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Davis requests FBI, KSP probe

Claims funds missing from construction project account. State says it was just overspent.

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Although Floyd County superintendent Gene Davis says there is almost \$200,000 missing from a school construction account, prompting requests for investigations, state education officials said Thursday the account was just overspent.

At a press conference Thursday, Davis said he has asked the Ken-

tucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for investigative audits of the May Valley Elementary project and all of the district's finances. The May Valley project was budgeted at \$3.6 million, and the district spent \$3.8 million to complete it.

"This money has evidently been transferred somewhere in this school system and, as of today, I do not know where it is. If this money is not found, the general fund will have to

pay for this \$200,000 that they say is the difference in the two accounts we have," Davis said. "But, there is some money that cannot be accounted for and the state people tell me it's around \$200,000."

Deputy Education Commissioner Randy Kimbrough said Thursday afternoon that the funds are not missing, but that the school construction account was \$200,000 over the original budget.

"It's \$200,000 more that has been expended than they had in the construction account," Kimbrough said. "What Mr. Davis is concerned about is (that) the money expended, which had gone over the amount in the construction account, will have to be made up in the general fund. We told him he needed to try to find out what happened."

State Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody has threatened to oust the board and Davis if the district ended the 1996-97 school year with a budget deficit. State officials do not yet know if the district ended with a deficit.

Davis, flanked at the press conference by chairman Ursal Ray Wilcox and board member B.J. Newsome, indicated Kimbrough suggested the police probe.

"When we talked to Ms. Kimbrough Tuesday in Frankfort she mentioned the Kentucky State Po-

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Airport operator is fired, jailed in fuel inquiry

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

The former Big Sandy Regional Airport manager, who was responsible for the fueling problems at the airport last week, was jailed in Floyd County Tuesday for allegedly embezzling nearly \$24,000 from two Floyd County businesses.

James Robert Mineer, 32, of Inez, was arrested by Floyd Sheriff's detective Tommy Shelton. He was charged with two felony counts of theft by unlawful taking.

Mineer was originally arrested for allegedly cashing an \$11,975 check from Worldwide Equipment earlier this month. Mineer cashed the check for prepaid jet fuel which he did not purchase, according to court records.

He was also arraigned this week on the same charge for allegedly cashing a \$12,000 check from Quaker Coal Company for prepaid jet fuel.

The Big Sandy Regional Airport board terminated Mineer's managerial position, or Fixed Base Operator (FBO), during an emergency meeting last Thursday because there was no fuel at the facility for airplanes.

The airport was reportedly closed down because of the lack of fuel, however, board chairman John Crum said Thursday that reports about the airport being closed down were inaccurate.

"We just could not provide fuel sales," he said, adding that the runways were still open for planes to take off and land.

Crum said the board took over the management of the airport, which was back in full operation by Friday morning.

Board member Jim Calhoun, of Floyd County, said the board took control of the airport and is in the process of reorganizing the airport's billing and payment operations.

"Mineer's problem was bad



Up from the depths...

The Prestonsburg Fire Department worked at the Dewey Lake boat dock Thursday morning to refloat a small boat that apparently sank after heavy rains. Fire department captain Kenny Crisp and firefighter Bill Callihan had to attach innertubes to the boat to bring it to the surface. Chief Tom Blackburn and firefighter Tim Johnson also assisted in the endeavor.

(photo by Chris McDavid)

Bigamy case is referred to grand jury

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A Tennessee man has accused a Floyd County woman of bigamy for allegedly marrying another man while she was still married to him.

Susan Renee Bentley Slone, of Hueysville, allegedly married Silas Slone Jr., also of Hueysville, while she was still married to Gary Justice, of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Justice testified Wednesday in Floyd District Court that he discovered Slone married someone else while he was in the process of filing for a divorce.

"My family read it in the newspaper," Justice said during a preliminary hearing. "(Slone) called and told me she was married."

Justice said he obtained a copy of Slone's marriage license and then filed the bigamy charge against his wife.

Slone's attorney, Jonathan Newman, questioned Justice about how many times he had filed for a divorce from Slone.

"I filed two times for a divorce," Justice said. "I told her the first one didn't go through because of child support."

Justice said he located Slone at a local bar in order to get her to sign the divorce papers for a second time. He said she refused to sign the papers.

Newman asked Justice if he had ever given Slone the impression that the divorce had gone through. "No," Justice replied.

Slone's attorney also asked Justice if Slone ever gave him the impression that the divorce had gone through.

"She called and said she got the

"Banished" employees want court to find superintendent in contempt

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A motion has been filed asking that Floyd County superintendent Gene Davis be held in contempt of court for allegedly violating a court order when he exited two central office administrators to the old Allen Elementary building.

Attorney Phil Damron, who represents administrators Phil Paige and Brenda Fish, filed the motion Wednesday, which asks that Davis show cause why he should not be held in contempt.

Paige, director of instruction, and Fish, special education director, obtained a temporary injunction against Davis on June 30, prohibiting the superintendent from reassigning them in the school district. Paige's and Fish's jobs were abolished during an illegal meeting in April.

On June 30, Floyd Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill issued the injunction which ordered that the two administrators "continue in their said capacities and pay rates, as exist at this time," until the matter is resolved in court.

On July 1, Davis moved Paige's and Fish's offices to the old Allen Elementary building, where the district's maintenance department is located.

Damron's motion said that Davis willfully violated Caudill's order by preventing the two from conducting their regular duties. Damron also said Paige has suffered health problems associated with the move.

"(Paige) has been hospitalized on multiple occasions, due to severe allergy problems created by being placed in the . . . maintenance building," according to the motion.

A call to Davis Thursday afternoon seeking comment was not returned.

A hearing date on the contempt motion is expected to be set today (Friday) by Caudill.

In a related matter, a hearing is set for August 27 on an appeal by the board of an attorney general's decision that the meeting during which Paige and Fish had their jobs abolished was illegal.

The two have asked in their suit against the board that those actions be voided by the court because those meetings were improper.

Squad members get new info at conference

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A world conference in Tennessee last weekend may have prepared some Floyd County rescue workers to more efficiently respond to situations such as bus accidents and submerged vehicles.

Three members of the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad and the Floyd County DES director attended the Search & Rescue/Disaster Response World Conference & Exposition last weekend in Nashville, Tennessee.

Rescue squad members Brian Sexton, Derek Calhoun and Richie Schoolcraft attended five training

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'Give Gene a chance'
About a dozen supporters of Floyd superintendent Gene Davis waved signs of support prior to the July 24 special board of education meeting. Most of the supporters sported signs which said, "Give Gene a chance," and called for board member Eddie Patton to resign. (photo by Susan Allen)

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Probe

lice do audits like this. I'm not sure as far as the FBI, but I know there's federal money involved. It was mentioned that we might want to go that route."

Kimbrough said she told Davis that if he felt that something inappro-

Bigamy

(Continued from page one) papers and we weren't divorced," Justice said.

Floyd District Judge James R. Allen found probable cause to refer the case to a grand jury.

In another matter Wednesday, a preliminary hearing for Gail Johnson was rescheduled because her attorney could not attend the hearing.

Johnson, 40, of Nancy, was arrested last week after she failed to appear for a preliminary hearing in January. She is charged with theft by unlawful taking for allegedly stealing nearly \$20,000 in rings from her ex-husband.

Judge Allen had ordered that Johnson be held at the jail without bond, but set a \$10,000 partially-secured bond Wednesday.

Another preliminary hearing is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. August 6.

In other hearings Wednesday: charges against Kelly Ray Trent were dismissed because assistant county attorney Stacy Marshall advised the court that the complaining witness, Susan Gullett, had obtained an indictment against the defendant.

Judge Allen dismissed the case because of the active case in circuit court.

Gullett alleges Trent owes her approximately \$64,000 for child support.

Judge Allen dismissed a charge of theft by unlawful taking against Eva Joseph, who is accused of going into Polly Wallen's residence and taking a hot water heater and a furnace.

"My client purchased the items and put them in the trailer for (Wallen) to use," Joseph's attorney, Bob Bishop, said.

Marshall said Wallen claims the appliances are hers and she wants them back, and wants Joseph to stay away from her.

"This case should not be in criminal court," Judge Allen said. "I advise the complaining witness to go to small claims court. This is a civil matter."

priate was going on with the finances, they could seek an investigation.

"I want to make it clear that we have no evidence that anything criminal has gone on," Kimbrough said. "It's their prerogative. They don't have to have our permission. I did not suggest they do this."

FBI agent Scott Barker, with the Pikeville office, said it's unlikely the FBI will be involved in an audit.

"I haven't received a written request, but I got phone calls today," Barker said in reference to auditing the school district. "Any request will be evaluated on the basis of an allegation of a violation of federal criminal law. We are not an auditing agency. We would respond only to allegations of criminal violations of federal law."

Chairman Wilcox, who was on the board during the construction of the May Valley school, said he was unaware of any problems with the project, even though board members received monthly financial reports.

"Nothing (was) said during this two-year period," Wilcox said. "Nothing (had) showed up."

If any violations of law are found, those responsible could be prosecut-

Inquiry

management," Calhoun said Thursday. "He didn't pay the bills, which brought about the legal actions pending against him."

Calhoun said the board would bid for a new company to operate the airport in the future and that the board would be monitoring the operation of the airport much closer.

Calhoun said he was aware of the pending litigation against Mineer in Floyd County, and added that Mineer's fuel supplier was also in the process of bringing charges against him.

Calhoun did not elaborate on the nature of those charges.

Det. Shelton said Wednesday that the two Floyd County companies had agreed to purchase jet fuel from Mineer in order to get a better price for the fuel.

"From my understanding, there is a KSP investigation in Martin County on allegations that (Mineer) placed diesel in tanks for jet fuel," the detective said, adding that Mineer's charges are unrelated to that investigation.

Calhoun said he was aware of those allegations and confirmed that

ed, Davis said.

"(State officials) told me it was illegal to transfer construction fund accounts," Davis said. This money also involves money from the federal government that go into building these schools. The statutory violations which occurred by this action could possibly lead to indictments and federal related charges due to this and other projects which are bonded. There appears to be numerous and serious questions regarding the inappropriate transfer of funds from one account to another."

The superintendent appeared to throw suspicion on board members Eddie Patton and Ray Brackett, who have had publicly criticized some of Davis' actions since becoming superintendent.

"I became superintendent March 24, 1997, and these buildings were going on before I got here in the job as superintendent. Mr. Newsome and also Mr. (Jody) Mullins, they just became board members January 1, 1997, and Mr. Wilcox became chairman (of the school board) in January 1997. So we really have not been involved in the construction other than Phase I at Prestonsburg High School."

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there was an investigation into the matter.

Det. Shelton said diesel and jet fuel are very similar, however, jet fuel is more refined.

Crum agreed that both fuels were similar, but said jet fuel was more filtered than diesel. He also said that some manufacturers will sell jet fuel as diesel when there is an excessive amount of jet fuel on hand.

According to a Worldwide Equipment spokesperson, using diesel in airplanes could be very dangerous because of clogging the plane's fuel system.

The board anticipates scheduling a public meeting, but the date and time have not been set, Calhoun said.

Floyd District Judge James R. Allen entered not-guilty pleas to Mineer's felony charges this week. He is being held at the Floyd County Adult Detention Center in lieu of a \$12,000 cash bond.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. August 6 in Floyd District Court to determine if there is probable cause to refer the cases to a grand jury.

Davis said he was not aware if Patton or Brackett knew about the requests for investigations. Newsome said he had talked with Mullins about the issue.

Patton and Brackett could not be reached Thursday for comment.

State officials have also expressed financial concerns about the Prestonsburg High School renovation project, Newsome said.

"The question has been raised about Prestonsburg," Newsome said.

When asked what kind of questions have been raised concerning the project, Newsome said, "we need to get a grip on it now and not let it go like this other one. We need to know the balance of the account; we need to know every change order.

Squad

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"The classes also showed us the weak points of buses in case we would have to cut into a bus to gain access to the children," he added.

Floyd County DES director/flood plain administrator Lon May also attended the conference last weekend.

Along with the rescue squad members, May attended the sessions on rescues from school buses.

"I learned a lot from those classes," May said Thursday. "It was interesting that there is only about a 12 to 14 inch space for the aisles on buses. That's not enough to even get a (back board) down the aisles."

In addition to those classes, May also attended numerous other sessions that focused on the training of search and rescue dogs.

"It gave me a lot of good information," May said. "I didn't realize rescue workers could use dogs to recover bodies in water."

May said rescue dogs can be trained to detect body oils in the water in order to locate drowned victims.

May's canine, Cody, has not been certified yet, but May said the dog has been through the canine search and rescue basic skills training.

The conference had ongoing live demonstrations taking place inside an exhibit hall to help teach new and better ways of performing rescues.

"It was an excellent conference," he said. "It was good to meet others in our field and interact with other agencies to learn from them."

The state has to approve them before they come to us anyway."

The Prestonsburg project is already under close review, the superintendent said.

"The one thing we are doing different right now is the Phase I project at Prestonsburg High School. We're already starting to have it audited and checked on now and not be waiting several months down the road to have this done."

Every change order submitted in the future will be looked at closely, Wilcox said.

"I say this, a majority of the board from here out, that any change orders will be scrutinized until (there) won't be no end to it. They're going to have to just about put their life on the

stage. This needs to be done."

Both the May Valley and Prestonsburg renovation projects are under the supervision of construction manager Sam Martin with Martin Engineering. Davis said he has asked Martin to review the situation.

"Mr. Martin at Martin Engineering does keep real good records," Davis said. "Somewhere along the line evidently some things have gotten mixed up some way and I don't know what the problem is," he said. "He is checking on it now. Comparing the bills he has, the bills that have been paid, to what he has as compared to what we have in this office."

The superintendent said he hopes an investigation will shed some light on the district's finances.

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Veterans Q&A

Editor's Note: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA Counselors.

Q—The law provides a grant not to exceed \$5,500 for certain disabled veterans toward the purchase of an automobile. If a veteran received this grant when the amount was lower, can he now use the difference toward the purchase of another automobile?

A—No. A veteran with a qualifying service-connected disability or disabilities may receive only one VA automobile grant.

Q—Is a veteran who lost the use of a limb eligible for a car allowance if he or she is not rated 100 percent for their service-connected disabilities?

A—The veteran does not have to be rated 100 percent in order to be eligible for an automobile grant. If he or she has lost the use of a limb and that injury is service-connected, he or she meets the eligibility requirements.

Q—Is there a limit to the number of times VA can furnish specially adapted equipment for a veteran's automobile?

A—No. For qualifying veterans, VA will pay for the purchase, repair, replacement, or reinstallation of adaptive equipment needed for the safe operation of a vehicle.

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Martin celebration

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Post office honors seniors

The Martin Post Office held a special event, Senior Citizens Day, on June 18.

They celebrated the event with decorations and refreshments, and senior citizens from around the area dropped by throughout the day to participate in the celebration.

Many gifts were donated by businesses in the city to be put into

a drawing for all senior citizens who came into the post office.

The Floyd County Health Department also set up a booth to take blood pressures and hand out health-related information pamphlets.

A cash drawing was also held. Dixie Caudill was the winner of the \$85 cash giveaway.



Pressure check

Dallas Click received a blood pressure check from Ethel Hunt, with the Floyd County Health Department, during Senior Citizens Day at the Martin Post Office as Brenda Everage waited her turn for the check-up.

Stone-Lynch reunion to be held at Stumbo Park

The Stone-Lynch reunion will be held at Stumbo Park, Allen, beginning at 11 a.m., August 9.

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A day at the post office

Members of the Wayland Senior Citizens Center visited the Martin Post Office during the Senior Citizens Day celebration.

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Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

Country road, take us...home?

by Scott Perry

We don't normally get car-sick, but this ride is a bit too much.

Once upon a time, we might have described the trouble facing the Floyd County Board of Education as a simple matter of black or white. Or, more appropriately, black or red.

Would they or would they not finish the school year in a deficit condition?

That issue is nothing more than a sidebar now to a story with more twists and turns than an old county road. Each day, it seems, we steer into another blind curve, on the wrong side of the road, wondering what new misadventures lie beyond.

While we have not kept a true log of this journey, we have attempted to document some of the points of interest. Here are some notes from our travelogue...

- Superintendent Gene Davis has insinuated that board members have improperly attempted to influence personnel decisions.

- The validity of board actions taken in illegal meetings is in dispute.

- Employment decisions have not adhered to state guidelines,

raising questions about who is and who is not employed for the upcoming school year, which begins in about two weeks.

- Concerns have been raised about whether or not school-based decision making councils have been allowed to fulfill their proper roles in school staffing decisions.

- Legal complaints have been raised by current and former teachers on allegations of age and gender discrimination.

- Conflicts are alleged over the sale and disposition of surplus school property.

- Questions have been raised about who in the system's administration is overseeing school construction projects.

- Because of the utter chaos within the management and administration of the system, there are wonders about whether school can start on time.

Privately, we suspect, there are wonders about whether it can start at all.

We can honestly say we've never seen such a mess.

It's so bad, in fact, that the only way to clean it up may be to plow it under and start all over again.

Who knows, perhaps it will make a good fertilizer. Lord knows it has the smell.

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.

Writer who's been there remembers agony of abuse

Editor:

Your editorial in Wednesday's edition of the Times prompted me into writing you this letter. I feel everyone should understand the pains that not only the victims suffer, but also the people who work with the victims and see their suffering.

In your editorial you stated, "Whether criticism is deserved or not is a matter of opinion, but we accept it." Criticism of the victims and of those who try to make the public aware of the violence is another form of abuse.

The criticism could cause victims to suffer more low self-esteem or even guilt, and could also affect the truth about violence from being exposed. Violence is such a deep, dark secret, it is important for light to be shed on the matter.

It is important that we not only remember the victims, but also the ones who work with them and those who try to reveal the violence. Your editorial has prompted me to give you a personal account of my pain I have felt, and the pain I see each day dealing with victims of violence.

The life of a battered victim is not easy. I know, I was one. Sometimes I wonder if I still am. I remember the fear, the bruises, the pain, and I wonder if memories will always be with me. Until I'm free of those memories, I'll always feel the pain of someone else's bruised face.

As I sit in my office, and talk to a battered victim, I look at the broken nose and blackened eye. I see the swollen face and all those bruises. I listen to the soft voice as the victim who tells me what has happened, and I can still hear the sounds of love in the victim's voice for the perpetrator.

I watch victims as they remember the agony of the abuse, and I can see the fear in their eyes and hear it in their voices. I listen to them as they softly correct their children and explain in a gentle voice why they can't touch this or that.

While my body is in this office with a victim, my mind is on other times and places. I see the face of myself years ago. I hear my voice explaining why I was beaten and making excuses for my former husband. "He really didn't mean it. He says he LOVES me."

As I listen to victims and see their gentle movements, I wonder how someone could do this to another person.

I've heard it all, I've seen it all, and I've felt it all. As victims prepare to leave my office, they gather their belongings and go to meet the perpetrator. Once again, I know I'll be seeing those same faces again. I see the same faces over and over again.

I want to say to these victims of someone else's anger, "Get out while you can, don't be a victim for the rest of your life... Don't be there 20 years from now and wonder why."

Once you've been a victim of violence, you'll always be feeling someone else's pain. You'll feel this over and over again. You'll cringe at an angry voice and try to shrink out of sight.

I want to cry out to the victims and say, "Wake up," but I remain quiet and wish them luck and feel very angry at myself, because I know I'm trapped inside

with memories that won't go away.

I can't judge victims or call them stupid because of the love and need they have for the perpetrators. Maybe if there had been someone to say these words to me, I would have gotten away—maybe not.

The life of a battered victim is rough, but the memories will haunt them for the rest of their lives.

Helen Bowen
Prestonsburg

Hillbilly government soap can make us rich, famous

Editor:

In our relentless drive to become rich from the tourist trade, we are overlooking two native assets which could make us rich and more infamous, if such is possible.

Simply stated, let's put our Floyd County Fiscal Court and school board on national television as a sort of hillbilly government soap-opera. Honestly, they seem to have it all—plot-wise and character-wise. A strong case of villains, an evil plot hatched out each week; winners; losers; and a host of innocent victims, namely us.

Honestly, these two local institutions have it all, the best features of "Queen for a day," "Days of Our Lives," "The Dukes of Hazzard," and of course, "The Three Stooges."

All we would have to do is switch the monthly meetings to a weekly format. The present plots and cast of characters are perfect, as is. Just think, we could fill the local hotels and the Mountain Arts Center to overflowing every week with tourists. This might be bigger than the Grand Ol' Opera.

Lloyd Blue Goble
Prestonsburg

Visitor expresses disdain for cemetery vandalism

Editor:

I wish to report a very low person or persons in the Floyd County area.

I recently brought my cousin from Illinois to show him where our grandfather and great-grandfather were buried in the Auxier Relocation Cemetery (some say Wells Cemetery), by Highlands Hospital.

All of the name plates were missing from the graves, unless you knew where a person was buried, you couldn't locate a grave now, because all the name plates are gone. There must be a demand for some type of metal and it's either brass or aluminum.

These graves were moved from the Johns Creek area so a dam could be constructed. I assume the government had the graves removed and I wonder why the government doesn't take care of the upkeep of the cemetery, the brush is so thick some of the graves can't be seen.

Winfred Ward
San Antonio, Texas

The Political 'Party'

Kentucky Senator calls for an independent counsel

by David Porter

The skepticism of the American people, a justified reluctance to accept as real, the Thompson committee's investigation into alleged illegal campaign activities in last year's national elections, is valid reason for the media not to cover the hearings with all the zealotry which this investigation rightly deserves.

But the 1996 federal elections, in political textbooks of the distant future, will be viewed as a watershed in American government and campaign conduct accountability if these hearings produce sanctions at every level wherein violations occurred. Partisanship, however, stands in the way...just as it always does.

The allegations which have given rise to these hearings—contributions from foreigners, money laundering, raising money on Federal property, a conspiracy to influence U.S. elections by the Chinese communist government—reflects a monolithic

culmination of a Congress which has quenched its thirst for power and has deemed itself untouchable, and a President who is too crafty a politician to lose an election.

The conflicts involved when these two self-protecting entities are asked to police themselves as bi-partisan bodies, is evident at first glance by the least astute of individuals, and were expressed last week on the Senate floor by Kentucky's own Mitch McConnell.

Senator Mitch McConnell is a big, big spender in his elections. He is a man who has taken the lead in defending (with questionable logic) our current electoral process which takes a king's ransom to participate in.

