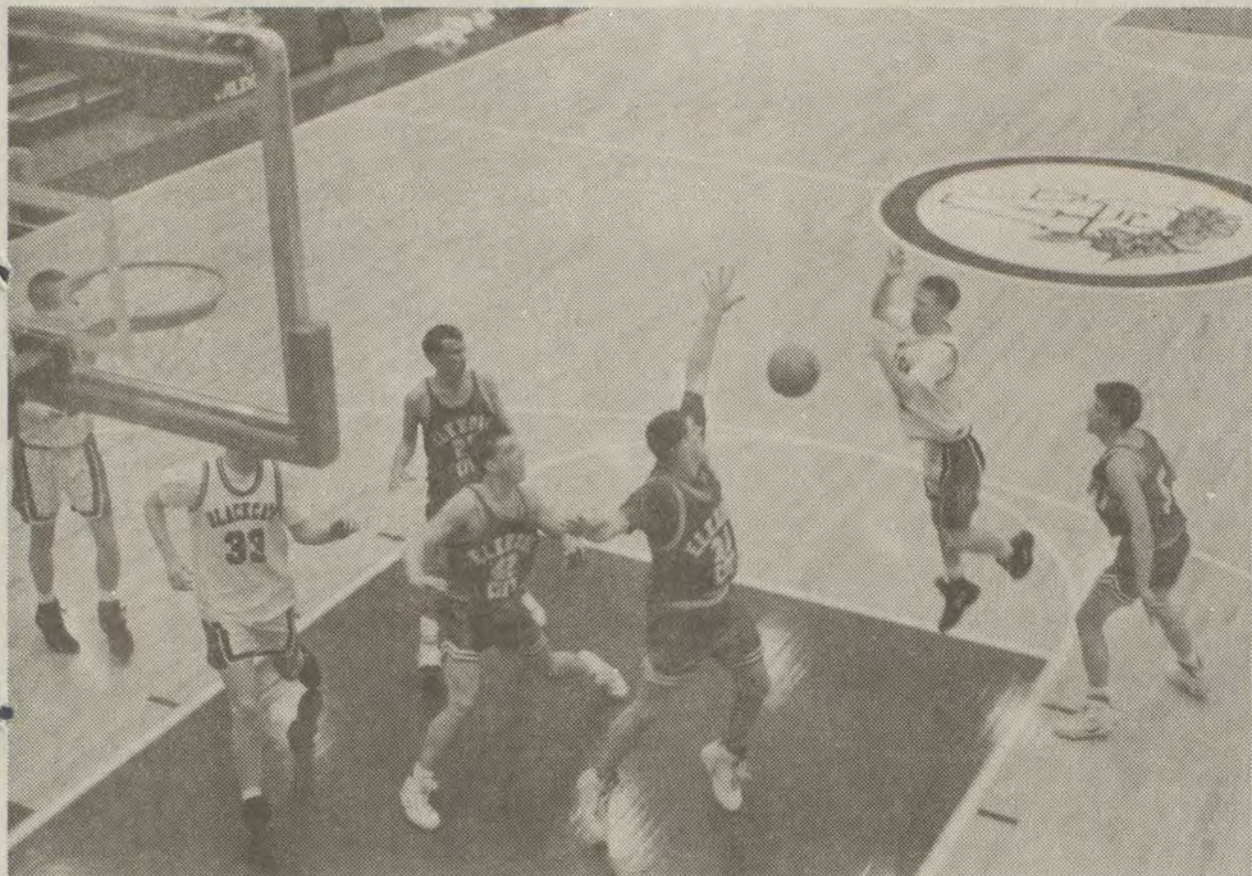
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These are noisemakers!

Not the women. But the little pieces of wood on their hands. A new craze seems to have swept the Prestonsburg cheering section as these frantic fans get behind the Prestonsburg Blackcats during regional basketball play at Sheby Valley Friday night. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Bird's-eye view!

Prestonsburg's Cory Reitz goes up for a shot over the arm of Elkhorn City's Todd Conley. The two teams met in the semifinals of the boys 15th Region basketball tournament last weekend. (photo by Ed Taylor)

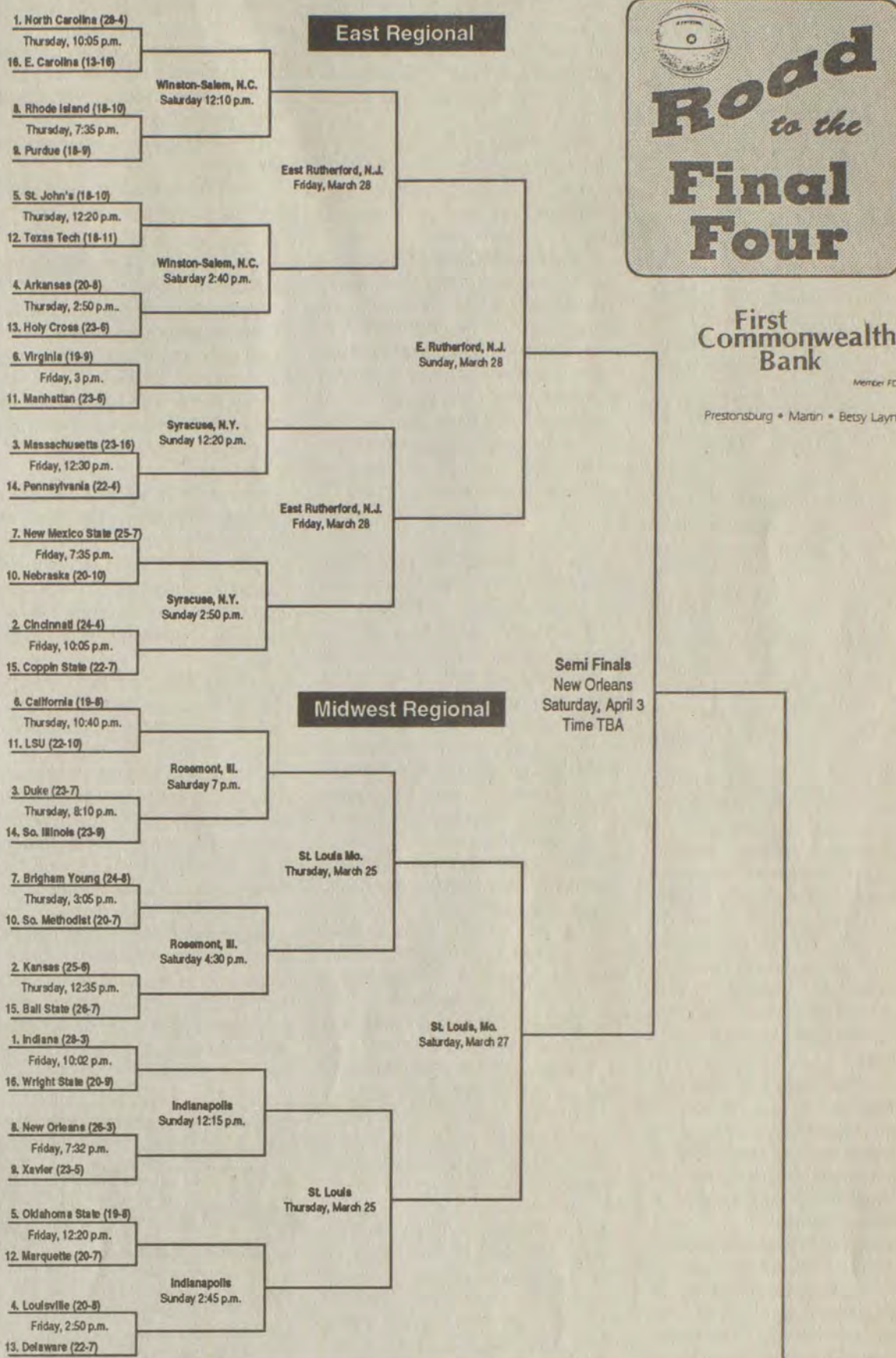
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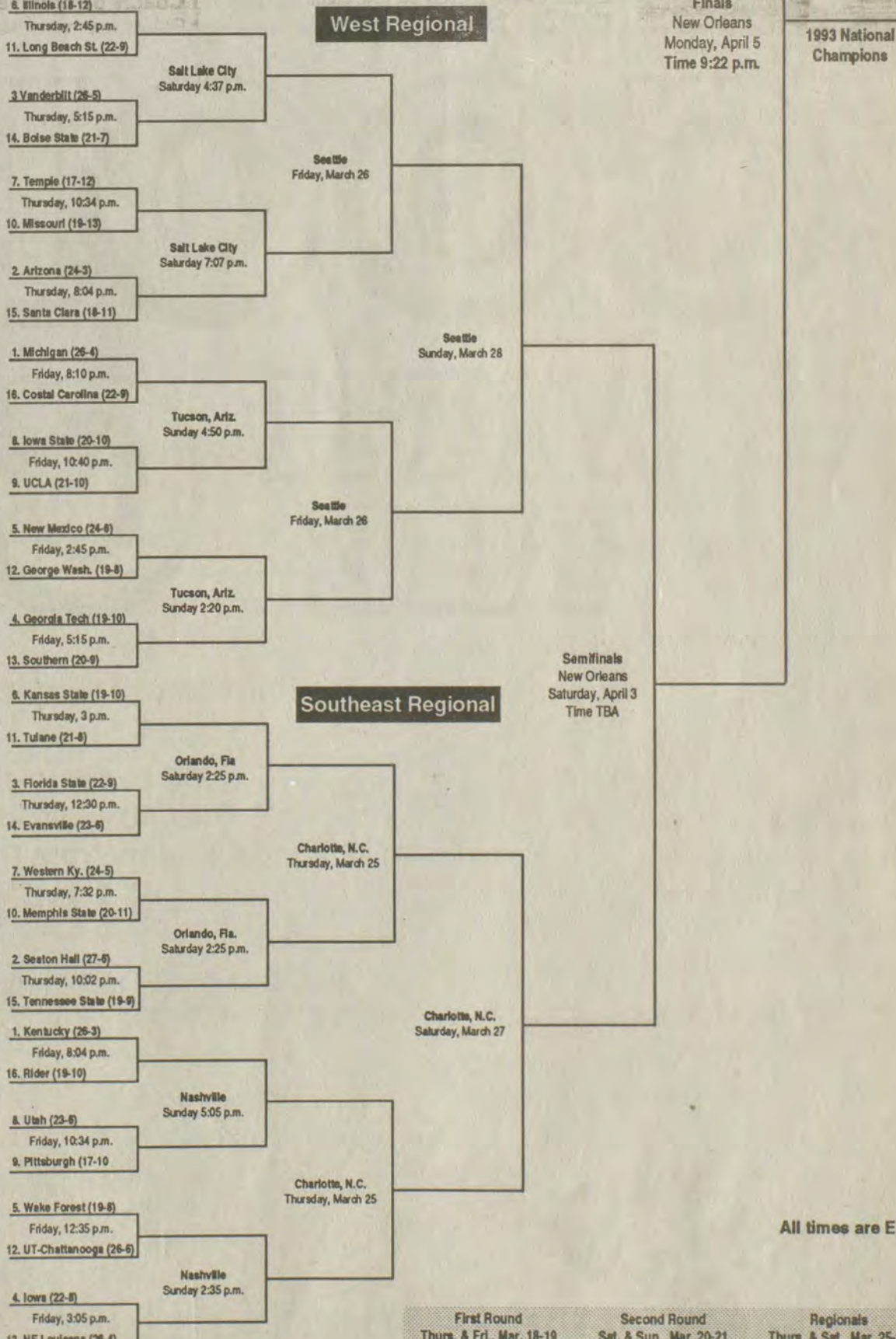
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Bassin' with the Pros

