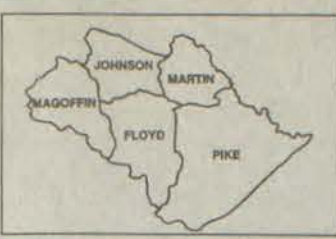




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Is anybody working?

School employment actions are invalid without prior approval from the state education department
by Susan Allen
Staff Writer
The Floyd County Board of Education overstepped its authority Tuesday by tabling notification on personnel issues announced by superintendent Gene Davis, but those employment recommendations apparently aren't binding anyway.
The board has no legal authority to interfere with school personnel decisions; those matter are reserved strictly to the superintendent's responsibilities. But, because the county school system is operating under a state-ordered emergency declaration, Davis also lacks the authori-

ty to make personnel decisions without first getting approval from the state Department of Education.
Staffing decisions announced Tuesday by Davis are not effective, a state education department official confirmed Thursday, and now questions center on who is and who is not employed for the coming school year.
Randy Kimbrough, deputy education commissioner, said Thursday that, "The law is very clear. If (Davis) does not get prior approval (on employment matters) they aren't hired."
"At this point," she added, "only those ordered (reinstated) by the court and any other employee that has gone through the

legitimate process approved by us is hired."
Davis has not obtained state approval on Tuesday's personnel notifications, according to Kimbrough.
"Neither I nor any member of my staff has approved (Tuesday night's personnel actions)," Kimbrough said.
Davis notified the board at Tuesday's regular board meeting that he had hired staff for the district's elementary, middle and high schools.
Board members Jody Mullins, Ray Brackett and Eddie Patton questioned Davis' hirings and voted to table accept-

Appeal of AG's ruling is filed in Floyd court
by Susan Allen
Staff Writer
An appeal of a June attorney general's decision, which said three special April meetings of the Floyd County Board of Education were held illegally, was filed Wednesday, but not by the school board attorney.
Prestonsburg attorney Dan Rowland filed the appeal Monday in Floyd Circuit Court, asking that the attorney general's (AG) decision be reversed.
Board members instructed board attorney Jerry Patton to appeal the AG's decision at a special June 30 meeting.
Rowland is not employed by the school district, but he was hired by the board as a conflict attorney for due process hearings at one of the April illegal meetings.
Whether Rowland's appeal is a valid legal action, under the state's Open Meeting Laws, is not clear.
Corey Bellamy, a spokesman for the AG's office said Thursday that it would be up to the courts to decide "whether or not this attorney is"
(See Appeal, page three)

City can't, won't try to regulate facilities

by Scott Perry
Times Editor
Despite concerns to the contrary, the City of Prestonsburg has neither the intention nor the authority to impose user fees on property or facilities at Jenny Wiley State Park.
Parts of the park, annexed recently into the Prestonsburg city limits, remain under the authority of the state Department of Parks, according to Bob Bender, deputy commissioner for support services.
Bender said the impact of the annexation, which includes May Lodge, the park convention center and other facilities, would involve the assessment of city occupational, restaurant and room occupancy taxes. User fees, such as boat launching charges, can only be initiated by the Department of Parks, he added, and the department has no plan to do that.
Park employees will be subject to a 1.5 percent city tax on their wages and visitors to the lodge and its restaurant will be assessed city taxes on rooms and meals. Those taxes will be collected by park employees and remitted to the city.
Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin said Wednesday that the city had no intentions of seeking user fees on park facilities.
"As far as we're concerned," Fannin said, "the state park operates those facilities and will continue to do so."
On another front, city and state park officials reportedly are attempting to resolve a conflict that

Catch of the day



THESE YOUTHFUL CAMPERS took advantage of a cane pole fishing program at the Brandykeg boat dock Wednesday evening. Poles and bait were provided by Jenny Wiley State Park staff. (photo by Gina Amos)

Wayland sewer funding okayed

The House Appropriations Committee approved Wednesday a request by Congressman Hal Rogers to provide \$1.5 million to the City of Wayland to build a sewage treatment plant.
The bill now goes to the House of Representatives for approval, and Congressman Rogers is predicting that the House will give its okay to the funding.
"This is great news for the City of Wayland," Roger said. "The current sewage treatment plant is in desperate need of replacement, but the cost of a new facility has made it difficult for the city to move ahead."
Initially the system will serve approximately 200

people who use the old septic systems or straight pipes, Rogers said, adding that after construction, the city will be able to provide the opportunity of service to another 400-500 customers in the communities of Garrett and West Garrett.
"This is an important move forward in protecting public health in the area," Rogers said.
The request for funding is part of an environmental clean-up initiative that Roger announced last week called Eastern Kentucky PRIDE - Personal Responsibility.
(See Funding, page three)

Concerns raised by FCEA over employment process :

New-year finances already questioned

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer
Members of the Floyd County Education Association warned school board members Tuesday night that the district's anticipated \$800,000 contingency fund may already be spent due to staffing irregularities.
In a statement circulated to the board, the education association said that because local school officials have not followed a state approved recall list regarding laid off teachers, 11 additional hirings are needed to correct that error. Also, seven certified positions remain to be filled and overstaffing in the special education department brings the board's obligations to \$700,000, according to the statement.
"Have the superintendent and local board managed to place the Floyd County School System in a precarious financial situation within the first week of a new fiscal

year?" the education group asks.
Superintendent Gene Davis conceded to the board Tuesday that the district is overstaffed by nine positions. Davis added that there may be some additional hirings for special education.
Deputy Education Commissioner Randy Kimbrough said last week that the district should be operating under a state-approved call back list for laid-off certified personnel, which was approved as part of the district's deficit reduction plan. Kimbrough said her office has not been notified of any changes regarding that policy.
Davis also indicated, incorrectly, Tuesday that state control ended on June 30, the end of the 1996-97 school year.
Kimbrough has said that since the state board of education approved an emergency declaration for the district, which requires state approval for all spending and hiring, the declaration remains in place until the state board votes differently.
Floyd County Education Association (FCEA) member Connie Gearheart told the board that some teachers, who have four years of experience with good evaluations,
(See Finances, page three)

Special meet called to nix earlier actions

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer
Three Floyd County school board members have called a special meeting for tonight, Friday, to rescind the creation on June 30 of seven new administrative positions, but the way they met to call the meeting could be questionable.
Four school board members reportedly met Thursday at the central office in Prestonsburg to call the meeting and set the agenda. Members of the media were not notified of the gathering, which could be in violation of the state's Open Meetings Law.
One school official said board members met one on one with chairman Ursal Ray Wilcox and at no time did all four members collectively discuss tonight's special meeting.
Pupil personnel director Brent Allen, who is apparently in charge of the system during the absence of superintendent Gene Davis, did not return a call seeking comment on Thursday morning's events.
Allen told one local media representative, "no comment," when asked if all four board members met to discuss the special meeting.
A memo sent to the media regarding the meeting says, "At the"
(See Actions, page three)

Attorney caught in the middle of national story
by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor
A former Prestonsburg resident will appear on the television show 20/20 tonight, July 11, to talk about an issue that has become a major jurisdictional battle and involves the gruesome slaying of a child.
Florida attorney Crystal Collins Spencer, the daughter of Rose M. Collins of Prestonsburg

and the late Walter Scott Collins, was interviewed by 20/20 reporters about a custody dispute between a New York father and a Florida mother that is becoming an issue of which state and which court has jurisdiction.
A Florida court ruled earlier this year that Spencer's client, Pat Pafford of Pensacola, Florida, be awarded full custody of her children, 17-year-old Sayeh Rivazfar and 13-year-old Arash Rivazfar. A New York court, which in the past has issued custody rights to the children's Iranian father, Ahmad Rivazfar of New York, issued a stay on the order. Currently, the issue is in the hands of the New York Court of Appeals, which is equal to a state's Supreme Court, Spencer said Wednesday.
Although Spencer has only been involved in the case for about two years, the custody dispute has been ongoing since 1988.
The couple divorced in 1987, about a year after Ahmad Rivazfar left his wife and three children, and moved to Rochester, New York, reportedly with his girlfriend. Pat Rivazfar was granted custody of the children.
Ahmad Rivazfar was given visitation rights.
The couple had no problems with visitation until Pat, who was on public assistance and working two jobs to support her children, took Rivazfar's alleged failure to pay \$12,000 in child support to the court system. Ahmad claimed he paid his ex-wife cash child support payments.
Two months later, in August 1988, Ahmad Rivazfar asked the Department of Social Services to investigate allegations he made that the children had been sexually abused by an adult male in
(See Attorney, page two)

Crystal Collins Spencer

Attorney

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Florida. The Department of Health and Rehabilitation Services investigated and said the claims were unfounded.

Ahmad kept his children in New York and refused to return them to their mother in Florida. He was arrested and charged with kidnapping. The children were then returned to their mother in Florida.

Two months later, two of the children, Sayeh, who was eight, and Sara, six, were abducted from their bed as they slept by a man who had been introduced to Pat by her landlord. Pat told investigators she did not date the man and only talked to him occasionally at social gatherings both attended.

When the girls were kidnapped, Pat was sleeping only two doors away. She told investigators she did not hear anything unusual because the oscillation of an old fan beside her bed probably masked any noise the kidnapper may have made.

The girls woke up later in a vehicle bouncing along a road. Sayeh later testified that she asked the driver where her mother was and he told her that her mother was coming. She recognized the voice as belonging to a man at her apartment complex, and she and her sis-

ter went back to sleep.

The kidnapper turned down a dirt road and stopped so the girls could go to the bathroom. As the girls started to get back in the car, he stopped Sayeh and put her on the car's trunk where he sexually assaulted her.

The kidnapper put Sayeh back in the car and tied her hands behind her back. He then took the girls to a secluded area where he molested Sayeh throughout the night.

Near dawn, the kidnapper told Sayeh to say a prayer and then slashed her throat several times with a knife. He also stabbed her once in the chest.

The kidnapper then turned to Sara and "cut her neck with such force that her throat was literally ripped open and she was almost decapitated," reporter Susan McNamara wrote the child's father said in her article in the Democrat and Chronicle, a Rochester, New York, newspaper.

After the kidnapper left, Sayeh tried to reattach her sister's head, McNamara said in her news story. Sayeh then staggered down the dirt road about 250 miles before flagging down a passing motorist.

Sayeh underwent surgery and

was returned to her mother.

A few weeks after the murder, Rivazfar filed for custody of his children. A judge gave the father custody but granted liberal visitation rights to the mother.

At first, Rivazfar allowed Patricia Pafford to see her children and have contact with them on the telephone. Pafford claims that Rivazfar stopped the visitations in 1995 then and began to portray her as a demon to the children.

The case has been embroiled in courtroom battles and has now become a complicated issue of jurisdiction, and attorney Crystal Collins Spencer is concerned that the issue can't be condensed into a short segment for television.

"It's more complex than the headlines... I hope it will be balanced. I don't expect it to be told from Pat's side. They spent three hours with my client. How do you tell the whole story in 20 minutes?" Spencer said Wednesday.

The 20/20 crew spent about two hours in Spencer's office in Florida, and Spencer spent about four and one-half hours in New York for the program.

The case has become high profile and other media expressed

interest in the story. Spencer said she has been contacted by Dateline and by a company that wants to do a made-for-television movie. Neither Spencer nor Pat Pafford think that's in the best interest of the children.

"I wish (the interest by the media) would go away. This is not the attention my client would like to have... I'm anxious about what they will air.

"The goal through this has been to reunite Patricia with her children. I did not feel that if this should be aired and we did not participate, it would not have been balanced," Spencer said.

Spencer doesn't think Pafford will get custody of her daughter because Sayeh will be 18 in October, but "it looks like she will be reunited with her son."

Spencer is a 1978 graduate of Prestonsburg High School, a 1982 graduate of the University of Kentucky, and a 1985 graduate of the University of Louisville School of Law. She served as assistant state attorney, 1st Judicial Circuit, in Florida before going into private practice. She is now a partner in the law firm Emmanuel, Sheppard, and Condon in Pensacola, Florida.

Working?

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ing the notifications until a complete staffing list is provided to the board.

Under Kentucky's Education Reform Act, board members have no authority regarding district staffing and the superintendent is responsible for hiring all school personnel. The superintendent only must notify the board of his personnel actions.

Brackett said that under board policy, the superintendent must certify in writing to the board his reasons for hiring certified personnel and that those hirings do not exceed school staffing allocations.

When further questioned, Davis admitted that, as a whole, the system is overstaffed by nine certified positions, which resulted when he

discovered there were persons who had not been notified, as required by law, that there were no positions available. Davis told the board that some schools were overstaffed. He conceded that those numbers did not include special education or Title I teachers.

Davis also accused director of instruction Phil Paige of erasing staffing allocations from the computer in the central office.

Paige spoke up and said Davis was "incorrect" in his accusation and that the board adopted the current staffing allocations in February and copies of the allocation were made available to everyone.

Davis said he was not going to lay off tenured school personnel.

"I'm just not going to lay tenured people off," Davis said.

Mullins said he did not know all the people on the staffing notification and how it pertained to each school.

Davis told Mullins, "You have to trust your superintendent."

"I do," Mullins said. "It's Frankfort that didn't sound too trusting."

Davis' admission to the board that there is overstaffing in the district contradicts statements he apparently made to state education officials.

In a letter dated Monday from State Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody to the board concerning staffing matters, Cody said, "Superintendent Davis has verbally assured staff that the number of current employees is less than the number projected in the plan to eliminate the deficit."

Cody's letter was not discussed at Tuesday's meeting and some board members apparently were unaware of the document.

Actions taken at a June 30 special meeting prompted Cody's letter, which warned board members about staffing matters.

At the June 30 meeting, board members voted to create seven new central office positions. Those positions were associate superintendent; manager of educational services; manager of support services; manager of federal programs; manager of finance and personnel; special education work study program coordinator and

technology coordinator.

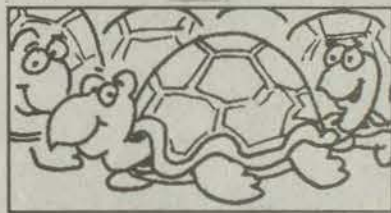
The board has scheduled a special meeting for tonight, Friday, to rescind those new positions.

In his letter to Davis and board members, Cody pointed out several state laws which explain the legal process for hiring school employees in a district that is under an emergency declaration. Floyd County has been under such a declaration for the past two school years because of a budget deficit.

KRS 160.550 (2) says, in part, "a district so certified (as a deficit district) shall thereafter... make no expenditure of money, give no authorization involving the expenditure of money, and make no employment, purchase or contract unless the chief state school officer has approved in writing..."

Cody also reminded board members that they could be personally liable for any expenditure of funds without prior state approval.

Cody has threatened to oust the board and Davis if the district ends the year with a budget deficit.



A group of turtles is called a "bale."

Facilities

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involves the city's mountaintop recreation project and the historic Jenny Wiley Trail.

A timbering operation on city-owned property overlooking Dewey Lake apparently has infringed on the trail, in violation of a restriction included in the deed for the property.

The land, which will eventually be strip-mined, was given to the city by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, but the deed included a condition that "no activity shall intrude upon" the Jenny Wiley Trail.

Park manager Jim Kennedy said

Thursday that he had discussed the issue with Mayor Fannin and had "been assured by him that debris would be cleaned up and the trail would be put back to its original status." Fannin was out of town Thursday and unavailable for comment. City attorney Paul Burchett said, however, that the city would "take whatever steps necessary to preserve the trail."

The city intends to use revenues generated by timbering and mining operations to underwrite the construction of a mountaintop recreational complex and an 18-hole golf course.

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USDA/RD has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed action and determined that the location of the proposed water system construction would impact the 100-year floodplain. It has been determined that there is no practicable alternative to avoid this impact. The basis of this determination is as follows:

- The floodplain would be impacted by the construction of the proposed water system due to stream crossings.
- The proposed water system must be located within the floodplain in order to serve the proposed customers.
- The applicant will be required in the RD Letter of Conditions to amend its bylaws whereby it will deny service to any new customer planning to build in a floodplain or identified wetland area.
- The proposed action conforms to applicable state and local floodplain protection standards.
- The waterlines will be laid on public right-of-ways, where necessary, to avoid impacts on any prime farmland and/or wetlands that may be in the vicinity.
- ARC is a cooperating agency on this project.