Yet, he is relatively free from any accusations of fundraising misconduct. Within this framework, and in objection to the

course of proceedings in the investigation of fundraising misconduct—a related, but different subject from campaign finance reform—he argued for the need to revive the call for an independent counsel to investigate.



David Porter

According to McConnell, he wrote an op-ed piece eight months ago predicting the Clinton White House would engage in diversion tactics and cloud the issues "in seeking to avoid the fallout from the Clinton campaign-DNC fundraising malfeasance in the last election.

"This damage control strategy was to be expected from this White House, as wave upon wave of scandal has lapped up on the White House lawn these past four years. President Clinton's aides have become highly skilled at putting out press fires."

Senator McConnell went on to say his fellow Senators, the Democrats, have been working as co-conspirators in the effort to

debase the accusations, "A disappointing spectacle it has been to witness this collusion in a disingenuous effort to blur the truth, smear the innocent and protect the guilty, by saying everyone does it, and even trying to drag innocent private citizens before the committee."

The formation of a politically Independent Council was asked for last spring to explore the allegations now being investigated by a bi-partisan Senate Committee chaired by Senator Fred Thompson (R-TN).

To the surprise of many, the request was turned down by Clinton-nominated Attorney General Janet Reno, who then said, "The best thing I can do is ignore the politics."

Ironically, or perhaps predictably, her refusal to create an independent counsel assured that the investigation would be nothing more than an exercise in political maneuvering.

"The Attorney General of the United States is responsible for enforcing existing law, and in situations such as this, when a clear conflict of interest is apparent, there is no other logical recourse other than the appointment of an independent counsel," said McConnell.

The conflict of interest is derived from

"a highly political investigation affecting covered employees—for example, the president or the vice president—where it could be suspected that the attorney general would be reluctant to pursue alleged claims of wrongdoing."

So far, the Justice Department (by such actions as denying immunity to key witnesses who would testify) and the Senate Democrats have, at least, emitted the scent of partisanship which could result in stalemate, subsequent public disinterest, and the possibility that those responsible for gross malfeasance and crooked fundraising will get completely away with their poisonous behavior.

Senator McConnell's illogical arguments defending outrageous, but legal, campaign fundraising shows that his judgment is sometimes clouded.

But he is never more correct than when he said, "What we need is an independent counsel. That has been clear for a number of months—an independent counsel to remove the investigation from an obviously politicized Justice Department."

In concluding, McConnell declared, "The truth is going to come out sooner or later."

For the sake of good government, he had better be right.

Academics

A report to our neighbors: Community perceptions of science, mathematics, and technology at school, home, and work

The East Kentucky Center for Science, Mathematics, and Technology recently completed a regional study of community perceptions, needs and resources related to science, mathematics, and technology. This study was designed with two phases.

First, a series of four focus group sessions was conducted in Prestonsburg, Hazard, Morehead, and Ashland during January and February of 1997. Results from the focus groups were used as a basis

for identifying items for a broader, needs assessment survey. Surveys were mailed out to P-12 educators, college/university faculty, business people, and parents or community members living in Eastern Kentucky. Forms were returned from 20 counties in the region.

The focus groups tended to emphasize school-related issues more than community-related ones. A similar trend is evident in the survey responses. High-priority need areas identified by the focus

groups—school/community links, teacher professional development, parent/student attitudes—are reinforced by the responses of the survey sample. The educator subgroup for the survey, however, gave much greater importance to the issues of school/community linkage than did their counterparts in the focus groups. One possible explanation is that the issue was specifically addressed in the survey, while it had to be generated by and compete for attention in the discussion of the

focus groups.

Program development areas receiving greatest support in the focus groups parallel those singled out by survey respondents—school/business partnerships, teacher professional development and support, and student-focused activities outside of school. Interestingly, educator respondents to the survey were much more supportive of summer science campus and similar activities than were educators in the focus groups. And all subgroups in the survey were much more positive about school and community exhibits (both center-developed and from outside agencies) than the focus groups.

There are a large number of diverse programs already in existence that facilitate learning some aspect of science, mathematics, and technology. However, there is still a gap in coordination and communication of ideas regarding science, mathematics, and technology among the various members of our communities. The East Kentucky Center for Science, Mathematics, and Technology can be of service in the fostering communication and promoting ideas about how these important ideas fit into everyday

life and how they are important to our communities.

The center will use survey information to develop programs in the following areas:

- School/community partnerships around science, mathematics, or technology.
- Sponsor teacher professional

development activities.

- Sponsor exhibits and programs from external agencies.

- Provide science and math information to existing providers on a regular basis.

Copies of the full report are available upon request to the center at 606-886-0205.



The pre-school class of Baptist Learning Center recently conducted a fund-raiser to benefit St. Jude's Research Hospital. The children were taught bike safety and the pleasure of riding bikes to help children unable to ride due to illness. The students are: front row, Grant Blair, Christina Price, Garrett Brown, Nathaniel Fraley. Second row: Wil Allen, Trey Poe, Taylor Adams, Tori Hunt, Eloina Calhoun, Logan Hunt, Ethan Blackburn, Alex Griffith, Brian Branham, Kalen Wells, Kasey Moore. Absent when picture was taken: Meghan Banks, Alexis DeRossett, Kanoa Mulling, Christina Wright, Kathleen Smith, and Clara Osborne. The amount donated to the research by this class was \$835. Teachers are Jewell Bays and Loretta Ferrell.



Duff Elementary enjoys "end of year" cultural activity

On Monday, May 19, fourth-eighth Duff Elementary students were treated to an "end-of-the-year" cultural adventure to the all-new, exquisite Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg! The students left their school on several buses at 9 a.m. to arrive in time for a 10:00 show performed by the ever-sensational Kentucky Opry Jr. Pros! The students enjoyed the entertainment, as well as the educational aspects of the show. The trip was made possible by the Duff Family Resource Center and chaperoned by teachers, a counselor, aides and parents. From left to right, Kitty H. Frazier, guidance counselor; Janice DeBoard, aid; and students, Chris Burke and Scottie Bradley, were all smiles during a cultural adventure to the Mountain Arts Center.



Making pizzas

The Prestonsburg Headstart went to Pizza Hut on Wednesday, May 28, and made their own pizzas. After that, they went to Archer Park to play on the playground.



Betsy Layne High School students elected their Class Officers and class favorites on the MicroVote Electronic Voting Machine. Ballots and machine were furnished by Floyd County Clerk, Carla "Robinson" Boyd.



Mike Paschall, of Cadiz, presented a wildlife show on endangered species at Duff Elementary. The show was sponsored by the Duff Family Resource.

Charlotte Collins, Title I social worker, and Nadine Hicks, parent coordinator, had a P.A.C. (parents advisory council) meeting at Duff Elementary. The meeting was held in Mrs. Scott's Title I classroom.





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Obituaries

John B. Neeley

John B. Neeley, 72, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, July 30, 1997, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

Born March 13, 1925 at Bonanza, he was the son of the late Elzie and Susie Baldrige Neeley. He was a retired carpenter.

He was a lifetime member of the VFV and D.A.V. Chapter No. 18 at Auxier, and a member of the Community Freewill Baptist Church at Goble-Roberts.

Survivors include his wife, Olive Rose Dawson Bryant Neeley; three stepsons, Ricky Ray Bryant of London, Ronnie Gene Bryant of Salyersville, and John W. Bryant of Prestonsburg; one stepdaughter, Connie Sue Vaughn of Port St. Lucie, Florida; one brother, Lonnie Neeley of Auxier; three sisters, Gertrude Pack, Margie Osborne and Amanda Hall, all of Prestonsburg; one grandson, six step-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Saturday, August 2, at 1 p.m., at the Pennington Cemetery on Big Branch of Bull Creek, Prestonsburg, with Elder Bill Campbell officiating.

Burial will be in the Pennington Cemetery in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation will be at the residence.

Josephine Spradlin

Josephine Spradlin, 65, of Ada, Ohio, died Wednesday, July 30, 1997, at her residence.

Born April 13, 1932 in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Lucy Whitaker Hackworth.

She owned and operated the Corner Market of Ada, Ohio, for seven years.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Lloyd Spradlin; two sons, Bill Cheney and Ronnie Cheney, both of Ada, Ohio; two stepsons, Gary Spradlin of Lima, Ohio, and Larry Spradlin of Ada, Ohio; three brothers, William Lloyd Hackworth of Green Springs, Ohio, and Russell Hackworth and Henry O. Hackworth, both of Prestonsburg; four sisters, Okie Mae Shell of Prestonsburg and Ann Cheney, Alline Buess and Doris Krause, all of Findlay, Ohio; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, August 1, at 1 p.m., at the Hanson-Neeley Funeral Home in Ada, Ohio, with Rev. Eugene Webb officiating. Burial will be in Preston Cemetery in Alger, Ohio.

Frank Hamilton

Frank Hamilton, 79, of Orangeburg, South Carolina, formerly of Grethel, died Tuesday, July 29, 1997, at his residence.

Born May 23, 1918 in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Lawrence Hamilton and Ivaloe Roberts Hamilton. He was a coal miner and retired welder/blacksmith for Norfolk and Western Railroad in Bellevue, Ohio. He moved to Ohio in 1951.

Survivors include his wife, Verlie Irick Hamilton; two sons, Frank Hamilton Jr. of Neeses, South Carolina, and Ted Hamilton of Sebastian, Florida; two daughters, Patricia Knolick of Severna Park, Maryland, and Sandra Rose Bobier of Clawson, Michigan; four brothers, Millard Hamilton and Bob Hamilton, both of Harold, Charles Hamilton of Wellington, Ohio, and Curt Hamilton of Bellevue; two sisters, Esta Wicker of Bellview, and Pearlie Jane Jones of North Texas; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, August 2, at 11 a.m., at the Thompson Funeral Home in Orangeburg, South Carolina, with Rev. Jim Wingate officiating.

Burial will be in the Crest Lawn Cemetery in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Obituary information courtesy of Justice Funeral Services.

Evelyn Pennington

Evelyn Pennington, 53, of Williamsport, died Wednesday, July 30, 1997, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, following an extended illness.

Born February 19, 1944 in Parkersburg, West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Denver Dale and Letha Dorothy Brookover Digman.

Survivors include her husband, Harmon Pennington; one son, George Edward Pennington of Williamsport; four stepsons, James "Wig" Pennington of Prestonsburg, Harm Dwayne Pennington of Paintsville, Millard Edward Pennington of Water Gap, and Gregory Ray Pennington of Warsaw, Indiana; one stepdaughter, Maudie Sue Shambarger of Warsaw, Indiana; one brother, Larry Digman of Miami, Florida; two sisters, Jean Vincent and Nora Blackburn, both of Parkersburg, West Virginia; and six step-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, August 2, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home Chapel, with Bobby Joe Spencer officiating.

Burial will be in Richmond Cemetery in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Mary Elizabeth Powers

Mary Elizabeth "Mary Lib" Powers, 96, of Indianapolis, Indiana, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Monday, July 28, 1997, at Forum at the Crossing Healthcare Facility.

Born December 19, 1900 in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Oliver Perry and Lucy Ford Powers.

She was a former employee of The Bank Josephine. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg.

She is survived by one niece, Marjorie P. Samms of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Funeral services will be Friday, August 1, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. George Love officiating.

Burial will be in the Porter Cemetery in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.



Ellen E. Kuss

Ellen E. Kuss, 116, of Lake Wales, Florida, died Tuesday, July 29, 1997, at her residence, following a sudden illness.

Born in 1881 in Hamilton, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Ben H. Baker and Clara Jane Green Baker. She was a retired government worker and Sunday school teacher for 40 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Kuss.

Survivors include one son, Thomas N. Kuss I of Water Gap; one stepdaughter, Joan Scott of Lake Wales, Florida; eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, August 2, at 1 p.m., at the Church of the Good Shepherd with Father Thomas officiating.

Visitation will be held at the Johnson Funeral Home in Lake Wales, Florida, after 2 p.m. today, Friday. Burial will be in Florida.

Obituary information courtesy of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Carolyn Gayle Stumbo

Carolyn Gayle Stumbo, 50, of McDowell, died Tuesday, July 29, 1997, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born August 25, 1946 in Martin, she was the daughter of Gertrude Hughes Hurst and the late Luther Hurst.

She was a member of the Drift Pentecostal Church.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Clark E. Stumbo; two sons, Dr. Anthony Clark Stumbo of Prestonsburg and Christopher "Bish" Tate Stumbo of McDowell; two daughters, Karin Lynn Tuttle and Karla Gwynn Dean, both of McDowell; one brother, Estill Dwayne Hurst of Jackson, Michigan; one sister, Brenda Darnell Lawson of Drift; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, August 1, at 11 a.m., at the Drift Pentecostal Church, with clergyman Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial will be in the Lucy Hall Cemetery at McDowell, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Euna G. Laven

Euna G. Laven, 82, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, July 31, 1997, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following a long illness.

Born June 8, 1916 in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Tom and Ethel Blackburn Stephens.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church for 40 years.

Survivors include her husband, George Laven; one daughter, Tommie Carol Hampton of Raleigh, North Carolina; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, August 2, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with clergyman Ken Lemaster officiating.

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

Regional Obits

Pike County

James A. "Butch" Whitt, 55, of Pinsonfork, died July 24, at McCarr, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was a truck driver, employed by the Pike County Fiscal Court. He is survived by his mother, Virginia May Whitt, of McAndrews and his wife, Shelia Kay Childress Whitt. Funeral services were July 27, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Justin Lee Johnson, infant son of Bobby and Debbie Johnson of Caney, died July 24. Graveside services were held July 26, at the Roberts Family Cemetery at Caney, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

Cleveland Tackett, 67, of Virgie, died July 25. He was a retired coal miner, formerly employed by Island Creek Coal Company. He is survived by his wife, Irene Tackett. Funeral services were July 28, at the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Jon Christian Taylor, two-month-old son of Shawn Renee Lowe Taylor of Turkey Creek, died July 24. Funeral services were Saturday, July 26, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Franklin "Junebug" Hunt, 63, of Huddy, died July 23. He was retired, formerly employed by Ford Motor Company in Detroit, Michigan, and a U.S. Army veteran. Funeral services were July 25, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Gary E. Stewart, 44, of Meta; died July 21. He is survived by his parents, Jesse Mack and Christine Potter Stewart of Elkhorn City. Funeral services were July 25, at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel.

June Elswick, 91, of Caney Highway, died July 23. She was preceded in death by her husband, George W. Elswick. Funeral services were July 26, at the Caney Creek Old Regular Baptist Church, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

Billy Donald Coleman, 64, of Raccoon, died July 22. He was a retired coal miner. Funeral services were July 25, at the Meathouse Freewill Baptist Church, under the

direction of Justice Funeral Services-Pike County Chapel.

Robert Lee Coleman, 68, of Kimber, died July 22. He was a retired truck driver and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. Funeral services were July 24, at the Justice Funeral Services Chapel.

Charles Clark, 71, of Parkview Nursing Home in Robinson Creek, died July 27. He was a retired veteran. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Clark. Funeral services were July 30, at the R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Kansas Marie Hatfield Coleman, 64, of Ransom, died July 28. She is survived by her husband, Andy Coleman. Funeral services were July 31, at the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Verl Thompson, 76, of Raccoon, died July 27. He was a retired coal miner and salesman, formerly employed by Rogers Petroleum. He is survived by his wife, Josephine McQuire Thompson. Funeral services were July 29, at the Pike County Chapel of Justice Funeral Services.

Ronald "Ronnie" Parsons, 42, of Shelbiana, died July 26. He was a

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Beloved Daughter, Sister, Wife, Mother, Grandmother and friend, who departed this life Tuesday, July 29, 1997. She was born August 25, 1946 to Gertrude Hughes Hurst and the late Luther Hurst.

In addition to her husband, Clark, and her mother, she is survived by two sons, Dr. Anthony Clark Stumbo of Prestonsburg, Ky., Christopher "Bish" Tate Stumbo of McDowell, Ky.; two daughters, Karen Lynn Tuttle and Karla Gwynn Dean, both of McDowell, Ky.; one brother, Estill Dwayne Hurst of Jackson, Michigan; one sister, Brenda Hurst Lawson of Drift, Ky. and five grandchildren, Leigh Ann and Chelsie Leigh Tuttle, Heather Renee and Arthur Blake Dean and Anthony Tyler Stumbo.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Michelle Stephanie Carol Stumbo.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, August 1, 1997, at the Drift Pentecostal Church where she was a member, with her Pastor Ted Shannon, officiating. Burial will be in the Lucy Hall Cemetery at McDowell, Ky.

God saw she was getting tired, and a cure was not to be, so he put his arms around her, and whispered come with me. With tearful eyes, we watched her pain, and saw her fading away. Although we loved her dearly, we could not make her stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

She loved life and loved her family dearly, but God loved her more and took her home after fifty years here on this earth, and we're all the richer for having known her.

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Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 6:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby Joe Spencer; Assistant, Southie Fannin, Jr.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Rd.; Sunday Morning Services, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 10:30; Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. David Fultz.

ABBOTT

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, J.J. Wright.

ALLEN

Allen First Baptist Church, Allen; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship at 7 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. French Harmon.

Christ United Methodist, Allen, Ky.; Sunday School, 9:45; Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth Lemaster.

BANNER

Prater Creek Baptist Church, Prater Creek; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Kids for Christ Club meets; Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Jr. and Beginners Church meets; Independent Fundamental Baptist Church; Pastor, Gary Fish.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner, Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 7:00; Tuesday Bible Study, 6:30; Everyone Welcome. Pastor, David Shepherd.

BEAVER

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist Church, Beaver, Rt. 979; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Philip T. Smith.

BETSY LAYNE

Betsy Layne United Methodist Church, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night family training hour, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Judith Caudill.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist Church; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Night Prayer & Youth Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Tracy Patton.

Calvary Southern Baptist Church, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Youth Meeting, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Troy Lee Tackett

Betsy Layne Church of Christ at Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m., Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Minister, Tommy J. Spears

BLUE RIVER

Middle Creek Baptist Church, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.; Independent Fundamental; Pastor, Vernon Slone.

BONANZA

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Herb Arms.

BUFFALO

Endicott Freewill Baptist Church; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth Service, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. and the first Saturday each month at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, B.J. Crider

CORN FORK

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Roger Music.

COW CREEK

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; 3rd Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon; Prayer Meeting and Youth Group, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Nathan Lafferty.

Benedict Baptist Church, Slick Rock Branch of Cow Creek, (half mile up Cow Creek on left); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Youth Service, 6 p.m. each Wednesday and Evening Service, 7 p.m. each Wednesday.

DANA

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist Church, Dana; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Church, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Youth Meeting Sunday, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Jody Spencer; Assistance Pastor, Terry Hall.

DAVID

Goodloe Pentecostal Church, Rt. 850, David, Ky.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Fourth Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Kilmer Lambert.

DRIFT

Drift Pentecostal Church, Drift; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ted Shannon.

Drift Independent Church, Drift; Thursday, 6:30; Sunday, 11:00.

Drift Freewill Baptist Church, Drift; Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m., Thursday; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Church Service, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Randy Turner.

Drift Presbyterian Church, Route 1101, Drift; Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m.; Part-time minister, Mary Alice Murray.

DENVER

Liberty Baptist Church, Denver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Pastor Merle Little.

DWALE

Dwale House of Prayer, Dwale, Ky.; service Saturday night, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday night, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Woodrow Crum.

EAST POINT

Free Pentecostal Church of God, East Point, Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 11:00; Sunday Night, 6:30; Thursday Night, 6:30; Pastor, Buster Hayton.

EMMA

Emma United Methodist, Emma, Ky.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Sunday Night, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Jack Howard, Pastor.

ESTILL

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Wayne Stevens.

GARRETT

Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church, Garrett; 4th Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Moderator, Elder Earl Slone; Assistant Moderator, Elder Jerry Manns.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist Church, Garrett, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Elder Brodey Amburgey.

First Baptist Church, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday; Pastor, Randy Osborne.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Donald Bragg.

Garrett Community Christian Church, Route 550, Garrett, Ky.; Service Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting 2nd Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10:30

a.m. Come and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Donnie Hackworth.

GOBLE ROBERTS ADDITION Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:10 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth E. Prater, Jr.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 4th Saturday Night, Regular Service & Business, 6:00 p.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Paul D. Coleman.

GRETHEL

Grethel Baptist Church, State Route 3379, (Branham's Creek Road), telephone 587-2043; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Meeting, 5:30 p.m.; Evening Services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ronnie W. Blair.

HAROLD

Harold Church of Christ, at Harold, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Minister, James H. Harmon

Lower Toler Church of Christ at Harold, Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Minister, Doyle Meade.

HI HAT

The Church of God of Prophecy at Hi Hat, invites you to worship with us each week. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday night is family night! Everyone welcome! Pastor, Don Fraley, Jr.

United Christian Church, Meade Bottom, Hi Hat, Ky.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. Brother, Bill Slone, Pastor

HUEYSVILLE

United Community Baptist Church, Hwy. 7, Hueysville, Ky. Service each Friday night, 7:00 p.m. and each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Come worship with us and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Carlos Beverly.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville, Ky. Service each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and the 4th Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Jacob Jarvis.

IVEL

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23, first exit (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Chuck Ferguson.

LACKEY

Lackey Freewill Baptist Church, Lackey, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Everyone Welcome. Pastor Johnny J. Collins, of Wayland. "If we meet and you forget me you have lost nothing, but if you meet Jesus and forget him you have lost everything."

LANCER

Lancer Baptist Church, Lancer, welcomes you to the services. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Tom Biddle.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist, Lancer-Water Gap Road; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Youth Service Wednesday, 6:30; Pastor, Joe Coleman.

Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Lancer-Water gap Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday programs available for children; Pastor, Mark Tackett.

LANGLEY

Maytown United Methodist Church, Langley; Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Youth Sunday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Roy Harlow.

MARTIN

Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Stephens Branch; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Martin House of Worship, in Martin on Old Post Office St. Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter

Day Saints, Rt. 80, Martin; Wednesday Seminary at 6:00 p.m.; Young Men and Women at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Relief Society/Priesthood, 9:30 a.m.; Sacramento Service, 11:20 a.m.

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Missionettes & Royal Rangers, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Lorie Vannucci.