PRACTICE DAYS ARE IMPORTANT TO THE BASS PROS

The most important days of a professional bass fishing tournament may not come during the event itself.

Instead, they may come during practice immediately preceding the tournament when the pros are looking for the fish they hope to catch later.

"Practice will make you or break you," admits top money winner Larry Nixon of the Evinrude Outboards Pro Staff. "You have to practice with an open mind and let the bass tell you how to fish."

"If you try to force your techniques on the bass, you may come up empty-handed."

Nixon normally spends the first day of a three-day tournament practice going far up the lake, or into a tributary river. This is where he feels he will most likely find shallow water bass that will hit a spinnerbait or plastic worm.

"Naturally, you'd like to catch bass using your favorite techniques, so you try to find those fish first," he explains, "but if you can't find them, at least you can eliminate that pattern on the first day."

Nixon's second practice day depends entirely on what he finds on the first day. If his initial outing is very productive, he may return to the same spot and try to expand the pattern, but if he doesn't catch fish, he often tries a totally different area of the lake.

"Then, on the third day I look for a pattern or an area close to the weigh-in site," says the Evinrude pro. "It's nice to have bass nearby so you don't have to run far if the weather turns bad."

"One of the reasons the bass pros usually run long distances to find fish is because they're looking for bass other anglers haven't caught. Sometimes they actually overlook bass near the weigh-in that can be caught again without much trouble."

In his practice Nixon has to determine whether he's looking for a specific pattern or if he's really just looking for a place where bass may be concentrated. Normally, the season of the year or the type of lake determines this.

"In the winter, we're normally

looking for schools of bass in specific areas," he says. "If I had to go out right now and find bass for a tournament, I'd find a steep channel in a major tributary and follow it out to the main lake."

"The chances are, somewhere along the edge of that channel I'd find bass in a school, and hopefully, there would be enough of them to win."

"These are the kinds of places you look for and hope to find in practice. You don't want to spend all your tournament time looking for fish."

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BULKY PORK TRAILERS USUALLY CATCH LARGER BASS IN WINTER

When the water gets cold in winter, many think the best bass lures to use are small, light jigs or worms that bass can be finessed into biting.

Not so, says Texas guide and tournament angler Randy Dearman, whose lure choice for winter bass is a big jig with a bulky pork frog trailer.

"What we want to do in the winter," explains the Johnson Outboards Pro Staff angler, "is use a lure that falls slowly and stays in front of the fish as long as possible."

"Jigs are well known as cold weather bass lures, and adding a bulky pork frog gives them extra buoyancy so the lures don't fall as quickly. The bass gets to look at them longer and, hopefully, is tempted to strike."

Another trick Dearman and other pros use to slow the fall of their jigs even more is to fish them on heavy lines, usually 20-pound test or even higher. The heavier the line, the more water resistance it has so the slower the lure falls.

"You can see the difference quite easily if you toss a jig with a big pork chunk into a swimming pool and watch it fall," he explains. "It just sort of floats down with the pork chunk waving as it falls."

"After you do that, toss in a jig with a much smaller trailer and on lighter line. It actually sinks faster

and doesn't have nearly as much action."

Another reason for using a big pork frog on a jig for winter fishing, says the Johnson pro, is because many bass, particularly larger ones, just seem to want larger offerings this time of year.

"As long as it's big and it moves slowly," smiles Dearman, "you're likely to get the attention of a nice bass, no matter how sluggish it may be in the cold water."

Dearman's favorite places to fish his jig and pork frog include around brush piles and fallen timber, along the edges of channel breaks, and through fields of underwater stumps. If he can't fish vertically by flipping directly into cover, he'll try pitching or casting.

"Normally in winter you want to move the lure slowly," he says, "but the real key is keeping it close to the cover or structure you're fishing. Hop it up to the cover and then stop it, or drop it right into the cover and then slowly jig it up and down again and again."

"With the big pork frog on the jig, you're presenting quite a meal to a bass, and eventually they'll bite it if they're around."

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COURTSIDE COMMENTS



by Ed Taylor

Harless wants to recall resignation..

One of the 15th Region's top coaches over the past four years has been Sheldon Clark's Roger Harless. Harless had been under fire for the past two seasons and earlier this year resigned as head basketball coach of the Martin County school effective at the end of the school year.

Harless had a very strong team returning this year. The Cardinals were tabbed the number ten team in the state in preseason polls and carried the favorites role to win the 15th Region basketball tournament this season.

But the Cardinals failed to get past Elkhorn City in the first round of the region at Shelby Valley last week.

Now, Harless wants to withdraw his resignation and come back for another year at Sheldon Clark. The board says no, but if Harless is still interested in the job he should reapply for the position.

Harless says he wants to return so that he can try and win it all next year.

With most of this potent Cardinal team leaving via graduation, the jun-

ior varsity completed a 20-0 season this year with some very promising players in the wings. Returning for the Cardinals will be Brad Tiller, Rusty Whitt and Jason Pinson.

Harless says that he will take the matter to court if he has to in order to have his resignation withdrawn.

Several names have been linked to the job for next year including Elkhorn City's Randy McCoy. Others mentioned were Jim Rose, Knott County Central and Ervin Stepp, Letcher County.

The Martin County school system is fortunate to have Coach Harless as part of its administration and should give him the go-ahead for next year without wasting time interviewing for the job. Who can deny the excellent job he has done at the school? The Cardinals have always been one of the top regional teams and that is all that really matters.

Harless has been criticized for his high moral stand and I say that we need more coaches who will be the right kind of example to our youth today. Martin County should keep Harless.

Tournament notes...

Congratulations to Allen Central's Jenny Wiley for being named Female Player of the Year in the 15th Region. This is quite an honor for this young lady who has done it all on the basketball court all season, helping to guide the Lady Rebels to their fourth consecutive district title. Jenny, you're great and keep up the hard work. Good things come to those who work hard.

I understand that Berea College has offered the Allen Central point guard a scholarship.

Something about the name Jeremy...

Allen Central's sophomore point guard Jeremy Hall certainly had a great tournament. He dazzled the fans with eight three-pointers in scoring 47 points. If he hadn't fouled out with over four minutes remaining, it is no telling how many points he might have ended up with.

The same night of the tournament, another Jeremy, Shelby Valley's Jeremy Johnson, tossed in 41 points.

Todd Conley came back the next evening and burned the nets for 42 against Prestonsburg.

Play ball!

Well, with the end of the basketball season, we will change our column "Courtside Comments" to "Dug-out Dope" in the next issue. We hope to see many fans out around the old baseball diamond starting the first week of April.

We will be busy getting all the data together and bring you a report on each county team, as well as rosters and schedules.

Some of you coaches have not turned in your schedules. Now, if no one knows when you play, no one can cover your games. Right?

Oh yes, we also will be busy covering all the county AAU teams in basketball through the next two months, as well as track and field.

So, just because basketball season is over don't think there is any rest on the horizon for me. Only when we get two feet of snow!

See you around the basketball court and baseball diamond.



A driving Reitz!