It was also determined that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment nor will an environmental impact statement be required.

Any written comments regarding these determinations should be provided within 15 days of this publication to Mr. Thomas G. Fern, State Director, Rural Development, 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, Kentucky 40503. USDA/RD will make no further decisions regarding this proposed action during this fifteen day period. Requests to review the USDA/RD environmental assessment upon which this determination is based or to receive a copy of it should be directed to the USDA/RD District Office, 220 West First Street, Morehead, KY 40351.

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have been passed over for employment by teachers with no experience.

Gearheart also said teachers and community members have heard that Brent Allen, Kenny Caldwell, Thomas Tackett, Ruth Blackburn, Susan Compton, Eugene Blackburn, Dottie Hastings and Jody Sword will fill the seven new positions created in the central office.

"Will these positions not be advertised as prescribed by law?" Gearheart asked. "Will no one else be considered? Will job descriptions be tailored to fit these people, as they have in the past? It is not fair to anyone for the public to have the perception that someone is hired before a job is advertised."

The board did not specifically address Gearheart's statements, but board member Eddie Patton asked that the board re-adopt the recall schedule and adhere to it. Patton said it was the "moral" thing to do.

Board member Jody Mullins said he had searched board records

for a recall list but he could not fine one. Mullins said he would be in favor of adopting a recall scheduled based on seniority.

Davis said teacher tenure laws were very clear and those laws overrule all board policy.

Patton made a motion to re-adopt the recall plan, devised by former superintendent John Balentine, but it died for lack of a second.

Also, the board has set a special meeting for today, Friday, to rescind seven new positions created in a June 30 meeting.

In other action Tuesday:

- Prestonsburg Elementary teacher Deborah Walker told the board it was not in the spirit of site-based council when principal Gwen Harmon reassigned teachers at the school. Walker said the reassignment was done without teacher or site-based council input. The board gave no response to Walker.

- The board voted to waive the supplemental pay schedule for Allen Central High School.

- The board voted to give one-half of each school's instructional money to those schools at the beginning of the school year. Betsy Layne principal Karen Allen, representing the district's Council on Councils, said in a letter to the board that it currently takes three to five months for schools to receive instructional items ordered.

All members were present at Tuesday's meeting.

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Joel Stumbo, commander of the VFW Post 5839 at Lancer, and Junior Willis, custodian, hold a grave-site plaque that displays the name of Estill W. Wakeland, a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps who died September 13, 1983. The plaque was found along the riverbank near Allen by teenagers who were fishing in the river. The VFW club has been searching for the family of Wakeland. For more information, call the post at 886-9428 after 4 p.m. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

Teacher job fair will match applicants to employers

Attention: any area residents looking for a teaching position in Kentucky and school systems needing to fill vacancies.

Floyd County educators who need employment in a Kentucky school system are urged to attend the annual Kentucky Teacher Connection, which will be conducted by Eastern Kentucky University's Division of Career Services and hosted by the Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) Sunday, July 13.

The teacher job fair, to be held 1-5 p.m., at the Executive West Hotel, Louisville, will bring together school system recruiters and teacher candidates from over 30 colleges and universities in Kentucky and surrounding states.

"This is an opportunity for the school system to conduct, and candidates to have, interviews in a cost-effective manner," said Art

Harvey, director of ECU's Division of Career Services.

Job candidates from all schools are welcome. To receive a list of participating school systems and their vacancies, anyone planning to attend but not already registered should immediately send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Division of Career Services, Coates Box 26, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky. 40475-3101.

Eastern's Division of Career Services and College Education, along with KASA, provide the free event as a service to the Commonwealth. For more information, interested candidates and recruiters may call Art Harvey or Deanne Cottengim at (606) 622-1567. Any school systems not yet registered to participate may still do so.

Also, job candidates may register on-site.

Appeal

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a part to the appeal."

School board member Eddie Patton asked the AG's office for an opinion on the legality of special meetings on April 4, April 26 and April 28 meetings because he was not notified in writing 24-hours prior to those meetings, as required under the Open Meetings Laws.

The AG's office ruled those meetings were held illegally because Patton was not notified in writing 24-hours prior to the meetings.

In the board's appeal, Rowland asks that the AG decision be reversed because it could lead to a state takeover of the school system.

"The decision of the Kentucky Attorney General should be reversed because the Floyd County Board of Education acted in an effort to comply with the directives and state policy of the Kentucky Department of Education, and the decision of the Attorney General, if not reversed, will work an undue hardship on the appellants, and the decision may necessitate that the Floyd County Board of Education and the Floyd County Schools be taken over by the Kentucky

Department of Education if the decision of the Attorney General is not reversed," the appeal says.

The appeal also alleges that Patton had no legal grounds to challenge actions taken at special meetings on April 4, April 26 and April 28, because he approved minutes of those meetings, and that Patton, when chairman of the board, notified members of meetings by telephone.

Former board attorney Phil Damron has said Patton did not notify members of meetings by phone. Damron said board members were called to see if they could meet on a certain date.

Rowland could not be reached Thursday for comment on why he and not board attorney Jerry Patton filed the appeal.

Patton was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

No hearing date has been set. Under the Open Meetings Law, an appeal to an AG opinion takes precedence on the docket over all other cases and "shall be assigned for hearing and trial at the earliest practicable date."

Bone Densitometry available at OLOW

Our Lady of the Way Hospital has recently installed and begun testing for bone density to aid in the diagnosis of osteoporosis. Osteoporosis is a "silent" disease that gradually weakens bones, so that patients become more and more fragile and are likely to break bones. Menopause in women is the single most important cause of osteoporosis. It has been estimated

that in women over 50 years of age, they have a 40 percent chance of experiencing a fracture related to decreased bone mass during their remaining lifetime.

To address this problem affecting every family in the community, Our Lady of the Way Hospital recently acquired a DEXA scanner called the "Eclipse" from Norland Medical Systems that represents the state of the art diagnostic equipment to measure bone density. The test is painless, quick and noninvasive. It is currently reimbursed by most insurance companies, including Medicare, and is available upon request through your physician.

The radiology department has the knowledge and training to address this new technology, as medications are now available to patients for this disease. These medications can build bone density and slow down the bone density loss where it has been diagnosed through the testing procedure now provided at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Ask your physician about osteoporosis and DEXA scans. Call Our Lady of the Way Radiology Department for appointments at (606) 285-5181, extension 354.



Dean's List

Shawna Lea Coburn of Wayland, was recently named to the Dean's List at Alice Lloyd College. Shawna is employed with Food City of Prestonsburg this summer, and will be entering her sophomore year at Alice Lloyd College this fall where she is studying Elementary Education. She is the daughter of Gary and Ouida Coburn.

The essence of true friendship is to make allowance for another's little lapses.

—David Storey

Actions

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request of Ray Brackett, Jody Mullins and Edward Patton Jr., a special called meeting will be held Friday, July 11, 1997, at the central office of the Floyd County Board of Education in Prestonsburg, Kentucky at 6:30 p.m." The memo is signed by board chairman Ursal Ray Wilcox.

Agenda items for tonight's meeting are:

- appointment of a temporary secretary for special called meeting, because the superintendent is the board secretary;

- rescinding board orders 11126-11132, which are orders creating new central office positions; and
- a closed session to discuss litigation.

State education officials have said the board acted illegally by creating the new positions without prior approval from the state. Because the Floyd County system is under an emergency declaration from the state, all expenditures and employment actions must be first approved by the Department of Education.

The Kentucky Board of

Education approved the emergency declaration, because the district is a deficit district, and the declaration remains in effect until the state board votes to lift it. The state board can only vote to lift the declaration when the school system presents the state with a balanced budget. State officials said they have not yet received a balanced budget from the Floyd County system.

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Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

Three strikes and y'er out!

by Scott Perry

We wouldn't give the Floyd County Board of Education a snowball's chance in h-e-double toothpicks of winning a reversal of the attorney general's opinion that they have violated state Open Meetings law, but who are we to judge?

The board has filed an appeal of the AG's ruling and it will be up to Circuit Judge John David Caudill to decide if the state's chief law enforcer and his colleague on the Floyd County bench are wrong and the board is right.

There is much at stake in that ruling.

If Judge Caudill agrees, for the third time, that special board meetings were conducted illegally, this board of education has nowhere to go...but out.

That's an awful lot of pressure for one man to bear, but we're confident that Judge Caudill has the shoulders to support it.

While we would all prefer this issue to just dry up and blow away, it is now a question of law, not politics and not emotion.

The board set this course in motion by taking the stubborn way out. Had they just admitted to their mistakes and corrected

them, the collateral damage could have been limited.

They have, instead, refused to acknowledge their errors, piling new ones upon old ones in their drive to prove their wrong deeds right.

For the sake of argument, let's say they succeed, that the third time is their charm.

What will have been accomplished?

This entire debacle has been nothing more than a search for a legal loophole through which school officials can slip to circumnavigate the law.

Was this trip really necessary?

No.

If school officials had just said "we goofed, we're sorry, we'll make it right," they would have commanded our respect, if not our support.

Instead they have adamantly maintained their innocence, in the face of two guilty verdicts, and have operated with impunity toward the court, the state's chief legal authority, and the state Department of Education.

If they are right and everybody else is wrong, we'll be the first to apologize for our distrust and discourteousness.

If they are wrong...again... they should do the right thing, at last, and resign.

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.

May Lodge staff assistance shows efficiency, expertise

Editor:

Editor's note: The following letter was sent to the Jenny Wiley State Park; and the writer requested that it be printed in the Floyd County Times.

On June 29, my brothers and I, the Sturgill family, hosted a "50th Wedding Anniversary Party" for our Mom and Dad, Harlie and Wilma, at the May Lodge Banquet Room. I had the pleasure of coordinating most of the events with the staff of the May Lodge. Their efficiency and expertise in assisting with this function did not go unnoticed by me and my family. From the initial phone call scheduling the event, Judy Goble expertly assisted me in coordinating all phases of the event. Her assistance was invaluable. Jim Stinnett, park chef, assisted with many details including the coordination of parking the day of the party. Larry Akers in maintenance assisted with setting up special equipment and the banquet room tables. They both were most helpful and efficient. Our hostess, "Bo," did a wonderful job with the food service. Also, a special thanks to all the wonderful people behind the scenes helping with the event, including Leah, the host coordinator.

The community of Prestonsburg and the surrounding area should be proud to have a facility such as this to hold events.

Again, thanks to the staff at the Jenny Wiley State Park May Lodge for making the "Sturgill 50th Wedding Anniversary Party" a success.

Lana Sturgill Rovinelli
Lexington

Habitat for humanity worker appreciates hospitality

Editor:

I was one of probably 1,500 who participated in Hammering in the Hills, the 1997 Jimmy Carter Habitat for Humanity Work Project, in Pike County. I was treated with gracious hospitality and spent a memorable week working with others to help others.

I am writing to compliment two groups who hail from Floyd County and came to Pikeville College Auditorium to entertain those who worked in Pikeville and Virgie. On Tuesday night we were treated to a wonderful performance of The Sound of Music by the troupe from the Jenny Wiley Outdoor Theatre. It was an incredible way to end the day and I certainly appreciated the rich talent of those who performed.

On Thursday evening, the Kentucky Opry Jr. Pros performed for the Habitat participants. I had read about the Mountain Arts Center and the work Billie Jean Osborne has done with the Opry, but I never dreamed I would be so awed. I am not a fan of country music, but the talent and the mix of musical styles, like 50's, country, pop and rock were fantastic. The truly amazing part about the Jr. Pros is that they are college age and under, way under, in some cases!

I know I speak for others from near and far, thank you for sharing yourselves with those who Hammered in the Hills! I hope to return this summer to see Oliver, and visit the Mountain Arts Center.

Mary Diane McCord Hanna
Lexington

Black Lung victims still waiting for justice

Editor:

It seems like every time you turn on the TV or pick up a newspaper, there's news about some juicy new scandal in Washington. But there's one scandal that you don't hear much about.

It's this: thousands of black-lung disabled coal miners and widows are being denied the compensation they were promised in a law enacted by Congress in 1969. These miners and their families are twice victimized—first by a disabling occupational disease and then by a minefield of eligibility rules that relatively few are able to crawl through.

The problem goes back to 1981, when Congress rubber-stamped many of President Reagan's domestic budget cuts, including unfair and overly restrictive eligibility rules governing black lung compensation. As a result, the Labor Department's approval of black lung benefit claims today is a meager 7.3 percent, even after all appeals have been exhausted. This compares to a 43 percent approval rate prior to 1981.

Because the current government rules make it so difficult to prove disability caused by black lung, and because it's extremely hard to find lawyers willing to take cases, some miners and widows are discouraged from even starting down the rough road by initiating a claim.

I recently met a coal miner in his 40s. He's dying from black lung, but he lost his battle for compensation.

The plight of that relatively young miner shows that black lung is still among us despite the dust-control measures our union helped secure over the past 25 years. Each day, black lung claims six more lives.

The UMWA is now urging the Mine Safety and Health Administration to issue tough new dust standards our union helped develop, including putting MSHA in charge of dust sampling. Since 1991, over 160 operators and individuals have been found guilty of criminal tampering with dust samples. With the new standards, we can relegate this disease to the history books.

Needless to say, that won't help those already afflicted with black lung. They deserve compensation, and most of all, a measure of justice.

At the UMWA's urging, a congressional committee a few years ago held hearings on a proposal to restore fairness to the black lung claims process. Labor committee chairman William Ford (D-Mich.) concluded that "the current system is so stacked against the claimant that event the clearest case is often difficult to establish."

In recent years, we have urged the Department of Labor to improve the claims process. This year the department proposed several changes. On the whole, however, the UMWA is greatly disappointed.

While some proposals would make the process more fair, they are outweighed by other rule changes which could mean that even fewer black lung-disabled miners and their survivors would be able to qualify for compensation.

On the positive side, the number of medical examinations used to determine eligibility would be limited to two each for the miner and the operator on each contested issue. Under current rules, there are no limits, inviting coal companies to use their vastly greater financial resources to develop volumes of evidence by

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The Political Party

Shining an oversimplified light on law school

Whether watching television or walking in the park, the eyes of a lawyer are viewing the world in a different light than those of the rest



by Dave Porter

of society. Something as simple as a cup of coffee, or even a swing-set can trigger the legal mind into a frenzy of offbeat activity. Is the coffee too hot, and will the bottom of the Styrofoam cup burn through? Are the swings and the support bars so close together that an injury may occur? If so, who is liable and how much is it worth?

Disfavorably known by many as "Deal-Breakers," the attorney will take an otherwise innocuous legal transaction, such as the sale of a house, and find so many potential problems that the offeror and offer-ee might never agree. And in criminal law, a defense lawyer is often found contorting the law and the facts beyond recognition. How, in the name of all that is logical, did O. J. Simpson get acquitted? The answer, of course, is lawyers...smart lawyers. They knew the rules of the game and used them to win. But how did they learn the rules?

The typical law school offers a three year program, and nearly all of

them require a college degree of some, or any, kind. While the three in Kentucky cost less than \$5,000, law schools range in tuition costs from \$2,500-\$25,000 per year. And, contrary to popular belief, there are law schools which will accept almost any college graduate, regardless of their undergraduate performance.

Once accepted and enrolled, the study of law begins, and the first year courses differ very little from law school to law school. Tort law, the accident and injury cases that are so popular with East Kentucky lawyers—and, to be fair, most all other attorneys—is a first year course. Here, law students are taught, and begin to recognize, the potential and actual wrongdoings and reckless behavior of others, and how such behavior translates into money.

Businesses are bankrupted, the cost of insurances rises, and our phone books and televisions are garnished with attorney's ads, because

of tort law. Even Bill Clinton is currently feeling the pains that tort law can project. States all over the country are experimenting with tort reform in response to these negative effects. But before condemning "ambulance chasers," and tort law in general, we should also recognize the protection from the carelessness and misdeeds of others that this system affords us.

Contracts law is another basic law school course. In very broad terms, a contract is a legally binding agreement. Beginning law students learn the types of redress for injuries resulting from a breach of contract, the definitions of an offer and acceptance, and various other aspects of the law of contracts. When is a contract a contract? Ask a lawyer, but have your checkbook handy.