Trinity Chapel, Pentecostal Holiness Church, North Main Street, Martin; services: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday worship, 7:00 p.m.; Second Saturday Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Youth Activity nights, 1st and 3rd Saturday, 6:00 p.m.; Womens Ministries, 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Ministries, 2nd Friday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Bible study Monday evenings, 6:00 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Pastor.

Faith Bible Church, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.; Independent Fundamental Baptist; Pastor, Don Crisp.

Martin Freewill Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Youth League, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Pastor, John L. Blair.

First Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Bible Study, 10:00; Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 6:00; Mid Week, 7:00; Pastor, Pastor: Russ Taylor.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Friday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Deacon, Bud Crum.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Group, 7 p.m.; Evangelist, Gary Mitchell.

Martin Methodist Church; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Harlow.

Old Time Holiness Church; 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Brother John W. Patton. Friday Evening, 7:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Sunday School, 11:00; Everyone Welcome.

MAYTOWN

Maytown First Baptist Church, Main Street; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bob Varney.

MCDOWELL

McDowell First Baptist Church, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 7 p.m.; individual counseling and family counseling by appointment. Pastor, Harry Hargis.

MIDDLE CREEK

Spurlock Bible Church, Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Dan Heintzelman.

MOUNTAIN PARKWAY

Free Pentecostal Deliverance Church, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton, Saturday and Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Patricia Crider.

PRESTONSBURG

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Sabbath School, 9:15; Church Service, 10:30; Pastor, Mike Foraker, 886-3459.

St. Martha Church, Water Gap; Saturday evening mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Religious Education Classes, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 a.m.; Adult Class, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Pastor: Father John Moriarty.

Community United Methodist Church, 141 Burke Ave., (off University Drive), Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday morning worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m.; classes for adults, youth and children; choir practice, Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Sam Knox.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 6:00; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Pastor, Manfred Fannin.

Faith Freewill Baptist Church, Rt. 1428, beside the old Slimway Building; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Pastor, Clinton (Buddy) Jones.

First Christian Church, 429 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg; Sunday: Bible study, 10:00 a.m.; Morning

Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday: Midweek Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Evangelist, Hondel Adams.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, David Garrett.

First Baptist Church, (Irene Cole Memorial), 54 S. Front St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; S.M.A.S.H. 6:45 (on Wednesday); Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Dr. S. Thomas Valentine, Pastor.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile North of Prestonsburg, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Praise & Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; nursery provided. Pastor, J.M. Sloce.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church, located two miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Van West.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. George C. Love.

First United Methodist Church, 60 S. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 7:00; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Sun., WPRT AM, 11:00; Radio Broadcast WXXZ 105.5 FM; Pastor, Reverend David Fultz.

Victory Christian Ministries Church, 1428 E., Prestonsburg; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Sherm Williams.

Parkway Baptist, Rt. 1428, Sugar Loaf, Prestonsburg; Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Ed Taylor.

Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.; Evangelist, Benny Blankenship.

St. James Episcopal Church, school starts 9:45. Enquire classes to begin in January. For more information, contact the Rev. Johnnie E. Ross, 886-8046.

Faith Freewill Baptist Church, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment on Rt. 1428. Buddy Jones, Pastor; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Prayer meeting, 7:00; Sunday Night Service at 6:00 p.m.

Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union; meets every Wednesday, 11:30-12:30 in J102. Lunch, discussion, travel available to all students, faculty and staff. French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, president. For more information, call: 874-9468 or 478-2978.

First Church of God, Prestonsburg; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Kids Bible Club, 7 p.m.; Pastor Allan Hutchison.

Priesthood/Relief Society, 9:30 a.m. Sunday; Sunday School, 10:20; Sacramento, 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday evening, Mutual Activities, 7 p.m.; Seminary, 6 p.m.

Town Branch Community Baptist, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.

Cliff Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10; Morning Worship, 11; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor Clifford Austin.

Benedict Baptist Church, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Gordon Fitch.

PAINTSVILLE

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; WKLW (600 a.m.) "Chapel Window",

12:05 p.m. every Sunday; Pastor Rev. Rolland Bentrup.

PRINTER

Salisbury United Methodist Church, Printer; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby G. Lawson.

STANVILLE

Mare Creek Church of Christ, at Stanville. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible School, 6:30 p.m., Minister, Tommy D. Bush

WATER GAP

Trimble Chapel Free Will Baptist, Intersection of U.S. 23 and Ky. 80, Water Gap, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00; Wednesday youth meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Joe Coleman.

WEEKSBURY

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, John "Jay" Patton.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Hall.

WHEELWRIGHT

Wheelwright United Methodist Church, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 services; Pastor, Bobby Isaac.

Bypro Church of God; Sunday School Services, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Services, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Services, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday Night Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Howard Goins.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Wednesday evening worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Louis Ferrari.

Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Wednesday Worship, 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Louis Sanlan; Rev. David Pike, assistant pastor.

Lighthouse Temple, Hall Hollow, Wheelwright, Kentucky; Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday Services, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Cosby.

WEST PRESTONSBURG

Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 184, West Prestonsburg, (across from Clark Elem. School); Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Interim Pastor, Jennings West.

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7:0

Historic Notes

by Henry P. Scaff
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The Civil War in the life of Harvey W. Stratton

Because of their isolation, the mountain counties of Kentucky didn't experience the tremendous carnage that marked the Civil War in other parts of the South. The battles which were fought on the Big Sandy were battles involving several thousand men or less, at places like Ivy Mountain, Middle Creek, and Wireman's Shoals.

For the average mountaineer, the war was a rather remote thing. After all, he had few newspapers to read, and except for the occasional traveler, he had little contact with the outside world. As a result, no war fever swept through the Big Sandy Valley after the firing on Fort Sumter.

There were few slaves in the hills. No vast cotton plantations existed which required their services, and the Constitutional questions that were being decided by the clash of arms were practically incomprehensible to the average mountaineer.

For him the cause of the war boiled down to this: it was being waged by Republicans who wanted to free the slaves owned by Democrats. Since the average mountaineer owned no slaves, he didn't get very excited about the war. Typically, his first reaction was to remain neutral. As the war dragged on, however, he usually decided to cast his lot with one or the other contending sides.

One member of this vast, non-slave-holding majority was Harvey Washington Stratton of Mare Creek. When the war started, he decided to remain neutral. He was a young man with a family, and he had seen his neighbors shoulder their rifles and march away to join the Union or Confederate Armies. Because of its fratricidal nature, the war became to him something totally abhorrent. Besides, his family needed him for protection against the lawless bands of guerrillas that were beginning to rove through the hills in search of booty and plunder.

During the four years when the war raged, there was no law in Floyd County, not even a grand jury. As a result, men seized the opportunity to wreak private vengeance on their enemies. One example of this occurred in January, 1862. Judge William Cecil of Pike County was a man well-known for his Confederate sympathies. When Garfield's cavalry occupied Picketon following the Battle of Middle Creek, Cecil fled town to escape arrest for treason. Several weeks before this, he had convicted a man and jailed him in the Pike County jail. When the Union troops entered Picketon, they liberated the man, who promptly tracked down Judge Cecil and killed him.

Bands of men roamed over the country, seizing whatever they wanted—hogs, cattle, and personal property of all kinds, oftentimes stripping the clothes from the backs of their unfortunate victims, whom they often as not left wounded or dead. Life was cheap, and no one was safe. Military occupation would have been far better than this, for life under martial law would have had some semblance of security. As it was, the mountains held no great strategic advantage for either side, and neither the Confederacy nor the Union sought to seize the Big Sandy in any serious way until late in the war. It was left to the mercies of the butchering gangs of guerrillas from both sides.

During this terrible period, "Wash" Stratton and his family lived lives marked by fear and anxiety. On many occasions, bands of roving men came to their farm and plundered it, carrying off livestock, household articles, and other valued possessions. Because the Strattons wisely decided not to resist these instructions, their lives were spared.

The guerrillas usually came during the daylight hours, when Wash would be working in the fields near

the Stratton house. Hearing the hooves in the distance, he would flee to the security of a nearby thicket, and then he would watch while the men robbed his granary, his chicken-house, and his barn. His wife Phoebe owned a fine, coal-black mare named "Nigger." It was usually pastured in a large bottom which was came to be called Nigger Pasture. One day the thieves came up the road, and, as luck would have it, Nigger was still in the barn. Seeing the horse, the leader of the band—who must remain nameless, out of respect for his descendants, who are scattered all over Pike County—went to the barn, bridled the mare, and rode away.

When the war ended in 1865, the men who had engaged in guerrilla warfare returned to their homes, obtained gainful employment, and attempted to rejoin respectable society. For example, the man who stole Aunt Phoebe's mare because one of Pike County's most successful horse-traders.

One summer in the early 1870's, a camp-meeting was held on the Big Sandy at a place not far from Harvey Stratton's Mare Creek farm. The meeting drew saints and sinners from all over the region, including the man I have just mentioned. It so happened that Phoebe Stratton attended the same meeting. While the former horse-thief, standing at the edge of the crowd, was trying to trade horses with another man, Phoebe happened to pass by them. When the second man saw her, he asked her if the horse offered by the horse-thief was a good animal. Now, it so happened that the horse in question had once belonged to Phoebe's next-door neighbor, so she knew all about the horse. Looking the horse-thief straight in the eye, she said: "It is just as sound but not near as good as the black mare you stole from me when the war was on." Then she passed on, leaving the man speechless with rage and the spectators convulsed with laughter.

The guerrillas—or "bushwhackers," as they were called—never caught up with Harvey Stratton. Fierce partisans on both sides viewed neutrality as an unacceptable option, and if you refused to be inducted into the service, you became a good candidate for a work gang or worse. Too many men who, like Harvey, desired to remain neutral, were carried off and never heard from again.

On one occasion, the guerrillas arrived at the Stratton farm when Harvey was away on business. It so happened that Harvey's daughter Jane, a girl in her teens, had just purchased a beautiful new dress. When the men stormed into the Stratton house, they saw the dress hanging on a clothes rack mounted on the wall. When one of the men reached for the dress, Jane slapped him so hard that he nearly lost his balance. Recovering himself, he drew back the butt of his rifle, intending to crush her skull. The leader of the band had watched the whole episode, and he felt a sudden rush of

admiration for the plucky young woman. Interposing himself, he said: "Never strike a girl as brave as that." As a result, Jane was able to keep her new dress.

On still another occasion, a band of guerrillas stormed into the Stratton house and demanded that Phoebe prepare them a meal. The fearful woman set about cooking it, notwithstanding the fact that rage was burning inside her breast. When she went to the water bucket to get water for the coffee, she discovered that the bucket was empty. After looking over her shoulder to make sure that no one was looking, she filled the coffee pot with dishwater. The ravenous bushwhackers, who hadn't had a decent meal in days, ate the food and drank the coffee without comment.

Of course, the protection that Harvey Stratton was able to offer his family was small, because the gangs traveled in numbers sufficient to resist capture by the widely-scattered settlers. The best policy was to slip quietly out of sight whenever they were around, and allow them to carry off whatever they wanted—all the while watching and praying that no harm would come to the women of the house. The guerrilla who dared to lay his hands on a woman knew that if he did so, he might receive a rifle bullet in his back—a ball fired from ambush by a watching husband or father. The husband who chose this type of resistance faced the possibility that it would be followed by a bloody assault on his family by the infuriated men. In any case, a merciful providence must have watched over the women of the Stratton household, because they survived the war without incident.

The most dreaded of all guerrilla raids were night raids, because at night the men were usually at home, and the possibility was good that they would be captured and shot down in cold blood at the slightest provocation. There are stories, too, of men captured by the gangs, who ostensibly sought recruits for the Confederate or Union armies. Stories have been told of men who were forced to walk hundreds of miles before they were freed and allowed to find their way home. But these tales of leniency and mercy are few.

The Battle of Ivy Mountain, which was fought just a few miles from Harvey's farm on Mare Creek, taught him and his family something about the horrors of war, because they afterwards had personal contact with some of the wounded men. During the engagement, Union troops under General William "Bull" Nelson defeated an inferior rebel force commanded by Colonel Andrew Jackson May. On the rebel side was a detachment of the 5th Kentucky Infantry, and my grandfather, Hezekiah Scaff, served as a private in this regiment. From him I have learned how the battle was fought and "how the rebels ran." He also told me how Captain May, on horseback, rode up to the rebel line and said: "Don't fire until you hear my pistol crack!"

The battle was of short duration, because the Confederates were outnumbered and outmaneuvered. The Federals executed a flanking attack on the Confederate position which exposed the rebels to fire from their unprotected rear. Seeing this, Captain May ordered a retreat.

Two months later, General James A. Garfield drove the Confederates out of the Big Sandy Valley. Capturing Louisa, he advanced upon Prestonsburg. A battle was fought at Middle Creek which resulted in a Union victory. Later, he occupied Pikeville and captured the Confederate position at Pound Gap.

However, these military operations had little impact on the day-to-day lives of Big Sandy civilians, because the Union command made no serious attempt to establish law and order. As a result, the region experienced a four-year-long reign of terror that will never be forgotten. Some Big Sandians died during this period, the victims of anarchy and lawlessness. Others managed to survive. Among the latter group was Harvey "Wash" Stratton, a farmer on Mare Creek.



Hughes wins

Nicholas Hughes, 11, of Prestonsburg, has won a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond by winning "My Favorite Thing To Do" drawing contest at Kentucky Finance in Prestonsburg. The contest is sponsored by Kentucky Finance. Nicholas' artwork will be forwarded to the national competition in Dallas, Texas, where his artwork could be selected for a calendar and a prize of \$1,000. Nicholas' drawing pictured him doing his favorite thing, which is playing Nintendo.

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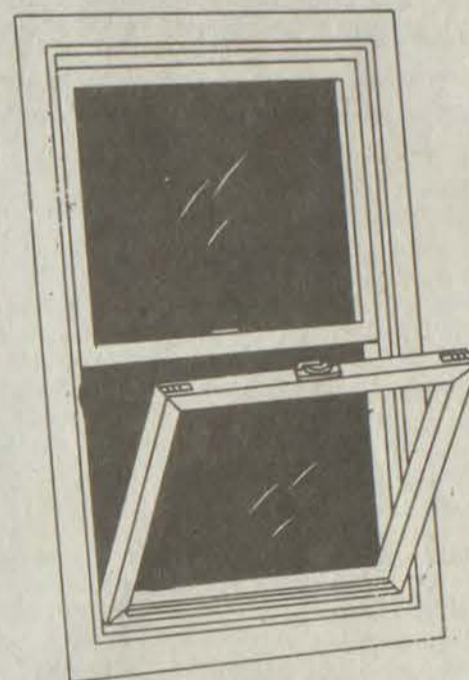
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Jenna Gearheart (standing) and Alison Lovely, (lying down) rehearsed choir roles in *Stuart Little*. The show is produced by the Children's Theatre and is part of Jenny Wiley Theatre's Children's program.

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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.

Vacation Bible School

• August 3-7 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Allen First Baptist Church. Ages 3 through 12th grade. Bible study, music, crafts, recreation and refreshments. Call 874-9468 for more information. Rev. French Harmon, pastor.

• August 4-8, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist Church at Cliff. Ages preschool to teens. Bible study, music, crafts, recreation and refreshments. Rev. Clifford Austin, pastor.

Day in the Park concert

A Day in the Park at Weeksbury park will be held August 1, beginning at 4 p.m., sponsored by Melvin cheerleaders. Concession stand will be open. Free concert by Bobby Caudill. Activities include dunking booth, Bingo, sack race, cake walk, tournaments, and more!

Sellards reunion

The Sellards family reunion will be held Saturday, August 2, at Shelter No. 4, at Dewey Dam. Bring a covered dish.

ACHS council to meet

The Allen Central High School SBDM council will meet on August 5, at 6 p.m. The agenda will include standing committees and scheduling.

PHS council to meet

The Prestonsburg High School SBDM council will meet in regular session on August 7, at 7 p.m. The

agenda will include the second reading of teacher space scheduling and staffing.

Fellowship Camp meeting

A Fellowship Camp meeting will be held at the Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Church, Martin, August 18-23, at 7 p.m. nightly with various churches and pastors participating. Special singing nightly. Everyone invited to attend.

Special meeting

A special SBDM council meeting will be held at Stumbo Elementary on August 5, at 9 a.m. and August 6, at 9 a.m. in the school library, for the purpose of screening and interviewing candidates for teaching positions. The public is invited.

Epidural anesthesia class

A free epidural anesthesia class for pregnant women wanting to know more about the use of anesthesia will be held August 5 and 7, from 7-9 p.m. at the Pikeville Methodist Education Center, in the Wallen and Cornett building. Call 437-3938 to register.

MMS council to meet

The regular meeting of the Martin Middle School SBDM council will be held August 4, at the school. All interested members of the public are invited to attend.

Virginia Opry to perform

The Virginia Opry will perform on stage at the historic Stonewall Theatre on Saturday, August 2, at 8 p.m. Advance tickets are \$5 and \$2 for age 12 and under. Tickets at the door cost \$1 more. Call Olde Forge Travel at (540) 862-1234 or (540) 862-7407.

PES council to meet

The Prestonsburg Elementary site-based decision making council will meet August 4, from 6-8 p.m. in the auditorium. Everyone welcome.

Parsons reunion

The annual Parsons reunion will be held August 31, from 11 a.m. to

4 p.m. at the Isaac Parsons Cemetery on Parsons Branch (off Rt. 979, Big Mud). Signs will be posted. Bring a dish. Call E. J. Parsons at 432-426-7585 or Amos Carroll at 606-478-2338.

Entertainment at CC's

Kristina Parsons will perform at CC's Restaurant in Prestonsburg, on August 2, from 7-10 p.m.

Friendship night

Adah Chapter No. 24, Order of the Eastern Star, will have friendship night on August 1, at 6:30 p.m. to honor Shelby Willis, deputy grand matron, and Joe Estep, deputy grand patron of District 5. Members are urged to attend and bring sandwiches, salads or cake.

Students to screen patients

Teams of University of Louisville and Western Kentucky University students and U of L faculty will travel to Mud Creek Clinic at Grethel, August 4-8, to do free community health screenings. For more information, call project director Ruth Paton, at (502) 852-6402 or project medical director Richard Aud at (502) 852-5488.

Barefoot Charlies in concert

Barefoot Charlies will be live in concert, August 2, from 8-12 p.m. in the Municipal Parking Lot, Prestonsburg. Admission and refreshments are free. Dancing. Prizes. Brought to you by FUTURES.

McDowell SBDM council to meet

The McDowell Elementary School SBDM council will meet on Tuesday, August 5, at 6 p.m., in the school library. Everyone welcome.

May Valley council to meet

May Valley will have a special called site-based council meeting Tuesday, August 5, at 4:30 p.m. Items on the agenda include students handbook revision, attendance and discipline policies and personnel by-laws revision.

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Anita Vanover received a Certificate of Participation for the Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom Institute, held in June, 1997, at the University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture. Presenting the certificate was Dr. Joe Davis, associate dean, College of Agriculture left, and Mark Farrow, legal council for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.



Soloist
Joe D. Weddington recently took his solo flight. He is pictured with his instructor, Larry Short. (photo by Allen Bolling)

Local teacher attends training session at UK

Anita L. Vanover, primary teacher at Allen Elementary School with the Floyd County Schools, recently participated in a week-long institute on Agriculture and the Environment in the classroom. The institute was held on-campus, at the University of Kentucky, and was sponsored by the Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in Classroom Inc. Billy Ray Smith, Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture serves as chair of the program. The institute was conducted by the University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture. Charles Byers, professor of Agricultural Education was the institute director.

The institute was an instructional program for the teacher participants. Presentations and activities were designed to help the participants integrate agriculture and the environment into their classroom instruction. The 15 institute participants were selected from more than 900 teachers who had participated in an Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom weekend workshop.

A recognition luncheon was held for the participants, at the

Battle of Middle Creek re-enactment date set

The Re-enactment of the Civil War Battle of Middle Creek will be held August 22-24 with the battle on Sunday.

This year's event will be a first in an alternating schedule with civil war battlefield sites in the state.

For more information, call Buck Gulick, 886-7813; Owen Wright, 886-0344; Ted Frasure, 874-4191; or David Taylor, 437-1320.

University of Kentucky Faculty Club, on the last day of the institute. Mark Farrow, legal counsel for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and Joe Davis, associate dean for the College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky, were the speakers.

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general laborer. He is survived by his father, Robert Parsons of Brushy, and his wife, Ruby Justice Parsons. Funeral services were July 28, at the Greasy Creek Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services-Morris Chapel.

Rena "Granny" Pleasant, 91, of Elkhorn City, died July 28. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jady Golden Pleasant. Funeral services were July 31, at the Justice Funeral Services Chapel.

Evelene Thacker, 64, of Phyllis, died July 28. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Thacker. Funeral services were July 31, at the Justice Funeral Home Chapel.

Margaret "Pet" Blackburn McHenry, 81, of Turkey Creek, died July 27. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Cecil Brown, and her second husband, Elmer McHenry. Funeral services were July 31, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Johnson County

Flora "Shug" Adams, 90, of Tutor Key, died July 19. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Adams. Funeral services were July 21, at the Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Steve Ricky Ratliff, 44, of Staffordsville, died July 25. He is survived by his parents, Eli Ratliff Jr. and Gracie Lee Blair, and his wife, Burletta Blair Ratliff. Funeral services were July 28, at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Martha Ann Rapier, 77, of Paintsville, died July 17. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Joseph H. Rapier Sr. Funeral services were July 19, at the Mayo Memorial United Methodist Church.

Knott County

Rhoda Shepherd Lucas, 74, of Hazard, died July 23. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Lucas. Funeral services were July 25, at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel.

William Hershel Mullins, 53, of Pinetop, died July 25. He is survived by his wife, Shelby Slone Mullins, and his mother, Destry Mullins of Vest. Funeral services were July 27, at the Omaha Bible Church at Pinetop, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Audrey Green, 72, of Carrie, died July 23. She is survived by her husband, Robert Green. Funeral services were July 27, at the Cross Funeral Home in LaFollette, Tennessee.

Martin County

Patty Evans, 74, of Lovely, died July 26. She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Evans. She was a merchant and owner of Evans Grocery. Funeral services were July 29, at the Mouth of Emily Church at Lovely, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Dion Williams, 31, of Royalton, died July 14. He is survived by his parents, Clearance Williams of Royalton and Pam Collins of Owenton. Funeral services were July 18, at the Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home Chapel.

Lonzie McKenzie, 63, of Salyersville, died July 19. Funeral services were July 24, at the Elk Creek Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Nelda Risner Arnett, 76, of Salyersville, died July 21. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sanford Arnett. Funeral services were July 24, at the Salyersville Funeral Home Chapel.