Cory Reitz of Prestonsburg goes around Elkhorn City's Brandon Crum in first quarter play at the Shelby Valley Sports Center. Prestonsburg and Elkhorn met in the second round of the boys 15th Regional Basketball Tournament last Friday night with Elkhorn escaping with a 68-59 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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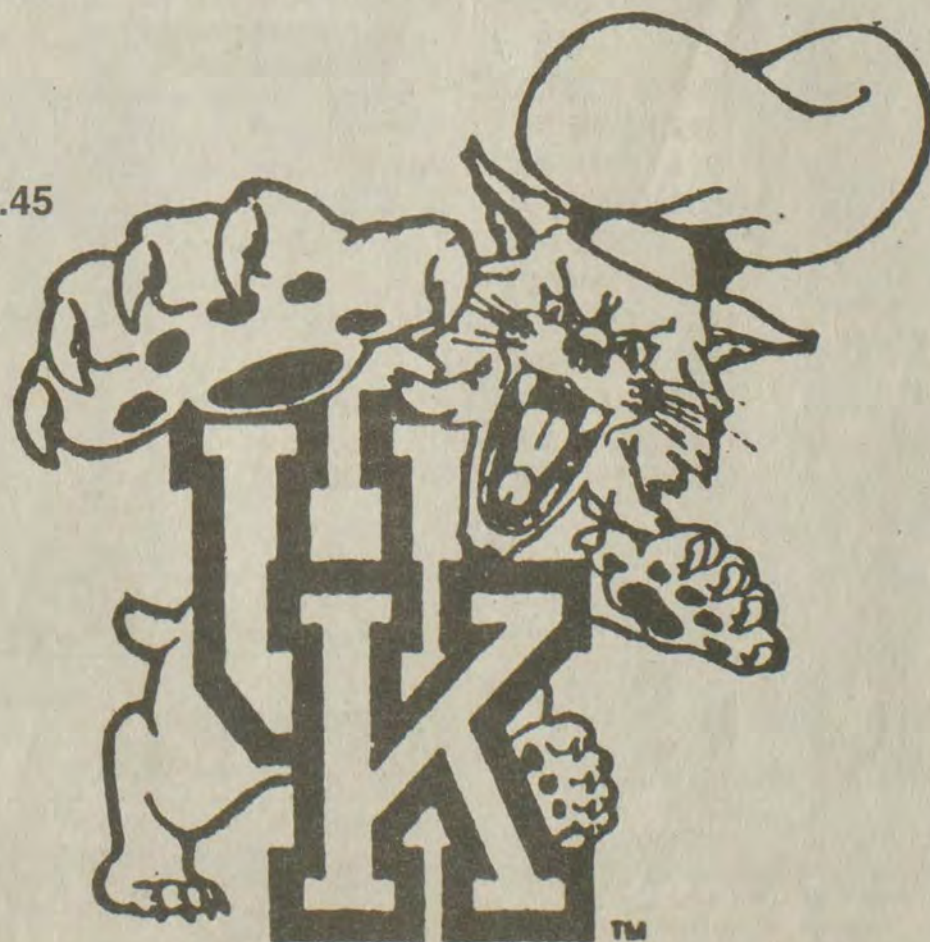
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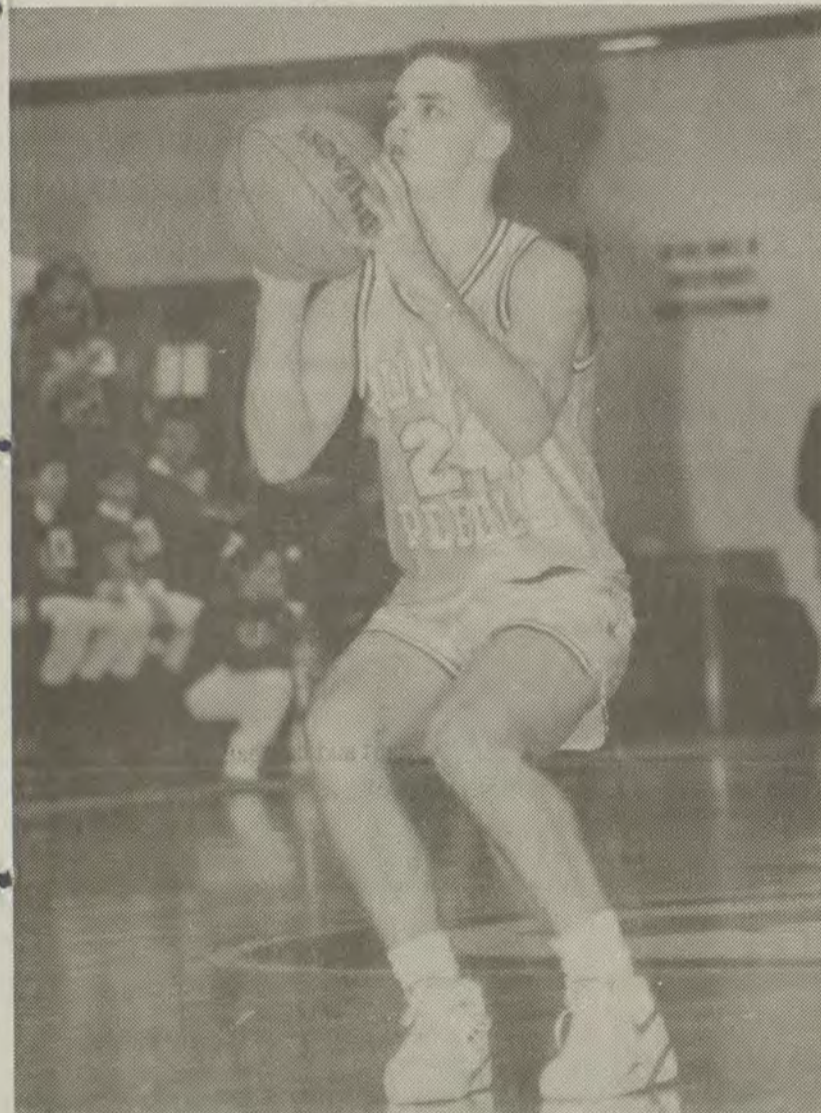
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Straight up!

Allen Central's Phillip Patton (55) goes straight up for a basket over a Magoffin County defender during the opening round of the boys 15th Region Basketball Tournament. Patton had 10 points in his team's victory over the Hornets. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Very impressive!

Allen Central's Jeremy Hall put on an offensive show during the boys' 15th Region Basketball Tournament last week. The hot-shooting guard poured in 47 points in the Rebel win over the Hornets of Magoffin County. He was 17 for 17 from the charity stripe. The oddity of it all, Hall hadn't practiced for four days because of the flu. (photo by Ed Taylor)



A happy coach!

Allen Central head basketball coach Johnny Martin was telling the Allen Central fans that they were number one with him after the Rebels defeated Magoffin County in the 15th Region Basketball Tournament at Shelby Valley last week. Helping Coach Martin celebrate was his father, Roy Martin. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Hoopster to take million dollar shot

On March 20, one person will take a mid-court shot for one million dollars during halftime of the championship game of the 1993 Kentucky State High School Boys' Basketball Tournament at Rupp Arena in Lexington.

The lucky individual will be the remaining contestant in the first annual One Million Dollar Kentucky Shootout, a statewide fund-raising program benefiting Kentucky High Schools, The National Kidney Foundation of Kentucky, and the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

Over 20,000 Kentuckians participated in the event at 100 participating high schools and other venues between July, 1992 and March, 1993 to qualify for a chance to take the shot worth one million dollars. Participants who hit two out of three free-throws, after making a \$1.00 donation, were entered into a random drawing.

Eighteen finalists were then selected to participate in the final shootout to be held during the 4-day Sweet 16 tournament in Lexington, March 17-20. Each of the eighteen finalists will be given one shot from

just behind the 3-point line. The finalist who make the shot will advance to another round of 3-point shots, and so on, until only one finalist remains. The last remaining contestant will take THE SHOT from just behind the mid-court line, at either sideline. If the shot goes in, he or she will win ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$50,000 a year for 20 years).

"The thrill associated with a person taking a mid-court shot for the

one million dollar prize will be an exciting addition to the Sweet 16," said Mark Haertzen, director of the event. "Due to the popularity of basketball in the state and the interest in education and health care, the Shootout has the potential to become one of the largest fund-raisers for charity in Kentucky," he continued. The One Million Dollar Kentucky Shootout is sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kentucky and the Kentucky Bankers Association.

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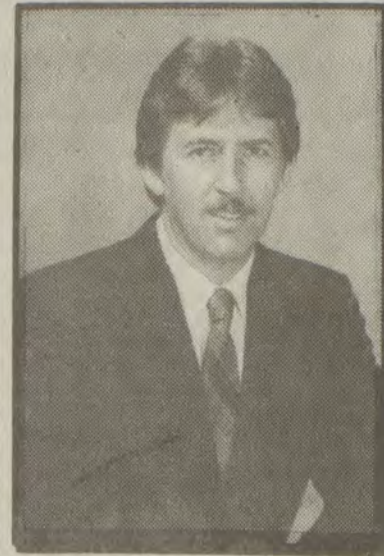
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by Polly Ward
Times Feature Writer

When Joe Bolton goes on vacation, he goes to work, not to rest.

And the place he has chosen to visit the last three winters has been Belize, formerly the British Honduras, a subtropical country located along the Caribbean coast of Central America.

It is an exotic land of palms trees and jaguars, coral reefs and the ancient Mayan ruins. And although these attractions are enticing to any traveler, especially to a person like Bolton, 46, who has traveled to many parts of the world, this is not what drew him to Belize.

Rather, it was the desire to help build a school for native children on the rural outskirts of Belize City.

"I like the idea of children getting an education," he says. "I don't care about red, white, pink, or black — the color of skin. The only

senting the Kentucky Conference for United Methodist Churches, have been working together with Belizians to build the school. The new school, a 160' by 60' block and concrete structure, replaces a dilapidated, one-story wooden

he smiles. "I learned how to pour a floor."

Also, how to build a hurricane-proof building reinforced with steel. "They have hurricanes. In the 1960's, hurricanes did bad damage," he notes.

A VIM medical team, with

unusual and rewarding experience I ever had," Jervis said during a telephone interview. "I had never been on missionary work before or out of

the walls up and the roof on a 24' by 24' library building located next to the school.

"The school

the chance. And what he has expended in terms of time and money, he has richly reaped in rewards.

"I got to visit another country and culture. I got to fish. I made lots of friends. The last two years

I've gotten 35 to 40 letters and a whole box of drawings children have sent. I gave out business cards to children and their teachers. We correspond."