Property law and criminal law round out the typical list of courses for first year law students. Like all areas of law, the number of rules one must learn in property law is over-

whelming. But if you can get past deed description and future interests, the rest is fairly simple. Criminal law is probably the most intriguing area of law. Learning it is like reading a long series of very short mystery novels. Whodunit?; did they mean to do it?; and to what extent did they mean to do it? Following these basic courses, students can take classes in just about anything, from workers' comp. law to sports law to statute writing.

Lawyers apply facts to rules. They learn how in law school, mainly by reading decisions from various appellate courts across the country. When you walk into a lawyer's office and lay down your particular set of facts, a (good) lawyer's unconscious mind is trained to search out similar facts he has read, and form an opinion concerning the strengths and weaknesses of your case.

Once a law student has read his cases before class (normally 4-8 hours per assignment), he is pre-

pared for the classroom discussion. The law professor will then choose a student, at random, to discuss a case. A particularly malevolent professor will show no mercy in his attempt to confuse or challenge the uncomfortable student. After months of suffering through this arduous process, the student should be prepared for the grade-determining final exam. The exam consists of a set of facts which must be filtered, analyzed, and applied to the many rules learned over the semester.

An astonishing percentage of our national and state legislators and, since 1975, all Kentucky judges have endured the clandestine educational struggle that is known as law school. Including the law school step on their ladder of success, the leaders of our society have accomplished only that which could (and should?) be done by anyone...they have learned the law. But, then again, who wants to look at a swing-set and think only of potential injury and liability?



In appreciation

The Prestonsburg Fire Department presented Wendy's manager, Albert Dollarhide with a plaque "in grateful recognition of their outstanding community service." Wendy's provided refreshments to the firefighters during the fire at Pizza Hut when firefighters worked 11 hours in "very hot, humid" conditions. Pictured are firefighters Chuck Davis, Steve Parker and William Calliham and assistant fire chief Mike Wells. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

Named to MSU Dean's List

Forty-seven students from Floyd County were named to the Morehead State University Dean's List for the 1997 Spring Semester.

To be named to the list, a student must be enrolled on a full-time basis and achieve at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The Dean's List includes:

Monica Louise Akers, Harold; Deborah Bentley, Printer; Patrick O'Neil Boyd, Eastern; Stoney Burke, Martin; Beverly Ann Bush, Harold; Darren J. Combs, McDowell; Bridget J. Conn, Endicott; Samantha Lea Cooley, Banner; Jason P. Damron, Weeksberry; Katrina M. Deboard,

Prestonsburg; Bradley R. Evans, Grethel; Jamie Kaye Fultz, Wayland; Michael G. Halfhill, Prestonsburg; Hattie Elizabeth Hall, Harold; Amanda Lynn Hamilton, Beaver; Ryan D. Hamilton, McDowell; Candi L. Holbrook, Bevinsville; Christy Leigh Ison, Martin; Casey Michael Jones, Banner; David B. Kidd, Harold; Amanda Danielle Lawson, McDowell; Jaime Susan Little, Drift; Kimberly Ann Little, Hi Hat; Stephanie Dawn Little, Weeksberry; Kambra Morgann Maynard, Stanville; Alena G. Meade, Bevinsville; Bessie Lee Newman, McDowell; Donna R. Ousley, Martin; Micheal Grover

Ousley, Hippo; Timothy Ballard Plummer, Auxier; Tonya Romell Porter, Prestonsburg; Kristin Leigh Price, Prestonsburg; Charity Ann Salisbury, Harold; Charles J. Sammons, Martin; Glynetta Shepherd, Hueysville; Bronita Slone, Garrett; Lisa Marlene Slone, Lackey; Michael Patrick Slone, Prestonsburg; Reva Slone, Martin; Archie W. Stevens, Dana; Brandon Michael Stumbo, McDowell; Shirley Thompson, Prestonsburg; Jenny L. Vanhoose, Prestonsburg; Catherine Gene Weathers, Prestonsburg; Chad Lee White, Ivel; Brian Lee Woofter, East Point and Timothy Ray Yates, Grethel.

Shepherd named to Dean's List

Lowell DeWayne Shepherd, a son of Lowell and Melvia Shepherd of Hueysville, was named to the Dean's Distinguished List for the spring term.

Collins in South Korea

Army Pvt. Jason L. Collins has arrived for duty at Yongsan Garrison, Seoul, South Korea.

Collins is a record and telecommunications center operator maintainer assigned to the 501st Military Brigade.

He is the son of Paul H. and Dana C. T. Collins of Drift.

The private is a 1996 graduate of South Floyd High School, at Hi Hat.

Family resource center hosts summer activities

The McDowell Family Resource Youth Service Center will host summer activities for students enrolled at McDowell Elementary. The activities will be free of charge. The Center wanted to help ease the summer boredom that comes from being out of school.

These activities will include: Making Healthy Snacks and Nutrition; Art, Science, and Water Activities; and Activities in the Gym. Making Healthy Snacks and Nutrition will be presented during the week July 14-18. Students will learn how to make low-fat snacks, including banana splits and pizza breads.

Art, Science and Water

Activities will enjoy learning more art and science through different types of media including water. Science and art will become more fun and interesting through such projects as water balloon toss (gravity), 3-D art, and making fossils. These will be held during the week of July 21-25.

The gym will be open from July 28-August 1 for activities. Students will have the opportunity to participate in safe and supervised activities.

Parents must provide transportation. Parents should call and register their child, 377-2678. Parents may contact the center for more information.

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sending claimants to company-selected doctors to undergo test after test.

In addition, the proposed rules recognize current medical understanding — still denied by some coal operators — that black lung is a progressive disease that can develop long after a worker's exposure to dust in the mines.

On the negative side, perhaps the worst proposed change would require both claimants and operators to present all their documentary evidence at the first stage of the process.

While operators are well-armed with attorneys at this stage, miners usually lack both the legal assistance and the knowledge of what documentation is needed to win a claim.

Other proposals that would make it even more difficult for claimants to prevail include:

Raising the standard of proof that a miner's disability is caused

by black lung as opposed to something else, such as smoking; imposing burdensome and unnecessary standards on medical evidence; allowing coal companies and the government to go after a miner's assets to recover overpayments; and further discouraging attorneys from taking on black lung cases by setting additional limits on billing.

Together with our allies in the black lung associations and the coalfield black lung clinics, we are urging the Labor Department to establish rules that ensure a more even playing field, not a more lopsided one.

By adopting its helpful proposals and reconsidering its harmful ones, the department can take advantage of a rare opportunity to bring real justice back to the program.

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Attention, theater lovers! You will have the unique opportunity to see some of the area's finest budding theatrical talent at the Jenny Wiley Theatre amphitheatre on Monday, July 14, at 8:15 p.m. That night, the Jenny Wiley Theatre Children's Theatre program will culminate weeks of hard work in a performance of Stuart Little, a heartwarming and amusing story of an all-American family who just happens to have a mouse for a son!

The beginning session of the program features children ages 6-10 from Letcher, Pike, Johnson, Morgan, and Floyd counties.

The show will feature the talents of Jenna Gearheart, playing the title role, Allison Lovely as "Margalo," James Allen-Polly and Stephanie Smith as "Mr. and Mrs. Little," Caleb Hall as "George Little," Ann Bearse as "Snowbell," Lakin Cheek as "Harriet Aimes," Tom Brown as "Leroy," Heather Travis as "Dr. Carey," along with Stephen Burke, Natasha Butcher, Jacey Curd, Lara Daniels, Shelly

Fannin, Maggie Heaberlin, Katie Heaberlin, Laura Allen-Polly, and Elizabeth Sanders.

The Children's Theatre program is directed by Joe Clark, who has also directed drama education programs in many schools and arts organizations throughout our region.

According to Clark, the program helps area children learn the in's and out's of theater. He said although the Children's Theater program puts on a quality performance, the program's emphasis is more on process than that product. Above all, the program is geared toward helping children learn everything they can about the theater experience, he said.

Clark said the secret to reaching children is to treat them just like everybody else. "I learned a long time ago that you need to treat children like adults," he said.

Tickets for the performance can be obtained for \$5 at the Jenny Wiley Theatre Box Office or by calling (606) 886-9274.



Receives G.E.D.

Nancy Newsome of Grethel recently received her G.E.D. She attended classes at the Mud Creek Community Resource and Youth Service Center. She is pictured with her instructor, Joyce Hall.

McDowell native finds educational footing at PCC

After graduating from McDowell High School, Judy Lawson knew she wanted to go into dietetics, so she began her college career at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes. After one semester at the private college, however, Lawson returned to Floyd County and enrolled at Prestonsburg Community College.

"Alice Lloyd is a good college," said Lawson. "But my parents could better afford to send me to Prestonsburg and I felt I needed to go to a community college before I went to a university."

Lawson was in the final graduating class at McDowell before it consolidated with Wheelwright into South Floyd High School. She knew several of the students from the various area high schools who were attending PCC.

"I was involved in a lot of stuff and knew over half the students at PCC," Lawson said. "The classes seemed easier because they were smaller and I got to know my teach-

ers. I felt really comfortable there."

Although she hadn't declared a major while at PCC, Lawson refocused her studies on dietetics when she transferred to the University of Kentucky.

"When I finished at PCC, I could have gone into any field I wanted," she said. "When I got to UK, I knew I wanted to stay in dietetics."

That choice has worked out well for Lawson. She is carrying a 3.54 GPA in her classes and was inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society. She also would like to become a college ambassador for the College of Human Environmental Sciences.

"I've gotten settled in this year and really enjoy being here at UK," Lawson said.

She's also looking forward to earning her degree.

"Earning a degree is like building a reputation," she said. "And a good one can create a lot of opportunities."



PCC staff members winning the NISOD Teaching Excellence Awards were, from left, Thomas M. Orf, Kathy C. Smallwood, Deborah A. Jacobs, Dorothy E. Carlson, and Bill R. Gillis.

PCC staff recognized

Several members of Prestonsburg Community College's instruction staff were recognized for their excellence in teaching.

Dr. Bill R. Gillis, Dr. Deborah A. Jacobs, Dr. Dorothy E. Carlson, Thomas M. Orf, and Kathy C. Smallwood were recipients of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Teaching Excellence Awards.

In 1989, in conjunction with a University of Texas national study of teaching excellence, NISOD offered its first NISOD Teaching Excellence Awards, aimed at acknowledging teaching excellence at institutions with open door admissions policies.

PCC's Dr. Bill R. Gillis won his second NISOD Teaching Excellence Award this year. He also was elected PCC's Great Teacher of the Year for 1997 and was awarded a Great Teacher Award by the U.K. Alumni Association this year. Dr. Gillis is an associate professor of English. He teaches at the Pike County campus of PCC.

Dr. Deborah Jacobs is no stranger to teaching excellence awards, having won the Community College Consortium's National Award for Teaching Excellence in 1994. In addition, Jacobs is an award winning poet and was recently elected chair of PCC's Faculty Assembly for 1997-98. Jacobs also teaches English in Pikeville.

Dr. Dorothy E. Carlson, professor

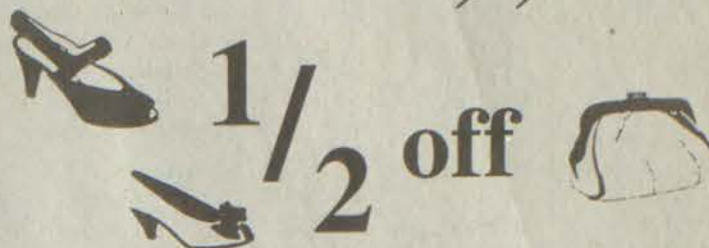
of education and psychology, is, like Bill Gillis, a two-time recipient of the NISOD Teaching Excellence Award, as well as being the 1994 recipient of PCC's Great Teacher of the Year Award.

Thomas M. Orf, associate professor of geography and education, is a doctoral candidate at UK, majoring in education. Orf served as the 1996-97 chair of PCC's Faculty Assembly. Successfully combining great teaching with superior scholarship, Orf will summer in India, having garnered his second prestigious Fulbright Scholarship in the past five years.

Kathy C. Smallwood, professor of business and a former chair of PCC's Faculty Assembly, is currently chair of the University of Kentucky's Community College Council, the highest office to which a faculty member can aspire in the community college system.

PCC's 1997 NISOD Teaching Excellence Award winners possess another distinguishing characteristic: each offers classes at the Pike County campus of Prestonsburg Community College. Gillis and Jacobs are both stationed at Pikeville. Carlson, a former coordinator of the Pike County campus, teaches both education and psychology classes at Pikeville. Orf teaches geography and mathematics at Pikeville, while Smallwood offers courses in management, marketing, and economics at the Pike County campus.

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Regional Obituaries

Martin County

Betty Joe Waller, 49, of Beauty, died July 5. She is survived by her husband, Bryant Waller. Funeral services were July 8, at the Buck Creek Old Regular Baptist Church.

Matt Goble, 90, of Inez, died July 2. He was preceded in death by his wife, Angeline Howard Goble. He is survived by one son, Carson Goble. Funeral services were July 4 at the Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Darren James Wells, of Leesburg, Virginia, died July 5. He is survived by his wife, Deborah K. Wells.

Magoffin County

Sharon Minix, 59, of Salyersville, died June 25. She is survived by her husband, Harold Minix. Funeral services were Saturday, June 28, at the First Baptist Church.

Sandra Combs Ramey, 42, of Salyersville, died June 26. She is survived by her husband, Willis Ramey. She was a medical technician. Funeral services were held June 29 at the Dunn-Kelly/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home Chapel.

Coachie Joseph, 90, of Royalton, died June 28. He was preceded in death by his wife, Fannie Risner

Joseph. Funeral services were held July 1 at the Dunn-Kelly/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home Chapel.

Johnson County

Effie Spradlin, 78, of San Antonio, Texas, died July 5. Funeral services were held July 8 at Paintsville Funeral Home Chapel.

Osa G. Burchett, 77, of Wintonsville, died July 3. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Darrell Burchett. Funeral services were held July 6 at Paintsville Funeral Home Chapel.

Bobby L. Erwin, 51, of Sandusky, Ohio, died June 30. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen C. (Knerr) Erwin. Funeral services were held July 10 at the Groff Funeral Home.

Ernie F. Blanton, 79, of Oil Springs, died July 3. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army WWII. Funeral services were held July 6 at Oil Springs Freewill Baptist Church.

Sterling Vanhoose, 86, died July 2. Funeral services were held July 5 at Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

Cuder Ramey, 68, died July 6. Funeral services were held July 9, at Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Pike County

Julie Adams Ray, 70, of Coon Branch Road, Pikeville, died July 4. She was a member of Island Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Ray. Funeral services were held July 7 in Morris Chapel at Justice Funeral Home.

Clayton T. Varney, 83, of Belfry, died Friday, July 4. He was a retired coal miner of Eastern Coal, a member of UMWA Local Union No. 5737, a member of Stone Lodge No. 890 F.&A.M. and a member of Belfry United Methodist Church. He served in the U.S. Marines for 10 years in the First Marine Division. He is survived by his wife, Birdie Mae Marcum Varney. Funeral services were held July 7, in the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Kenner Claude Hatfield, 78, of Delbarton, W. Va., died July 3. He was a retired coal miner from Island Creek Coal and a member of Matewan Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Eliza Goad Hatfield. He is survived by his wife, Rhoda Hager Hatfield. Funeral services were held July 16 in the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Rev. Eugene Fields, 52, of Mouthcard, died July 3. He is sur-

vived by his wife, Rosenell Griffith Fields. Funeral services were held July 5, at the Steele Free Pentecostal Church of God.

Justine Anderson, 67, of Pikeville, died July 4. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyton Otis Bartley. Graveside services were held July 8, in the Elkhorn City Cemetery.

Waylon Tanner Holbrook, infant son of James Colvin and Monique Blackburn Holbrook, was stillborn July 6. Graveside services were held in the Bent Ridge Cemetery. Arrangements were under direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home of Pikeville.

Johnny E. Justice, 38, of Newark, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died June 29. He was a carpenter. Funeral services were held July 5, in the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel.