Edna Willis, 92, of Salyersville, died July 20. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Earl Willis. She was a former sales clerk

in Magoffin County. Funeral services were July 24, at the Salyersville Funeral Home.

J.P. Howard, 45, of Salyersville, died July 19. He was a pipefitter. Funeral services were July 22, at the Salyersville Funeral Home Chapel.

Oscar Holbrook, 47, of Salyersville, died July 22. He was disabled. Funeral services were July 25, at the Dunn-Kelley/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home Chapel.

Bessie Jane Burton Stephens, 91, of Salyersville, died July 21. She was preceded in death by her husband, Asa Stephens. Funeral services were July 23, at the Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home Chapel.

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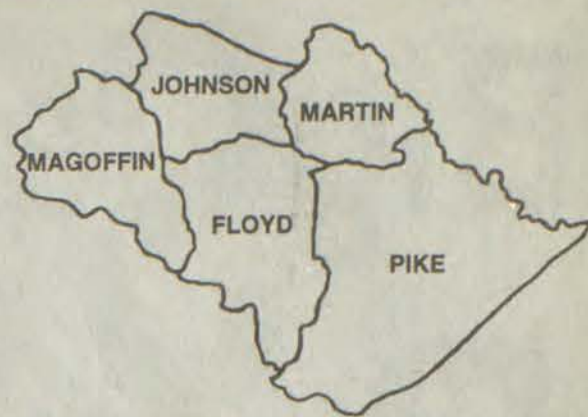
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Brandeis Machinery and Supply Corporation in Stanville, recently showed the importance of good corporate citizenry by making a donation to Pikeville College. Chuck Mueller, branch manager of Brandeis, left, is shown presenting the check to Pikeville College President, Hal Smith.

Shelby Valley group opposes new Pikeville technical school

by Kim Stacy
Appalachian News-Express

The construction of a \$12 million postsecondary technical and vocational center in the riverfill in Pikeville could be delayed, if residents at Shelby Valley get their way.

Those residents say \$4 million of that \$12 million funding was earmarked as a line item in the state's 1990 budget specifically for a vocational school at Shelby Valley and cannot be used for anything else.

About 20 to 25 residents gathered Monday evening at a press conference, called by former state Rep. Clayton Little, at the school.

Those residents are now circulating a petition for signatures in an effort to get that money back.

"I'm not a rebel rouser. I'm just a defender of justice, trying to do what's right," said Little. "I'm here for a cause of justice. In 1990, I voted for KERA (Kentucky Education Reform Act), even though it placed a burden on the taxpayers of Eastern Kentucky.

"But I voted for it because the House agreed to put that \$4 million in the budget for a vocational school at Shelby Valley."

Little said after Gov. Paul Patton was elected, the governor told him there was no room to put the center at the Shelby Valley site. But Little said 5.87 acres was deeded to the state for that purpose by the Pike County Board of Education.

Bryan Armstrong, director of communications for the Workforce Development Cabinet, said the technical school never was built because the site was not suitable and there wasn't enough money.

"This will be a postsecondary school," he said. "Having it on a high school site would not be appropriate and would end up mak-

ing the center mostly a secondary vocational school.

"The Pikeville location would be more consistent with what the needs are and it would be more accessible to more people. It will also be closer to local businesses and other entities that will be in partnership with us."

The Pikeville site in the riverfill, which was deeded to the state by the city, is four and a half acres, smaller than the Shelby Valley site, Little pointed out.

"When you place a line item in the budget, any future administration can't change it," said Little. "That's why I did it that way. It's only fair and right that we bring that school back here.

"Our governor can send his grandkids to the University of Kentucky. The poor folks at Shelby Valley need skilled training. Ninety percent of what they want to do in the riverfill is college-oriented." The center is a combined effort between the state and the Workforce Development Cabinet.

Little said he feared if the community college and center combines forces, then most of the center's funding will be used for the college.

Little said he has already consulted with an attorney to determine if it is illegal for the governor to change a line item. He also asked for support of file an injunction to stop the construction of the center until the issue can be resolved.

"We've already spend about \$38,000 on site preparation at Shelby Valley, and they plan to spend \$42,000 on site preparation at Pikeville" Little said. "We've built a road and have a paved parking lot. The one here will be built on solid ground. The one down there will be built on a field.

"All I want is what's fair, what's right, what's justice. The blueprints

of the center at Shelby Valley would allow us to build the center for \$4 million. I want the \$4 million back because it was earmarked for Shelby Valley. They can do whatever they want with their \$8 million.

Armstrong said he felt the construction of the center needed to move forward at the location in Pikeville.

"We think the postsecondary technical school needs to move forward in the location we plan to put it to serve the greater needs of that area," he said. "Pikeville is the population center, and in a position so we can form new partnerships with the community.

"We respect Mr. Little's opinion, but we don't fundamentally agree with it."

Little said the center didn't need to be connected to the community college and that skilled training would better serve the needs of this area.

"Higher education is not part of our heritage in the hill areas," said Little. "We've been deprived in the university system and we're being deprived in this system. The need is out there for common labor jobs for people who want to earn a living." Little said he had discussed the project only one time with the governor and he told the governor then he would not support the center being in Pikeville.

"The governor said he was inclined to believe the center needed to be put in the riverfill. I got up to leave and told him to call me when he changed his mind. I've not spoken with him since," said Little. "The governor said last week he had discussed this with me many times.

"That's the gospel according to Paul, but that's not the Paul in the Bible. The Paul in the Bible would n't lie."

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New questions surface about Meade's term

by Ralph Davis
Paintsville Herald

Nearly three months after Hobert Meade pleaded guilty to conspiring to accept kickbacks from contractors working on federal disaster projects, it appears that not all concerns about the spending practices of the former judge's administration have been resolved.

New questions about possible improprieties in county finances have been raised with the release of state auditor's report on the fiscal court covering Meade's first full year in office.

According to the report released by state Auditor of Public Accounts Ed Hatchett, "questionable" expenses were made on a county credit card at area restaurants and a local motel.

"During our audit engagement we examined \$1,693 worth of credit card purchases which we felt were questionable," the report states. "Included in those purchases were numerous restaurant charges at local eating establishments in Paintsville and the surrounding area ... Additional charges were made to the county's credit card at a local motel for overnight stays during a local Apple Day Festival." The audit says some of the restaurant charges were made "on weekends at times the county would not normally be doing business." As for the motel charges, the audit reports that \$346 was charged to the county at the Heart

O'Highlands Motel on October 4, 1994.

The report recommends that the fiscal court create a policy to govern acceptable use of county credit cards, but also notes that the county's credit card account was closed sometime after the 1994-95 fiscal year.

The report also points to irregularities in county election spending. According to the audit, Meade, county treasurer Adaline Stambaugh, a former county treasurer and other members of Meade's administrative staff were improperly paid a total of \$5,500.

"These checks were posted to the election officer appropriation account; however, none of the recipients appear to have been election officers during the audit period," the report says.

"Additionally, none of the payments were recorded in payroll records, nor were the proper tax withholdings deducted from these checks."

Meade was paid \$600 in 1994 and \$600 more in 1995, the report says, elevating his salary higher than the statutory maximum during each of those years.

The audit recommends that Meade repay the county the \$1,200 and that the county record all future payments to employees in payroll records.

Predictably, the audit also notes Meade's guilty plea and recommends the county file suit to recov-

er stolen moneys and that the ethics board review Meade's actions. However, both of those recommendations are moot now that County Attorney Scott Preston has filed a suit against Meade, as well as fellow conspirators Ernest Vanhose, Johnny Pennington and Woodrow Thomas Staniford, and contractors Dave Bowling and Larry Milton Butcher, and since a complaint against Meade has been filed with the ethics board.

Other findings of the audit include:

- Inadequate documentation was kept for bid purchases of vehicles and equipment, road materials, and flood damage work. The report recommends that the bidding process should be recorded in the fiscal court minutes, that all bids should be noted and reviewed by the court, and that the county maintain complete files concerning the bid process.

- Time sheets were not kept for all employees, contrary to state law.

- A budget increase of \$30,268 in the road and bridge fund and an unbudgeted expenditure of \$33,570 in the senior citizens project fund were not approved by the State Local Finance Office, in violation of state requirements that the court not overspend its budget on any appropriation.

- Not all claims submitted to the county were reviewed by the fiscal court.

Union, hospital lawsuit going to Supreme Court

by Kim Stacy
Appalachian News-Express

Pikeville Methodist Hospital officials will appeal a decision by the Sixth Circuit Court that upholds an earlier ruling that said the hospital violated unfair labor practices by refusing to allow employees to unionize.

The Sixth Circuit Court ruling was handed down and recorded June 26, and was followed by a letter to the hospital from the National Labor Relations Board advising the hospital it must post a Notice to Employees advising

employees of their rights.

The lawsuit has been ongoing for the past seven years. The only resort the hospital now has for appeal is with the Supreme Court.

"The case has gone on for a long time, but that's just the nature of the process," said Ray Haley III, a Louisville attorney who is representing the hospital.

"We believe it's an important issue and one that would warrant the Supreme Court's attention. It doesn't accept a significant number of cases for attention.

"I cannot hazard a guess when we will hear from the Supreme Court either way."

Prosecutor is allegedly threatened by family members near end of trial

Appalachian News-Express

Family members of a persistent felony offender from Freeburn, who tried to run over a Kentucky State Police trooper in 1993, threatened Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Ron Burchett on the last day of the man's trial Tuesday, a Pike County commonwealth's attorney media release said.

The report said family members of John Paul Charles, 34, made the threats to Burchett during jury deliberations in the penalty phase of the trial, which resulted in a jury recommending Charles serve five years for a wanton endangerment charge and 10 years for a persistent felony offender charge.

Burchett reportedly said he was not concerned with the remarks by

Union officials are questioning the appeal and who will actually pay the cost for it.

"After all, this is over, you have to ask, 'What is this costing, who is paying?'" said Dallas Elswick, international representative for United Steelworkers of America. "This process has cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, and it's being passed on to the patients."

For example, Elswick said the recent appeal to the Sixth Circuit Court cost the hospital about \$300,000, and an appeal to the Supreme Court can cost as much as \$1 million.

the members of Charles' family, who were obviously upset and unable to admit who was ultimately at fault for Charles' situation.

"If they are serious about any threats, they know where they can find me," Burchett said. "I like my job and I'm not going anywhere."

According to the report, Charles was charged with wanton endangerment when he attempted to run over Trooper Joey Stidham at a Freeburn roadblock on May 1, 1993.

Stidham reportedly avoided Charles' vehicle but gave chase into West Virginia before Charles wrecked, eluded officers and was apprehended by West Virginia authorities.

After his arrest for wanton endangerment, Charles pleaded guilty in Mingo County, W. Va., to battery of a police officer, but that fact could not be revealed to the current jury for evidentiary reasons.

Burchett, who prosecuted the case with Elizabeth Graham, said Charles has been charged under the persistent felony offender statute three times, but Tuesday's conviction is Charles' first on the charge.

Although parole eligibility is ultimately a matter of interpretation for the parole board, a strict interpretation of the statute would require Charles to serve the full 10 years before being eligible for parole.

Whitt liaison between PCC, new tech center

by Kim Stacy
Appalachian News-Express

A seven-year Prestonsburg Community College employee has been appointed to serve as the college's Pike County campus coordinator for the new \$12 million Pike County Regional Technology Center.

Gloria Whitt of Pikeville will serve as a liaison between the community college and the post-secondary technology center.

Earlier this week, Gov. Paul Patton announced the center would be located in the riverfill behind the Pikeville City Park and will serve about 600 students. The community college will share classrooms and laboratory space in the facility, which is expected to be open by August 1999.

"I'm very pleased to have been chosen for this position," said Whitt in an interview Wednesday. "It's a

very different position for me. I've never served in an administrative capacity of this nature. It's a very loosely defined job because you wear so many hats.

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up new dimensions."

Whitt said during the spring semester, she will get involved in seeking community input and determining what the community needs in terms of continuing education programs.

"We want to see in what way we can be of service to students," she said.

Whitt holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Kentucky and a master's degree in education from Morehead State University. She is currently working on a doctorate at the University of Kentucky.

She has also been very active in social and civic organizations including the First Christian Church, Alpha Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, Pikeville Junior Woman's Club, Pike County Public Library District, PRIDE, Big Sandy Health Council Board, Pike County

Community Education Involvement and Pikeville High School Drug Awareness Committee.

Whitt said the center grew out of community support and would in turn serve the needs of the community.

"The center grew out of community support for it," said Whitt. "I hope we can grow to meet the needs of Pike County. We need to work with and have good relationships with other education and community institutions because we're all looking for the same thing—the growth and progress of our community."

"If we have the facility and the offerings for the people of Pike County and the region, the more we can offer, the more enticing it will be. The more we build on our future, the more people will be able to build the skills necessary to face the future."

Big Sandy Briefs

The Numbers Game

Wednesday's Results
July 30, 1997

LOTTO KENTUCKY
03-08-12-13-22-33
Next Estimated Jackpot
\$7.5 million

POWERBALL
06-16-21-30-34 (11)
Next Estimated Jackpot
\$45 million



Johnson County

County principals given \$1,000 raise

The Johnson County School Board entertained a unique request Monday night as Superintendent Orville Hamilton proposed that each principal in the county school system get an added sum to their pay checks for the '97-'98 school year.

The request came from Hamilton as part two of a salary adjustment schedule for all employees of the upcoming school year.

Part one of the schedule was passed unanimously by the board granting a pay raise to all employees. Hamilton said without the three percent pay raise, Johnson County teachers are ranked 28th in the state and principals are ranked 58th in the amount of pay they receive.

The principals' salary will include an extra \$1,000

plus the three percent raise approved for all employees. Most principals employed by the county school system make between \$55-57 thousand, depending on their certification and tenure. — *The Paintsville Herald*

Theft charges reach 121

Legal problems continue to mount for a Martha woman accused of stealing money from her employer on an almost daily basis.

Sherry L. Hensley, 32, has been charged with an additional 55 counts of theft by unlawful taking. Hensley was previously charged with 66 counts of the same charge, bringing the total number of charges now pending against her to 121.

In charges filed last week, Hensley is accused of theft by unlawful taking for allegedly stealing a total of \$7,395 from McGahan Feed Company, her previous place of employment.

In the new charges, Hensley is again charged with allegedly stealing money from the business on 55 separate occasions, ranging from \$30 to \$200 each time.

According to complaints, Hensley allegedly stole a total of \$8,180 between October 1995 and July 1996.

She could face up to 121 years in jail and a total of \$121,000 in fines if convicted on all counts. — *The Paintsville Herald*



Magoffin County

City left in the dark

Where was Salyersville when the lights went out? In the dark. For nearly three hours last Tuesday afternoon.

A storm-related power outage forced the majority of Salyersville businesses to shut down and close their doors.

Most of them reopened and resumed business, once the power was restored.

American Electric Power officials said, at the time, that they weren't sure what caused the power outage but that it was "definitely storm related."

Reportedly, fallen trees and mud slides caused problems in the Middle Creek area of Floyd County, between Salyersville and Prestonsburg. Damage there was caused to a 46,000 volt high-line. — *The Salyersville Independent*

\$2.05 million okayed for cut-thru

The House Appropriations Committee approved a request from Congressman Hal Rogers for \$2.05 million for the Magoffin County Salyersville Cut-Thru

Project. The bill must be voted on by the House of Representatives.

Former Salyersville resident found dead in Lexington

Heather Jo Hensley, a 22-year-old University of Kentucky student who was a native of Salyersville, was found dead in her Lexington apartment, July 18.

Hensley's body was discovered at approximately 10 a.m. by a roommate.

An autopsy was performed, but the cause of death won't be known until test results are completed. — *The Salyersville Independent*

Two hospitalized when car crashes into a tree

A single car accident on Johnson Fork sent two men to the hospital recently.

Michael Burke apparently lost control of the Dodge Shadow he was driving after he reportedly looked over at one of his passengers to ask the time. Burke's car dropped off the shoulder of the road as he came around a curve.

One of the passengers, Brian Prater, reportedly suffered a broken nose and possibly a fractured left leg. Another passenger, Neil Harvey, reportedly complained of shoulder and back pains after apparently being hit by a tool box that was thrown from the back seat to the front seat upon impact.

The men were en route to their jobs in Lexington. — *The Salyersville Independent*



Martin County

False 'signals' gives confusion

An apparent miscommunication between a Dempsey gate guard and Martin County sheriff's deputies resulted in a false report of a hostage situation two weeks ago.

According to sheriff's reports, a deputy responded to an apparent disturbance where a guard was being held at knife point.

But the guard said last week that his "signal nine" (which means assistance requested) was mistaken as "I saw a knife." — *The Martin County Sun*

Ambulance service loses workers comp insurance

In yet another bizarre turn of events involving the hard-luck Martin County Ambulance Service, the service had to come up with more than \$4,600 by Friday afternoon to renew the company's workers compensation insurance — which has been canceled since July 12.

The ambulance service treasurer said she put the check in the mail Tuesday and coverage should begin at

midnight Saturday. This is but the latest in a long line of financial crises involving the ambulance service that has come to light during the past several weeks. — *The Martin County Sun*

Local officials concerned about Martin County 'politics of justice'

Monday's Martin District court session was the source of some controversy as some county officials and law enforcement officials have expressed concern about a high number of cases tossed out of court by the local county attorney's office.

By the end of the day Monday, four DUI cases — in a court docket filled with 12 DUI cases — were tossed out because, according to records released from Circuit Court Clerk Carolyn P. Horn's office, the county attorney was "unable to prove the case."

A source at the Administrative Office of the Court said last year that Martin County Attorney Drewie Muncy's conviction rate for misdemeanors are near the bottom of the state's average. — *The Martin County Sun*

Rain causes five wrecks

Martin County sheriff's deputies were deluged by accidents Monday afternoon as thunderstorms resulted in five accidents within an hour's time. The accident resulted in three people being transported to area hospitals but no serious injuries. — *The Martin County Sun*

Lawsuit against attorneys dismissed

A lawsuit against two Pikeville attorneys by one of the firm's former employees, who claimed one of the attorneys sexually harassed her while another stood silently by, has been dismissed.

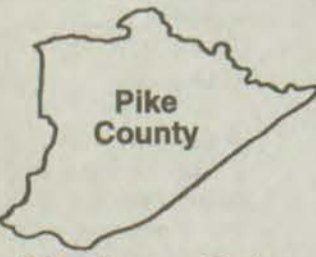
The lawsuit, filed in October 1996, by Karen Akers, was brought against Neal Smith and Lee Smith, attorneys with the Todd & Smith Law Firm.

Akers claimed Lee Smith began sexually harassing her, created a hostile work environment and discriminated against her when she started her employment with the firm in 1989. She also claimed Neal Smith knew about the harassment but did nothing to stop it.

Neal Smith and Lee Smith denied the claims from the very start.

The suit against Neal Smith was dropped earlier this year in March, and the suit against Lee Smith was subsequently dropped in June.

In May, Akers pleaded guilty to 28 counts of theft by deception on charges that she took more than \$25,000 from the law firm between March 1993 and February 1996. — *Appalachian News-Express*



Pike County

Pikeville considering major hike in parking fines

The Pikeville City Commission aims to fight what it calls a "tough" downtown parking situation with tougher fines.

The commission, which hopes freeing more parking spaces will spark the downtown economy, on Monday considered an ordinance that would increase parking fines, some by as much as 500 percent.

Perhaps the most drastic change would be made to overtime parking fines, which would jump from \$2 to \$10. Handicap parking fines will increase from \$20 to \$50. — *Appalachian News-Express*

UKCCS vice chancellor to assist with the KCTCS transition

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) transition team voted when to hire Dr. Anthony Newberry as a staff assistant to help guide the community college/technical school transition.

Newberry, a Lexington resident, is currently the vice chancellor for academic and student affairs for the University of Kentucky Community College System and a member of the KCTCS transition team. He will work on a temporary 50-50 memorandum of agreement, splitting his duties between the KCTCS and the University of Kentucky. His hiring is effective immediately.

His duties will include assisting with personnel issues for the system as well as maintaining the system's accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Dr. Jim Ramsey, state budget director and chairman of the KCTCS transition team, said, "Dr. Newberry will be instrumental in our accreditation efforts. He already has an established working relationship with SACS, and I'm confident he'll provide a strong foundation for our system in this critical area."

Dr. Newberry is the former president of Ashland Community College and former acting president of Lexington Community College. He also served as the dean of academic affairs for Southeast Community College and has teaching experience at the University of Louisville, Ohio University, Indiana University-Southeast, and Jefferson Community College. Dr. Newberry is a member of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and served as the co-chair of the Implementation Committee for the General Education Transfer Policy. He received a bachelor of arts degree in English from Emory and Henry College, and he also has master's and doctorate degrees in history from Ohio University.

The KCTCS transition team also voted to hire Jack Moreland,

the former interim president at Northern Kentucky University, to assist with the day-to-day operations of the system.

Moreland, a resident of Cold Springs in Campbell County, will assist Chairman Ramsey and the transition team in the search process for the KCTCS president. He will also assist in the development of a personnel system, various software systems, and a budget request for the 1998-2000 biennium, and he will help the team decide on a site for KCTCS.

Chairman Ramsey said, "Jack Moreland is a proven leader and has the educational background and experience that is so critical during the next four or five months to help ensure the successful implementation of House Bill 1."

Sponsor of House Bill 1, Representative Jim Callahan of Wilder, said, "Jack knows the direction of postsecondary education in Kentucky and he knows

how to get the job done. We could not have chosen a better person to assist with this critical challenge."

Moreland's hiring is effective immediately, and he will work on a temporary full-time personal service contract for the KCTCS.

Jack Moreland ended his term as interim president of NKU in June 1997. He is the former superintendent of schools for the Dayton Independent School District, as well as a former instructor at Xavier University in Cincinnati. He received a bachelor of science degree in Chemistry from Eastern Kentucky University. He also has a master's degree in Educational Administration and a Rank I Certificate from Xavier University.

He currently serves as the chairman of the Campbell County Leadership Action Group and the Kentucky Educational Development Council, and he is the former president of the Council for Better Education Inc.

Burglars leave paint tracks

Tracks left by vandalizing burglars, who drove through wet paint on a riding lawn mower stolen from a rural fire department last week, have given police an idea of the direction in which the burglars fled, authorities said.