He also keeps in touch with the teams. "We have

Kim's Korner

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU PRAY FOR

When news began about this latest snow heading our way, I was thrilled. After all, our youngest daughter has never seen any accumulation, or ever built a snowman.



by Kim Frasure

So, I was looking forward to making snow angels, snowmen, and snow cream. When the flakes fell, our noses were glued to the living room window, and noises of oh, ah, oow, could be heard throughout the house.

Our eyes grew tired, and the anticipation of 6-8 inches was high, but we all finally fell asleep.

To our surprise, that 6-8 inches we prayed we would get turned into more like 26 inches.

Woo, oh my goodness, we would say as the snow kept falling and falling and falling. Tiffany was jumping and running through the house gathering every article of clothing she could possibly grab. I was in a state of shock, the Pepsi supply was low, much lower than I had dreamed.

My car, the spouse's car, and everyone else's cars on the street were snowed over, under, and every which way.

My caffeine supply would soon be gone and oh how I dreaded the withdrawal. Not as much as the spouse, I was sure, but we were in for a while now.

Tiffany's persuasion for us to get out and play in the snow was getting worse and worse. Finally we dressed like mummies and waded thigh-high deep snow.

There was something about the ground covered in this blanket that made it sparkle like diamonds in the ground, but then there was something else when the cars are covered and the roads have four inches of solid ice on them.

ENOUGH-O.K.!

So you see, be careful what you pray for—you may just get it—and lots of it too!

WHEELWRIGHT

HIGH SCHOOL UNITES
For anyone and everyone whoever went to Wheelwright High School, there will be a reunion Labor Day Weekend at the school. For more information you may contact Doris Osborne in care of the school or myself, care of this newspaper. See ya.

"The children will remember!"

schoolhouse located on the same property. When the fall term begins, the new facility will house fifth through eighth grades and about 400 students. In September the old school will be torn down and replaced with a playground.

Bolton says that the Belize

included a doctor, dentist, and two nurses, also held a medical clinic for Belizians. Other VIM team members included a lawyer and a microbiologist.

the country before. Everyone on the team was just really wonderful. It was a wonderful experience, especially when you consider the need."

The



Children of Belize attended this dilapidated wooden schoolhouse.

"for some R and R and to see the

a reunion and share our photographs. I also take my VCR. I have a collection of the mission trips from start to finish."

During the last trip he says that "the home ec teacher gave me a cookbook. I'm in the process of having it printed to send back so they can sell it to purchase classroom equipment."

His goodwill does not end with Belize. He donates money to Floyd County senior citizen centers, a child abuse prevention program in Wayland, and he donates to and coaches Junior Pro

completed



This fall children in Belize now will attend a new school facility which will house about 400 students.

way the world is going to advance and be peaceful is for children to get an education. The children will remember who helped them get an education..."

He adds, "The majority of people in the world want peace, not only in the Lord, but in each country. People should want to love and care for each other."

To further his vision of peace, the past three years he has paid his way to Belize to work on a mission project. Bolton has taken off from his work as election consultant and owner of Kentuckiana Election Services, a business he owns in Floyd County, to work as a volunteer with Volunteers in Missions (VIM).

He, along with other VIMs from Central and Eastern Kentucky repre-

population is "a melting pot of British, Asian, and Mexican descent." The primary language is English. The country has no public schools. Instead, different religious denominations serve as sponsor-educators, building schools and furnishing books and other materials. The government does, however, pay the teachers' salaries. The school Bolton is involved with is Methodist-based.

The three-year project has involved several VIM teams who stay in the field at staggered two-week intervals. In 1991, Bolton was a member of team 1, which constructed the foundation and floor of the building during their two-week stay. Although construction work is not his forte, he was a willing apprentice. "I did whatever came along,"

"Members of the teams are from all walks of life," Bolton says.

During his first mission trip he was also delighted to discover "how polite the children and teachers were."

"They are glad to see you and to know someone else cares about them and their education."

In January 1992, he was a member of team 2, which put the roof on the building and finished the bathrooms. Also on the team was Norcie Jervis, a nurse at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

"She worked right with the team, putting rafters on the roof. Whatever job we had for her to do, she did it," Bolton says.

"It was the most

experience was so rewarding that she wants to go on another mission trip. "This time I want to go as a member of a medical team."

During Bolton's third mission trip, which took place from January 10-22 this year, his team worked on an unfinished section of the building. In addition, the team put



Joe Bolton and others worked in sweltering heat to build a new school.

League basketball.

"When it comes to children and the elderly, I give my time and money whenever I can," he says with a smile.



FORGOTTEN OFFER

Stella Stumbo and Elizabeth Tackett are two delightful ladies who are sisters. Stella lives at Harold and Elizabeth at Ivel. When some friends of Jennifer Coleman honored her with a stork shower a few days ago at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizen's Center, the two sisters decided to attend. Stella drove her car while Elizabeth was driven by her husband, Mack Tackett. Mack returned at the appointed time to get his wife,

but Jennifer was still opening gifts and everyone was having such a pleasant time that Elizabeth wasn't quite ready to leave.

"Tell him to go on," Stella said, "and I'll take you home."

When the party was finally over, the ladies got their coats and prepared to leave. Stella went on ahead to get the car. By the time she backed up

and turned she had forgotten all about her sister and headed toward home in Harold, all by herself. Elizabeth was left

standing with her purse on her arm...and one more experience to laugh about.

All dressed up

Speaking of the tendency to forget, it can happen to anyone at one time or another.

Mae and Mack Fleming are two fine people who live in

Pikeville. They are pretty much homebodies but there are always those little errands you have to run in town now and then.

They had occasion one morning to go down to their bank for some transaction. Mae got ready first and, while waiting for Mack, she slipped on an apron to wash a few dishes.

Soon he was ready too, and they were on their way. As they walked into the bank, Mae noticed that several people were turning to look at her.

Her curiosity was aroused and she looked down to see if her shoes might be mismatched.

Her shoes were fine—but there she was in the lobby of

Pikeville National with her apron on.

Recognition

Maxine Williams Sword is an old classmate from high school. We rode the same school bus, attended the same classes and became real friends.

When she married Charles Sword, they settled down in Pikeville and have a family they're very proud of. We're not so far apart but we seem to run in different circles and don't see each other very often.

I stopped by an area drug store one evening and noticed that Maxine and Charles were browsing through the greeting

card section. At least Maxine was looking; Charles was mostly being patient and long-suffering.

After finding the item I stopped in for I went over the speak to my friends. Maxine looked up and said, "Oh, it's you. I didn't know who came in."

"How did you know anyone came in?" I asked.

"Because," she answered, "Charles said, 'Here comes What's-Her-Name and you'll be glad to see her.'"

At least he knew Maxine and I are always glad to see each other and that's enough to make my day.

Small World

Aileen Hall



Society Events

Adah chapter is inspected

Adah Chapter No. 24, Order of Eastern Star, held their stated meeting and was called to order by Shelby Willis, worthy matron. On this night, Adah Chapter was inspected by our worthy grand matron Dallas Bradley. Those present were Shelby Willis, W.M.; Don Willis, W.P.; Nell Hebner, A.M.; Ron Hebner, D.G.P.; Tony Saad, P.; Patsy Evans, Sec.; Rebecca Rasmick, treas.; Janie Hicks, con.; Billie Gail Murdock, A.; Bill Conn, Chaplin; Jewell Bays, Marshall; Mollie Hyden, Adah; Violetta Wright, Ruth; Pauline Owens, Easter; Mable Jean Lemaster, Elicita; Lorena Wallen, Warden; and John Evans; Lillie Mae Price; Trudy Hall; Nancy Pospas, G.C.C.M., Freeburn; Julia Fannin, Polly Sparks, and Hollie Blanton.

Others were Vera Potter, Pine Mt.; Archer Potter, W.P., Jenkins; Brenda Barkley, D.G.M., Pine Mt.; Fred Barkley, D.D.G.M., Pine Mt.; Julia Curtis; Myrtle Allen; Lillian Brown, W.M.; Ruby Veris and Alberta King, both of Stone.

Also attending were John K. Blackburn; Pam Blackburn; Barbara Gullett, P.G.M.; Ron Gullett, Grand Chaplain; Dallas Bradley, Worthy Grand Matron; Mell Dukes, Ann Paynes Dukes, Kaye Stone, Kristy Koons, Aleane Arnette, Rogetta

Estep, Eula Robinson, Paul Robinson, Burieta Gearhart, Lois Ann May, Ruby Rasmicks, James Rasmicks, Sue DeRossett, W.M., Wheelwright; Clyde DeRossett, W.P.; Maggie Banks and Tim Banks, Sen. P.T.

GFWC/KFWC Drift Woman's Club

The GFWC/KFWC Drift Women's Club met at the Floyd County Technical High School, February 15, with the president, Doris Lawson, presiding.

The devotion was given by Celia Little, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag by all. The secretary, Celia Little, read the minutes of the previous meeting and Jerri Turner passed out a copy of the treasurer's report.

The president distributed letters from Cheryl Hall's fourth grade class—"Kid in Natures Defense" project encouraging children to read. Jerri Turner, Karen Slone and Cheryl Hall's classes have been adopted by the GFWC/KFWC Drift Woman's Club and members plan to read to their classes.

Ruby Akers, vice president, reported on the plans to clean up the highway adopted by the GFWC/KFWC Drift Woman's Club.

The president, Doris Lawson, presented certificates to club members receiving blue ribbons at the Fall

District Conference in Pikeville—Celia Little, for basket, embroidery and patchwork quilt; Irene Reitz Crewe, pillow; and Rhonnie Clark, quilted wall hanger.

Christ United Methodist Women hold monthly meeting

Christ United Methodist Women held their monthly meeting in the Fellowship Hall of the church at Allen on March 9. The president, Cheryl Hughes, presided and opened the meeting with a scripture and a prayer. The minutes were read by the secretary, Linda Rice, and approved. Debbie Adkins gave the treasurer report. The offering was then taken up.

The group will visit the Golden Years Rest Home at Lackey on Saturday, April 24 and take them an Easter basket.