Rev. Richard K. Hughes Sr., 63, of Turkey Creek, died July 7. He was a retired coal miner, formerly employed by Peter Cave Coal Company, and a member of the Turkey Creek Freewill Baptist Church for 41 years. He is survived by his wife, Norma Ann Ray Hughes. Funeral services will be held Friday, July 11, at the Turkey Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

Wilson Maloy Mullins, 74, of Burgin, formerly of Pikeville, died June 30. He was a retired coal operator and real estate developer, a World War II veteran, a Shriner, a member of Oleika Temple, Thomas C. Cecil Masonic Lodge, and the Presbyterian Church. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Madelyn Johnson Mullins; and his second wife, Sharon Alexander Mullins. Funeral services were held July 3, in the J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Zelphia Howell Richardson Toler Cannaday, 81, died July 1. She was retired from Pannill Knitting Co. in Martinsville, Va., and was a lifetime member of the Fairview Baptist Church in Martinsville. Funeral services were held July 4 in the McKee-Stone Funeral Home Chapel.

Preston Farmer, 76, of Elkhorn

City, died June 30. He was a retired coal miner. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Runyon Farmer. Funeral services were held July 3, in the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel.

Graveside military rites were conducted by D.A.V. Chapter 140, Elkhorn City.

Rev. Thomas Carroll, 78, Pikeville, died July 3. He was a retired coal miner, an ordained minister and a member of the Island Creek Freewill Baptist Church. Funeral services were held July 5, at the Island Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

Alvin Gregory Parsons Sr., 72, of Chillicothe, Ohio, formerly of Dorton, died June 28. He is survived by his wife, Madelyn Mattingly Parsons. Funeral services were held July 1 in the Ware Funeral Home Chapel.

Obituaries

Fannie Branham

Fannie Branham, 95, of Upper Malboro, Maryland, formerly of Martin, died Tuesday, July 8, 1997 at the Southern Maryland Hospital in Clinton, Maryland.

She was born February 12, 1902, in Martin, and was the daughter of the late Columbus and Florence Stephens Crisp. She was a member of the Martin Methodist Church but was attending the Christian District Heights Presbyterian Church, District Height, Maryland, during her residency in the state.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William S. "Pone" Branham.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Magdalene Peters of Upper Malboro, Maryland.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, July 11, at 10 a.m. at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Lorie Vannucci officiating. Burial will be made in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

William Jeffrey Herald

William Jeffrey Herald, 34, of Waynesville, Ohio, died Tuesday, July 8, 1997 in Green County, Ohio from injuries he received in a traffic accident.

He was born August 29, 1962, in Prestonsburg, and was the son of William and Wallis Herald. He was a production foreman, employed by Stewart Film Screen Company.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one son, Joshua William Herald and one brother, Richard Bryan Herald.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, July 13, at 1 p.m. at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with clergyman Dan Heintzelman officiating. Burial will be made in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Pallbearers are listed for Stumbo funeral

Tim Standafer, Brandon Standafer, Dicky Stumbo, Jimmy Lee Stumbo, Tommy Hall, Barry Hall, Steavie Hall, and Terry Thompson served as active pallbearers for the funeral service of Jim Stumbo, who died Monday, July 7.

Honorary pallbearers were Buddy Moore, Eddie Stumbo, and Ernie Stumbo.

Pallbearers for Hall rites named

Pallbearers for the funeral service of Effie Martin Hall, who died Friday, July 4, in Lexington, were Mike Hall, Joe Isaac, Nick Hall, Terry Johnson, Wallace Hall, Thomas Johnson, Terry Johnson, Josh Slone, John Johnson, John Jackman, Jim Hall, Sean Honeycutt, and Chris Jackman.

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.

Summer Reading Program

Floyd County Library's Summer Reading Program will begin July 3. The schedule is as follows: morning group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. for ages 2-5; afternoon group from 1-2 p.m. for ages 6-13. July 24, Smokey Bear, both groups meet at noon; July 31, picnic at Spillway, both groups meet at 11 a.m. To register, call 886-2981.

Robert Newsome reunion

The Robert Newsome reunion will be held in his memory July 12, at the Army Corp of Engineers Dewey Dam Spillway, Shelter No. 1. Dinner will be at 1 p.m. Bring a covered dish and drink. Call Sherree Hall at 587-2789 for more info.

Maytown homecoming

Maytown homecoming will be held July 25-27. The homecoming is for anyone who ever attended the Maytown school or lived in Maytown.

Football Golf Scramble

Prestonsburg High School Football Boosters Golf Scramble will be held July 19, beginning at 8 a.m. at Jenny Wiley State Park. A \$10,000 prize will be awarded for a hole in one. All proceeds go to the Prestonsburg boys football team.

McDowell FRYSC activities

July 14-18: Making healthy snacks and nutrition, from 9-11 a.m. Instructor, Neva Francis, from OLW.

Health department clinic at the center is open on Mondays during the summer. Call 377-2678 to schedule an appointment. The nurse will administer immunizations and pre-natal and post-partum counseling.

Stone-Lynch reunion

The Stone-Lynch reunion will be held at Stumbo Park, Allen, beginning at 11 a.m., August 9. All family members and friends of Joe Slone and Alice Lynch Stone are welcome. Bring a covered dish and drinks. Call 432-4694, 478-2308, or 478-5931 for info.

Diabetic education class

A free diabetic education class will be held July 11, at 10 a.m., at Pikeville Methodist Hospital's Phelps Care Center. The class will be taught by Kathy Khoshreza, R.N., of the Diabetes Care Program.

Vacation Bible School

July 14-18, from 5:30-8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church at 1320 N. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg. Classes available for preschool-adult. Snack supper included. Call 886-2214 to register.

July 14-18, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the home of Barbara Wynsma and Lois Holmquist of Eastern, across from Allen Central High School. Games, stories, music, missions, refreshments. Call 358-4380 for information.

July 14-18, from 6-8 p.m., at the Martin First Baptist Church. For information, call Russ Taylor at 285-0183, Mary Webb at 285-3910 or Terrie Webb at 285-3470.

Patton reunion

The Patton reunion will be held July 19, beginning at 10 a.m., at the Allen Convention Center. Bring a favorite dish and soft drinks. This reunion is for all Pattons, not just one family. Call William Patton at 285-9527 for information.

Worthy grand matron to attend Adah Chapter

Alice Wiggins, of Lexington, worthy grand matron of the Order of Eastern Star in Kentucky, will be present at the meeting of Adah Chapter No. 24, to be held July 14, at 7 p.m. at the masonic temple in Prestonsburg. All officers are urged to attend and bring a summer dish.

Miracle tent revival

The Miracle tent revival is still in progress through July 13, at 7:30 p.m. nightly, with Evangelist Charles Spencer. Located five miles from Prestonsburg on Rt. 114, behind old flea market.

Horse show

The Drift Womens Club horse show will be held Saturday, July 12, at 6 p.m., at Archer Park, Prestonsburg. There are 29 competition classes offered.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park activities

Friday, July 11

- Pontoon boat rides along Dewey Lake at 10:15 a.m. Cost is \$3.
- Crafts at 1:30 p.m. Meet at the campground firing.
- Salamander stream walk at 3:45 p.m.
- Line dancing at the dance pad, at 8 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Saturday, July 12

- The musical group Brushfire will perform at the dance pad, located at the campground, at 7:30 p.m.
- Line dancing at the dance pad, at 8:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or

blanket.

- Hike along the Moss Ridge Trail at 9:30 p.m.
- Pontoon boat rides along Dewey Lake at 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.

Sunday, July 13

- Inner-denominational worship service at 8:30 a.m. at the Josie D. Harkins Schoolhouse.
- Pontoon boat rides along Dewey Lake at 2 p.m. Cost is \$3.
- Free swimming for campers at the May Lodge Swimming Pool, at 7 p.m. You must bring your campground registration.

"Word" for the Week

A new lease on life

Do you yearn for a new start in life? The new birth is a new start. Jesus told Nicodemus, a religious teacher, "You must be born again" (John 3:7). Nicodemus should have known God's promise, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you" (Ezekiel 36:26).

Jesus said Nicodemus needed a new start with a new heart. This meant at least three things. First, his attitude toward life needed to be changed. Nicodemus needed a spiritual rebirth that would alter how he thought about God and about himself. Second, his emotions needed to be bridled.

Nicodemus needed a spiritual rebirth that would give him a good

Advisory council to meet

The advisory council of the Adams Middle School Youth Service Center will be held July 14, at 7 p.m., at the center. All members are urged to attend. The public is welcome.

Family reunion

A family reunion and ahog roast will be held July 19 at the home of Orville and Mary Belle (Stephens) Elliott in Warsaw, Indiana. For more information, call (219) 267-3385; (219) 269-1333; or (219) 658-9664.

dose of old fashioned self-control. Third, Nicodemus needed a spiritual rebirth to motivate him to actually turn away from selfishness to a life of service. All of this combined would give Nicodemus a new beginning.

This is spiritual rebirth. God gives you a new heart. You turn away from known evil habits. You turn to Jesus Christ. You serve God through faith in Christ.

God gives you a new lease on life. You find your place in life. You find real satisfaction with life. You enjoy a higher quality of life. You enter God's kingdom. "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5).

New Alzheimer brain lesion opens vistas for research

The latest news is major news in the current explosion of Alzheimer's disease research. Researchers have discovered a new lesion in the brains of people with Alzheimer's disease that may play a role in the onset or progression of the disease, according to the Lexington/Bluegrass Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

"This is quite illuminating and potentially very significant," said Joan Skillman, executive director. "If confirmed, this finding may provide new insights to our understanding of the disease."

This discovery may open additional avenues for investigating what causes Alzheimer's, provide fresh targets for therapies and give us a new diagnostic marker for the disease.

According to the association, additional studies are needed to characterize the lesion, which the researchers call an AMY plaque, and its role in Alzheimer's, and identify and describe the gene or genes that cause it to form.

For years, scientists have studied the two established brain lesions characteristic of Alzheimer's disease—known as amyloid plaques and neurofibrillary tangles—attempting to determine their roles in Alzheimer's disease. This new

discovery by John Q. Trojanowski, M.D., Ph.D., and colleagues at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, appears in the July 1997 issue of the American Journal of Pathology. Trojanowski is a member of the Alzheimer's Association's Medical and Scientific Advisory Board.

"Just as exciting as the discovery of the new lesion is that its detection indicates there are still more things going on in the Alzheimer brain that we are not yet aware of," Skillman said. "The goal is to shine more light on this dark and devastating disease."

Dr. Trojanowski and his colleagues created a new analytical technique to examine parts of the Alzheimer brain making the discovery possible.

The National Alzheimer's Association, the largest private funder of Alzheimer research, has awarded more than \$53 million in research grants.

Medical practitioners and families who need more information about this latest research may call the Lexington/Bluegrass Chapter at 1-800-288-2323 or visit the Alzheimer's Association home page on the World Wide Web at <http://www.alz.org>.

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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

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.

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 Stone.

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.

GARRETT

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

LANCER

Lancer Baptist Church, Lancer, welcome 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

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 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."

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, Manford 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 WKKZ 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 Hutchinson.

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, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Don Shepherd.

Family Worship Assembly, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Thursday night, Bible Study and Youth Power Hour; nursery provided; Pastor, Scott Lish.

The Church of God of Prophecy, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Armer B. Whitaker.

Free United Baptist Church, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:30 p.m.; Midweek Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

WAYLAND
Zion Deliverance Church, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Saturday Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Ada Mosley.

Wayland United Methodist Church, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, Jack Howard.

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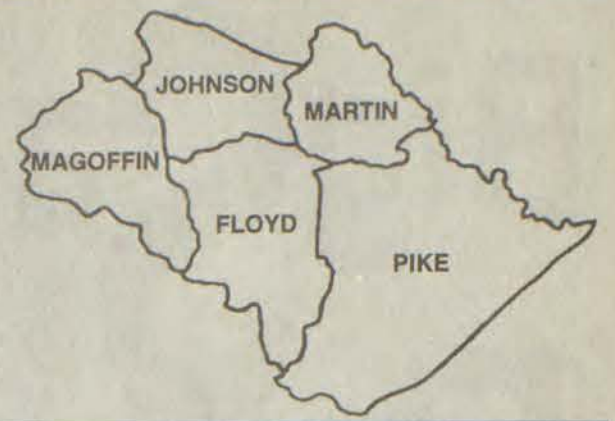
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AROUND THE REGION



CAP founder close to striking deal with new plastics company

New company could employ 75-100 residents immediately

Christian Appalachian Project founder Ralph Beiting said Monday that a Florida-based company is close to making a commitment to relocate to Martin County to help solve two problems at once—providing jobs and affordable housing.

The company, called Eagle Plastics Systems, manufactures prefabricated homes which are efficient, sturdy and economical. Beiting, who has visited the company headquarters in Pampano Beach, Florida, said the company is one of the most exciting prospects he's seen in his 47 years in Appalachia.

"It's a great concept and it has fantastic growth potential," he

said. "They like Martin County and are ready to make it their home."

The company would employ an estimated 75 to 100 employees to start, Beiting said. The number of employees would grow as the orders come in. Beiting said that he saw no problem with the company's growth potential.

"They are already accepting hundreds of overseas orders," he said. "It's an exciting prospect."

CAP has placed an order of 65 units for Eastern Kentucky—many of which will be used as classrooms and for affordable housing for low income residents.

"This will help solve two problems at once," he said. "It will prove good, affordable housing and it will employ people."

Beiting said he is in the final stages of negotiations with company officials.

Reform plan nearly ready to be unveiled

by David Gross
Appalachian News-Express

Although published reports say there is little or no evidence of welfare-reform planning in nearly half of Kentucky's counties, Pike County is making "great progress" and could submit its completed plan to the state by late July, local officials say.

Officials have worked for several months—plotting strategies that range from simple co-op work to extensive educational goals—in hope of easing welfare recipients into the county's workforce.

The state adopted welfare reforms last year that require recipients to find jobs within two years. Most of the planning was left to county leaders, who state officials said knew local needs best.

The state had asked communities to submit at least a progress report on local welfare-reform planning by June 30.

"We're really far along on our plan," said Paula Compton, Pike County's liaison for welfare reform.

"We've been really intense on this since about February. We're probably further along than most places in Kentucky."

Compton is right, according to reports published earlier this week.

A few places, like Lexington, have developed detailed local plans for helping welfare recipients go to work.

But many of the state's poorest counties have been slow to take on local welfare planning, the reports said.

Pike officials have divided into four subcommittees, each tackling

a different aspect of the welfare-to-work reform.

One subcommittee has completed its portion of the plan, and already made a budget request, said Linda Breed, an administrative assistant to the county judge-executive.

The other three subcommittees should finish their portions by the end of this month, she said.

The entire plan then will be submitted to the state, and must receive approval before it can be implemented.

More than 4,200 people in Pike County receive welfare benefits, Compton said. About 1,800 of those are adults, most of whom will be required to find a job or perform some type of work activity.

Finding jobs for that many people will not be easy, officials say.

"We're not going to have a Toyota come and plop down in the middle of the county and give us 600 to 1,000 jobs," Breed said.

"We're going to have to do it one or two jobs at a time...but it needs to be something sustainable and long-range."

In addition to employment, local leaders also are outlining plans in education and training, support services and marketing.

Officials are trying to inform welfare recipients about the changes in the system, Breed said, and convince local employers to hire recipients.

Tax cuts and other incentives are available to businesses that hire the welfare recipients.

"Right now, we're trying to pick out the problems," Breed said.

"You can't fix a problem if you haven't identified what it is."

Woman injured while working MDA roadblock

by Jerry Pennington
The Big Sandy News

A Louisa woman was injured last Friday afternoon during a charity roadblock to collect money after police said she stepped into a moving vehicle.

Kathy Ross, age unavailable, was at the intersection of Ky. 3 and Ky. 2565 in Louisa during a collection drive for the Muscular Dystrophy Association when the accident occurred.

According to a report by Louisa Police Officer Ed Cordle, she stepped into traffic and struck an oncoming car driven by Jason P. McKenzie, 18, of Catlettsburg. She was treated on the scene by a Lifestar Ambulance crew, and then taken to Three Rivers Medical Center.

Louisa Police Chief K. T. Adkins said she was then transported to another hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, but wasn't sure

which one. Ross suffered injuries to the back of her head and several abrasions as well as a broken leg.

The driver of the car was uninjured, but the force busted the driver's side windshield of the car.

Adkins said they determined the car was traveling under 30 mph. The speed limit though the intersection is 45 mph.

"It was just a matter of time before something happened," Adkins said. "We've been lucky so far."

Adkins said he planned on talking to the fire chief to come up with ideas that will get people to slow down when a group has a roadblock to raise money.

"As far as I know, there are no regulations other than the people collecting are supposed to go through the city clerk's office," Adkins said.