According to Pike County Sheriff's Detective Richard Ray, unidentified thieves broke into a door at Phelps Fire Department Station Three at Knox Creek near Stopover, probably after 11 p.m.

Ray said the thieves spray

painted on the walls of the building, went through boxes on the fire truck, opened the hood of the fire truck and turned over a can of beige paint before they stole an orange, portable rechargeable light and drove away through the overturned paint on the gray, 12-horsepower Sears Craftsman mower.

Ray said the paint tracks indicated the thieves drove the mower down KY. 194 toward Woodman. — *Appalachian News-Express*

Pike man killed in accident

by David Gross
Appalachian News-Express

A Pike County man was killed last Thursday when the car he was driving collided head-on into another vehicle.

James A. Whitt, 56, of McAndrews, was traveling west on Ky. 1056 at McCarr, when he crossed the center line and struck a Ford Ranger, according to police reports.

The accident happened at about 1:17 p.m., the reports said.

Whitt was pronounced dead at the scene by Pike County Deputy Coroner Michael Hall.

The unidentified driver of the Ford Ranger was transported to Williamson (W. Va.) Memorial Hospital, where he was treated for minor injuries and released.

The accident was investigated by Kentucky State Police Trooper Todd Wheeler.

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96 FORD RANGER XL...17,000 miles	11800	7900 / 149 mo.
94 MAZDA B2300...30,000 Miles, air	9325	7900 / 149 mo.
94 GEO TRACER 4x4	9875	7900 / 149 mo.
93 VW VANAGON WAGON GL...Low miles	9675	7900 / 149 mo.
94 SATURN SL1		9175
93 FORD F-150 XL...Auto, air		7900 / 149 mo.
96 NISSAN PU...Seven handbags	11375	8900 / 159 mo.
94 FORD AEROSTAR XL...7 passenger	11400	8900 / 159 mo.
95 FORD F-150 XL...26,000 miles		9900 / 189 mo.
94 NISSAN PU KING CAB 4x4	14500	9900 / 189 mo.
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WEATHER

Weather update



On the alert

WYMT-TV's weather anchors, Tony Brown and M.K. Combs, introducing the area's Firstwarn weather warning system. Firstwarn will quickly and automatically warn viewers of approaching adverse weather conditions specific to their area.

57 Firstwarn joins television weather team

WYMT-TV has a new weathercaster. No, they haven't replaced Tony Brown or M.K. Combs. In fact, the new addition isn't human—it is technology with a name, 57 Firstwarn. The 57 Firstwarn system is just as the name implies; a quick warning of adverse weather conditions in our area. And, it is completely automated through the facilities of WYMT. Now Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky viewers can have up-to-the-minute weather alerts, on the weekends and throughout the day or night.

How will these weather warnings look to the viewer? The viewer whose television is tuned to Channel 57 will hear an initial audio tone that alerts the viewer

This video reduction allows room at the bottom of the screen for the typed 57 Firstwarn weather message or warning to be transmitted. The counties affected are also highlighted on an area map. All of this is done without interruption of programming, and very little time is lost as information originating from the National

Weather Service makes its way to the WYMT studios where it is immediately and automatically routed to the viewing audience. WYMT General Manager Ernestine Cornett said "We have made a substantial financial investment in this state-of-the-art technology and we are proud to offer 57 Firstwarn as a valuable service to our viewing audience. Now mountain residents and WYMT have weather information pertinent to our area, giving us the best edge we've had against the fury of mother nature."

"Now mountain residents and WYMT have weather information pertinent to our area, giving us the best edge we've had against the fury of mother nature."
— Ernestine Cornett, station manager

of an upcoming weather message. The video, or program being watched, will become squeezed or reduced in size.

Mommie dearest

As an avid reader of the comic strip "Cathy," I am sometimes shocked that the relationship she and her mother have is often difficult. Since my mother and I get along so well, it is hard to believe that some mothers and daughters can argue about petty things which escalate into major battles that take years to repair. Despite any disbelief about these types of relationships, I often read articles that are filled with these difficulties. And although my mother and I get along well, we don't fit into the categories these articles cover.

One article told how a daughter hated the fact that her mother always wanted to dress the same way she did. For instance, if the daughter wore a mini-skirt, the mother bought one exactly like it.

Another daughter lamented that her mother still told her what to do and how to act even though the daughter was 40 years old with a family of her own.

Sound familiar?

Well, my mother and I don't have any problems, remotely similar to the ones I read about. In fact, my mother would never stoop to wearing a mini-skirt, because, if she did, she'd never stoop again—at least not in public. And as far as telling me what to do and how to act, she quit trying to do that years ago. It was too much of a hassle.

The only thing my mother does that perturbs my sisters and me is that, after all these years, she still instructs us on how to drive.

"You're going too fast. Don't turn off here, turn at the next one. There's a parking place. Oh, you missed it. If you hadn't been going so fast you would have seen it. Why didn't you put your signal on back there? You could have pulled out an hour ago. Why don't you use your rearview mirror? Didn't you see that child? Slow down, there's a bump 200 yards in front of you." And, last but not least, my all time favorite. "You're making me nervous. Pull off and let me drive."

For a woman who didn't even have to take a legitimate driver's test, my mother shouts out driving commands like a five-star general. Unfortunately, her commanding abilities are not limited to her children. Other innocent drivers she rides with are also victims.

"Doris, put your signal on now. It's easier to get to the store if you turn here. You stopped first, you have the right-of-way."

No one is immune.

I finally felt I had to get one up on her the day I noticed she wasn't wearing her seatbelt.

"Mom, buckle-up," I said.

"Why? Are you going to drive fast, as usual?"

"No, it's just safer. Didn't you know that most accidents happen within 25 miles of your home?"

"If you're planning on an accident, you'd better let me drive."

"Mother, lots of states have mandatory seatbelt laws. You need to wear one in case an accident happens, that's all."

"What if we have an accident, and I can't get my seatbelt off?"

"That's hypothetical, mother. But if we did, a seatbelt would probably save your life."

"Okay, I'll buckle mine if you promise me something."

"Anything."

"Slow down when you get to that speed bump. Put your signal on in the middle of the block, and don't go west, go east when you get to the corner. And don't forget if you have to turn in front of a car, they have the right-of-way. Don't keep your foot on the brake either. And come to a complete stop at a yield sign. You never know what the other fellow is going to do."

"Anything else," I sighed.

"Just one, Why don't you let me drive?"

Thank God for mothers.



Smile Awhile

Sara Hopson

News of the Weird by Chuck Shepherd

— Minneapolis firefighter Gerald Brown, 55, who was fired in 1995 for abuse of sick leave but who won a grievance hearing before a state arbitrator and was reinstated with 18 months' back pay, was scheduled to return to work on June 2. He called in sick.

— In January 1995 alone, according to an April 1997 article in the New England Journal of Medicine, about 1,500 Cuban refugees housed at the U.S. Naval base at Guantanamo mutilated themselves severely in order to qualify for speedy entry to the mainland United States. (Four months later, President Clinton declared all refugees eligible for immigration.)

COMPELLING EXPLANATIONS

— At a public South Carolina Board of Education meeting in May, board member Henry Jordan, 52, was arguing for the right of students to post the Ten Commandments in public schools when opponents told him it might offend those of other religions. According to a tape recording of the meeting obtained by the Columbia State newspaper, Jordan then said, "Screw the Buddhists, and kill the Muslims. Put that in the minutes." Explaining his comments a few days later, Jordan said: "Both of those religions aren't really religions. They're cults, if you define a cult as someone who worships someone other than Jesus Christ."

— The Hong Kong Standard reported in March that the 14-year marriage of Ms. Pan Oi-lin and Mr. Leung Cheung has just been annulled by the Hong Kong High Court, five years after the wife had been convicted of bigamy for taking up with another man. The court found that the traditional Chinese wedding rites had not been followed — specifically, that at the ceremony, Pan had not presented her in-laws with a cup of tea. Thus, the bigamy con-

viction was overturned.

— Three young adults were convicted of manslaughter in Tampa, Fla., in May for pulling a stop sign out of the ground, which led to an accident at that intersection the next day in which three teen-agers were killed. The defendants admitted that the night before the accident, they had gone on a stop-sign-uprooting binge in the area, yanking 19 signs out of the ground — but not that sign.

— In May, Fairfax County (Va.) police Det. Michael D. Kerns denied charges that he stole items from the police property room, admitting only to "absent-mindedness." Police had found the following items, all seized from police investigations, in Kerns' home: five pairs of expensive sunglasses, a Sony radio, a Tie Fighter computer game, a laser pen/pointer system, a radar detector, 21 booklets of postage stamps, a Samsonite luggage cart, a framed poster of Marilyn Monroe, and more than a dozen other items.

— Sheriff Tony Reeves of Roopville, Ga., officially exonerating in February Aubrey Mark Turner, who was briefly a suspect in the Atlanta Olympic Park bombing after deputies found 11 pipe bombs and other explosives in his home: "He is just a local boy that liked to make bombs."

QUESTIONABLE JUDGMENTS

— In February, a court ordered Lisa Stiller, 47, of Las Vegas, to catch up with her \$180-a-month child support payments for her three teen-agers or go to jail. Stiller's attorney said she earns about \$1,000 a month and cannot afford the payments, especially since her ex-husband, Steven Scroggin, earns about 13 times that much as an investment manager and was able to win custody of the kids largely on the ground that he could better provide for them.

— Scott Favre, 30, of Kiln, Miss., brother of pro football quarterback Brett Favre, was returned to prison in May to serve his original 15-year sentence for felony DUI. The judge had sentenced him to only one year of house arrest (stay home except for work, church or medical treatment), but on Memorial Day, Favre decided he really wanted to go fishing.

— Ray David Talley, 31, was sentenced to six months in jail in Nashville, Tenn., in March for placing a 20-foot metal ladder onto two different tracks, intending for trains to hit it. CSX railroad police saw him do it, however, removed the ladder before a catastrophe could be created, and asked Talley what he was up to. Talley allegedly told them that he had stolen the ladder, found it unwieldy, and intended for a passing train to make two 10-foot ladders.

— In March, Patrick Wayne Manning II, 32, decided to be a conscientious citizen and report for jury duty in Tulsa, Okla. A routine records check, made of all jurors, turned up an outstanding 1987 murder charge against him, and he was whisked off to jail.

BLACKOUTS

— In January, Walter Jerome Bradley, 43, pleaded guilty to rape in Minneapolis but said he honestly doesn't even remember having sex with the woman. And in October, Jason Scheffert told sheriff's deputies in Marshalltown, Iowa (recorded for playback at his trial in February 1997), that "It was pretty obvious I shot (his friend David Nimmo 17 times, according to prosecutors), but I have no recollection whatsoever."

— In February, former New Mexico State University graduate English student Eduardo Araiza, 27, was sentenced in Las Cruces to 59 years in prison for brutalizing and raping one of his students, who was pregnant at the time. According to the prosecutor, Araiza invited the woman to his apartment; once she was inside, he shocked her with a stun gun, taped and handcuffed her, sexually assaulted her for three hours, tried to suffocate her, and stabbed her in the neck with a knife before she escaped. Araiza said at his sentencing that he was sorry for the crimes but remembers nothing about the incident and said he wishes someone would develop a way for him to remember what he did so he would find out what is wrong with him.

(Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 8306, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33738, or Weird@compuserve.com.)

BY SELI GROVES

SOAP UPDATES

ALL MY CHILDREN: Adam asked Liza if Tad fathered her unborn baby. Laura heard her mother's voice while reading her diary. Edmund delayed reading Skye's letter (in which she confessed to the paternity test switch) and Maria put it in Maddy's diaper bag. Jack's opening argument in Erica's trial caused Erica to shout out. After Adam told Gloria that Tad and Liza were having an affair, she turned back to Dimitri. Wait To See: Dimitri has a surprising announcement for the court.

ANOTHER WORLD: Nick offered a plea of not guilty at his rape trial. Josie told Joe she's pregnant. Donna and Paulina encouraged Vicky to get closer to Jake. Nick told Michael there's a secret in Chicago that could cause problems for him (Nick). Joe became concerned over Paulina's erratic behavior. John admitted to Felicia that he'd seen Sharlene at the cabin. Amanda started her plan after speaking with Alexander. Wait To See: Nick's future looks doubtful.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Kirk assured Samantha he bought up much of WorldWide stock to keep it in the family. Emily told David of her big breakthrough at the rape center. Holden was frustrated over the seeds of doubt Molly

planted about Lily and Damian's relationship. Kim urged Barbara to tell John the truth about her pregnancy. Wait To See: Holden starts to reassess his future with Lily.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Maggie was startled to find Sheila confront her. Ridge was pleased when Brooke said she'd appreciate his help with Rick's therapy. Sheila explained to Amber that she had given up her child for James' sake. Lauren manipulated Eric into having dinner with her, and then returning to her bedroom. Thorne and Ridge got violent over Taylor. Clarke learned the man who married Brooke and Grant may not have been authorized to do so. Wait To See: Sheila hears an interesting "suggestion" from Mike.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Kristen and Stefano watched Sami manipulate Roman. Sami worried that Eric, her twin brother, might detect she's faking her amnesia. John realized Marlena overheard Kristen's threat about Stefano taking Marlena away. John rejected Kristen's attempts to reconcile. Bo learned a woman fitting Billie's description was seen on the Amalfi coast, and went in search for her. Meanwhile, Max got Billie addicted to drugs. Wait To See: Kristen

has a new plan to get John back.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Alexis received a mysterious package. Jason rejected Robin's plea that he leave the mob. Bobbie learned Carly is pregnant. Sonny and Brenda learned the Tin Man killed Dorman and set up Brenda. They then met their enemy. Meanwhile, Alan worried that Monica was Dorman's killer. Jax and V talked about their fathers as they tried to figure out a way off the atoll. Wait To See: Alan gets shocking news about Emily.

GUIDING LIGHT: Jeffrey told Jenna she's made the biggest mistake of her life. Meanwhile, in Switzerland, Eleni tried to tell Frank why she decided to help Buzz and Jenna. Jesse warned Michelle he'll hurt her someday. Harley and Phillip couldn't stop thinking of each other. Annie and Alan got more than they expected when they saw Reva's sister. Wait To See: Matt faces some fearful possibilities about Vanessa.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Dorian was outraged by the judge's custody ruling for Starr. Larry advised Marty about the risks of having a child because of her lupus. Bo expressed fears about Nora's health. Andy and Antonio looked forward to their wedding. Abuelita had concerns over Tea's marriage to Todd. Mel tried to delve into Dorian's past. Wait To See: Blair confronts Todd and Tea.

PORT CHARLES: Lucy suffered a miscarriage. Eve was impressed as she watched Scott

with Serena. Frank was in shock over learning of Julie's past. Danielle told Rex she won't take advantage of Lucy's emotional state. Scott reacted to Eve's comment about the bruise on Serena's arm. Danielle made a promise to Dominique she may not be able to keep. Wait To See: Scott and Kevin look for answers to Serena's bruise.

SUNSET BEACH: While trapped in the cave, Ben was about to tell Meg about Maria when a rescue team sent down an oxygen line. A second cave-in caused an injury to Ben who became delusional and he began mistaking Meg for Maria. Michael volunteered for the dangerous rescue mission. Olivia confronted Cole about getting Caitlin pregnant. Gregory got a disturbing phone call. Wait To See: Meg must make a decision that could change her life.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: Neil didn't know that Dru continued taking her birth control pills. Cole warned Nick to tell Sharon the truth about Grace. Josh was pleased to learn of Victor's engagement to Diane, while Nikki said she disapproved. Meanwhile, Victor was cold to Diane when she tried to explain away the kiss she and Jack shared. Phyllis was dismayed when Danny was asked for two more blood samples, which then proved he couldn't have fathered little Daniel. Danny later threatened to kill Phyllis when she admitted she had doctored the original test. Wait To See: Veronica's bandages come off.

NATASHA'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A friend entrusts you with a confidence, but later in the week, you come across some misinformation. You'll want to spend some time over the weekend on completing an unfinished task.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Impatience could mar work efforts this week. Slow down and do a good job. Avoid disputes about career concerns. You'll treasure extra time for yourself over the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good week to shop for yourself. Buy something that will make you feel good and lift your spirits. A friend may seem demanding. Guard against fuzzy thinking this weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A spur-of-the-moment shopping expedition could lead to an exciting purchase. A business proposition may have strings attached, so be careful. Exercise good judgment over your finances.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You'll find something you like in an out-of-the-way shop this week. Avoid petty bickering with a family member. In romance, it's best to keep your feet on the ground.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You'll be socializing this week with family members. Extra expenses could arise in connection with a trip. A domestic concern seems a bit confusing over the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You may find a work

project tedious or difficult this week. A co-worker could extend a surprise social invitation. It's best to be clear-headed where romance is concerned this weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be willing to ask for help if you need it regarding a do-it-yourself project. Not everything is clear this week about a job concern. A loved one gets on your nerves over the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Partners make decisions this week involving the use of joint assets. Guard against overspending on pleasure pursuits. You may feel someone is not being up front with you about a certain situation this weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're not in the mood to tackle that project waiting for you at work this week. Interesting news comes from someone afar. A weekend concern may have you a bit bewildered as to someone's motivations.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You'll be receiving some helpful information from a business associate this week. However, you may feel that a child or a romantic interest is not giving you the full story, and you're correct to doubt this.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You probably won't be in the mood for large get-togethers this week. Intimate tête-à-têtes will suit you just fine, however. A business proposition is not what it appears to be on the surface.

BY SELI GROVES

TUNING IN

"Intensity," a four-hour miniseries based on Dean Koontz's best-selling spine tingler, airs on FOX August 5 and 6. It stars Molly Parker, Piper Laurie, and John C. McGinley ("The Rock," "Seven") as Edgar Vess, a psychopath whose tortured mind has led him to commit a series of grisly murders.

"I wanted to do this production," McGinley says, "because I think anything written by Dean Koontz is brilliant, and because I felt this was going to be the scariest movie anyone has seen in a long time, and what makes it so frightening is that it's not about aliens or supernatural monsters from a Stephen King

novel. It's about a man who could be living next door to you and until it happens, you would never suspect he might take one of your children and keep her in a basement for six months before she inevitably goes insane."

On a cheerier note, McGinley, who stars opposite Tim Robbins and Martin Lawrence in the new film, "Nothing to Lose," is awaiting the birth of his first daughter. "My wife and I haven't picked a name yet," he said. "Someone suggested we wait until we get to see her and, somehow, she'll tell us what she wants to be called."

Another chiller reminds us that sometimes family values can be dangerous to your health. "The Ticket," airing on USA Network August 6, stars Shannen Doherty and James Marshall as a poverty-stricken couple who have drifted apart, but reconcile when they learn they hold a winning lottery ticket. "But," says James Marshall, "what they learn is their problems have only just begun. The ticket could change their lives, but it could also cause them to lose their lives."

Other shows worth watching this week include "Diving with the Great Whales," airing on TBS's Destination Sunday series on August 10. The film shows humpback whales sleeping on the surface; singing, competing for females; mothers giving birth and nursing their babies. On PBS, look for a musical August with specials featuring Patti Lupone, Engelbert Humperdinck, opera divas, Leontyne Price and Maria Callas, and others. And, finally, check USA Network on August 4 for the premiere of the "USA High" series.

CRITIC'S CORNER

by Michael Greene

KULL THE CONQUEROR: You know him best from television as Hercules. Here, Kevin Sorbo follows in the footsteps of Arnold Schwarzenegger (in the "Conan" movies) to portray a comic-book swashbuckler.

In his motion picture debut, Sorbo stars in this epic fantasy adventure based on the Robert E. Howard pulp fiction hero of the '30s, which later inspired the popular Marvel Comics character of the '70s.

Sorbo is the dynamic warrior who, through a twist of fate, rises from the ranks of a soldier-slave to become a king, only to be overthrown by corrupt nobility. He must then embark on a perilous journey in a world where magic is the most powerful weapon of all. His quest: find the legendary weapon that will enable him to reclaim his crown, secure the freedom of his people and reunite him with the woman he loves.

The film was produced by Raffaella de Laurentiis, who earlier

helped launch Arnold Schwarzenegger's motion picture career as Conan (as mentioned above).

Co-starring with Sorbo are Tia Carrere ("True Lies," "Wayne's World," "High School High," "Thomas Ian Griffith ("Excessive Force"), Karina Lombard ("Legends of the Fall"), Litefoot ("The Indian in the Cupboard"), Harvey Fierstein ("Independence Day") and Roy Brocksmith ("Total Recall").

I have to admit that I enjoyed this movie much more than the aforementioned "Conan" offerings. For one thing, Sorbo is at ease in front of the camera. He's a natural actor, unlike Schwarzenegger, who was so stiff and lifeless in his first few flicks. Also, there's something here for everyone: plenty of action scenes for the men and lots of romance and adventure for the women. In fact, judging from the oohs and aahs of the women in attendance, I'd say Sorbo has achieved sex-symbol status!

This is one of summer's more fun releases. Don't miss it.

ENTERTAINMENT EXTRA

by Evelyn Ludvigson

Q. I loved Pierce Brosnan as James Bond, and I'm wondering if there'll be a new James Bond movie with him any time soon? Thank you, Everett M.

A. Brosnan is currently filming his second, and the 18th James Bond flick in the long film series, called "Tomorrow Never Dies." It co-stars the wonderful Jonathan Pryce as the villain and Judi Dench as his supervisor. The film is supposed to be ready for a Christmas release. However, there have been problems, and all three stars are said to feel they're caught in a crossfire between warring production executives. One major snafu was having to meet the start date of April 1, 1997 (April Fools Day!) without a complete shooting script. Another was having to rearrange the on-location shooting when Vietnam was unable to handle the scheduled filming period in that country. However, Brosnan, Pryce, and Dench are said to be — as the English newspapers tell us — "soldiering on" — and the film should be ready for release on schedule December 19. And that, by the way, is the same day they expect "Titanic" to be released.

Q. Is it true Rikki Lake is leaving her show or is that just a rumor? Barbara J.

A. Rikki is not leaving her show. Rather, her show seems to be leaving her. Look for a change in format this fall. Apparently, the success of "Oprah" and "Rosie" prompted Rikki's advisers to put more celebrities on her show.

Q. Up here (in Canada) we love Howie Mandel, and my sister and I have been wondering what he's up to these days. We haven't seen too much of him. Can you please give

us information on Howie? Renee F.