After the business meeting was adjourned, Jeri Mullins and Linda Rice gave the program. They also served as hostesses and served refreshments to members, Kay Lemaster, Debbie Adkins, Cathy Campbell, Bertha Ratliff, Myrtle Ratliff, Sidney Ratliff, Delores Bradley, Cheryl Hughes, and Dot Tiner.

Christ United Methodist Women hosts "tea"

Christ United Methodist Women hosted a "Tea" on February 23 in the Fellowship Hall of the church. President Cheryl Hughes, presided and read an opening scripture. A total of 32 ladies were present to enjoy the lovely decorations and the delicious refreshments.

The program was presented by the Arts and Crafts committee, Celia Little and Irene Reitz.

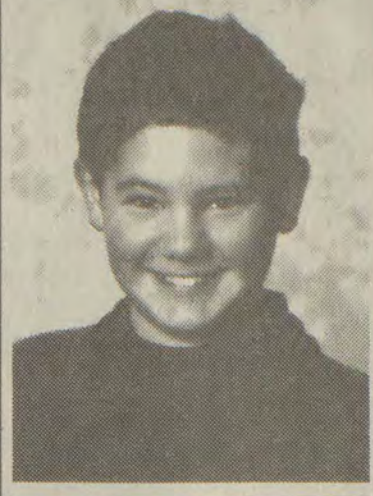
Robin Hall, student in Health Careers Class of Annette Spurgin gave a talk on Heart-Health Month and took blood pressures.

Plans were made for the GFWC/

KFWC Drift Woman's Club 25th Annual Horse Show. The show has been upgraded to class AA.

Refreshments were served by the hostess, Kathryn Youmans to Doris Lawson, Celia Little, Violet (Chick) Hall, Mildred Salisbury, Irene Reitz, Jerri Turner, Ruby Akers, Cheryl Hall, Geraldine Ward and guests, Doris Newman, Violet Shelton, Christine Stewart and Bobby Lawson.

The next meeting will be March 15 with International Affairs Committee in charge of the program, and Celia Little, hostess. Each member is to invite a prospective member.



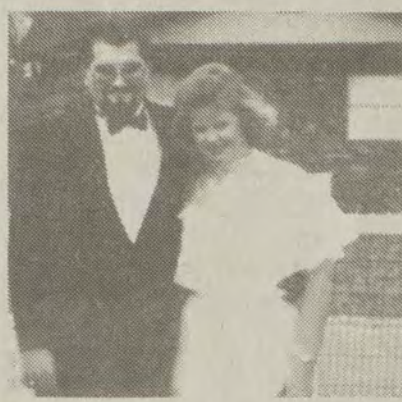
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Happy Birthday
With Love

50th anniversary

Ruby and Earl Hughes of Weeksbury and Stuart, Florida, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 19. They will celebrate with relatives and friends in Kentucky this summer in July.

The couple were married in Prestonsburg, by Rosco Fannin in 1943.

They have four children: Roger Hughes of Ocala, Florida, Ronnie Hughes of Racoon, Deana Hughes of Jensen Beach, Florida and Tonda Hughes of Oak Park, Illinois; five grandchildren: Penny Green of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Dale Hughes of Ocala, Florida, Timothy and David Hughes of Louisville, and Jeffrey Hughes of Racoon; five great-grandchildren: Brynn Wilmouth, Patrick Green, Jeremy Hughes, Catlin See, and Mike Miley.



Rebecca Ann Birchfield
Russell D. Howell

Engagement announced

Eugene and Janey Birchfield, of Gallipolis, Ohio, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Ann, to Russell D. Howell Jr., son of Shelia and Russell Howell Sr. of Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

Miss Birchfield is a 1986 graduate of Meigs High School and a 1991 graduate of Rio Grande with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and a minor in business management.

Mr. Howell is a 1987 graduate of Point Pleasant High School and a 1990 graduate of the University of Rio Grande with a degree in Associate of Applied Science in Electronics Technology. He will also graduate from the University of Rio Grande in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology.

The couple have been engaged since December and are planning a wedding in the spring of this year.

The grandparents are Georgia and Earl Campbell of Watergap and Marie Howell of Abbott Creek and the late Russell Howell.



Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes

Births

HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

February 20: A son, Justin Tyler, to Kathy and William Preston of Tomahawk.

February 24: A son, Ryan Lee, to Mary and Jimmy Adams of Salyersville; a son, Charles Joseph, to Kimberly and Charles Wells of Van Lear.

February 26: A son, Michael David, to Diana Marsillett of Prestonsburg; a daughter, MaCaylea Lynn, to Tina and Jeffery Tackett of Williamsport.

February 27: A daughter, Miranda Faye, to Debbie and Earl Mollett of Staffordsville.

PIKEVILLE METHODIST HOSPITAL

February 24: A son, Jonathon Hassel, to Victoria Lynn and James Orville Bryant of Hellier.

February 25: A son, William Corey, to Melissa Lynn and Billy Charles Jones of Pikeville; a daughter, Miana Content, to Linda Rae and Allen Guy Breed of Pikeville; a son, Colby Francis Eugene, to Minnie Magdaline and Danny Ray Rogers of Harold.

February 26: A daughter, Destiny, to Ruby Mae and James M. Castle of Elkhorn City; a son, Christopher Scott, to Nicole and Michael Scott Dotson of Mouthcard; a daughter, Hannah Leigh, to Kimberly and John William Lockhart of Pikeville.

February 27: A son, Nathan Lee, to Rebecca Jane and David Lee Miller of Pikeville.

February 28: A son, Tyler Wade, to Nancy Elizabeth and Wade Adkins of Shelbiana; a daughter, Ashley Faith Hunt, to Mary Ann Young of Kimper.

March 1: A son, Donald Wayne Roberts, Jr., to Carolyn Sue and Donald Wayne Roberts of Betsy Layne; a daughter, Lyndsey Nicole, to Almata Lynn and Richard Childers of Meta.

March 3: A daughter, Anne Sydney, to Terrie Ann and Sam Allen Carter of Pikeville; a son, Sean Michael, to Christine Marie Farrington of Elkhorn City; a daughter, Traci LaShea, to Pamela and Terry Spurlock of Martin.

March 4: A son, Jordan Joe, to Kathy Mary Jo and Larry Joe Ramsey of Pikeville; a son, Casey Blake, to Elizabeth and Randy Johnson of Virgie; a son, James Cody, to Tina May and James Blige Williamson of Martin.

March 5: A daughter, Rebecca Ann, to Michelle Renee and Steven Michael Graves of Prestonsburg; a son, Cody Ray, to Dawn Renee and Milford Ray Boyd of Pikeville.

March 6: A daughter, Chasity LaShae, to Leesa Jean and John Lewis Marvis of Virgie.

March 7: A daughter, Savannah Tylin, to Kimberly Michelle (Hubbard) and Ricky Dale Dotson of Pinson Fork.



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Anyone wishing to make a donation to Hospice of Big Sandy can do so by sending it to: Hospice of Big Sandy, P.O. Box 1747, Paintsville, KY 41240-5747. Hospice notifies all persons of any memorial or honorary donations.

New Adult Readers



Speaking out

Students of the Floyd County Literacy program, who had to drop out of school during their younger days, are climbing to the top and they want to help others get there, too. Marnita Boyd (pictured second from left), JOBS ABE student; Fannie Lawson (second from right), JOBS literacy student; and James Hamilton (right), literacy student spoke at Osborne Elementary School on Friday, March 15. During their speech, they stressed the need for students to stay in school and receive their diploma. They will speak at Clark Elementary and David School on March 19. Also pictured are Vivian Whitehead (left), literacy and Peg Smith (center), JOBS literacy teacher. To become a tutor, or to get help with reading skills, call the Floyd County Literacy Council at 886-READ.

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Debra Kaye Hutchinson

Clifford McAuthor Jacobs

To exchange vows May 22

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rodney Hutchinson of Martin, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Debra Kaye, to Clifford McAuthor Jacobs, son of Mr. and Mrs. McAuthor Jacobs of Martin.

Ms. Hutchinson is employed by Sears in Prestonsburg and Mr. Jacobs

is employed by Jacob's Citgo in Martin.

The wedding will be held on May 22 at 1 p.m. at St. Martha's Catholic Church, Lancer-Watergap road. The custom of an open wedding will be observed. The couple will reside at Bucks Branch in Martin.

August wedding is planned



Angela Mariani Combs
Frank L. Baseman

Mr. and Mrs. Townsel Allen Combs of Langley, announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Mariani Combs, to Frank L. Baseman, son of Renee Baseman of Ventnor, New Jersey, and Mr. Robert L. Baseman of Chicago, Illinois.

Miss Combs is office manager for the New York City office of Michael Graves, Architect. Miss Combs graduated from Bennington College and received a MFA from Temple

University's Tyler School of Art.

Mr. Baseman is a senior designer with Walter Barnard and Milton Glaser Inc., an internationally known graphic design firm. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University and received a MFA in graphic design from Temple University's Tyler School of Art.

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HOME TO MOTHER

Not to be confused with Mother's Day, "Mothering Sunday" was originally designated for Mother Church in England. On this mid-Lent Sunday people were encouraged to return to the church of their baptism. Since this generally meant returning to the hometown of one's parents as well, it came to be a time of family gathering and of taking gifts to parents, especially mothers. It was also the custom to eat a traditional food on such a feast day. The special food for Mothering Sunday was a porridge-like dish of wheat boiled in milk and variously flavored with nutmeg or cinnamon and sugar. One very old English recipe also includes egg yolks, salt, and saffron, with white sugar if served in the lord's house but "black" sugar for commoners.

On Mothering Sunday, above all other, every child should dine with its mother.
— English Proverb

TIP OF THE WEEK

Bread will stay fresh longer if you keep a piece of celery in the bag.