City Clerk Bonnie Thompson

(See Roadblock, page two)



Miranda Looney



Joey Williamson



Leslie Engle



Josh Chapman

Pike County speech team has successful year

Looney places third at nationals

The Pike County Central High School speech team has recently completed another successful year. Four team members, Josh Chapman, Leslie Engle, Miranda Looney, and Joey Williamson, attended the National Catholic Forensic Tournament in Baltimore, Maryland.

Looney, daughter of Randy and Judy Looney of Mullins Addition,

and granddaughter of Ruby Damron of McDowell and the late Clemit Damron, and Hula Looney of Powells Creek, and the late Junior Looney, placed third at the nationals in prose/poetry. She competed against 260 students from all 50 states.

Williamson, son of Dale and Patricia Williamson of Varney, and Engle, daughter of Adrian and Debbie Engle of Cowpen, and granddaughter of Glennis and Rosemary Hall of Melvin, and Tommy and Dorothy Engle of Wheelwright, placed in the top 20

in duo interpretation.

To advance to the national tournament, the team competed at the Kentucky Catholic Forensic Tournament in Hodgenville.

Looney won first place in prose/poetry, Williamson and Engle won first place in duo interpretation.

Chapman, son of Larry and Kathy Chapman of Winns Branch, placed third in humorous interpretation, and the team placed third in team sweepstakes.

The team also competed in the 1997 KESDA (Kentucky

Educational Speech and Drama Association) State Speech Tournament, placing fourth in team sweepstakes.

Individual winners were Williamson and Engle, first place in duo interpretation; Chapman, first place in humorous interpretation; Sally Francisco and Amanda York, second in duo interpretation; Chapman and Looney, third in duo interpretation; and Williamson, third in storytelling.

The Pike County Central Speech Team is coached by Tommy Thompson.

Closure recommended for AEP office

by David Gross
Appalachian News-Express

American Electric Power might pull the plug on its Pikeville office.

An AEP study group has recommended that the electric company close its customer service offices in nine Eastern Kentucky locations, including Pikeville, officials said earlier this week.

The company's desire to improve service and cut costs prompted the possibility of the closures, which could come next month, officials say.

AEP has about 35,000 customers in Pike County alone, according to company records.

If the offices are closed, customers would have to pay their electric bills at 24-hour call centers, some of which are located in Pike County, or by calling AEP's regional office in Ashland.

Officials realize that some customers will balk at the notion of closing the local offices.

"Many customers will not like it," said Raine Wohnhas, an AEP customer billings and collections manager.

"A lot of them like going into the office and having that one-on-one service."

But, officials say, closing the local offices would improve the company's ability to serve its customers.

"We're a business that's customer-focused," said Lenore Leasingham, an AEP corporate communications manager.

"If we can find a better way that gives customers more choices, that's what we're going to do," she said.

"With the 24-hour call centers, everybody benefits."

Leasingham said the 24-hour centers allow customers to pay bills at their convenience, including on weekends.

Those options are not available at local offices, she said.

"The whole idea is to improve

service," Wohnhas said.

"We looking for an efficient way to provide service to customers," he said, "but at the same time do what's best for the company."

"It's a real juggling act." The study group, which was composed of workers from throughout the AEP system, also recommended closing offices in Prestonsburg, Paintsville, West Liberty, Hazard, Jackson, Whitesburg, Ashland, Grayson and Ironton, Ohio.

The company recently closed its customer service office in South Williamson.

If the offices are closed, current customer service employees at best would be reassigned, relocated or given temporary jobs, officials said.

AEP plans to open a new phone center in Hurricane, West Virginia, that will employ 154 representatives, Wohnhas said.

Officials recently met with ser-

vice employees to explain the situation and possible alternatives, including relocating to the West Virginia site, Wohnhas said.

At worst, the office employees could be left jobless.

"There is that possibility," Leasingham said.

The Pikeville customer service office employs 15 service clerks.

Employees of the Pikeville office, which is located at 305 Main St., were unavailable for comment.

AEP's management could decide to ignore the recommendation and leave the offices open.

The study group's recommendation will be considered, Wohnhas said, and management will "see if that's the right way to go or not."

The company's Kentucky division will reply to the recommendation by August 1, Wohnhas said.

Management is expected to make its final decision on whether to close the offices later that month, he said.

Brothers, sister meet for first time in Pikeville

by Alicia Carmichael
Appalachian News-Express

When 25-year-old Cristi Klemp of Elkhart, Indiana, saw her brothers last Sunday after a four-and-a-half-year wait, there was a lot of laughter, tears and hugs when the family met in Wal-Mart's parking lot.

This wouldn't be much different from most family reunions where families get together and become sentimental after years apart, except for the fact that it was the first time Klemp had ever seen her brothers, Clifton Robinson and C.J. Robinson of Coon Creek, and the first time the brothers had ever seen their sister.

"It's just a miracle," Cliff Robinson said. "We've had a great time."

C.J. Robinson, 22, said he and 19-year-old Cliff grew up knowing they had sisters somewhere but never knew how to get in touch with them.

Their father, Claudie J. Robinson, had left the boys when they were very young but had given them a picture of their sisters from a previous marriage although he never offered his sons any information about the girls.

Because Claudie Robinson had also left twins Cindi and Cristi when they were only three years old and had never returned to visit his daughters, the girls didn't remember their father, much less have the chance to learn he had sons in Kentucky.

Through efforts on the part of

C.J. and Cliff to learn more about their sisters by tracking down an aunt in Michigan they'd never met, and coincidentally by Klemp's desire to locate her father through the same aunt, who she'd also never known, the brothers and sisters found each other in a bitter-sweet twist of fate.

"My mom just wouldn't say anything about my past because she was so hurt by my daddy," Klemp said. "But she finally gave me my Aunt Judy's name so I wouldn't have to go through a detective or anybody."

Klemp said when she finally spoke to her Aunt Judy, she got more than she bargained for.

"Judy told me that daddy had died in 1987 and that I had two brothers," Klemp said of her tearful 1992 conversation with the aunt who'd previously talked to C.J. and Cliff. "I bawled for an hour."

Klemp said she was immediately determined to find her brothers.

Several expensive phone calls later, Klemp got in touch with C.J. and Cliff and the siblings started trying to make plans to get together.

But such a meeting would not be cheap and the eight-hour drive made visiting difficult, especially for Klemp, who has two small children with her husband, John.

Last year, however, things started looking up for the brothers and sisters.

"By the grace of God I met Rick Thacker," Klemp said of the man she met in Indiana, who was coincidentally from Lick Branch in

Pike County. "Rick and us happened to go to the same Moose Lodge and he said, 'I knew your dad.'"

"I was totally shocked and I ate him up with questions."

This year Thacker and his wife Diane offered to take Klemp and her family to Kentucky.

After John had worked more than 70 hours' worth of overtime in two weeks to make enough money to pay for gas expenses for the Thackers' RV, Sunday's meeting became possible for the anxious family.

"I was so nervous I changed clothes three times before we met," Klemp said. "But after meeting them I feel like I belong here. It's strange how you can bond with someone in just 24 hours."

C.J. and Cliff's mother, Marie Chapman, said she is convinced her sons and their sisters will continue to feel a bond.

"It's been so cool to see Cristi eat and breathe," she said. "We'd only talked on the phone, but it's amazing how much C.J. and Cristi

are alike and how much Cristi says Clifton and Cindi are alike."

Klemp said she is thrilled that Chapman as well as other family members have been so supportive of the meeting.

"I'm another woman's daughter and Marie didn't have to let me come into her home," Klemp said. "Daddy was haunted by a lot of different things. He had a difficult childhood and maybe he wasn't taught to love. But that's one of those things that we're just going to have to leave unanswered."

C.J. said although he and his siblings have a lot of hurt feelings toward their father, they do not want to focus on bad memories.

"This has not been a let's-trash-daddy session," C.J. said. "Daddy was haunted by a lot of different things. He had a difficult childhood and maybe he wasn't taught to love. But that's one of those things that we're just going to have to leave unanswered."

(See Reunion, page two)

Messy lawn brings charges against Pigg

by Ralph Davis
Paintsville Herald

A Paintsville man has been charged with failing to maintain his Greentown Lane property.

Joe Pigg has been charged with

violating a city ordinance requiring residents to keep up their lawns.

According to court documents, Pigg "intentionally has failed to cut his grass and remove garbage in and around his property after being duly notified."

Big Sandy Briefs

The Numbers Game

Wednesday's Results
July 11, 1997

LOTTO KENTUCKY
13-15-29-30-40-41
Next Estimated Jackpot
\$5.1 million

POWERBALL
04-32-33-36-39 22
Next Estimated Jackpot
\$16 million



Johnson County

Tax clears first hurdle

The Johnson County Fiscal Court adopted the first reading of an occupational tax ordinance last Thursday, three days into the fiscal year, in a special meeting called by County Judge-Executive Gail Gillem.

Absent from the meeting was commissioner Doug Branham who, according to a report by the *Ashland Daily Independent*, on Monday claimed that he was not notified of the meeting, making it illegal.

The report also quotes Gillem as saying that he sent his road foreman, Sam Auxier, to notify Branham of the meeting and that Branham told the foreman that he would still vote no (on the occupational tax raise) and that he would not be attending the meeting. — *The Paintsville Herald*

Four charged with curtain theft

The arrest of four Magoffin Countians last week

spelled curtains for an alleged ring which had stolen home furnishings from a Hager Hill mobile home dealership.

Carma Miller, 35, and Danny Slusher, 25, both of Royalton, and Sylvia Joseph Marshall, 42, and Emily Mullins, 18, both of Salyersville, were arrested and charged with theft by unlawful taking.

According to their arrest warrants, the four allegedly broke into seven trailers on the Barker's Mobile Home lot on May 20 and stole 21 sets of curtains valued at \$1,950.

The four were arrested and charged with the crime at the Magoffin County courthouse. — *The Paintsville Herald*

Fairchild indicted for first-degree assault

A Johnson County grand jury issued an indictment against a man accused of beating his wife in the head with a hammer.

Paul B. Fairchild, 22, of Meally, was indicted June 23 on a single charge of first-degree assault.

According to court records, Fairchild allegedly attacked his wife with a hammer, hitting her in the head. Family members say the woman is recovering, but still has no use of her legs due to brain damage. — *The Paintsville Herald*

Magoffin Board of Education finances said to be positive

The Magoffin County Board of Education closed out the current fiscal year during their June 30 meeting on a much more positive note than had been expected.

The system, which has been plagued throughout the year with financial difficulties and the subsequent declaration of an emergency, will actually end the year with more than the required 2 percent contingency.

Unforeseen success in the collection of taxes has added approximately \$100,000 of unbudgeted money to the system's coffers. — *The Salyersville Independent*

Design for Jenkins' stamp cancellation confirmed for use

In what appears to be the start of a tradition, for the second year, the Magoffin County Historical Society and the Salyersville Post Office will be offering a commemorative stamp cancellation in honor of the Jenkins family being recognized during the annual Magoffin County Founder's Day Celebration.

The Salyersville Post Office will be using the stamp to cancel all outgoing mail August 28-30. — *The Salyersville Independent*

requirements by failing to maintain ledgers for tax disbursements and tax receipts...

Because of these deficiencies, there was a deficit of about \$8,587 from the 1994 tax account and the 1993 unmined account. Auditors recommended that Young's office pay the money to eliminate the debt. — *The Martin County Sun*

State dumping sewage in Martin County stream

According to Inez Waste Water Plant Superintendent Charles Muncy, a state highway department garage's septic system, which lies uphill about 100 feet from a streambed has developed a leak and has released a constant stream of polluted water into the creek.

Muncy took samples of the water being released and sent it to a lab for testing. The results were startling. The fecal count, the amount of human waste product, measured in parts per million, of the water was more than five times more than is allowed by law.

The highway superintendent said his department was not aware that the septic tank in the Inez garage was leaking into the stream. — *The Martin County Sun*

According to a citation, Blackburn was traveling west-bound in the east-bound lane on U.S. 460 at Mouthcard when he began running Varney off the road.

After Blackburn pulled off U.S. 460 into the parking lot of Coal Mart without using a turn signal, he reportedly smelled strongly of alcohol, had slurred speech, lacked balance and could not perform field sobriety tests.

During his arrest, Blackburn hit Varney in the face with his elbow and called Varney several obscene names in Coal Mart's parking lot where there were several people, the report said.

Blackburn reportedly caused more than \$500 worth of damage to the inside of Varney's cruiser by kicking the inside of a door. — *Appalachian News-Express*

School posts filled by Keene, Waddell

Pikeville Independent School System's new superintendent is wasting no time getting things in order for the upcoming school year.

In his first action — at a special board meeting Tuesday night to confirm him as superintendent — Howard Wallen Jr. made the motion that the board create the position of assistant superintendent.

Once approved, Wallen immediately recommended the school's instructional supervisor, Dr. Anne Keene, for the position.

On Wednesday, Wallen confirmed the hiring of Jerry Waddell as the new Pikeville Elementary School principal. — *Appalachian News-Express*



Martin County

Sheriff audit reveals serious errors

Martin County Sheriff Darriel Young will have to pay back more than \$15,000 in "missing funds" uncovered by a state-sponsored audit of his tax and unmined coal accounts for the years 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1996.

The audit, which was conducted by representatives from the office of State Auditor Edward B. Hatchett Jr., found many serious errors in the bookkeeping and other policies within the sheriff's department.

Included in the list are:

- The sheriff did not obtain a county levy performance bond.
- The sheriff's office did not pay interest to the school district on a monthly basis.
- Young's office failed to meet minimum accounting



Pike County

Man jailed for DUI after hitting road sign

A Pikeville man was jailed last Wednesday after a state trooper saw him run his vehicle off the roadway and strike a road sign, authorities said.

Lay T. Young, 49, was arrested by KSP Trooper James O'Bannon on charges of DUI, disorderly conduct and traffic-related charges. He was also arrested July 3 for failure to appear in court.

Young, who was reportedly staggering and smelled of alcohol, failed several sobriety tests including the one-leg stand test and the preliminary breathalyzer test. — *Appalachian News-Express*

Drunk man jailed after running trooper off road

A Feds Creek man was jailed on several charges Monday after he ran a state trooper off the road while driving drunk, authorities said.

Allen Charles Blackburn, 36, was arrested by KSP Trooper William Varney for DUI, reckless driving, menacing, resisting arrest, fourth-degree assault, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief and traffic-related charges.

July 15 Kentucky Appalachian Commission meeting to be held

Gov. Paul E. Patton recently announced the Kentucky Appalachian Commission will convene on July 15 at Ashland. The meeting will focus primarily on economic development issues in the Kentucky Appalachian region.

Gov. Patton said, "We have made substantial progress in improving the quality of life for Appalachian Kentuckians, but we still face the challenge of developing a diversified economy that will lead to sustainable economic advancement in the region. One of my major points of emphasis is to

encourage and be a catalyst for economic development in Appalachian Kentucky."

Gov. Patton said, "Most of the economic development challenges we face in Appalachian Kentucky are well known. However, there are some new tests for the region on the horizon. These relate to preparing the region to fully participate in the next wave of economic expansion which will be based on telecommunications capacity and technological applications. How well we respond to these tests of the 'Information Age' will have an

impact on the region's future."

The preliminary agenda for the meeting includes presentations about economic development from the Kentucky Appalachian Advisory Council, Economic Development Secretary Gene Strong, Agriculture Commissioner Billy Ray Smith and Appalachian Regional Commission Federal Co-Chairman Jesse White.

The commission meeting will begin at 9 a.m. at the Paramount Performing Arts Center at Ashland.

The meeting is open to the public.

Reunion

Klemp said she thinks knowing her brothers and visiting her father's grave at Ratliffs Cemetery

City annexation gets first nod

The city of Paintsville is on the verge of expanding its boundaries. The city council adopted the first reading of an annexation ordinance which will add lands adjacent to new U.S. 23 to the city.

According to the ordinance, the new boundaries will include the site of a new rest area near the intersection of U.S. 23 and U.S. 460, along the right-of-way of U.S. 23, and on to the site of a new industrial park at the intersection of U.S. 23 and Route 1750. — *The Paintsville Herald*

Roadblock

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said anytime a group wants to use the intersection, they just need to call her office and a permit is typed up. There are no restrictions and the permits do not need to go before the city council.