A. Howie Mandel has a new syndicated talk show coming from Paramount Domestic Television. As I write this, the show has already been sold to several major stations around the United States and I have no doubt that with Mandel's popularity in his native country, you'll find it on Canadian outlets as well. But, I should caution you that it will be a long wait. The first show isn't expected to air until June, 1998.

Meanwhile, Howie is said to be wrapping a new feature film and will be seen in a telefilm later this year.

Q. We have a dispute in our family. My father says from trips he made to his grandparents who lived in Baltimore when he was a child, that he can tell that the series, "Homicide: Life on the Street," is definitely not filmed in that city. My sister and I told him that we read that the show is done in that city, but he insists we're wrong. I hope you can help us settle this. Janie C.

A. "Homicide" is, indeed, shot in that lovely city. As a matter of fact, during the production season, the entire cast and crew become residents of Baltimore as well.

Your dad may be reacting to the fact that a great deal of urban renewal took place in Baltimore in recent years, and his childhood memories may clash with these changes.



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A Look At Sports

Fall may not be in the air but football is here

With the temperatures ranging in the 90s, it's hard to really think about the high school football season that is closing in on us. But it is here and the regular season is but three weeks away for some schools and a little longer for others.

A good matchup is on tap when Allen Central and Betsy Layne will kick off the season with an August 22 meeting at Betsy Layne. It is ironic the two teams meet on the gridiron the first game of the year. Both programs will have new coaches, and both will be looking to rebuild. Ted George will head up the Bobcats, while Wes Halbert takes over the helm at Allen Central.

Both ballclubs will have to find players who will make an early impact. Both squads were hit hard by graduation last year and neither has what would be considered a proven back-field.

Tyler Puckett will more than likely still be the signal caller for Betsy Layne. Paul Wallen may have the inside position on the quarterback slot at Allen Central. Puckett does have a year's experience back there, but Wallen saw limited varsity time behind center.

Allen Central will be thin in the ranks in the back-field, but look for sophomore Luther Slone to get the ball quite a bit this season. Kevin Slone will also carry the ball for the Rebels. Big Shannon Mynhier could be a full-back, and he is a big one.

Defensively, Brian Jones, B.J. Caudill and Ethan Martin will have to step up their game. Of course, many on offense will have to go both ways for the Rebels.

Betsy Layne could go with Matt Rose at quarterback, but I look for Matt to carry the ball some this year. He is an excellent receiver. Coach George will have to get some help from Nathan Hayes, Nick West, Clifton Boyd, Chad Bryant and a host of others.

Both teams will have an early chance to see what some of the upcoming freshmen can do. The numbers may be down at both schools, and you have to hope no injuries occur.

Prestonsburg and South Floyd will not start their season until August 29. Coach Donnie Daniels' ballclub is going to be solid this season and could very well be the best county team. But Prestonsburg is going to be strong as well.

The Raiders will have



Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Thornsbury takes checkered in Late Model feature

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Thunder Ridge Speedway had an old look and a new look this past Saturday night as stock car racing roared around the oval track.

Shannon Thornsbury was in victory lane and Chuckie May got back on track after being off track a week earlier in the Modified feature.

Thornsbury, who got a late start this racing season due to an injury, took the checkered flag ahead of Eddie Carrier Sr. to win the feature event. It was Thornsbury's first win of the season. Thornsbury looked good circling the track and got out to an early lead that he never relinquished. Getting back on track was a relief to the veteran driver.

"It felt good to be back," he said. "Getting that first win takes a lot of pressure off. I won the last race of the season last year, and then I had that accident at Bulls Gap."

Thornsbury was involved in a crash at Bulls Gap that laid him up for three months with six pins in his foot and other injuries.

"Another driver got into me and I hit the wall," explained

Thornsbury. "He then hit me again and I went into the pit wall. The track was super fast that night. I was knocked out and don't remember too much. When I came to, someone was cutting the roof off my car."

Thornsbury said he had to build a whole new car and getting the bugs out of it, and getting used to the new ride, has held him back since returning to the track.

"It's been a struggle getting back," he said.

Thornsbury moved ahead of Paul Harris when he developed some problems. Eddie Carrier Jr. spun out and went over the embankment giving Thornsbury the lead that held until taking the checkered flag.

"It was a close race," he said. "It's always a close race when you're running against the Carriers."

Thornsbury said the vibration from the car still bothers the foot he injured, but he has been making

May gets back on track by winning Modifieds

adjustments and getting better. "We expected great things this year until the wreck changed all that," he said, "but it is just good to be back."

Allen's Brandon Kinzer is making his move in the Late Models, although he finished third this past weekend. Kinzer, who drove in the Open Wheel Modifieds last year, is a rookie driver in the Late Model class. He placed third Saturday night.

May, who has won 11 features this year in the Open Wheel Modifieds, visited the winner's circle after edging his cousin, Glenn May, for first place. Glenn May is in his second season of racing and starting to get out in front more. May won the heat race and had the inside pole position with Chuckie May on the outside.

Glenn May led the feature race the first six laps until Chuckie May

passed on lap seven. "It was a good race," said Chuckie May. "We raced side by side for most of the feature. Glenn only needs laps and he is going to get better."

May held the lead after passing Glenn May but had to come down the homestretch with a blown tire. "When I had my picture taken, I had a flat on my car," he said. "It blew out on me on the last lap and turn four."

In the AMRA Open Wheel Modified national point standings, May dropped from fourth to fifth with 1,011 points.

"Where I finished bad two weeks ago hurt us," said May. "And when you don't have ten cars in the modifieds, you don't get any points."

May said he will be traveling to the West Virginia Motor Speedway this weekend.

"We just don't have that many drivers in the modifieds with Perry County running on Saturday nights," he said.

Jackie Everidge of Hindman fin-

ished third in the Modified feature. Wheelwright's Jason Johnson took the checkered flag in winning the Bomber feature. Danell Lester placed second with David Chaffins rolling in at third.

Dennis Bartley drove his number 69 Road Hog across the finish line to capture the Road Hog feature. David Clifton placed second with Lloyd Kimbler running third.

Elbert Blackburn managed to stay in front of Greg Ison and taking the checkered flag in winning the AMRA Stock Car feature. Bill Butcher took third place.

THUNDER RIDGE NOTES

• Keith's Automotive Machine had its Rally Truck on display at Thunder Ridge this past Saturday night. Keith allowed his wife to take the truck around the track for all the fans to view.

"She sort of lost it a little bit but got it straightened back up," he said. "It was quite a show. But after everyone had left, we took it around the track again for about 15 laps."

Keith is hopeful that other Rally Trucks will become part of the race card at Thunder Ridge beginning this weekend.

Avengers rip Hot Shots for tournament title in league's inaugural season

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The year was June 3, 1852. The first baseball uniforms were worn by a professional baseball team, the New York Knickerbockers. The uniform consisted of straw hats, white shirts, and blue full-length trousers.

It was a first on July 20, 1858 when the first admission was charged to see a baseball game in a competition between Brooklyn and New York. The price of admission: fifty-cent.

In June of 1997, another first happened when the Avengers, a local softball team from Floyd County, won the Johnson County ASA Softball League in its inaugural season and did it in a big style by pounding the Hot Shots 37-19 to win the league's first tournament championship. The team is comprised of girls from the Prestonsburg area.

To win the championship required them to win three games in one day. That was a concern for coach Anthony Lafferty.

"We thought they might be too tired to play after playing two games before," said Lafferty. "The temperatures were in the 80s and we didn't know just how they would play."

In the championship game, the Avengers got off to a slow start and trailed the Hot Shots 11-6 after three innings. But, in the fourth inning, the bats finally came out of the bags and the hits started ringing as the Avengers scored 13 runs in the fourth and plated 18 more runs over the final two innings for the lopsided 37-19 win.

Miranda Lafferty was a regular "hitting machine" in the final

game collecting eight hits, which included two home runs. She drove in three runs and scored four times. Jenna Humphrey chipped in with a home run and finished with five singles.

Whitney Parsons collected six hits in the win and had four RBI's. Shana Newsome also had a six-hit night and scored four runs. Meridith Powers touched the Hot Shot pitching for five base hits.

Tiffany Meade, Amber Spradlin and Nancee Pillersdorf had three hits each.

Parsons was the winning pitcher in the opening game in a 12-2 win over the Spartans. Parson collected three hits in the win. Lafferty blasted two home runs while Jenna Humphrey and Amber Spradlin had two hits each.

The Blitz were the regular season champions when the regular season had ended but found the Avengers more than they wanted in the second game of the tournament. The Avengers roared to a 10-3 win over the league champions to advance to the finals of the tournament.

Lafferty picked up the win from the mound and contributed from the plate as well with four hits and two runs batted in. Spradlin collected three hits while Powers, Parsons and Newsome had two hits apiece. Selena Derossett and Brandi Burchett finished with three safeties while Tiffany Meade and Nancee Pillersdorf had two hits apiece.

The Avengers will play in the 15th Annual McDonald's Invitational Softball Tournament at Fraley Field in Ashland this Saturday with first pitch time set for 10 a.m.

The local team will face the Wellston Blues of Wellston, Ohio.



"Let the Games begin!"

Kentucky Governor Paul Patton officially announced the 1997 Bluegrass State Summer Games open last Friday night at Commonwealth Stadium during the opening ceremonies. Close to 20,000 athletes took part in this year's Games (photo by Ed Taylor)

Against friends' advice, Francis competes in Bluegrass 10,000

Bill Francis, formerly of Garrett, had been looking forward to the month of July. You see, he wanted to be part of the "Run for the Roses," the Bluegrass 10,000 foot race (6.2 miles), a happening on July 4 in Lexington.

While eagerly awaiting the date, Francis was working hard to be ready when the big day would arrive. He would journey to the Allen Central track and worked on his foot speed and stamina, hoping that he would do well. Then it happened. He injured his foot while at the Allen Central facility.

"I injured my foot and, I thought, a groin muscle, on Thursday night, June 26," said Francis.

Eight days only remained until the big race in Lexington, yet Francis could hardly walk, let alone run.

"It was more between a hop and a shuffle," he said. "The pain in my foot was bad."

Francis said he tried every cure possible, hoping the injury would heal up by July 4.

Now it was July 1 and still the injury had not healed, if anything, it had gotten worse.

"During the time of now being able to run, I could tell I was putting on a few pounds," related Francis. "When I was running seven days a week, I had to eat a tremendous amount to keep my weight on."

Against the advice of friends, Francis pursued the dream of competing in the race.

"They were concerned I should not run, and gave me all kinds of advice," said Francis. "They said I could be trampled, saying there would be thousands of runners."

Consuming a lot of pasta, which is high in carbohydrates and low in fats, and water, Francis was confi-

dent he would make the trip to Lexington.

Finally, it was race day, July 4 in Lexington. Francis, making the trip, knew there would be much preparation to do to get ready to fulfill his dream.

"I arose early, did some warm-ups, exercise and taped my foot, also taping a light sponge onto my foot to ease the pain and prevent it from working out."

After applying liberal amounts of medication to the foot and leg muscle, Francis dressed and put on his running shoes.

"I decided to wear size 10 on my left foot and a size 11 on my right," he explained the strange move. "This seemed to relieve some of the pain. I placed arch supports in my shoes. My foot was swollen so bad I could hardly get my shoe on."

With a light breakfast of cereal under his belt for potassium aid, at 4:30 a.m. Francis was on the road to Lexington. Once in Lexington, he again applied needed medication to the leg and foot.

"I noticed more and more people warming up," he said. "I looked down East Main and there they were, a wall of people, packed like cattle going into a loading chute."

Francis estimated the gathering to be around 3,500 runners with an equal number of onlookers. Water barrels were set up as he got in line to take in as much water as he could hold before the race.

Race time was quickly approaching. Fifteen minutes before the start of the run, Francis did some fast walking for ten minutes, afraid to run on the injured foot.

"I knew if I ever got started, if I stopped, I would be in too much pain to restart," he said.

It was now five minutes before post time. After a last minute visit to the rest room facilities, Francis was ten feet from the street the race would start on, when he heard the firing of the 357 magnum and siren to start the race.

"I ran to jump into the race. The runners in front were well into the race, but the back of the pack, where I was, had not begun to move," he said.

Francis began to weave himself in and out between runners and was 100 feet down the street when his shoe lace came untied. Managing to retie the shoe, Francis reestablished himself in the race and began passing other runners.

(See Francies, page eight)



The Avengers

The Avengers won the inaugural Johnson County ASA softball tournament for girls, grades 1-12. Front row: Tiffany Meade, Caitlin Hale, Nancee Pillersdorf, Amber Spradlin. Second row: Anthony Lafferty, coach, Whitney Parsons, Shana Newsome, Selena Derossett, Jenna Humphrey, Miranda Lafferty, Robin Humphrey, coach. In center: James Osborne, scorekeeper. Not pictured: Rae Isaac, Brandi Burchett, Meredith Powers.

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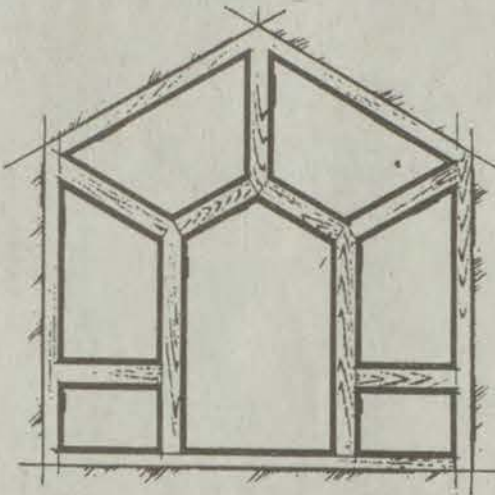
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1997 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeff Gordon, 2,669	1. Randy LaJoie, 2,955	1. Rich Bickle, 2,242
2. Mark Martin, 2,605	2. Todd Bodine, 2,897	2. Jack Sprague, 2,216
3. Terry Labonte, 2,555	3. Phil Parsons, 2,581	3. Joe Ruttman, 2,164
4. Dale Jarrett, 2,517	4. Steve Park, 2,501	4. Ron Hornaday, 2,102
5. Jeff Burton, 2,468	5. Mike McLaughlin, 2,447	5. Mike Bliss, 2,021
6. Dale Earnhardt, 2,415	6. Elliott Sadler, 2,424	6. Jimmy Hensley, 1,971
7. Bobby Labonte, 2,241	7. Buckshot Jones, 2,405	7. Jay Sauter, 1,966
8. Ricky Rudd, 2,129	8. Elton Sawyer, 2,372	8. Rick Carelli, 1,952
9. Jeremy Mayfield, 2,100	9. Kevin Lepage, 2,340	9. Chuck Bown, 1,937
10. Ted Musgrave, 2,095	10. Hermie Sadler, 2,313	10. Kenny Irwin, 1,912

FROM LAST WEEK

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL: Elliott Sadler seized the advantage late in a wreck-strewn battle at Gateway Park, the new track near St. Louis.

Sadler, who won at Myrtle Beach, S.C., two weeks ago, became the first repeat winner since Chad Little in 1995.

Sadler wrecked his car 45 minutes before qualifying and had to drive his back-up car. He held off Jason Keller by .223 seconds.

As the track temperatures soared to 160 degrees during the race, the surface began to come apart, forcing 14

cautions for 75 laps, and only 22 cars were running at the end.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES: Veteran Joe Ruttman put his Ford in victory lane on the 2.1-mile road course at Heartland Park Topeka in Kansas.

Ruttman muscled past Jack Sprague with less than a mile to go to pick up the win. Leader Jay Sauter ran out of gas, allowing Ruttman and Sprague to go for the lead.

Ruttman won by .820 seconds, despite a restart infraction that dropped him from fifth to 21st.

TOP 10

Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Jeff Gordon (1) | 6. Dale Earnhardt (7) |
| Home again in Indy? | Don't be surprised... |
| 2. Mark Martin (2) | 7. Rusty Wallace (6) |
| Indy-enchanted | Talking to himself |
| 3. Terry Labonte (3) | 8. Ted Musgrave (8) |
| Just win, baby | Good place for No. 1 |
| 4. Dale Jarrett (4) | 9. Ernie Irvan (9) |
| Loaded with bricks | Strong at Indy |
| 5. Jeff Burton (5) | 10. Bill Elliott (Unranked) |
| Kid brother no more | Has Indy knack |

ON THE SCHEDULE

Date	Race	Pole*	Winner*
June 1	Miller 500, Dover, Del.	B. Labonte	Rudd
June 8	Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.	Hamilton	Gordon
June 15	Miller 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	Jarrett	Irvan
June 22	California 500, Fontana, Calif.	Nemechek	Gordon
July 5	Pepsi 400, Daytona	Skinner	Andretti
July 13	Jiffy Lube 300, Loudon, N.H.	Schradler	J. Burton
July 20	Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.	Nemechek	Jarrett
Aug. 2	Brickyard 400, Indianapolis	(Gordon)	(Jarrett)
Aug. 10	Bud at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.	(Earnhardt)	(G. Bodine)
Aug. 17	ITW Devilbiss 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	(J. Burton)	(Jarrett)
Aug. 23	Goody's 500, Bristol	(Martin)	(R. Wallace)
Aug. 31	Mountain Dew Southern 500, Darlington	(Jarrett)	(Gordon)
Sept. 6	Winston Cup 400, Richmond	(Martin)	(Irvan)
Sept. 14	New Hampshire 300, Loudon, N.H.	x	x
Sept. 21	MBNA 500, Dover	(B. Labonte)	(Gordon)

* denotes last year's pole and race winner

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Jimmy Spencer vs. Ernie Irvan

Nothing is official yet, but the rumor is that Irvan is a likely replacement for Spencer in Travis Carter's No.



Irvan

23 at season's end. Nothing breeds competition like the potential of losing a ride.

NASCAR This Week Motorsports Writer Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "Spencer probably hasn't lost the ride yet.

But Irvan's availability makes a victory crucial if Mr. Excitement is going to hang on."

WHO'S HOT ... WHO'S NOT

WHO'S HOT:

■ Fords have won three races in a row, with seven different Thunderbird drivers visiting victory lane. Dale Jarrett is the most successful with three wins.

WHO'S NOT:

■ No Pontiac has won all year.

AROUND THE

Partners gain majority

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

A week after purchasing Phoenix International Raceway from Buddy Jobe, International Speedway Corp. joined forces with Penske Motorsports to announce another acquisition.

Majority control of Homestead Motorsports Complex, the Miami-area track that recently underwent a reconfiguration of its turns, was achieved by the two partners, each of whom purchased 40 percent of the stock in

the track. South Florida businessman and race promoter Ralph Sanchez will continue to manage the 1.5-mile track's affairs, which include CART, Busch Grand National and Craftsman Truck Series events at present.

The France family-managed ISC empire now includes the speedways at Daytona, Talladega, Darlington, Watkins Glen, Phoenix and Homestead. ISC is also a major stockholder in Penske Motorsports, whose tracks now include Nazareth,

WINSTON CUP CIRCUS

ALMOST HOME COOKING

Union Jack's, a restaurant/pub located only a couple of miles from the speedway, is a favorite hangout during Indy race week. The interior is decorated with rare photographs and memorabilia of Indy heroes like Jim Clark, Rick Mears and Johnny Rutherford.

has an ebb and flow in which drivers move up and fall back as track conditions change. Having the right setup at the end is everything. **THE BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL SERIES COMING UP:** Aug. 1, Kroger 200 **WHERE:** Indianapolis Raceway Park, Clermont, Ind. **ABOUT THE TRACK:** This 5/8-mile track is unique in that the fastest groove is a lane above the bottom of the turns.

DEFENDING CHAMPION: Randy LaJoie. **THE FAVORITES:** Todd Bodine has been too consistent not to win a race soon. Elliott Sadler has won three times on relatively flat tracks. Mike McLaughlin is a force to be reckoned with. **THREE WHO COULD SURPRISE:** Jason Keller is a former winner. Tony Stewart is debuting the Joe Gibbs-owned Pontiac he will drive regularly next year. Elton Sawyer is an ex-pole winner. **CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES:** **COMING UP:** July 31, Cummins 200. **WHERE:** Indianapolis Raceway Park, Clermont, Ind. **DEFENDING CHAMPION:** Mike Skinner. **THE FAVORITES:** Skinner is making a special appearance to defend his title. Kenny Irwin Jr. is familiar with the track. Rich Bickle is looking to break out of a mild slump. Ron Homaday is always a threat.

PROFILE

Steve Grissom



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is on the brink of success.

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Harry Knauf of Cambridge, Ohio, was last week's winner.

- **RECORD:** 89 starts, 0 wins, 0 poles, 3 top five, 11 top 10s, almost \$2 million in career earnings.
- **LAST RACE:** 30th in Pennsylvania 500
- **A FOURTH-PLACE FINISH AT NEW HAMPSHIRE REALLY SEEMED TO GIVE YOU AND YOUR TEAM A LIFT:** "That was just the tonic this team needed. We knew during the first half of the season that we had a strong team. We made some good runs in the first

half and felt we should have had a few more top 10s, but the finishing results didn't reflect our real progress as a team. Qualifying sixth at New Hampshire also gave us a big boost of confidence, so we're blessed with a really positive attitude right now."

■ **WHAT DOES MOMENTUM DO FOR A RACE TEAM?** "Feeling good about ourselves and our effort, and seeing the good, positive results from that hard work pay off, well, you just can't beat that and what it does for everybody on the team. Consistent, top, strong performances create winning attitudes. That's what you've got to have to be successful, a great attitude."

■ **WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM THE REST OF THE SEASON?** "We look forward to the challenge. We're ready to make our move upward and become a factor in every race. Larry Hedrick has provided us with the resources and personnel we need for success, so we feel this Kodiak team is right on the verge of making our presence known on a regular basis."

YOUR TURN

READERS ASK THE QUESTIONS

Dear NASCAR This Week,
Who was Gary Nelson crew chief for prior to his promotion?
Ric Thomas
Findlay, Ohio

Dear NASCAR fan,
As a crew chief, Gary Nelson worked for many drivers but only three car owners: Bill Gardner, Rick Hendrick and Felix Sabates. From 1979-81, Nelson was chief mechanic (Buddy Parrott was crew chief) for Darrell Waltrip, then continued at DiGard with Ricky Rudd in 1980-81 and Bobby Allison from 1982-84. In 1985 Nelson ran DiGard's research-and-development team, winning the Firecracker 400 with Greg Sacks. Dick Trickle and several others also drove the car that year. He moved to Hendrick Motorsports with Geoff Bodine in 1986-87, then worked in 1988 as a commentator for ESPN. He worked with Kyle Petty at Sabates from 1989-91 before taking a job with NASCAR in 1992.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
Could you print the fan club address for Sterling Marlin?
Michael O'Neal
Fayetteville, W.Va.