EARTHWISE

You can clean and add a warm luster to your wood paneling with this nontoxic, homemade solution: Mix 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) olive oil with 2 ounces (4 tablespoons) white vinegar and 1 quart warm water. Dampen a soft cloth with this and, working on one section of wall at a time, wipe the paneling, then wipe with a dry soft cloth. Change the dry cloth whenever it becomes too wet or soiled. Be sure to use nonsynthetic, lint-free cloths.

SUNDAY CHICKEN HASH

- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 2 pound mushrooms, sliced
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 small potatoes, peeled, boiled, and diced
- 2 1/2 cups chopped, cooked chicken
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup parsley
- 2 tablespoons toasted slivered almonds

Sauté onion and mushrooms in butter until tender. Add potatoes and chicken and cook until slightly browned, stirring occasionally. Stir in cream and parsley; heat through. Garnish with almonds.

Makes 2 to 4 servings.

THE OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST



NORTHEAST: Snow, heavy west and north, rain south; then cold with intermittent snow.

SOUTHEAST: Seasonable, cold north; rainy, snow north; turning colder.

MIDWEST: Very cold and snowy, then clearing and milder; rainy south.

NORTHWEST: Cold with light rain and snow; then turning slightly milder.

SOUTHWEST: Clear and milder, snowy and cold mountains; then clear and cool desert, rainy and seasonable California.

Research confirms three new tick species potential carriers of Lyme disease

Research conducted in two separate studies confirms that three new tick species are potential efficient transmitters of Lyme disease.

In one study, RNA testing was conducted at the U.S. Public Health Rocky Mountain Laboratory in Hamilton, Montana. The tests proved that the *Borrelia burgdorferi* bacterium that causes Lyme disease was present in the Lone star tick and the American dog tick. The organism in these ticks was initially identified by researchers at St. Louis University.

In field studies conducted by the Department of Entomological Science at the University of California at Berkeley, the *Borrelia* organism was identified in the Pacific Coast tick.

These new results expand the list of potential Lyme disease transmitters to include tick species covering nearly the entire United States.

Previously, there were only two species of ticks associated with the transmission of Lyme disease. The Deer tick, which occurs in the northeast and midwest United States, and the Western black-legged tick found in California and Oregon. Both ticks are members of the *Ixodes* family.

Lyme disease cases have been reported in Missouri and other eastern and south central states, where *Ixodes* ticks do not exist and where the Lone star tick does.

Some scientists suspect that the Lone star tick may be responsible for transmitting the *Borrelia* organism in eastern and south central parts of the United States.

Although several researchers have clearly identified the *Borrelia* organism in previous studies of the Lone star tick, it does not provide conclusive proof they actually transmit the disease.

While initial tests conducted at St. Louis University showed that just a small percentage of the Lone star ticks actually carry the bacteria, this tick occurs in such large numbers that it has the potential to be a major threat.

The evidence that the number of ticks carrying the *Borrelia* organism is increasing, may affect the incidence of Lyme disease in dogs.

"Currently, only human cases of Lyme disease must be reported the Centers for Disease Control," said Professor Dorothy Feir, Ph.D., of the St. Louis University Biology

Department. "Because dogs can pick up ticks so easily, we need to have a better understanding of how this affects the prevalence of Lyme disease in these animals, as well as the possible impact this could have on humans."

In the past 10 years, the reported case of Lyme disease has dramatically risen. The disease has been identified in all 50 states, compared to 1983, when only 10 to 15 states reported cases of Lyme disease. Dogs have the greatest risk of contracting the disease, as ticks sequester themselves in the coat and go unnoticed.

Since Lyme disease is extremely difficult to diagnose, prevention through vaccination is the key to protecting dogs from this debilitating disease. A new vaccine, the only one of its kind, is now available through veterinarians. Dog owners should contact their veterinarian to get the latest information concerning the disease and the need to vaccinate.

Ticks associated with Lyme disease

Three new potential vectors have been identified—the Lone star tick, the American dog tick, and the Pacific Coast tick.



The Lone star tick (*Amblyomma americanum*)



The American dog tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*)



The Pacific Coast tick (*D. occidentalis*)



The Deer tick (*Ixodes dammini*)



The Black-legged tick (*I. scapularis*)



The Western black-legged tick (*I. pacificus*)

Energy tax would cost farmers money they couldn't recoup

Most industries pass increased costs of production on to their buyers, but farmers usually can't do that. That's why the president's proposed energy tax will cause some farmers to become more efficient and will force some financially precarious farmers out of business.

"The proposed energy tax is only a proposal at this time. That's impor-

tant to remember. But if the current proposal becomes law, farmers will be forced to absorb the cost, unlike most other industries," said Forrest Stegelin, an extension agricultural economist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

Some estimate that the proposed energy tax would cost corn producers an extra \$2 per acre of corn they grow. For a farmer with 250 acres of corn, the added expense would be \$500. And because farmers are unable to pass on the increased costs of production, they will have to become more efficient in their operation to offset the added costs of production, Stegelin said.

The energy tax is intended to raise \$71.4 billion over the next five years as part of the president's \$473 billion deficit reduction plan. The tax would add an estimated six cents to a gallon of gasoline or diesel fuel, 22 cents to a cubic foot of natural gas or propane and 30 cents to a kilowatt hour of electricity.

Stegelin said other proposals affecting agriculture during the next five years include eliminating subsidies to farmers or farm corporations who earn more than \$100,000 annually in off-farm enterprises, for an expected savings of \$610 billion; and reducing the number of direct loans to farmers by 25 percent, for a savings of \$42 million.

Other cost-cutting proposals in agriculture include streamlining functions of various U.S. Department of Agriculture departments and agencies to save \$466 million; and increasing annual fees charged for permits to graze livestock on federal lands, raising an estimated \$47 million in revenues.

Check Your Home

by Ray F. Cawood

For safety, your home should have smoke alarms, especially near the sleeping areas.

Hard-wired (that is, connected to the electrical system) smoke detectors are best because sometimes homeowners forget to replace old batteries. If you have smoke detectors with batteries, check them monthly.

If you have a shower door, make sure it swings outward, towards the bathroom, rather than inward.

If you have an underground oil storage tank, check it regularly to make sure it isn't leaking oil that would contaminate the soil. Your oil dealer may be able to provide a pressure test or other test to check for leaks. This kind of test should be made every several years.

If you have an oil tank in your basement, check for signs of corrosion.

Some older homes have had kerosene storage tanks in the basement, crawl space or out-building such as a barn or shed. This is potentially dangerous. If the owner still uses kerosene, the tank should be moved outside.

Ray F. Cawood, a civil and structural engineer, can answer general-interest questions in his column but cannot make personal replies. Send your questions to him at Criterium-Cawood Engineers, P.O. Box 1560, Harlan, Ky. 40831.

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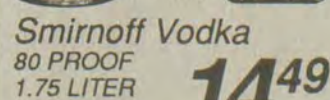
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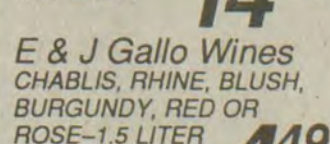
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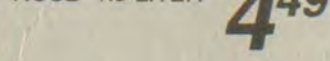
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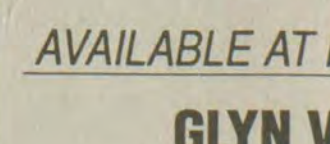
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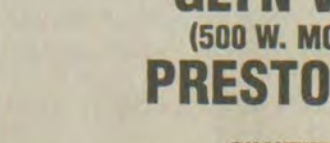
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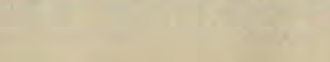
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MUSTARD-BOURBON KABOBS

1 pound boneless pork loin or tenderloin, cut into 3/4-inch cubes (or substitute boneless, skinless turkey or chicken breast)

4 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
4 tablespoons brown sugar
2 tablespoons bourbon (or orange juice with a little vanilla)
2 tablespoons soy sauce
Green pepper squares
Cooked rice tossed with sliced green onion

Yield: 4 servings
Prep time: 15 minutes
Marinating: 6 to 24 hours
Broiling: 10 minutes
In a self-sealing plastic bag, combine the cubed meat, mustard, brown sugar, bourbon and soy sauce. Mix well, seal bag, place in a pan and refrigerate overnight.

Remove pork from marinade (discard marinade) and thread pork cubes onto skewers, along with some green bell-pepper squares. (If using wooden skewers, soak them in water for an hour first to prevent burning.) Broil or grill kabobs about 4 inches from heat source, turning occasionally, for 8 to 10 minutes, until nicely browned. Serve with hot cooked rice and green onions.

Menu suggestions: Pork kabobs.

rice, steamed broccoli, rye bread sticks, pumpkin pie.

POSTNUTRITION ANALYSIS:
1/4 of recipe (made with pork, not counting rice and green peppers) has 234 calories, 7 g fat, 66 mg cholesterol.

PEKING PORK PASTA SALAD

3/4 pound boneless pork loin or tenderloin, cut into 1-inch strips
1 teaspoon vegetable or canola oil

Asian dressing (see directions)
6 ounces corkscrew pasta or shells, cooked and drained
1 pound fresh spinach leaves, washed and drained

Yield: 4 servings
Prep time: 30 minutes
In a large skillet over high heat, stir-fry pork strips in oil just until lightly browned. Remove from heat; toss pork with Asian dressing. (4 tablespoons each soy sauce, dry sherry and 1 teaspoon sesame oil; mix well and set aside.)

Have pasta cooking.
Meanwhile, prepare spinach and remove coarse stems. Stack leaves on a cutting board and slice into strips. Drain pasta and toss with the spinach; divide among four plates.

Top with pork strips and dressing. Optional garnishes: sliced green onion, toasted almond slices.

Menu suggestions: This ends up to be a room-temperature salad, and it's a one-dish meal. Serve with hot tea; have sliced navel oranges for dessert with fortune cookies and gingersnaps.