Adkins said it would probably be a good idea if people wore orange vests or bright clothing, and that there should be a limit on the number of people allowed in the intersection.

at Shelby will help her to come to terms with some of her anger toward her father.

"I used to hate my daddy but my husband helped me to let it go," she said. "Now that I'm here and know I have my brothers, that's all I need."

"He (my dad) did what he did and must have had his reasons," she said. "Going to the cemetery, that part will be closure for me. Now it's over and may he rest in peace."

Although Cindi—who along with Cristi is close to their mother's husband, who adopted them when

they were eight years old—was not able to make the trip to meet her brothers, Klemp said there are plans in the works for future visits for the siblings and their children.

"We've definitely got to get them together with our sister," she said. "I don't care if I have to have garage sale after garage sale, we're going to have to come up with the money to meet."

C.J. agreed. "It's not going to end here," he said tearfully. "We've got another sister to meet."

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The Weekend

EXTRA

Lend me your ears!

Since Mike Tyson drew first blood from Evander Holyfield's ear, there has been much outrage from fight fans as well as heated discussions concerning the type of penalty that should be levied against Tyson by the National Boxing Federation.

"I can't believe he bit his ear off!" a friend exclaimed.

"Why not? The man's a convicted felon. Did time for rape. That's about as violent a crime as you can commit. He violated a woman against her will. What makes you think he'd think twice about biting a man's ear off?"



Smile
Awhile

Sara Hopson

"I suppose you're right," she replied. "It's just that it seems so barbaric."

"Yeah, sure. It's barbaric all right," I stated sarcastically. "A sport produces

cauliflower ear, blindness and some permanent brain damage and biting an ear is barbaric! My heavens, haven't you seen some of those guys after a fight? Some of them are unrecognizable."

"But biting is against the rules."

"Have you seen Muhammed Ali lately? I bet he'd forfeit an ear to be able to speak coherently right now. It's a brutal sport."

"But rules are rules, Sara," my friend answered. "They are humans who make a conscious decision to fight. They know the consequences of their actions. It's a choice they make to do what they like."

"It's not about what they like, it's about what they want."

"What do you mean?" she asked, earnestly.

"For 30 million dollars, I'd let Mike Tyson bite off my ear. It's a money issue."

"Sara, Evander Holyfield did not know that he was going to lose his ear during the fight."

"No, he just knew that it was a possibility that he could be permanently damaged in some way. Suffer a brain concussion at best. I just don't think that's logical reasoning."

"Have all of your choices been wise ones, Sara?" my friend asked.

"Well, I've made my share of mistakes. I just think of it differently. Think of it this way, they're still trying to prosecute Dr. Kevorkian for assisting in suicides. Yet, grown men are allowed to go into a square and fight until someone falls down unconscious."

"I fail to see the relevance of your argument, Sara. Fighting is a sport."

"It only proves to me that women are the smarter sex."

"How so?"

"How many female fighters do you know?"

"They have female mud-wrestlers," she said.

"Wallowing around in mud hardly qualifies as brutality," I laughed.

"Well, don't you believe he should be punished?"

"Of course I do, but I also thought he should have served out the maximum amount of time for the crime he committed. Some rapists, thank goodness, are still in jail for their original crimes, but Tyson just did three years. It just goes to show you, some men don't play by the rules."

Whatever the decision, I hope Holyfield gives Tyson an earful of trouble.



Steve Earle at Paramount

Mr. Copperhead Road, Steve Earle, will appear in concert Saturday, July 19, at 8 p.m. at the Paramount Arts Center in Ashland. The acoustic concert is part of the Troubadour Concert Series. Tickets are \$23.50 and can be obtained by calling the Paramount Center at (606) 324-3175. Later this year, the concert series will present The "Marty" Party — UnPlugged, with Grand Ol' Opry member and country music star, Marty Stuart. Tickets for that concert are \$25.50 and go on sale July 22.

News of the Weird by Chuck Shepherd

A California pro-prostitution organization called the National Sexual Rights Council made a fund-raising appeal in April for its benevolent campaign to get teen-age hookers off the streets. For a \$250 donation, the Council's Pretty Woman Committee gives the donor a T-shirt and a membership card, but for \$150,000 (which it points out is the price of a White House fund-raising sleepover), the seven prostitutes on the committee promise to sleep with the donor, in Nevada. (Critics note that the campaign, ostensibly to save wayward children, would also result in less competition for the council's constituency.)

In April, the London, England, human rights organization African Rights accused two Roman Catholic nuns from the Benedictine abbey in Maredret, Belgium, of ordering dozens of frightened Tutsi refugees out of their compound in Sovu, Rwanda, into the custody of Hutu soldiers, who almost immediately killed them. According to African Rights investigators, the sisters helped the Hutus willingly in order to protect their compound.

One aspect of Israeli-Palestinian relations is running smoothly, according to a May Boston Globe story: car theft. Israel has the highest per capita car theft in the world, and police say several Israeli-Palestinian car-theft rings operate almost effortlessly, fencing cars and parts to dealers on both sides of the border.

JUST CAN'T STOP MYSELF

Todd Jacob Sherman, 24, pleaded guilty in Norfolk, Va., in March to swindling an elderly woman out of \$70,000. Not only did the woman fall for the initial pitch, in which she would have to wire Sherman "advance taxes" on a \$130,000 sweepstakes prize, but according to the prosecutor, she continued to wire him money, over 100 times during the next 33 months.

Lewis Ecker II, a diagnosed sexual sadist, was turned down in his release bid from St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C., in

December even though he has made considerable improvement during his stay, even winning elective office in D.C. in 1990 (and being re-elected twice since) as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner. However, according to hospital officials, Ecker hurt his chances of release by secretly composing 21 sexual-sadist narratives (discovered in a search of the office he had been given the privilege of using) that featured himself as the protagonist who humiliated and injured female victims.

The executive director of the New York State Council on Problem Gambling told The New York Times in May that printing its 800 telephone number on lottery tickets in case gambling addicts need to call for help has resulted instead in many calls from players desperate for help in selecting the winning numbers. And operators of the Casino Niagara in Niagara Falls, Ontario, told the Ottawa Citizen in April that customers' urinating around slot machines has become a severe problem. (Reluctant to leave a machine that they are certain will soon pay off, some customers urinate into the plastic coin cups supplied by the casino, some wear adult diapers into the casino, and some merely urinate on the floor beside the machines.)

PEOPLE WITH TOO MUCH TIME ON THEIR HANDS

In December, a man from southern England named Nigel paid about \$128,000 at a London auction for the personalized license plate "N1 GEL." Eighty other plates brought in about \$2.7 million. A month before that in London, the much less wealthy Dave Parker spent about \$40 to have a plate matching his name: He paid a filing fee to change his name legally to (Mr.) C 539 FUG, which is his current license plate.

In a brief interview published in Fortune magazine in February, Todd Sloane, a marketing executive with Publishers Clearinghouse (the \$10 million sweepstakes people) was asked whether entrants worry that the PCH prize patrol can't find them if they win: "We get thousands of calls from entrants warning us their house is hard to get to (or) they'll be at Uncle Jack's, whatever."

TV Mania: According to research commissioned by the Weather Channel cable TV

channel and disclosed by a company executive in April, one in five viewers watches the channel for at least three hours at a sitting. The company calls these people "weather-involved." And Andrew Thomas, 27, apparently healthy except for depression at being laid off four years earlier at his job in Glamorgan, Wales, died in April of natural causes in front of the TV set he had watched almost constantly since then.

In a poll of Ontario residents commissioned by Global Television and reported by the Toronto Star in December, it was revealed that a majority believe in miracles, although the Star pointed out that some respondents' standards are lower than others, such as in one man's example of a miracle he had witnessed: "I went to someone's house and got a good deal on a power tool that I wanted for a long time."

WELL-PUT

Patricia Walsh, Carmel, Calif., defending in May her decision to spend \$6,000 to dress up a rock she found to look like Gen. Douglas MacArthur: "I'm an old lady, and I can amuse myself doing whatever I like."

In April, Sir Roger Penrose, a British math professor who has worked with Stephen Hawking on such topics as relativity, black holes, and whether time has a beginning, filed a copyright infringement lawsuit against the Kimberly-Clark Corp., which Penrose said copied a pattern he created (a pattern demonstrating that "a non-repeating pattern could exist in nature") for its Kleenex quilted toilet paper. Penrose said he doesn't like litigation but, "When it comes to the population of Great Britain being invited by a multinational to wipe their bottoms on what appears to be the work of a Knight of the Realm, then a last stand must be taken."

Philip Morris president James Morgan, in a lawsuit deposition released in May, pointing out why he believes cigarettes are not addictive: "I love Gummi Bears (candy) ... and I want Gummi Bears and I like Gummi Bears and I eat Gummi Bears and I don't like it when I don't eat my Gummi Bears, but I'm certainly not addicted to them."

(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: After a shocked Adam found Erica hiding in her attic, she called Trevor for advice on turning herself in. Dimitri and Joe argued over Tad and Gloria. Tad later found Joe unconscious and blamed himself for his dad's heart attack. Scott vowed to learn what happened to Laura in New York. Jack admitted his love for Erica. Wait To See: Liza takes a health test.

ANOTHER WORLD: Joe charged Nick with raping Toni. Cindy told Grant she's the Silver Rose Thief. Paulina overdosed on diet pills. On Rachel's 25th Anniversary Show (July 10) she recalled the past. Later, the twins, Cory and Elizabeth, were christened. Joan Rivers gave Grant advice. Alex and Felicia came to lunch with Carl and Rachel. Wait To See: Cass gets upsetting news from Gary.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: David refused to believe Lucinda's story about being her son. Lily was stunned to find Damian on her doorstep. Barbara learned she's pregnant, but decided not to tell John he's the father. Damian told Lisa he hopes Lily will want him back in time. Wait To See: Holden gets news on the whereabouts of his and Molly's daughter.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Thorne and Taylor went to Hawaii. Grant told Ridge to tell Taylor the truth about Rick being the shooter, but was unable to reach her in Hawaii and decided to have a letter faxed to her instead. Clarke was upset when Sally again refused to give him shares in Spectra. Lauren told Eric until he weds Stephanie, she considers him fair game. Wait To See: Thorne acts on Ridge's letter.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Marlina accepted John's proposal but reminded him that they can't marry yet. Hope headed for Bo's hotel to surprise him, unaware that Billie was begging Bo to make love to her one last time. Austin, Carrie, Mike, and Lucas caught Sami walking. Meanwhile, Kristen warned Vivian and Ivan about Stefano's wrath if they testify against her in return for their release from jail. Wait To See: Stefano prepares to "persuade" Lexie to join him.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Nikolas found the stables on fire, but when he tried to get Stefan away from the computer, he was knocked out. Carly came up with an idea to keep A.J. from recalling their night together. Jason realized who the killer is. Meanwhile, A.J. recalled seeing the "Tin Man" at the Zebra Lounge. Wait To See: Stefan

chooses between Nikolas and his plan.

GUIDING LIGHT: Matt and Dinah's concern for Vanessa's safety with Michael grew stronger. Rick told Abigail he hopes she'll be part of his life one day. Roger was miffed at Amanda's attempts to get the Spauldings together. Holly and Ross got a disturbing message from Blake. Michelle stuck her neck out to help Jesse. Wait To See: Michael has plans for Vanessa.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Carlotta and Hank continued romancing. Blair suffered a stroke. Tea agreed to help Todd get custody of Starr, but Dorian was determined to stop him. Todd proposed to Tea, and later, returned with a quickie divorce. R.J. learned Andy was trying to dig up dirt against him. Wait To See: Mel receives a disturbing package.

PORT CHARLES: Frank evicted Eve. Lucy was determined to stop Scott from leaving town. Much to Kevin's dismay, Scott announced where he planned to

live. Julie had a nightmare about Greg Cooper, and later came face to face with him. Wait To See: Rex has a confession for Lucy.

SUNSET BEACH: Ben fantasized about reconciling with Meg, but instead, urged her to forget him for her own good. Later, Annie tried to make him forget his troubles. Michael saw Alex packing her suitcase. Eddie told Bette he found her financial adviser, but he'd already blown her money. Wait To See: Bette prepares to deal with her new situation.

THE YOUNG & THE RESTLESS: Victor gave Diane a diamond bracelet. Chris told Kevin he must tell every woman in the firm about Michael's case. Tricia admitted to Megan that Ryan hoped to reconcile with his wife. When Danny said he'd take another paternity test, Michael told Phyllis to have the child's real father submit a blood sample. Veronica phoned Josh, but hung up when he answered. Wait To See: Nick and Grace face up to their "problem."

BY SALLY STONE SOAP SCRAPS

Katherine Kelly Lang returns to her role as Brooke on "The Bold & the Beautiful" on July 21. Sandra Ferguson, who played Brooke while Katherine was on maternity leave after giving birth to her third child, daughter Zoe Katrina on Mother's Day, May 11, will have her last on-air date on Bastille Day, July 14.

"Port Charles" will again be at the mercy of the mad Greg Cooper who terrorized the interns during the show's prime-time kick off last month. David Holcomb who played Greg in that film, marked his first return date last Friday.

"General Hospital," "PC's" parent series, is happy to report that contrary to many predictions to the contrary, Vanessa Maril who plays Brenda Barnett, will not be leaving the show although Maurice Benard, who plays Brenda's erstwhile lover, Sonny, has said he's off to try his acting muscles elsewhere.

Adrienne Frantz, who played Tiffany Thorne on "Sunset Beach," will now play Ambrosia (also known as Amber) on "The Bold & the Beautiful." She'll befriend Sheila (Kimberlin Brown) who is

trying to remake her life after giving her child up for adoption to her erstwhile lover, James (Ian Buchanan).

And speaking of Buchanans, if you haven't noticed yet, one of the Buchanan buckaroos is missing on "One Life to Live." Drew (Victor Browne) has bowed out of Llanview. This leaves some fans wondering why they didn't give him a summer story line so that the character could finally catch on with the fans. They've changed the name of Laura Wright's "Guiding Light" character again. Mark it down. It's now Cassandra Lane. She's the long-missing sibling of Reva Shayne (Kim Zimmer).

Elaine Princi (ex "OLTL," "As the World Turns," "Days of Our Lives") has a recurring role as Judge Kathryn Reeves who will preside over Nick's rape trial on "Another World."

Don't panic, Geary fans. Anthony Geary (Luke, "GH") has not left the show. He's taking a three-month vacation while Genie Francis (Laura) is on maternity leave. Both actors are expected back on the set in September.

ENTERTAINMENT EXTRA

by Evelyn Ludvigson

Q. I'm looking forward to seeing the new "Batman & Robin" movie with George Clooney. My question is about George. Is it true he had problems working with the actress who plays Poison Ivy? I heard that on a television show recently and wondered what happened on that set. George's publicity seems to show him as a guy who's easy to get along with. Marina M.

Q. I heard George Clooney was upset because Arnold Schwarzenegger got more money for playing Mr. Freeze than George did for playing "Batman." Is this true? Sign me, A Clooney Fan Forever.

Q. Is Rosie O'Donnell related to Chris O'Donnell (Robin)? Jennifer P.

A. To Marina: There has been no reliable report of problems between Clooney and Uma Thurman.

To Jennifer: Apparently, Clooney's reaction to Arnold getting top billing and way over the top dollar for his work is, "next time, me." While George hasn't formally said he'd do the next "Batman" film, those close to him say he's ready to don the cowl and cape again, and hopes to be better compensated for his efforts both in billing and dollar bills.

To Jennifer: As Rosie would say, all O'Donnells are probably related through some linkages in old Ireland. But there's no immediate indication of kinship otherwise.

Q. Is Liza Minnelli dropping out of show business after that bumpy run in "Victor, Victoria"? I was a

Judy Garland fan for much of my life and was always interested in Judy's kids, including Liza, Lorna, and their brother, Joey. Thank you for your reply. Harvey H.

A. Liza is not dropping out of show business. While she did have problems during her fill-in stint for Julie Andrews (who has now left her Broadway role to Raquel Welch), Liza has told friends the experience taught her a lot. Look for Liza to be one of the stars on a new single of John Lennon's great song, "Imagine." The proceeds will go to "The Spirit Foundation," founded by John and Yoko Ono.