Dear NASCAR fan,
The address is 1116 W. 7th St., Suite 62, Columbia, Tenn., 38401.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
This is my first time writing to you and I'm writing in response to "Chip" Acton's letter concerning Ernie Irvan. I, too, couldn't believe Robert Yates dropped Irvan and I agree that he will regret it. Ernie Irvan is everything a NASCAR driver should be. He is the best and always has been.
Good luck from me too, Ernie.
Mary L. Riggs
Hubert, N.C.

If you've got a question or a comment, write: NASCAR This Week Your Turn, c/o The Gaston Gazette, 25 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28054

Crew of the Week
Jason Keller's family-owned team, slumping for much of the season, put together a fine second-place finish in the Busch Grand National race at Gateway Park. A week after sponsor Slim Jim announced it would not renew Keller's contract, the Greenville, S.C., driver very nearly won.

MECHANICS' CORNER

The 20th in a series of tips from crew members at Bahari Racing's Pennzoil-sponsored team and driver Johnny Benson: "For clearing a fogged windshield, dry air is better than moist. That's why most cars engage the air-conditioning compressor automatically whenever 'de-fog' or 'defrost' is selected. But some imports leave it to the driver to activate the compressor. It's especially important when the outside temperature is between 35 and 50 degrees Fahrenheit."

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WHAT'S NOT



Jarrett

TRIVIA

- Name the retired great who was never injured while driving a race car.
- Who is the only rookie to win the pole for both Daytona races?
- The Allison brothers, Bobby and Donnie, were transplanted residents of Alabama. In what state did their racing careers begin?

- ANSWERS**
1. David Pearson
 2. Mike Skinner (1997)
 3. Florida

THE GARAGE

Control at Homestead

Michigan, California and Rockingham in addition to Homestead.

OFF-WEEK MOVES: Team manager Bill Ingle and Diamond Ridge Motorsports, Gary Bechtel's Chevrolet team, have severed ties. Jeff Green drives the No. 29 Cartoon Network Monte Carlo. ... After a relatively brief experiment, car owner Richard Jackson has released young driver Jerry Nadeau. No word yet on a replacement for the Brickyard.

UPS AND DOWNS: It's interesting that each of the three prior Brickyard 400 winners has experienced times both hard and good at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Jeff Gordon, the 1994 winner, hit the fourth-turn wall early in last year's race and finished 37th. Dale Earnhardt, after winning in 1995, had to rely on Skinner as a relief driver last year. Dale Jarrett, last year's winner, crashed on lap 99 in the first Brickyard and wound up 40th.



Bill Francis

Francis

(Continued from page one)

But there were more delays. "I was approaching the mile mark and a lady's glasses fell off and she turned crosswise in the street to retrieve them," said Francis. "Runners were side-stepping trying to miss her. I tried a quick step and severe pain shot into my foot and back. I couldn't run, it was so painful." Francis did not want to show any signs of an injury and began to jog to hide his limp. He tried mentally to think about people, places and to take his mind off the pain. "I was running again," he said. "I was now on Richmond Road. I saw my buddies on the other side and we shouted words of encouragement to each other." Five miles into the race, head-

ing downtown to the First Security Building, a woman stumbled and fell on the roadway. "I heard her screaming in pain," said Francis. "My mind said to go on but my heart said to assist her. I finally got turned around and went back to help her. Two other runners stopped to help." Francis went to a race official with a radio and informed him of the woman's fall. "I ran back to the young lady and the crowd that had gathered to help her and told them help was on the way." After the brief stop, getting started again was difficult for Francis. "Again, my mind said stop, but my heart wanted to finish the race," he said. "I placed people

out in front of me in my mind and continued the race. After making a turn I could see all the runners who were behind me and I had surprised myself. I, at last, had made it to the finish line." Francis was surprised to learn following the race, he had finished ahead of 2,087 other runners, finishing 19th in his division out of 77 runners. "I finished a minute slower than last year," he said. "But I HAD FINISHED! I was in so much pain, my legs felt like logs. I didn't dare to sit down so I walked around for two hours to cool down." Then reality set in. Francis realized he was on the wrong end of town. "I was almost a mile and a half from my car," he said. "My

foot was swollen, so I untied my shoe and almost fell. My foot was in so much pain." Limping back to his car, Francis dressed and headed home down I-64. Stopping in Winchester, he ate pasta and did some stretching, before stops at Stanton and Slade to walk and stretch. Passing Salyersville, Francis was confident he could make the Floyd County line and home. "But I had to stop approximately six miles inside the Floyd County line. I walked and tried to go over the past events and my heart was revived," he said. Francis said the Bluegrass 10,000 is not a race you run for time — there are too many runners. "It's more of a tradition," he said.

Sports

(Continued from page five)

returning quarterback Nick Compton back for his senior season. Compton has been one of the top passers in the state the last two seasons and, if Coach Daniels can come up with someone who can haul in the ball, Compton could very well be the state's top passer.

I have been told this — remember the name of B.J. Bryant. Even Coach Daniels has high praise for Bryant. But look at these names: Ketrin Mays, Charlie Williams, Dustin Hall, Nick Moore (he is a big one), Coby Little, and Justin Holbrook. I'm sure there are other names I have missed and there will be some surprises.

Prestonsburg has a great one in sophomore Jeremy Caudill. I can't wait to see this kid play football. Ryan Ortega; is there a better athlete in the region? Seth Crisp, give him the ball and just stand back. He can run and he is smart. Grant Castle is going to be a big key for coach John Derosssett this season. Adam Hall at quarterback? If so, he will be a good one. Brian Thompson returns, so does big Neil Hamilton, who also will be a key to the Blackcats' passing game.

Again, in all four teams, I know I have not mentioned all the names of players who will be impact players at their respective schools. There will be one or two who will step in and be a big surprise. Others will not be as good as expected.

WELL...

The final day (Wednesday) has passed on submitting applications for the Allen Central girls coaching job and a decision should be forthcoming shortly as to who will be the new girls coach. But a source close to the program says the job has already been handed out.

I don't see how that can be without interviewing the other applicants, but this is Floyd County. The only two I know who have applied for the job are Cindy Halbert and Anthony Moore. Some say Ronnie Patton did, and others say he didn't. I don't know.

This should be a banner year for grade school basketball. I believe this will be a great season. I look forward to watching some of the returning players play once again.

The new conference has me excited. Grade school basketball is still the biggest show in the county.

I understand my good buddy Bide Click has been pressed back into the coaching ranks and will be helping

Lynn Handshoe at Martin with the girls program. Bide has contributed much to youth sports in the county. It's good to hear he will be helping out.

He took a girls Junior Pro team to Knoxville, Tennessee, one season and won the national championship.

I have been asked where Jeremy Hall (former Allen Central standout) will play this year. I have heard St. Catherine's College. But that's just a rumor.

A reminder: Thomas Jenkins (Allen Central) will be on the court for new Morehead State coach Kyle Macy. First game: Morehead at Kentucky.

Brad Martin tells me he will just finish the season driving the Kinzer car in the modifieds at Thunder Ridge. Brad's car has had motor problems.

REPEAT...

New football alignments for the 97-98 seasons:

Class A, Region 4, District 2: Allen Central, Elkhorn City, Fleming-Neon, Hazard, Jenkins, Phelps, Pikeville, South Floyd.

Class AA, Region 4, District 2: Betsy Layne, Breathitt County, Cawood, Leslie County, Morgan County, Prestonsburg, Shelby Valley, Whitesburg.

Class AAA, Region 4, District 2: Belfry, Johnson Central, Knott County Central, Pike County Central, Powell County, Sheldon Clark.

SCHEDULES NEEDED...

I will need all grade school football schedules as soon as the coaches have them.

A note: Adams Middle School will conduct football signups this Saturday, August 2, at Archer Park between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon for all players at Prestonsburg, Adams, Clark and Auxier elementaries.

SENDS MESSAGE...

Morehead State University President Ronald Eglin is a man of integrity. He recently overruled new head basketball Kyle Macy and said Morehead State would honor the scholarship of Kyle Sherman.

Sherman was told when Macy came on the scene he was no longer needed at MSU and his scholarship would not be renewed. Hats off to the new president and the stand he took in the matter.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports! Take the kids to Sunday School and church this Sunday.

Southern Design silver medal winner at BGSF

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Southern Design men's softball team placed second out of 80 teams in the 1997 Bluegrass State Games this year and brought home the silver medal for their efforts.

The local team played ten games in the double elimination tournament, winning eight while dropping two.

Friends and family members of the team were on hand to cheer them on, and even though they lost in the championship game, there was pride in the accomplishment of this team, who felt they played their best softball this year.

Members of the team are Dwight Meek, Bud Wireman, Darrell Sparks, Darrell Bartley, Jeff Cochran, Mike Brock, Bill Hammond, Doug Holbrook, Jason Burke, Richard O'Bryan, Robert Reid, Gene Tackett and Mike "Tubby" Thompson.

The team played in the Archer Park softball league this past season.

15th Annual Kiwanis Golf outing happens Sat., August 9

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Ever since Kiwanis Golf Outing director Teddy Hall announced the date for the four-man scramble format, many prizes have been added to the list already to be given away during the course of the day on Saturday, August 9, at the Jenny Wiley Golf Course.

It will be the 15th Annual Kiwanis Golf Outing and already there is much excitement over the upcoming event.

"We have more golf bags to give away," said Hall. "We've got a gold putter we're going to give to the golfer with the longest putt. That could be on the number one hole. We're not sure yet."

Food City will donate a barbecue grill and Don Jennings of East Kentucky Auto will donate an extra \$200 plus a Bearcat Scanner to the winning team.

Golf umbrellas, zip-up golf bags, plus head covers are among the numerous prizes to be given away.

Prizes will be awarded to the closest to the hole, longest drive and a cash prize for a hole in one.

Registration fee for the tournament is \$30 per golfer. Teams will tee off at 9 a.m. and teams must register by Friday, August 8 at 5 p.m.

AMS to hold football signups for upcoming season

Students who are planning to play football on one of the three Adams Middle School football teams are encouraged to register this Saturday, August 2, at Archer Park.

The signups will be conducted between 9 a.m. and noon tomorrow.

All players from Prestonsburg, Clark and Auxier elementaries (grades 3-5) must register this day. All Adams Middle School players (grades 6-8) must also register at this time.

PSA



Winners of silver medal

The Southern Designs Red Heat/B&B Customs softball team placed second out of 80 teams to win a silver medal during the Bluegrass State Games in Lexington. Team members are Dwight Meek, Bud Wireman, Darrell Sparks, Darrell Bartley, Jeff Cochran, Mike Brock, Bill Hammond, Doug Holbrook, Jason Burke, Richard O'Bryan, Robert Reid, Gene Tackett and Mike "Tubby" Thompson.



Lighting the flame

Governor Paul Patton joined Olympic Gold Medalist Micki King in lighting the Bluegrass State Games torch Friday night as part of the opening ceremonies at Commonwealth Stadium. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Carrying the torch

Runners carried the Olympic-style torch into Commonwealth Stadium for the lighting of the Bluegrass State Games' cauldron Friday night. The torch was lit in Frankfort and carried to Lexington by the runners. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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FOR SALE: 21' Starcraft Week-ender Cabin Cruiser with trailer. Inboard/outboard, 120 HP motor. Runs great. \$1,700. Call 886-8231.

Real Estate For Sale

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Three bedroom, two bath home. Fireplace, new central heating and cooling. Also, new roof and double garage. 886-8933.

CAVE RUN LAKE AREA. Three bedroom brick, full basement, a/c, gas heat. Screened porch. 10 wooded acres. Call 606-768-6622.

FOR SALE: Over 2,000 sq. ft. brick house on 7 acre lot. Three bedrooms, two fireplaces, LR/DR, family room, den, custom kitchen, 1 3/4 baths. Fenced yard. Excellent family home. In Allen school district. Price has been reduced to \$77,500. Days call 874-9492 or evenings 874-9054.

PROPERTY FOR SALE: New Allen. 50x100 lot. Includes one trailer and two commercial buildings. Call 874-8978 after 6 p.m.

45 +/- ACRE HOLLOW. Home needs repair. City water available. Good development site for homes. Abbott area. \$79,900. Call Lynda Spurlock of Century 21 American Way Realty, 285-9650.

HOUSE FOR SALE: Two bedrooms. Fenced yard. Tram. Extra lot included. \$32,000. Call 874-8113 or 478-5937.

FOR SALE: Business lot on U.S. 23 at Harold. Has 25x50 building on lot. Call 478-5955.

HOUSE FOR SALE:

Very nice four bedroom, 2.5 baths, living room, large family room, two kitchens, lots of closet space. Approximately 2,000 sq. ft. 12x16 storage/workshop building (with gas, electricity, water). Also, 8x8 metal storage building. All situated on a 100x110 (chain linked fenced) center lot in a nice neighborhood. All city utilities. Located at 279 South Roberts Drive, Prestonsburg. Call 886-1486 or 874-2233 for appointment.

NEW HOUSE. Three bedrooms, two full baths, dining room, kitchen, living room, utility room. Central heat/air. Two car garage. Five minutes from Prestonsburg. Call 874-0389.

FOR SALE: Akers Trailer Court, New Allen. Includes 13 trailers and one extra lot. Call 874-8978 after 6 p.m.

HOUSE FOR SALE: Junction of 1091 and Rt. 7 (above Big S Market), Topmost. Three bedrooms, living room, large family room, dining room, kitchen, two full baths, utility room, garage, central heat and air, wall to wall carpet, approximately two acres. Nice neighborhood. Shown by appointment. Call 606-447-2266.

NEW HOUSE FOR SALE: Three bedroom, two bath, garage. Nice corner lot. 131 Hunt's Fork, Dana, Floyd County. \$89,900. Call 789-3904 or 297-3175.

FOR SALE: Beautiful contemporary style house in scenic setting with view of Jenny Wiley Lake. Call Tom or Bernice at Abode USA Realty 606-432-2233 or 478-9425 for an appt.

HOUSE AND PROPERTY FOR SALE: Stone Coal Road, Garrett. Includes three bedroom home with two full baths, two car garage and new heat system. Call 358-2104 or 358-4418 after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: Nice three bedroom doublewide with acreage Sunny Lane, Rt 1210. Call Tom at Abode USA Realty 606-432-2233 or 478-9425 for an appointment.

FOR SALE: New house, near completion. 3 bedrooms, two baths. Large lot. Near Prestonsburg. Call 886-2818.

NEED A GREAT LOCATION TO LIVE plus income property. Call Tom at Abode USA Realty 606-432-2233 or 478-9425. Call for an appointment.

HOUSE FOR SALE: In Martin. Out of flood plain. Three bedroom, kitchen, living room, dining room, half basement. \$20,000. Call 285-3292 days; or 285-3686 nights.

FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS: Need a starter house. Call Tom at Abode USA Realty 6306-432-2233 or 478-9425. 3 BD on Abbott Creek. Seller says make us an offer.

FOR SALE: Commercial property US 23 North of Watergap. Super great location. Call Tom at Abode USA Realty 606-432-2233 or 478-9425.

FOR SALE: Building lots. Great prices call today. Call Abode USA Realty. Ask for Tom. 606-432-2233 or 478-9425.

MORTGAGE LOANS

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GOVT FORECLOSED homes from pennies on \$1. Delinquent Tax, Repo's, REO's. Your area. Toll free 1-800-218-9000, ext. H-6778 for current listings.

THREE BEDROOM, ONE BATH, central heat, new roof, new septic system, aluminum siding, cobblestone underpinning, carpeted. Out of flood plain. Excellent neighborhood. Estill (Punkin Center). \$24,000. Call 358-4267.

REDUCED! New three bedroom, two bath with carport. Free gas, public water. Large lot. Frasure's Creek area. \$75,900. Call 377-6888, 437-6147 or 437-9809.

HOUSE LOTS FOR SALE: McDowell area. Water on site. Free gas to 2 lots. Price range: \$9,500-\$16,000. Call 377-6888, 606-437-6147 or 606-437-9809.

Autos For Sale

FOR SALE: 1988 Dodge Caravan. V-6, automatic, air, tilt, cruise, seats seven. \$3,800. Call 606-789-9324.

1988 ISUZU TROOPER. 4WD, 4 cylinder., 4 speed manual transmission, AC, cruise control, well-maintained, extra clean, high miles. Contact Gary Frazier at 886-8957 (days) or 886-8885 (after 8:00 p.m.) \$4895. OBO.

1994 CAMARO. Teal green. V-6, automatic. Loaded. Tinted windows, keyless entry, 51,000 miles. Beautiful car. Asking \$9,200 o.b.o. Must sell. Call Buddy at 606-886-8455.

1996 NISSAN 4X4 XE. King cab. Loaded. 7,000 miles. Will trade for Jeep Cherokee. Call 886-1370.

FOR SALE: 1990 Chevy Suburban 4x4. 350 engine, dual heat/air, power windows and doors. Call 874-2194.

1987 DODGE DAYTONA. \$350. Call 285-9476 after 7 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1987 Ford Ranger. Five speed, V-6 engine, bedliner, looks and runs great. If interested call 886-8902 after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1987 Ford Taurus. Light blue, automatic, air, all power. Low mileage. \$2,500. Call 886-6662 after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1984 Cadillac Eldorado, asking \$1,395; also 1989 Lincoln Town Car, asking \$2,995. Call 886-0099 after 6 p.m.

11989 FULL SIZE CHEVY PICKUP. 350 automatic, ground effects. 134,000 miles. \$6,500. Call 358-4167.

1982 GMC 4X4. Automatic. \$2,300. Call 377-6881.

EXCELLENT CONDITION. 1989 Camaro RS. Red, V-8, a/c, automatic, T-tops. 107,856 miles. Call 358-9827.

SEIZED CARS from \$175. Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevs, BMWs, Corvettes. Also, Jeeps, 4WDs. Your area. Toll free 1-800-218-9000, ext. A-6778 for current listings.

Mobile Homes For Sale

HINDMAN MOBILE HOMES, HWY. 80, Hazard, KY; 1-800-510-7064. Our 1997 Clearance sale is on the wax. Prices cut by \$3,000. No downpayment. Plus, we have land for sale and we can make you a land/home deal. Finance it all.

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MOBILE HOME FOR SALE: Two bedroom, total electric in fair condition. Have two available. Call 886-9007.

FOR SALE: 1986 doublewide, 24,x44. Three bedrooms, two baths. Lots of extras. Must be moved. Call 874-0272.

1995 CROWN 16X80. Two bedroom, two bath. Central heat/air. Can be left on lot. \$26,700. Call 886-2435 or 889-9034.

MOBILE HOME LOANS from Green Tree Financial. Sellers/Buyers/ Owners. 5% down payment. Refinance/equity loans; land and home loans; realtor calls welcome. Call 1-800-221-8204.

New & Used Furniture

ALLEN FURNITURE ALLEN, KY Living room suits; daybeds; gun cabinets; bedroom suits; recliners; odd chests; dinette sets; bunk beds; odd beds; loungers; used washers, dryers, refrigerators; and lots more! Call 874-9790.

Commercial Property For Lease

FOR LEASE: 7,000 sq. ft. commercial building with large parking lot. Located on U.S. 23, halfway between Paintsville and Prestonsburg. Easy access. Excellent for supply warehouse or offices. Five minutes from Highlands Regional. Call Bob at 606-789-3904.

800 FT. U.S. 23 FRONTAGE. Caney Highway, south of Pikeville. Call 639-4416 or 606-639-4010.

Houses For Rent

FOUR BEDROOM HOUSE FOR RENT: 1 1/2 miles up Arkansas Creek. Has large back yard. Gas is furnished. Also has cook stove and window air conditioner. HUD approved. Call 606-285-3376.

LARGE THREE BEDROOM house for rent. \$550/month. Water Gap. Call 941-377-9031.

FOR RENT: Two bedroom brick house. Five miles from Prestonsburg. \$375/month, gas and electric paid. Lease and security deposit required. Call 606-273-9159.

TWO BEDROOM HOUSE for rent. Located in Lancer. Deposit required. Call 886-3423 or 874-9488.

FOR RENT: Two bedroom house. 2331 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg. \$350/month plus deposit. Call 886-6358.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 3-4 bedroom. Riverside Drive, Prestonsburg. Central heat/air. \$500/month plus deposit and utilities. Call 886-2880.

FOR RENT: Two story, 3 BD house at Hueysville. City water, nice yard. HUD approved. \$300/month. Call 358-3392.

HOUSE FOR RENT: Three bedroom, two bath, utility, new heat pump, total electric. On new U.S. 23, one mile from Prestonsburg. References and deposit required. Call 886-9007.

HOUSE FOR RENT: Between Prestonsburg and Pikeville at Banner, near U.S. 23. Four bedrooms, large yard and garden. \$500/month plus utilities. \$400 deposit. Call 874-2873.

FOR RENT: Three bedroom house. Farm setting. Fenced in yard. \$400/month, security deposit required. Nice, peaceful, quiet neighborhood. Located on Rt. 302 at John's Creek. Call 606-789-9428.

Apartments For Rent

TOWNHOUSE APARTMENT: Two bedroom. Central air/heat, w/d hookup. U.S. 23 and Rt. 80. \$400/month plus utilities. \$375 deposit. Call 886-6551 or 237-4758.

ONE OR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS. Also, three bedroom mobile home. Some in town. Call 886-6900.

Adult/Pediatric Transport Nurses

Pikeville Methodist Hospital has vacancies for part-time and full-time Adult/Pediatric Transport Nurses.

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For consideration, please send resume to:

Director of Human Resources
Pikeville

Methodist Hospital
911 S. Bypass Road,
Pikeville, KY 41501
or fax resume to (606) 437-9708
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 860-5176, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., HC 82 Box 1045, Arnold's Fork Road, Kite, Kentucky 41828, has applied for renewal of a permit for an existing preparation plant and underground coal mining operation affecting 1183.4 acres located 2.5 miles southeast of Hall in Knott County.

The proposed facility area is approximately 1.5 miles southeast from Kentucky Route 1498's junction with Arnold Fork County Road and located on Arnold Fork. The latitude is 37° 17' 12" and the longitude is 82° 43' 39".