POSTNUTRITION ANALYSIS:
1/4 of recipe has 290 calories, 8 g fat, 50 mg cholesterol.

CHOCOLATE CREAM PIE WITH COOKIE-CRUMB CRUST

Prep: 25 min. Cook: 22 min.
Chill: 2 1/2 hr.
Cost per Serving: 90¢

CRUST
1 1/3 cups finely crushed vanilla wafers (about 34 cookies)
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
5 tablespoons regular unsalted stick butter or margarine (not spread), melted

FILLING
1 cup granulated sugar
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon salt

3 cups milk
Yolks from 3 large eggs
4 squares (1 ounce each) unsweetened chocolate

3 tablespoons regular unsalted stick butter or margarine (not spread)
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
For garnish: lightly sweetened whipped cream and unsweetened cocoa powder.

Heat oven to 350°F. Have a 9-inch pie plate ready.

Crust: Mix cookie crumbs, sugar and vanilla in a bowl. Stir in melted butter until crumbs are evenly coated. Press evenly over bottom and up sides of pie plate. Bake 8 minutes or until

set. Cool completely on a wire rack.
Filling: Mix sugar, flour, cornstarch and salt in a medium-size saucepan. Whisk in 1 cup of the milk until smooth. (Make sure whisk reaches inside bottom edges of saucepan.) Whisk in remaining 2 cups milk. Bring to a gentle boil and cook over medium heat, whisking constantly, 9 to 10 minutes until thick. Remove from heat.

Whisk egg yolks in a medium-size bowl. Whisking constantly, gradually add about 2 cups hot-milk mixture to yolks. Pour this back into saucepan and simmer 2 to 3 minutes, whisking constantly, until slightly thicker. Remove from heat.

Add chocolate, butter and vanilla, and stir until chocolate and butter melt. Pour into a bowl. Place plastic wrap or waxed paper directly on surface to prevent skin from forming. Let cool about 30 minutes.

Stir filling, then pour into prepared crust. Cover as before and refrigerate until set, at least 2 hours or up to 3 days. Just before serving, garnish with whipped cream and sprinkle with cocoa by stirring it through a strainer.

MARINATED BROCCOLI LEMONETTE

2 tablespoons olive oil
3 tablespoons lemon juice
1/4 cup fresh dill, chopped (or 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano or thyme)
Pinch of sugar

1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste
1 1/2 pounds broccoli
2 carrots, thinly sliced
4 green onions, sliced with part of tops

1 1/2 cups jicama, cut in 2-inch sticks or 1 small cucumber, peeled and sliced

2 to 3 cups romaine lettuce, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch wide strips
Yield: 6 servings
Prep time: 40 minutes
Marinating: 1 hour

In a large non-metal bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lemon juice, dill, sugar, hot pepper sauce and salt. Set aside.

Prepare broccoli by rinsing well; break off small florets; partially peel the stalks and slice about 1/4-inch thick. Combine broccoli pieces with the carrot slices and steam, microwave or plunge into boiling water just until crisp-tender. Drain immediately and cool in very cold water; drain well.

Add broccoli, carrots, green onions, jicama or cucumber to the bowl of dressing. Toss well; cover and chill at least 1 hour, stirring occasionally. When ready to serve, toss with strips of romaine.

TURKEY A LA KING

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: 10 minutes
Yield: 6 servings
1/2 cup Miracle Whip® or Miracle Whip Light® Salad Dressing

1/4 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 cups milk
1/4 cup chopped onion
1 jar (2 ounces) sliced pimento, drained

2 cups chopped cooked turkey or chicken

1 cup Birds Eye® Green Peas, thawed, drained
1 can (4 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained

Mix dressing, flour and seasonings in medium saucepan. Gradually stir in milk, onion and pimento. Cook, stirring occasionally, over medium heat 5 minutes or until thickened.

Reduce heat to low; stir in turkey, peas and mushrooms. Cook 5 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Serve over rice, toast or biscuits, if desired.
Makes 4 servings.

EASY TACO BAKE

Prep time: 25 minutes
Cooking time: 40 minutes plus standing

1 pound ground beef
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 package (1 1/4 ounces) taco seasoning mix
3/4 cup water

1/2 cup Miracle Whip® or Miracle Whip Light® Salad Dressing
8 corn tortillas (6-inch)
1 jar (8 ounces) salsa
1 cup (4 ounces) Kraft® Natural Shredded Colby or Monterey Jack Cheese (see optional topping ingredients below)

Heat oven to 350°F.
Brown meat; drain. Add green pepper and onion; cook until tender. Stir in seasoning mix, water and dressing; cook 5 minutes over medium heat.

Arrange tortillas, overlapping, on bottom and sides of 9-inch pie plate. Top with meat mixture and salsa.

Bake 30 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese; continue baking 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.
Let stand 15 minutes.

Top with shredded lettuce, chopped tomato, chopped cilantro and sour cream, if desired.
Makes 6 servings.

GLAZED APRICOT CHICKEN

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cooking time: 30 minutes
1/2 cup Miracle Whip® or Miracle Whip Light® Salad Dressing
1/2 Kraft® Apricot Preserves
1 package (1 1/4 ounces) onion soup mix

4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 1/4 pounds)
Heat oven to 350°F.

Mix dressing, preserves and soup mix. Place chicken in 13 x 9-inch baking dish; pour dressing mixture over chicken.

Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until tender.
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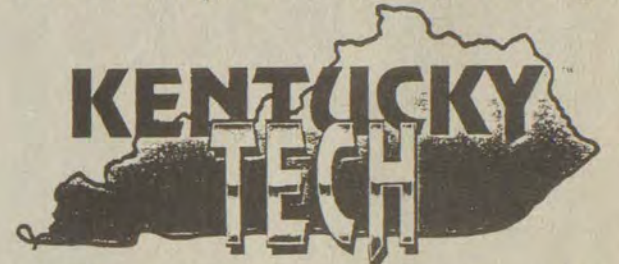
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Home Tips

EXTRA SPACE—Counterspace in my kitchen is very limited, so when my 6-year-old wanted to help, there was no room.

Her grandmother suggested making a lower counter (the perfect height for a little girl) by opening a drawer, placing a heavy cookie sheet over it, then closing the drawer until the sheet fit tightly. It worked perfectly.

Not only was it great for my daughter, I've also used it several times when I needed more space. Gina H., Aberdeen, Md.

CANDLE CLEANUP—I have an easy solution for removing candle wax from brass. I use a hair dryer. It melts the wax and I can just wipe it off with a paper towel.

I clean the heavy candelabra in our church and couldn't carry it to the hot water. Therefore, I came up with the hair-dryer idea. It does a beautiful job. Hannah E., Montgomery, Ala.

LOST GLASSES—Put your name and address on the case that holds your glasses. I lost my eye-glasses in the grocery store and if I'd had my name on the case, it may have been possible to get them back. JoAnn C., Miami, Fla.

ECONOMY CAT—My cat recently had surgery and the vet advised us to use shredded newspaper in place of cat litter. Not only did I find it absorbs better, but since I shred the newspapers myself, I no longer need to buy cat litter. Clarissa L., Payson, Ariz.

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Business/Real Estate

Racking up the numbers for Avon

by Polly Ward
Times Feature Writer

From makeup to nails, earrings and pins, to rings and bracelets, she is a walking advertisement for Avon.

And she means to be. As an Avon representative, Rebecca Garrett, 27, of Calf Creek, has definitely used this, and other simple sales techniques, to her advantage. She has taken what some would consider a part-time sales job and turned it into a lucrative full-time business. Although she has been a representative only since February 1992, she is racking up the sales — and the numbers.

She has outsold over 200 other representatives in her sales district, which comprises part of Floyd, and all of Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Magoffin Counties.

"I've been the number one representative in these counties since July," she says, amazed at her own achievement. "When I became number one,

I hadn't worked half a year."

She was also honored as 1992 Best New Performer in the district.

"As a new representative, you get only one chance in your whole career to get that," she says.

Recently she learned that she is the fourth-ranked representative in the state, selling over \$50,000 worth of Avon products for the quarter, which began in August and ended this month. Her personal sales, which excludes fundraisers, is \$1,200 to \$1,600 every campaign, which is every two weeks.

She achieved her high sales from an average of 125 customers in a five-mile area. One sales territory extends from the red light at Allen up to Calf Creek on the main road and the two Calf Creek hollows. The other ranges from the red light at Lancer down to Adams Middle School. She says she never dreamed she would do so well in her district, much less the state, because she works a mostly

rural area, whereas other top representatives work more populous towns. But she says, "I work real hard at it."

"The elderly Avon Lady I had was quitting and she asked me to take her customers. I said, 'I don't have time to see everybody. I'm too busy with the kids.'

"After she asked me for three months, I did take it. She had 23 customers. I built it from there when I realized you could make money at it."

She built up her business by setting goals and sticking to them.

"After the second month I knew I could make money. I decided to see five new people a day and from there I built up to around 125 customers... It stays at a level... I have to get some new customers every week to make up for those who drop off."

She says she works door to door in her area "five to five-and-a-half days a week, all day long. I leave home at nine and I don't get back until five or six." She manages to see every customer once every two weeks.

She gains new customers by wearing an Avon pin on the lapel of her coat and keeping an Avon license plate in the back car window.

"I meet at least three new people a week who become customers. Everywhere I go — grocery stores, ballgames, schools, doctor's offices — people ask me if I'm an Avon Lady. And I say, 'Yes! Do you want a book?'" she grins.

"The call me if they want anything. If they are interested enough to ask for a book, they want something,

Ironically, she had to be persuaded to become a representative. As a homemaker and mother of five children, ranging from ages 15 to 6, in addition to being a Sunday School teacher and youth leader at Cow Creek Free Will Baptist Church, she had her hands full. But her former Avon representative was persistent, and they do call you back."