Q. Has Jane Fonda spoken out about her brother, Peter's new success in the movie, "Ulee's Gold"? She was the big star for years in that family, and I often wondered if she would resent Peter making it big as well. I was told she has a huge ego. Rosemary T.

A. While it's true Jane's ego is formidable, it's no bigger than that of most actors. Actually, the star in the family has always been Jane and Peter's father, Henry. He was always the consummate actor. He insisted on going on stage with his Broadway play the night their mother killed herself. Even after his death, the patriarch's image has overshadowed those of his talented children.

The only one to emerge and stand in her own light is Peter's daughter, Bridget Fonda. As for Peter's recent success, Jane has said she intends to tell everyone who votes in the Motion Picture Academy not to forget her kid brother's breathtaking performance.

NATASHA'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't overreact to a real or imagined slight. It's a great week for getting your thoughts across to others. Entertain at home this weekend without going overboard.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a most fortunate week for you in business. Be sure to capitalize on the opportunities that arise now. Try not to go overboard in spending this weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The coming weeks will bring important career discussions. You may face extra home duties later in the week. It's a good time for shopping. A friend may be feeling blue this weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A new mental interest will captivate you in the weeks ahead. You'll patch up a difficult situation with a friend. This weekend, couples will share happy times together.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The week brings mental accomplishments and opportunities through friendship. You may be invited to a special get-together later in the week. Accent diplomacy in career dealings.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A career matter that had you concerned turns for the better this week. New reading material will fascinate you in the weeks ahead. The weekend brings festive times.

LIBRA (September 23 to

October 22) Couples will be making major investment and financial decisions in the coming weeks. Positive career developments this week are of a behind-the-scenes nature.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You may be disappointed that a friend's plans to visit this week have fallen through. However, it's an exciting time for those in love. Watch weekend extravagance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Couples will be enjoying an especially meaningful rapport in the weeks ahead. This week will be a busy and a happy one for you socially. You're popular over the weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Buying and selling will be especially favored in the weeks ahead. A work colleague may be touchy, but otherwise, it's smooth sailing with career interests this week.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your communicative skills will be at a peak in the coming weeks. This week, there's a decided accent on happy romance and the enjoyment of leisure interests.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A research project will be a priority in the weeks ahead. You'll find a solution to a troublesome work concern by week's end. Enjoy social visits this weekend.

BY SALLY STONE

TUNING IN

On July 20 and 21, TNT will air "Rough Riders," the story of the 500 volunteers who made up this special U.S. cavalry force under Theodore Roosevelt and whose successful campaign at San Juan Hill in Puerto Rico helped the U.S. win a decisive victory over Spain in the Spanish-American War. Besides Roosevelt, other members of the Rough Riders included men from similar patrician backgrounds, such as Hamilton Fish, who would one day become one of the longest-serving members of Congress; Bill Tiffany, a son of the owner of the famed store, and B.F. Goodrich, who helped build the country's tire industry. Some of the

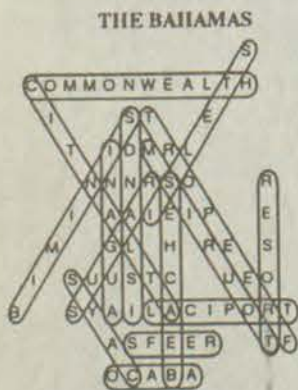
stars are Tom Berenger as Roosevelt, Sam Elliott as Capt. Bucky O'Neil, George Hamilton as William Randolph Hearst, Brian Keith as President William McKinley, Adam Storke as writer Stephen Crane, and Gary Busey as Gen. Fighting Joe Wheeler. Other actors are Chris Noth, Mark Moses, William Katt and Francesco Quinn. Elliott says, "It's amazing so few people know how much impact the Spanish-American War had on our country. This film will help fill in a few gaps and, I hope, encourage folks to read some history books about the period. I guarantee many will be surprised at what they learn."

Sam Elliott says that the subject matter was almost enough to get him to do the project. "But what really did it for me was a chance to work with John Mililus. I've admired everything he's done for years, and when he asked, of course, I said yes."

Sam noted that Mililus ("Red Dawn," "The Wind and the Lion," etc.) "had us looking real dirty during the production because the real Rough Riders had to deal with a lot of disease and pretty intolerable living conditions in Cuba and Puerto Rico."

Sam Elliott adds, "It's always gratifying when an actor can work with a director he admires, and with actors whose work he respects. But it's more gratifying to know you've done a film that will enlighten as well as entertain."

UPDATE: Constance Marie ("Selena" and "Spin City") joins NBC's new fall comedy, "Union Square" as Gabriella Valdez, an actress who dreams of making it on Broadway while enjoying the fare at the Union Square diner.



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A Look At Sports

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Local baseball is in its dwindling days, and more and more it is beginning to look like football time around the region.

This coming Monday, July 14, the high school teams will take to the gridiron in their first practice of the season.

While three of our high schools are familiar with their coaches, Allen Central is still looking for a coach. I understand that Glenn Reeves just resigned the other day after being hired at Lawrence County for the upcoming school year. Coach Reeves first thought he would be going to Pulaski County, but that failed to materialize. Of course, the good coach wasn't about to give up his teaching position until he could find another — that only makes good sense.

But now what about the Allen Central program. I know we have harped on the matter over and over but time is really running out. In talking with some of the parents and players there doesn't look like there may be enough players to dress a team at Allen Central, even if a coach is found soon. That would be a tragedy.

Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne open practice this Monday. I haven't had a chance to speak with coach Donnie Daniels at South Floyd.

Betsy Layne's new head coach, Ted George, has announced a mandatory practice for all players this Monday, July 14. So you Bobcats had better get the gear out of storage and get to the field Monday.

Now back to Allen Central. I have been told when the position for a new football coach was posted the 10-waiver was allowed by the State Department. That means the posted job would run its course today and interviews for the job could be held soon.

Also when the job was posted, it was advertised as "Biology/Football Coach." In other words, whoever comes to fill the biology teacher's position would have to coach football.

That means, the one position open that Cindy Stewart Halbert could fill in order to become the new head basketball coach at Allen Central, would be filled by someone who will have to coach football. That means also, that Cindy would not even get an interview for the girls coaching job.

Something smells here. If the site-base council at Allen Central cannot see into this game, then we're in trouble. We have here, or the site-base council at Allen Central has, the chance to hire an experienced, proven and very capable head girls basketball coach in Mrs. Halbert. If they let her (Cindy) get away, then I would be, along with a lot of others, very disappointed. Who is more qualified than she is? You have no on "in-house" personnel who has any coaching experience as far as being a head basketball coach.

The Allen Central girls basketball program is one of the best, and it needs the best

(See A Look at Sports, page eight)

Area 2 tournament...

Long ball helps Prestonsburg past Martin Co.

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Prestonsburg 11-12 Little League All-Stars had to play long ball in a catch-up game with the Martin County All-Stars last Thursday at the Paintsville Paul B. Hall Athletic Complex.

Prestonsburg got home run power from Dustin Hammond and Rudy Pennington to post an 8-6 win and advance to the winner's bracket.

Pennington had a solo home run in the second inning, and Hammond drilled a two-run shot in the third.

Zack Bradshaw got the win in relief of Matt Setser, who went just a third of an inning. Bradshaw worked the final five and two-thirds innings.

Martin County played a little home run ball in the first inning against Prestonsburg when the team scored five times to lead 5-0. Setser was only able to retire Robert Howell on a ground ball to second base. He walked two batters and gave up an RBI single to Jamie Jarett. Derek Maynard then unloaded a three-run home run to give his team a five-run cushion. Bradshaw replaced Setser and got

out of the inning.

Prestonsburg chipped at the lead getting two runs back in the second inning to trail 5-2. Pennington opened the inning with a home run over the left field fence. John Hunt walked, stole second, moved to third on a wild pitch and scored on a ground out.

Bradshaw kept Martin County in check in the second and third inning as his team picked up two more runs in the third on Hammond's two-run home run for a 5-4 game. Bradshaw had reached on an error with one out and scored in front of Hammond's long ball.

Prestonsburg took its first lead of the game with four runs in the fourth inning as they batted around. The inning unfolded with Zach Collins bouncing back to the mound. Setser singled up the middle and went to second on an error. Jacob Shepherd singled home Setser and stole second. Joey Willis walked and, with two out, Hammond walked to load the bases. Jason Isom ripped an RBI single, and Rudy Pennington followed with a two-run base hit that gave Prestonsburg an 8-5 lead.

Martin County got one run back in the bottom of the fourth but never

could generate any offense after that.

Bradshaw was throwing BB's in the five plus innings he worked. He struck out 14 batters and walked seven while hitting one batter. Setser allowed five runs on three hits, and he walked three.

Robert Howell, in relief of starter Nathan Moore, suffered the setback. Moore worked the first two innings and was the victim of Hammond's two-run home run. Howell replaced him and went two innings before giving way to Shane Pauley. Brain Fletcher became the fourth pitcher for Martin County.



Jubilation

The Prestonsburg Little League All-Stars celebrated after winning the Area 2 Little League title with a 13-9 win over Paintsville Wednesday night at Paintsville. The local all-star team will play in the district championship Monday night at Paintsville. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Area 2 tournament...

Bradshaw's grand slam slams door on Paintsville

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Prestonsburg Little League All-Stars spotted the Paintsville All-Stars a 5-0 lead and came roaring back to capture a dramatic 7-5 win over the host team and force a third game between the two teams.

The loss was the first for the Paintsville team in the double elimination tournament.

John Hunt went from "goat" to "gladiator," and Zack Bradshaw showed that the slump was gone as he drilled a thrilling grand slam home run that quickly erased a 5-0 Paintsville lead.

Joey Willis picked up the win for Prestonsburg in six innings of work.

Hunt, who had two errors in the Paintsville fourth that helped them score an unearned run, was outstanding in the field in the final two innings. He had four of the final six assists in the game. The final three outs came on ground balls to Hunt at second base. On one play, he

looked like a seasoned major leaguer and used his height to stab a high bouncer that would have been a base hit.

He started the seven-run rally in the fifth inning for Prestonsburg with a lead-off single. After stealing second, Hunt scored on Josh Pennington's base hit. The inning continued when Matt Setser grounded a base hit in the hole and into left field with Pennington scoring on the hit for a 5-2 game.

Setser stood on third base when Matt Setser drew a walk and Willis came to the plate. Willis picked up the first pitch and sent it deep to centerfield where it was hauled in short of the fence. Setser tagged and scored on the sacrifice fly to make it 5-3.

Rudy Pennington lined a hard hit ball into left centerfield for a base hit, but Setser was confused on the base paths and was forced out at second play on the throw from centerfield, taking a base hit away from Pennington. But Dustin Hammond

drew a walk off Paintsville starter Trenton Vanhooose and Zack Collins went to first with a walk filling the bags.

Paintsville elected to make a pitching change with Bradshaw the scheduled hitter. Hackworth took his warm-up pitches as Bradshaw walked around the dugout area nervously. He didn't stay nervous long because it only took three pitches for him to find one to drive out of the ball park for a grand slam home run that put Prestonsburg in front 7-5.

Willis had little trouble with the bottom of the Paintsville order in the fifth, walking one batter. He got the side on three ground balls to Hunt in the sixth.

Setser collected three hits for Prestonsburg, while Rudy Pennington and Hunt had two each. Bradshaw had two hits in the contest and four RBI's.

Camp Time

FOOTBALL CAMP SLATED FOR JULY 22 AT ALLEN ELEMENTARY

Several area football coaches will be taking part in the Floyd County Youth Football Camp to be held at the Allen Elementary football facility July 22-24. Allen coach Jack Goodman said the camp will stress the fundamentals of the game and several awards and prizes will be given out.

The camp is for ages seven through 14 and registration will be held Friday, July 18, and again Monday, July 21, from 9 to noon at the Allen school.

Each camper will receive a T-shirt, and lunch will be served each day of the camp. A \$10 fee per camper is required.

For more information, contact Coach Jack Goodman at 874-2165 or 874-9643.

(See Camp page eight)

Area 2 tournament...

Pennington powers Prestonsburg past Morgan County

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Rudy Pennington hit a two-run home run, and Zach Bradshaw throttled the Morgan County Little League All-Stars on one hit in going the distance in a 5-1 win in the Area 2 Little League tournament at Paintsville last week. The win moved Prestonsburg into the championship against Paintsville.

Bradshaw fanned nine batters and allowed the lone Morgan County hit in the fourth inning to Mike Gevedon. Gevedon's base hit scored Justin Perry with the lone Morgan County run. Perry had

reached on an error to start the inning.

Dustin Hammond walked and scored ahead of Pennington's drive over the fence in the second. Prestonsburg scored an unearned run in the fourth inning to take a 3-1 lead. Hammond singled and scored on an error.

With two out in the Prestonsburg fifth, Matt Setser reached base on an error and came home on Jason Ison's RBI double. Ison stole third base and scored on an error at third.

Bradshaw struck out the side in the second inning and had two first inning K's. He fanned the side again in the fourth.

Prestonsburg Area 2 All-Star Champions

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Jubilation broke out from the Prestonsburg fans and bench at the Paul B. Hall Little League Complex at Paintsville Wednesday night in celebration of a 13-9 win over the host city team and the championship of the Area 2 Little League All-Star tournament.

Prestonsburg will advance to the finals of the District 7 championship on Monday, July 14, at the Paintsville park to face the winner of Area 1. The winner there will advance to state tournament play later next week.

Zach Bradshaw was on the mound for the full six innings for Prestonsburg, and Joey Willis finally got a "big one" in powering the Prestonsburg team.

Willis, who banged out ten home runs during the regular season, was kept from reaching the fences in the first six games but belted a three-run shot in the sixth inning that helped put Paintsville away. He finished the game with four hits and five RBI's.

Bradshaw only had four strikeouts in the game but had Paintsville hitting the ball to the ground. Prestonsburg committed only two errors in the game in a good defensive outing.

Prestonsburg scored five times in the top of the sixth inning to take a 13-6 lead. Bradshaw was hit by a pitch to start the rally with John Hunt sending him home with a base hit. Hunt scored on Josh Pennington's RBI single. Jacob Shepherd walked for the third time in the game for Willis' long drive over the left field fence with the ball finding its way all the way to the playground area.

Paintsville mounted a slight comeback in the bottom of the sixth by scoring three times against Bradshaw for the 13-9 score.

Bradshaw, after getting Tate Harmon on strikes, walked Hackworth and Hurt before Hackworth scored on an error at second base off the bat of Shane Simpkins. Slone's grounder brought home Hurt and Simpkins scored on Griffith's RBI double. Bradshaw got Trenton Vanhooose to ground to Willis at short to end the game.

"We hit the ball really well the whole tournament," said coach Rick Hughes, who guided the team after head coach Denny Ousley was ejected in the first inning. "Every time we needed a pitcher to pitch a good game and keep runners off the bases, they came through. Zack pitched a real good game for us tonight."

The game was an hour and half late in getting started because of a downpour in the Paintsville area. But the rain failed to dampen the spirits of the Prestonsburg team as they realized they were within reach of a goal they had dreamed about.

Coach Hughes said that while there were great individual performances, it was a complete team effort.

"That was the main thing in this tournament," he said, "that we played as a team. We did that. We never hung our heads even when we got down."

Coach Hughes credited his team with the character they showed by staying focused on the reason they were there.