The proposed facility is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7

1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the facilities is owned by the Virtus Isaac Estate, Gary Hall and Progress Land Corporation.

The renewal application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0231, Amendment No. 1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Costain Coal, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.5 miles south of Dana in Floyd County. The amendment will add 116.3 acres of surface disturbance acres and will underlie an additional 26.1 acres making a total area of 142.4 acres within the amendment permit boundary.

The proposed amendment is approximately 0.8 miles north from Route 1426's junction with Route 2030 and located 0.3 mile south of Prater Creek.

The latitude is 37° 32' 31" and the longitude is 82° 40' 10".

The proposed amendment is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour, area and auger method of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed by this amendment is owned by Costain Coal, Inc., George & Lowell Case, Russell R. Kidd, Chester L. Akers, Sr. et. al., Nancy Kidd et. al., Leonard & James Hall, Joe Jarrell, Burley Akers Heirs, Costain Coal Inc. et. al., and Elkhorn Coal Corporation, and Leck Coleman. The proposed amendment will underlie land owned by Charley Akers, Greta G. Gibson, Simon Akers, Joe Jarrell and Fed R. Conn. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road Kidd Fork County Road. The operation will involve permanent

closure of the last 500 feet of the public road.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 109 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 877-0159, Amendment #1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Branham & Baker Coal Company, Inc., 148 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for an Amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.5 mile north of Gunlock in Magoffin County. The amendment will add 273.20 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 48.70 acres making a total area of 321.90 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amended area is approximately 1.7 mile southwest from the junction of Open Fork and Ky. Route 850. The latitude is 37° 34' 14" and the longitude is 82° 54' 14".

The proposed amendment is located on the David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area is owned by David L. Francis Testamentary Trust, Astor Clay Collins et al., John G. Amett, Rose Marie Collins, Branham & Baker Coal Company, Inc., Luther Shepherd, Kelly Hale Heirs, and Johnny and Claudette Miller. The amendment will underlie land owned by David L. Francis Testamentary Trust, Astor Clay Collins et al., Rose Marie Collins, and Branham & Baker Coal Company, Inc. The operation will use the area, contour and auger method of mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

By order of the Secured Party, the following property of Irene Miller is located and will be offered at Public Sale at Worldwide Equipment, Inc., Highway 1428 East, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, on 8/5/97 at 1:00 p.m.

Item(s) to be sold are: 1994 Mack 1M2P327C9RM001800. Inspection may be arranged by appointment. Cash sales only. Inquiries may be made to the Associates Commercial Corporation, Branch Manager, at 8845 Governors Hill Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249. Phone number 513-677-8700.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Laurel Creek Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 940, Paintsville, Kentucky 41240, has applied for Phase III bond release on Increments No. 4 and 5 of Permit No. 836-

0200 which was last issued on April 18, 1996. The application covers an area of approximately 212.00 acres located 0.5 mile North of Ivel in Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 2 miles east from State Route 1426's junction with U.S. Route 23 and located 0.25 mile north of Davison Branch. The latitude is 37° 36' 22" and the longitude is 82° 40' 10".

The bond now in effect for Increment #4 is a surety bond in the amount of \$54,300. 100% of the original bond amount of \$54,300 is included in the application for release.

The Bond now in effect for Increment #5 is a surety bond in the amount of \$46,500. 100% of the original bond amount of \$275,700 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes the establishment of an adequate vegetative cover completed August, 1989 (Increment #4) and April, 1989 (Increment #5).

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for September 30, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by September 29, 1997.

Written comments, objections or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by September 29, 1997.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Progress Land Corporation, HC 82 Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, KY 41828 has applied for Phase II bond release on Permit Number 898-0456, Increments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9, which was last issued on April 10, 1995. The application covers an area of approximately 350.37 acres located 0.9 mile east of Weeksbury, Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 0.9 mile southeast of the junction of KY 466 and Caleb Fork Road and 0.5 mile east of Caleb Fork and Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 19 minutes, 15 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 40 minutes, 14 seconds.

The bonds now in effect for Permit Number 898-0456 are: Increment 1, \$9,800; Increment 2, \$5,000; Increment 3, \$18,058; Increment 4, \$5,000; Increment 5, \$5,000; Increment 6, \$5,000; Increment 7, \$5,000; Increment 8, \$5,792; Increment 9, \$3,955. One hundred percent (100%) of the remain-

der of the original bond amount of \$338,200 is included in the application for release. Present bond amount for these increments is \$62,605.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in the Spring of 1990. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife. The results achieved have been consistent with the re-vegetation plan submitted with the permit package and implemented in the Spring of 1990.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by September 29, 1997.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for September 30, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at the Pikeville Regional Office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 109 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by September 29, 1997.

NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE Permit Number 836-5363

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 18:120, CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839, telephone 606-946-3100, proposes the following blasting schedule:

The blasting site consists of approximately 15.8 acres located 1.9 miles

southwest of Bosco in Floyd County, Kentucky. This area is located 0.6 mile southwest of KY Route 7's junction with Salyers Branch Road and along Salltick Creek. The latitude is 37° 29' 14" and the longitude is 82° 51' 52".

Blasting will begin on or about August. All blasting is to be conducted during daylight hours Monday through Sunday. No blasting will be performed between sunset and sunrise.

Entry to the blasting area will be regulated by signs or barriers. An authorized representative will prohibit access to the blasting area by unauthorized persons at least ten (10) minutes before each detonation. Warning and all-clear signals will be audible within one-half mile of the blasting area and will be utilized prior to and following the blasting. One long air horn blast will be sounded prior to the blasting and two short horn blasts as the "all clear" signal.

Blasting may occur at times other than those outlined in the blasting schedule: if in the event explosives are loaded and rain, lightning, atmospheric conditions, management problems or safety to the operator or public deem it necessary, all personnel within one-half mile of the blasting area shall be orally notified and a signal as described above will be sounded before detonation.

Classified Ads work Call Kari at 886-8506

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

I, Frank DeRossett, Jr., Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
07-25-97	97-P-00268	Florence Henderson Box 326 Melvin, KY	William J. Henderson Box 326 Melvin, KY	
07-17-97	97-P-00263	Myrtle Salisbury Box 113 Drift, KY	Darlena S. Martin Box 113 Drift, KY	Hon. John T. Chafin Prestonsburg, KY
07-22-97	97-P-00264	Thomas Edward Marsillett St. Road Fork Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Alpha Jean Poe St. Road Fork Prestonsburg, KY 41653 Gladys Faye Scott Gen. Del. Iynton, KY 41444	
07-24-97	97-P-00265	Guardianship waiting for order		
07-24-97	97-P-00266	Brian Keen P.O. Box 236 Allen, KY 41601	Linda Woods P.O. Box 236 Allen, KY 41601	Jerry A. Patton P.O. Box 1300 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
07-25-97	97-P-00267	Waiting on order		
07-11-97	97-P-00256	Fanny Branham 11713 N. Mariton Ave. Upper Marlboro, MD 20772	Urban T. Peters 11713 N. Mariton Ave. Upper Marlboro, MD 20772	
7-14-97	97-P-00257	John Tyler Nelson West Prestonsburg	John Nelson II West Prestonsburg	NA
07-15-97	97-P-00258	Sammy Dave Adams P.O. Box 83 McDowell, KY 41647	Diana K. Adams P.O. Box 83 McDowell, KY 41647	Sheridan Martin P.O. Box 506 Prestonsburg, KY
07-15-97	97-P-00259	Name Change		
07-17-97	97-P-00260	Ethel M. Collins Box 75 Minnie, KY 41651	Judy Collins Stumbo Box 379 McDowell, KY 41647	Anthony C. Davis P.O. Box 388 Prestonsburg, KY
7-17-97	97-P-00261	Jim Stumbo Box 162, Drift, KY	Jimmy Stumbo Box 423 McDowell, KY 41647	NA
7-17-97	97-P-00262	Gladys Fugate Gearheart	Delores Caudill P.O. Box 205 Drift, KY	Bobby King P.O. Box 1139 Pikeville, KY
07-09-97	97-P-00250	Petition to Dispense		
07-09-97	97-P-00251	Laken Nichole Hall General Delivery Bevinville, KY	Marsha Hall General Delivery Bevinville, KY	
07-09-97	97-P-00252	Bernice Rogers P.O. Box 183 Grethel, KY 41631	Christopher Rogers P.O. Box 172 Grethel, KY 41631	
07-09-97	97-P-00253	Christopher G. Fleming 122 Maplewood Village Banner, KY 41603	Cynthia Fleming 122 Maplewood Village Banner, KY 41603	
07-09-97	97-P-00254	Myrtle Moore Box 43 Bypro, KY 41612	Archie Moore P.O. Box 43 Bypro, KY 41612 Claudette Smith Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Hon. Keith Bartley P.O. Box 1378 Prestonsburg, KY
07-10-97	97-P-00255	Name Change		
07-01-97	97-P-00244	Johnnie Marie Tufts Box 313 Wayland, KY 41666	John D. Tufts, Jr. Box 313 Wayland, KY 41666	Phillip Damron P.O. Box 107 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
07-02-97	97-P-00246	Fannie Ellen Dudleson 35 Cementary Road Martin, KY 41649	Ernest F. Dudleson 595 Riverview Dr. Stanton, KY 40380	Donna R. Hall P.O. Box 949 Stanton, KY 40380
07-02-97	97-P-00245	Blanche Hall Box 67 Harold, KY 41635	Dennye Layne 95 School Street Betsy Layne, KY 41605	
07-07-97	97-P-00247	Petition to Dispense		
07-07-97	97-P-00248	Wamie Sammons Rt. 122 Hunter, KY 41641	Alma Sammons Rt. 122 Hunter, KY 41641	
07-07-97	97-P-00249	Harry Hall P.O. Box 164 Bevinville, KY	Bonnie Hall P.O. Box 164 Bevinville, KY	
06-24-97	97-P-239	Randall Crider P.O. Box 384 Prestonsburg, KY	Charles R. Crider P.O. Box 384 Prestonsburg, KY	Keith Bartley P.O. Box 1378 Prestonsburg, KY
06-25-97	97-P-00240	Ellis Jervis P.O. Box 230 Allen, KY 41601	Rosa Lee Jervis P.O. Box 230 Allen, KY 41601	John E. Hunt P.O. Box 850 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
06-26-97	97-P-00241	Leslie Harvill Box 409 McDowell, KY 41647	Verna Elliot Box 409 McDowell, KY 41647	Rhonda Blackburn P.O. Box 231 Pikeville, KY 41501
06-26-97	97-P-00242	Vandian Ferrell Betsy Layne, KY 41605	Lillian F. Sturgill 314 Right Pinhook Rd. Harold, KY	Dwight S. Marshall P.O. Box 1378 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
06-27-97	97-P-00243	Cassie Stone H.C. 79, Box 810 Martin, KY 41649	Bert Layne Box 196 Eastern, KY 41622	
06-20-97	97-P-00233	Gertrude Stumbo 1435 Spurlock Prestonsburg, KY	Walter L. Stumbo 76 Early Drive Langley, KY	
06-20-97	97-P-00234	Arthur L. Rollins Wheelwright, KY 41669	Georgia L. Martin Wheelwright, KY 41669	
06-23-97	97-P-235	Travis Banks Box 41 Wayland, KY	Verma Banks Box 41 Wayland, KY	Timothy Parker Box 927 Prestonsburg, KY
06-23-97	97-P-00236	Danya Fraley P.O. Box 126 Drift, KY 41619	Janet Fraley P.O. Box 126 Drift, KY 41619	Keith Bartley P.O. Box 1378 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
06-24-97	97-P-00237	Ruby Moore Akers Route 22 McDowell, KY 41647	Sharon L. Kershaw 368 Spring Road McDowell, KY 41647	Anthony Craig Davis P.O. Box 388 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
06-24-97	97-P-00238	Fred Wells H.C. 60, Box 230 Greenup, KY	Nancy Dillon H.C. 60, Box 730 Oldtown, KY 41144	NA

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NOTICE

(OF FILING OF SETTLEMENT)

I, Frank DeRossett, Jr., Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exception to said settlement must do so on or before September 1, 1997, at 10:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	95-P-00010	Martha F. Newsome	Willia Newsome Tackett	07-28-97
Final	95-P-00282	Astor Hall	Dennye Layne	07-28-97
Final	96-P-00253	Avonelle Prater Crider	Otway Crider, Jr.	07-28-97
Annual	94-P-00173	Enis Mullins	Barbara Sue Jones	07-02-97
Final	95-P-00047	Carlos Crager	Deborah Crager	07-01-97
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Final	96-P-00334	Iveleen Conn	Talma Beasley	07-28-97
Final	97-P-00049	Dora Sparkman	Lowell D. Shepherd	07-28-97
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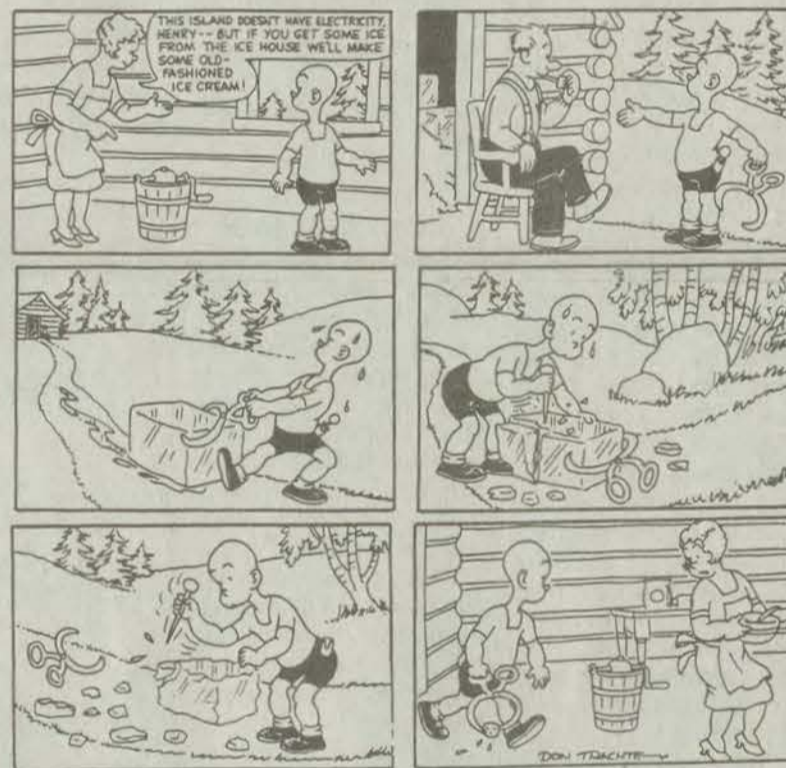
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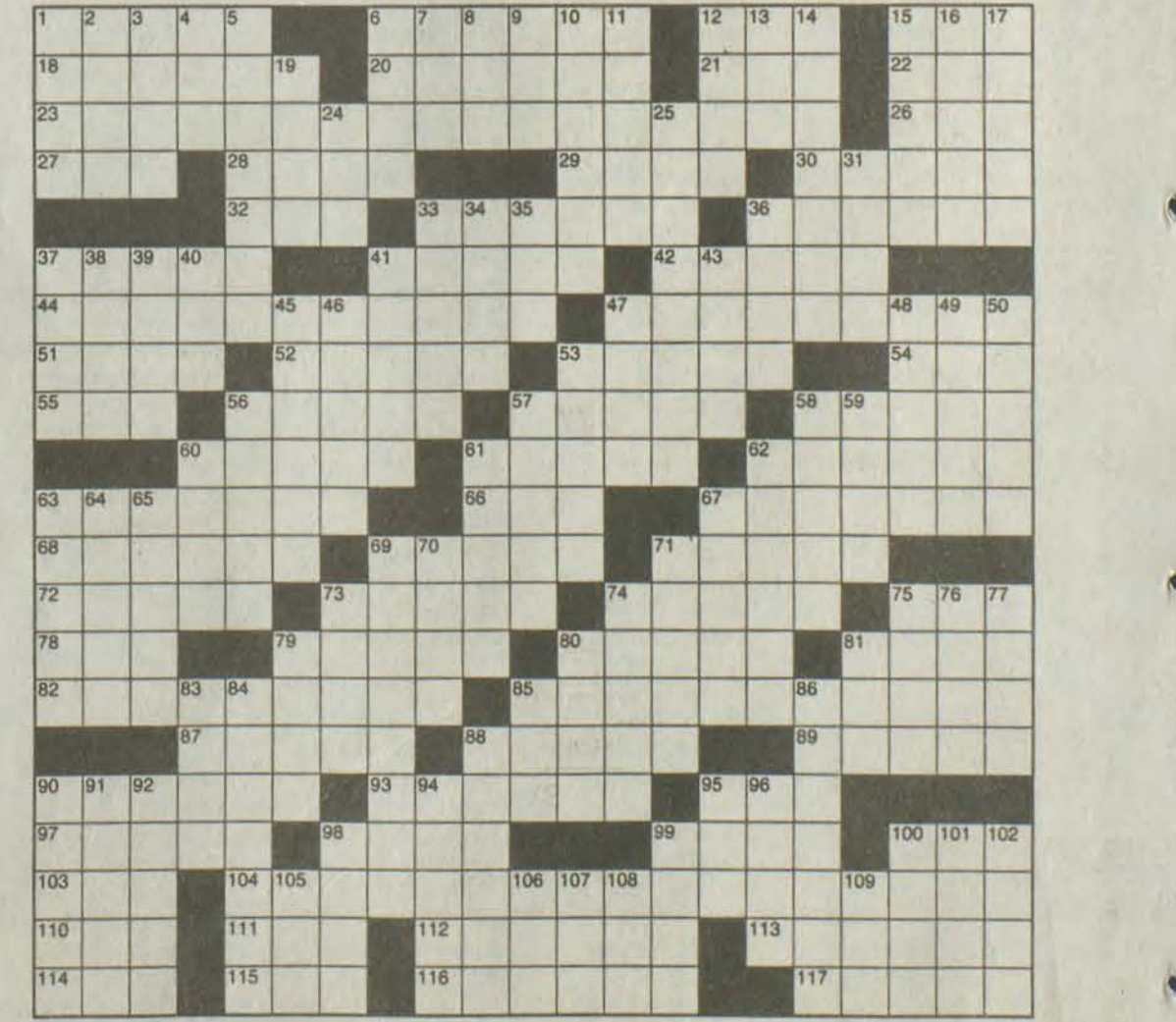


GEORGE by MARK SZORADY



Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | 53 Brandish | 90 Marmot or mouse | 7 Burro | bully | Bert |
| 1 Israeli port | 54 Tell tale | 93 Dan or Roseanne, to Darlene | 8 - Paulo, Brazil | 46 For the birds | 76 Coup d'— |
| 6 Pours down the drain | 56 Blazing | 95 Twisted | 9 Tole metal | 47 Aachen article | 77 Apportion, with "out" |
| 12 Arthur of "Maude" | 57 Lacking freshness | 97 Bakery lure | 10 Canvas supports | 48 Cream of the crop | 79 Cried |
| 15 Make a choice | 58 Funny Fanny | 98 Manuscript enc. | 11 Author Alexander | 49 More congenial | 80 British version of the Uzi |
| 18 Happens | 60 '87 Peace Prize winner | 99 Spinks or Uris | 12 Work over? | 50 Rock hounds? | 81 Child welfare org. |
| 20 Book before Jeremiah | 61 Extremely infrequently? | 100 Health resort | 13 Ivy Leaguer | 53 Signaled | 83 Thing |
| 21 Time-honored | 62 Pull on a rope | 103 Dog's dog | 14 Nelson's title | 56 Sports center | 84 Elinor or Phil |
| 22 Roller-coaster unit | 63 In the middle | 104 End of remark | 15 Florida city | 57 "Mr. Television" | 85 Wrath |
| 23 Start of a remark by Jerry Cowan | 66 Part 3 of remark | 110 Native: suffix | 16 Debra of "Love Me Tender" | 58 Posted | 86 Reserve |
| 25 Khan opener? | 67 Wheels | 111 Relative of -ette | 17 Rubbish | 59 Furrows | 88 Richard of "The Real McCoys" |
| 27 Spearheaded | 68 Tabloid subjects | 112 Hostility | 19 Tater | 60 Inspires reverence | 90 Hurried portrayer, on TV |
| 28 Unmixed | 69 Chef Julia | 113 Dead Sea sectarian | 24 Cy Young stat. | 61 Charlie Chan's | 91 Talk really big? |
| 29 "The Dukes of Hazzard" spinoff | 70 Hobby wood | 114 Costa - Sol | 25 Boo Boo's buddy | 62 Bar | 92 Peg |
| 30 Loafs around | 72 Selected | 115 Filmdom's "Nightmare" street | 31 Hero's hangout? | 63 Pachyderm of children's books | 94 Laotian native |
| 32 Nabokov novel | 73 Turned pork into ham | 116 Character | 33 Mansfield or Meadows | 64 Bring bliss | 95 Director Craven |
| 33 Plane exhaustion? | 75 Moon crawler, lor short | 117 Some are deviated | 34 Desire deified | 65 Mosaic bits | 96 Morning wear |
| 36 Door decoration | 76 Demolished dinner | DOWN | 35 Kind of cross | 67 Jazzman | 98 Dam up |
| 37 Athletic trainer | 79 Satirist Evelyn | 1 Salute the moon? | 36 Actress Tuesday | 69 Nerve | 99 -majeste |
| 41 "— Bulba" | 80 Subdued | 2 Flu symptom | 37 Throw capital? | 70 Takes everything | 100 How-to part |
| 42 Unimprovable | 81 Fancy appetizer | 3 Added buttercream | 38 Frozen James | 71 Prepared for a stew | 101 Shut up |
| 44 Part 2 of remark | 82 Doctors on staff | 4 Lots of laughs | 39 Scriptwriter | 73 Wine-producing site? | 102 Zone |
| 47 High-spirited | 85 Part 4 of remark | 5 Oklahoma native | 40 Fare for a fry | 74 Dancer's sleigh partner | 105 Conduit fitting |
| 51 Go in snow | 87 Fall birthstone | 6 Earring part | 41 Autocrats | 75 Cowardly Lion monogram | 106 Baby beaver |
| 52 Buttermilk's boss | 88 Doctrine | | 43 Unlikely to enthral | | 107 Dallas coll. |
| | 89 Writer Bret | | 45 Bait the | | 108 "Ben—" |



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