She says her customers are mostly women. "Sometimes you do find a man who buys for his wife, mother,

or the men's cologne for himself."

Another ingredient of her success is the rapport she has with her customers.

"I love people. I'm a people person. If you like people, you'll get along with them... I was struck in a house with small children for years. Every housewife should be able to do this — get out and talk to real grownups," she laughs. "I love makeup and jewelry. I think with the right makeup and right jewelry, anybody can look beautiful. And I like helping people look the best that they can."

She can also work around her children's schedules. "Even during football season (when her children are involved with three different teams), I managed to make it to all the games and keep my sales at its regular level."

As for her family, "They're all real excited (about my work). My husband, John, backs me one hundred percent. He even helps me do the paperwork."

She has won several incentive prizes, including a gas grill and a 27 inch RCA television set. "If you have good sales, you win prizes," she says. She has also won a two-day, all-expense paid trip to the Avon Branch in Atlanta, Georgia, which she will be taking the end of this month.

"I'll be touring the branch office to see how the company works. It's an incentive program... designed to make you work harder to win more prizes."

She already has incentive. Her sales goal for the new business year would put her at the top in the state. "I would like to sell over \$75,000 for this coming year, from mid-March until next mid-March."

Ultimately, she says, "I credit my success to God. God has blessed me with a job I love, with a family that's supportive, and with the best customers anybody could ever ask for... Without customers, I wouldn't be anywhere."

Editor's note: National Avon Representative Day is March 19.



Joyce S. Allen

Century 21 adds new sales associate

Dorothy Harris of Century 21 American Way Realty of Prestonsburg reported that Joyce S. Allen has joined the real estate firm's sales force.

Allen, who resides in Prestonsburg, was formerly a sales associate with Action Auction. She brings with her the experience of working with people that will further enhance the Century 21 American Way Realty positive image.

Century 21 American Way Realty specializes in residential sales, leases, and the sale of commercial and industrial sites. Allen will use her training to help sellers and buyers alike take advantage of several unique programs offered by the Century 21 system.

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Dollar General reports record sales and earnings

Dollar General Corporation (NASDAQ: DOLR) recently reported record earnings for the fourth quarter and year ended January 31, 1993.

Chairman and CEO Cal Turner Jr. said net income for the year ended January 31, rose 65.4 percent to \$35.6 million, or \$1.05 per share compared to \$21.5 million or \$.65 per share for last year, after restatement for the February, 1993 five-for-four stock split. Total sales increases 22.0 percent to \$920.7 million from \$754.5 million. The same store sales for the year increased 15.5 percent.

Dr. Cecil assists with saving vision

Dr. J. Kendall Cecil, who practices in Pikeville, participated in the Kentucky Vision Project's Give-One-Day Program during March. The month of March has been designated as "Save Your Vision Month."

Dr. Cecil was one of over a hundred optometrists in Kentucky who set aside one day in March to donate hours of professional services to provide eye/health care to the needy of Kentucky.

Dr. Cecil said more than 400 adults and children were examined and, if needed, prescribed prescription lenses. The optometrists also found people with undiagnosed eye disease and provided treatment or arranged for treatment to be provided without charge.



Avon calling

Rebecca Garrett, Avon representative, is currently fourth in the state in sales. Pictured perched atop her shoulder is one of Avon's Easter specials.

Fazoli's: Italian food and local jobs

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

In his younger days, Jenkins native Phil Greer hitchhiked from Jenkins to Lexington with a suitcase full of tee shirts and blue jeans. Now, when Phil Greer comes back to Eastern Kentucky, it is with investment dollars in his pockets.

He and another Eastern Kentuckian, Roy Holsclaw, formerly of Harzard, are bringing their business — and Italian food — home to the mountains. Greer and Holsclaw were scheduled to open their Fazoli's Restaurant in Prestonsburg Tuesday.

They wanted to bring business into Eastern Kentucky because they "both love the area" and because they have a "tremendous amount of friends and family" here, Greer said. Eastern Kentucky has also proven to be a successful place of business for them. They own Shoney's Restaurant in Pikeville.

Fazoli's seemed a good restaurant for Prestonsburg, Greer said. It offers a meeting room which can be reserved free to groups of 12 or larger — something that no other restaurant offers, according to Greer.

They also brought Fazoli's to Prestonsburg to "give people a choice."

"The kids who go to McDonald's will also want to come here. This gives them a choice."

"Most fast food is hamburger," Greer said. "Pasta is a healthy food... a very inexpensive meal. If you go to some place like Olive Gardens, you pay \$12 for what we give you at Fazoli's for \$3."

"We're in a different niche," said Greer. "We serve quality food on a fast food level. We built our reputation on high quality food, being impeccably clean and hospitable."

Greer said he and Holsclaw fell in

love with Fazoli's when they realized they were lunching at Fazoli's every day. They also looked around at the age group using the restaurant and discovered ages varied from the "little bitty to the older people," Greer said.

They decided to become involved in the business.

"We feel like Fazoli's is a good restaurant with a future. It's going to stay and we want to be part of it," he said.

Greer and Holsclaw met during their college football days when Greer was a member of the University of Kentucky football team and had his jaw broken during a game. Holsclaw was the team dentist.

After graduating from college, Greer became a teacher and a coach at Tates Creek. He and Holsclaw had remained friends. They ventured into business together with Shoney's Inn

in Lexington, and "one thing led to another," Greer said. They own five Shoney's in three states, two Shoney's Inns, and Fazoli's.

With the opening of Fazoli's in the old Western Steer building near Prestonsburg Village, Greer has brought 65 jobs into this area. At least 90 percent of the labor force used to renovate the restaurant came from Eastern Kentucky. Financing for the project was also done locally through the First Commonwealth Bank.

Greer also employs Eastern Kentuckians in four out of five management jobs in his various enterprises, which employs around 500 people. In the summer, those figures increase, depending on the increase in business as he tries to lend a helping hand to college and high school students.

Greer is "tickled to death" with the way his employees are working. They've even pitched in to help with the renovation clean-up, he said. "They're a wonderful bunch of people. There's a great work ethic here."



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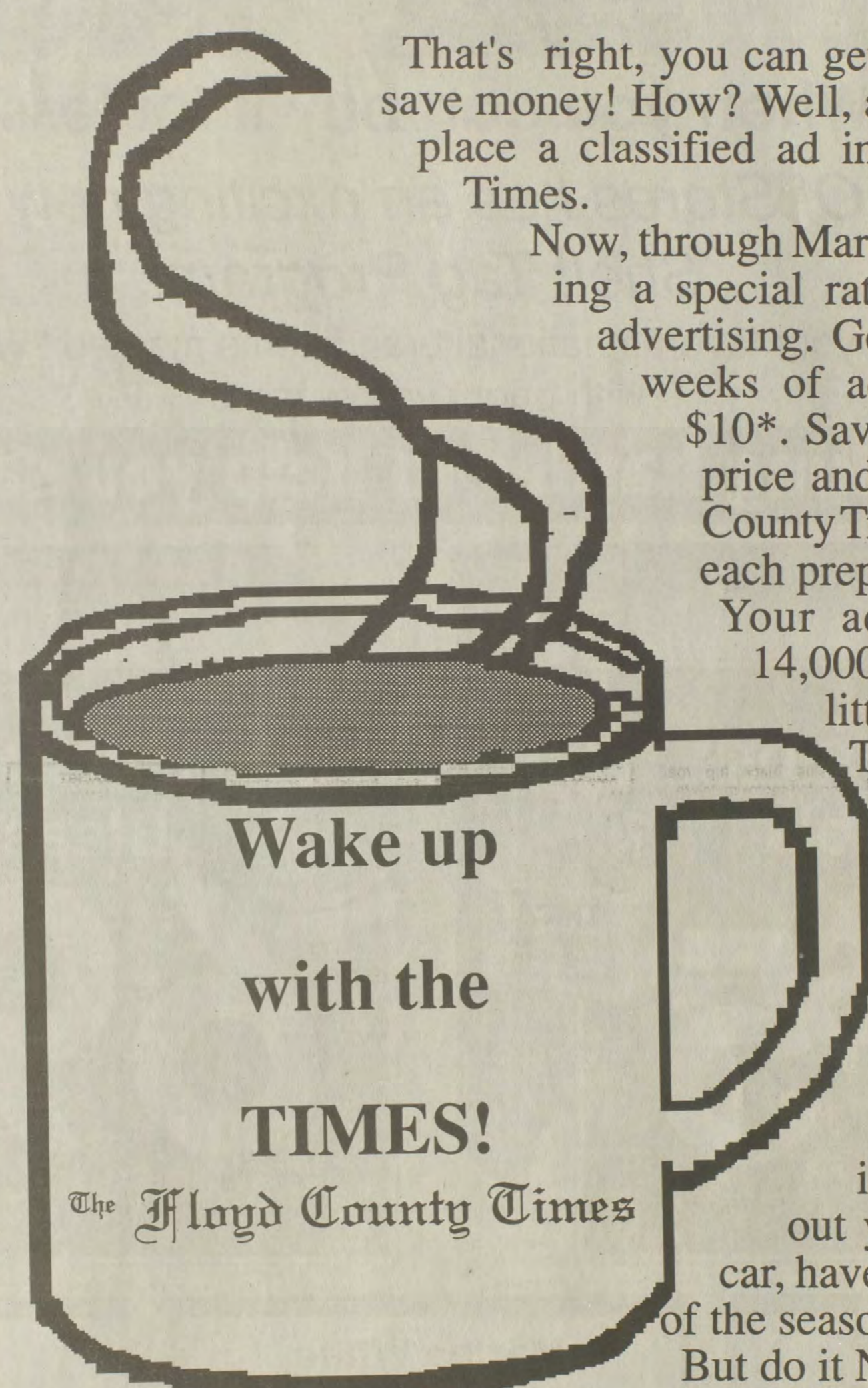
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