"These kids understood that

(See Prestonsburg, page eight)



All smiles

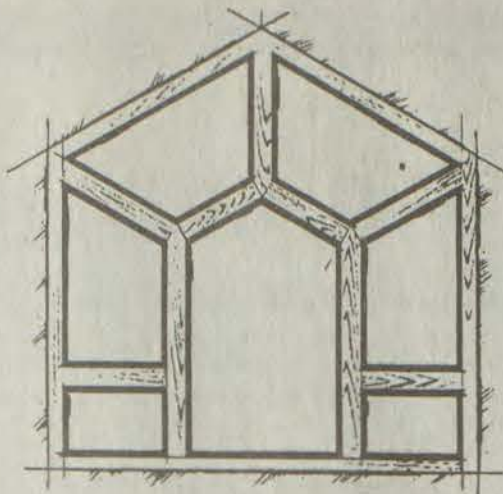
Zach Bradshaw was greeted by teammates after clubbing a grand slam home run in the sixth inning against Paintsville Tuesday night in a 7-5 win that forced a third meeting between the two teams Wednesday night. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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2. Terry Labonte, 2,346	2. Todd Bodine, 2,646	2. Jack Sprague, 1,739
3. Mark Martin, 2,290	3. Phil Parsons, 2,363	3. Joe Ruttman, 1,687
4. Dale Jarrett, 2,278	4. Steve Park, 2,245	4. Chuck Bown, 1,652
5. Jeff Burton, 2,113	5. Buckshot Jones, 2,183	5. Jay Sauter, 1,616
6. Dale Earnhardt, 2,113	6. Mike McLaughlin, 2,122	6. Mike Bliss, 1,615
7. Bobby Labonte, 2,029	7. Kevin Lepage, 2,083	7. Ron Hornaday, 1,577
8. Ricky Rudd, 1,936	8. Hermie Sadler, 2,077	8. Kenny Irwin, 1,573
9. Jeremy Mayfield, 1,850	9. Elliott Sadler, 2,064	9. Rick Carelli, 1,562
10. Ted Musgrave, 1,845	10. Elton Sawyer, 1,910	10. Butch Miller, 1,552

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP: John Andretti, who had led 20 laps all year, dominated the Pepsi 400 by leading 113 out of the 160 in Daytona's Independence Weekend classic. It was Andretti's first victory on the Winston Cup circuit. The race went under caution with five laps remaining, but NASCAR's clean-up crew quickly cleared the track so the drivers could finish the final lap under the green flag. With Dale Earnhardt on his bumper, Andretti cruised to the win, while Terry Labonte and Sterling Marlin stormed past Earnhardt. Mark Martin, Ward Burton and Dick Trickle were involved in a crash on the last lap while trying to make moves to the front.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL: Randy LaJoie won a highly competitive race on the Milwaukee Mile in West Allis, Wis.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES: Ron Hornaday made it two-out-of-three with a victory at Milwaukee. Hornaday, the current series champion, has won three times this season.

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)
He's lucky, too | 6. Ricky Rudd (5)
Crashed at Daytona |
| 2. Terry Labonte (3)
Two straight runner-ups | 7. Rusty Wallace (8)
Solid Daytona |
| 3. Mark Martin (2)
Top-10 streak ended | 8. Jeff Burton (7)
Quite consistent |
| 4. Dale Jarrett (4)
Due for a "W" | 9. Dale Earnhardt (10)
Foiled again |
| 5. Ernie Irvan (6)
Defender at Loudon | 10. John Andretti (Unranked)
Dominant at Daytona |

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.	(Craven)	(Irvan)
July 20	Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.	(Martin)	(Wallace)
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 winners

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Mike Skinner vs. Jimmy Spencer

Skinner, who had won the pole, and Spencer, who started fifth, crashed on the 33rd lap of the Pepsi 400. Spencer said Skinner clipped him; Skinner said someone hit him. "Mike Skinner just made a dumb mistake," said Spencer. "You know, the way he talks, I guess he just deserves what he gets. But he also took me out with him. Stupid. You know, they call them rookies, and he is definitely a rookie."

Gazette Motorsports Writer Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "No one really knows what happened except those two, and they might not know what happened either, from the difference in their versions of the crash."

WHO'S HOT

- WHO'S HOT**
- Terry Labonte has finished second two weeks in a row.
- WHO'S NOT**
- Ricky Craven, Sterling Marlin and Ken Schrader are each more than 10 spots lower in the point standings than at this point last season.

AROUND

In 1998, Pepsi 400 will

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Motorsports will get its first live prime-time exposure on network TV when the Pepsi 400 is run at night. In a lavish press conference held outside Daytona International Speedway on Friday, president John Graham announced a \$3- to \$5-million lighting project that will allow night stock car races on the 2.5-mile superspeedway. Musco Lighting, the Iowa-based company that devised a similar system for Charlotte Motor Speedway and Texas Motor Speedway, will begin preparation and construction immediately. CBS signed a contract to televise the Pepsi 400, beginning in 1998, at the end of last year. With "Stars and Stripes Forever" blaring, Graham said the race, to be held on July 4, 1998, beginning at 8 p.m., will be the "largest Independence Day cele-

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ALMOST HOME COOKING

Make a short trip north from New Hampshire International Speedway to the west banks of Lake Winnepesaukee and visit the William Tell Lodge. Rack of lamb, with mint sauce, comes highly recommended.

Gordon have each won once. Mark Martin, Terry Labonte, Dale Jarrett and Dale Earnhardt should contend.

THREE WHO COULD SURPRISE: It will be interesting to see if the Daytona win provides momentum to John Andretti. Ricky Craven won the pole last year.



Craven

Johnny Benson is good on tracks like this. **KEY TO THE RACE:** The relatively flat New Hampshire track provides quite a contrast to high-banked Daytona. Taking care of brakes and tires is far more important. **BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL:** With four victories this season — on an extraordinary variety of tracks—Randy LaJoie has to be considered the favorite when the series visits Myrtle Beach (S.C.) Speedway for a Saturday-night 250-lapper. **CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES:** The oddly shaped short track in Louisville, Ky., is the site of this week's SuperTruck battle.

PROFILE

Ken Schrader



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Hendrick team split after last season.

YOUR TURN

READERS ASK THE QUESTIONS

Dear NASCAR This Week, I am writing this letter to ask if you could relay a message to the NASCAR drivers. I would like to know if you could tell them and their sponsors thanks for their autograph donations.

My name is Richard Ward and I'm in the hospital waiting on a heart transplant. I've been here 21 months now and one thing that helps my time go by is the great sport of auto racing.

Anyway, the donations I received from most of their PR people are going for organ and bone marrow transplants and getting out the message.

I know a lot of times the word never gets back to the drivers and sponsors and I just wanted them to know I'm very grateful.

Richard D. Ward
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear NASCAR This Week, I like to point out the things which make NASCAR the greatest sport in the world today. For example: In your article in the May 30 issue Crew of the Week, someone had the compassion to feature a very important team, which fans like myself usually don't even notice. I would like to say thank you for bringing the State Highway Patrol into the spotlight.

Another great example is the new advertisements using the drivers with their wives. I feel this is the perfect way to promote family values in a sport as well as projecting a great image for the advertiser.

I do have a couple of favorite drivers: Dale Earnhardt and Dale Jarrett. I feel no need to praise or condemn their progress; after all, you can't just see one or two without seeing the other 40. They are all good or they wouldn't be part of Winston Cup.

Paul A. Loftin
Conover, 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

Everyone knew Tony Furr was an outstanding crew chief, and he put together a tantalizing daily double at Daytona, helping give John Andretti his first Winston Cup victory and Cale Yarborough his first trip to victory lane as a car owner.

MECHANICS' CORNER

The 17th in a series of tips compiled by crew members at Bahari Racing's Pennzoil-sponsored team and driver Johnny Benson: "If your engine starts to 'knock' or 'ping' upon acceleration, especially in an older car, a likely cause is carbon buildup inside of the combustion chambers. A possible cure is the use of a mid-grade or premium fuel, which has higher octane ratings than regular."

That's Johnny Benson's tip. Send us yours. Write NASCAR This Week Tip, c/o The Gaston Gazette, 2500 E. Franklin Blvd., N.C. 28054.

WHY I LIKE ...

Tell us in 100 words or less why Kenny Schrader is your favorite driver. One letter will be drawn from the entries and the winner will receive a NASCAR This Week hat. Send your entry to:

NASCAR This Week/Why I Like; c/o The Gaston Gazette, 2500 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28054.

Last week's winner was Gary Wayne Canant of Maryville, Tenn.

HOMETOWN: Born and raised in Fenton Mo., lives in Concord, N.C.

RECORD: 375 starts, 4 wins, 18 poles, 59 top fives, over \$9 million in earnings.

LAST RACE: 15th in the Pepsi 400 at Daytona International Speedway.

WHAT IS YOUR EARLIEST RECOLLECTION OF RACING? "I was 3 years old. My

daddy owned a repair shop, and he raced, too. He had an old go-kart in our backyard tied to a cable, which was tied to a post. My mom put me in that go-kart, and I'd go around in circles until I ran out of gas. Then they'd fill it up and I'd go some more. I've been going around in circles ever since."

YOUR FATHER BILL MUST HAVE BEEN QUITE AN INFLUENCE: "I hopped in my dad's 1955 Ford tow truck and that was such a thrill. I loved riding in that truck with my dad to the races. I was going with my dad for as long as I can remember. I was probably in the way, but I thought I was helping. My dad always ran awful good. He was very smooth and the car always seemed to come home in one piece. I had two heroes: my father, because he was Daddy, and A.J. Foyt."

TRIVIA



- Name the Winston Cup driver who has won at least one race in 15 consecutive seasons.
- Where was the first NASCAR-sanctioned race held?
- Where was the site of Emie Irvan's first career victory?

- ANSWERS
1. Ricky Rudd.
2. In Daytona Beach, Fla., in February, 1948.
3. Bristol, Tenn.

THE GARAGE

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The Daytona 500 will continue to be held in the daytime, also on CBS.

WHAT GIVES? Jeff Gordon has won 17 races in a season and a half. His teammate Terry Labonte, who supposedly has access to the same equipment and resources, has won twice.

Can Gordon, Labonte or the Hendrick Motorsports driver, Ricky Craven, explain it?

No.

Does it bother Labonte and Craven?

"Yes," said Labonte, the Winston Cup Series champion. "I haven't figured out why that is."

ACROSS THE WAY: Ford driver Mark Martin, who actually had compiled more points than Gordon over the six races entering Daytona, basically paraphrased ESPN's Dan Patrick: "You can't stop Jeff Gordon. You can only hope to contain him."

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Walters Automotive Group, Eastern Kentucky's largest volume new and used car dealer, just announced plans to hold a five dollar used car and truck sales event on Saturday, July 12th, 1997

Recent record sales from the last few months have resulted in an overstock of trade-ins. According to Mr. Walters, sales have been at a tremendous rate. Walters said, "now we must reduce the number of our used cars and trucks to a more manageable level." During this five dollar sale, cars and trucks will be sold for thousands below their original price. In fact, there will be cars that normally sell for five to eight thousand dollars sold for three to five thousand. Mr. Walters said, "our customers will find these prices even lower than at wholesale auctions." Auction bidding often inflates the true value of a car, so you pay more. Here, every car is on sale, first come, first served, and no bidding. It's the perfect

opportunity to get a good quality used car at the lowest price possible, including cars for only five dollars. The used vehicles from all Walters dealerships will be on display at Walters Mazda-Mitsubishi, next to K-mart in Pikeville. At 9:00 a.m., all vehicles will be opened so that buyers may inspect the vehicles for one hour before the sale begins at 10:00 a.m. Whoever is sitting behind the wheel at 10:00 a.m., when the prices are posted on the windshield, will be given the first opportunity to purchase the vehicle at the sale price. This innovative approach to selling used vehicles will make it easy for anybody in the market for a good used vehicle to get a great car or truck at a very low price with no hassle.

"Wholesale buyers will be represented to take trade-ins during this sale," Mr. Walters said. "We also have six business managers who will help buyers arrange low-cost financing. We've got over 3.3 million dollars in inventory to choose from. Our total inventory will be close to 350 used cars and trucks. We want to remind everyone that this is a one-day sale only. When our inventory has been reduced, we will remove the sale prices and return to normal operations. Since we are a local business, we would like to give back to the community," Mr. Walters said. "We would rather allow local people to buy these overstocked vehicles than wholesale them at an auction."

*Limited quantity of vehicles at this price. All vehicles subject to tax, title, tags and processing fee.

Area 2 tournament...

Paintsville edges Prestonsburg 6-5 on Rice's hit

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Paintsville 11-12 year old Little League All-Star team scored three times in the bottom of the sixth inning and edged a strong Prestonsburg team 6-5 in a come-from-behind effort last week in the Area 2 Little League tournament at Paintsville.

Prestonsburg's Joey Willis and Shane Simpkins, for Paintsville, hooked up in a good old-fashioned "pitcher's duel" and neither team could get on the scoreboard until the fifth inning.

Paintsville scored first, taking a 3-0 lead with three in the third inning. Simpkins started the inning with a single, and Kyle Arms drew a walk. With one out, Chet Griffith drilled a three-run home run to put Paintsville up.

Prestonsburg had their rally hats on in the top of the sixth inning and pushed across five runs that netted them a 5-3 lead. Four of the runs came on Dustin Hammond's grand

slam home run. Joey Willis had an RBI single in the inning.

With Willis pitching well, Prestonsburg took a 5-3 lead into the bottom of the sixth. Willis issued a lead-off walk to Hurt and Simpkins singled, putting runners at first and second. Willis got Kyle Arms on a pop to first before walking Jason Arms to load the bases. Griffith then hit a harmless lazy fly ball to left field for the second out.

With the bases filled, Vanhoose worked the count to full. Willis laid a pitch into the catcher's mitt and in the strike zone, but the call went to ball four, sending Hurt home with a run. The call brought loud boos in what Prestonsburg fans felt was a sure thing — a third strike.

Willis then, who appeared to be shaken over the call, walked Hackworth to force home another run and tie the game at 5. Rice then ripped a base hit, scoring the game-winning run.

The loss sent Prestonsburg to the lower bracket in the double elimination tournament.



Close at first

This Paintsville runner just beat the throw to first base as first baseman Rudy Pennington took the throw Tuesday night in Little League tournament play. Prestonsburg came from a 5-0 deficit to grab a 7-5 victory and force a play-off game for the championship. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Prestonsburg

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everybody must stay together, whether they are in the game or giving support from the bench. That is what makes this team special," he said.

Prestonsburg sent eight batters to the plate in the second inning to grab a 3-0 lead against Paintsville starter Shane Simpkins, a hard-throwing left hander. Jason Ison opened the inning with a base hit but was caught stealing second. But Bradshaw and John Hunt collected consecutive hits with Bradshaw scoring on Hunt's single. Hunt came home by stealing home. Josh Pennington reached on a fielder's choice and scored the third run of the inning on Willis' RBI single.

Paintsville came back with a run in the bottom of the second for a 3-1 game. Vanhoose cranked out a solo home run to lead off the inning.

After Prestonsburg stranded two runners in the third inning, Paintsville made it 3-2 on a walk to Hurt and RBI single by Simpkins.

Jason Ison had a two-run double in the Prestonsburg half of the fourth inning as they scored three times to lead 6-2 over Paintsville. Bradshaw singled home a run in the inning, also.

Paintsville tied the game at 6 with four runs in the fourth. Adam Rice singled and Hackworth reached on a one-out error at shortstop. Hurt then roped a double between left and center field, scoring Rice and Hackworth. Hurt trotted home on Simpkins' double, his second hit of the game. Simpkins came home to tie the game on a ground out.

The fifth inning had always been good to the Prestonsburg team throughout the tournament and Wednesday night was no different as they scored twice to go up 8-6 against Ryan Jarrell, the second pitcher for Paintsville. Jacob Shepherd, who had a solid tournament, collected two hits in the championship game and walked three times. He had an RBI single in the fifth, as did Willis. Dustin Hammond had a base hit in the frame.

Bradshaw retired Paintsville in order in the fifth inning and Prestonsburg rolled in the top of the

sixth. Simpkins started on the mound for Paintsville and worked the first three innings before giving way to Jarrell. Jarrell pitched the fourth and needed relief from Tyler Lemaster in the fifth inning. Tate Harmon was the fourth pitcher used by Paintsville.

Coach Hughes said trying to pick a most valuable player would be difficult.

"You can't just focus on one or two players and say they carried us," he said. "Every game, it seemed someone did something great on defense or came up with a big hit for us. Zach and Joey were our main two, but Rudy (Pennington), Dustin (Hammond) and Matt (Setser) did a great job when called upon."

Prestonsburg hit seven home runs in the tournament, two grand slam style. Hammond had two round trippers, one a grand slam. Rudy Pennington hit a solo home and a two-run shot. Bradshaw had a grand slam and Willis hit the three-run home run in the final game.

Hunt finished with three hits in the championship game. Ison and Bradshaw along with Shepherd had two hits apiece.

Camp

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LIL' REBEL FOOTBALL CAMP KICKS OFF MONDAY AT ALLEN CENTRAL

The Allen Central Lil' Rebel football camp will kick off this coming Monday, July 14, and runs through Friday, July 18, from 7-9 p.m. each day at the Allen Central football field.

The camp is open to grades kindergarten through eighth grade and a \$10 registration fee is required.

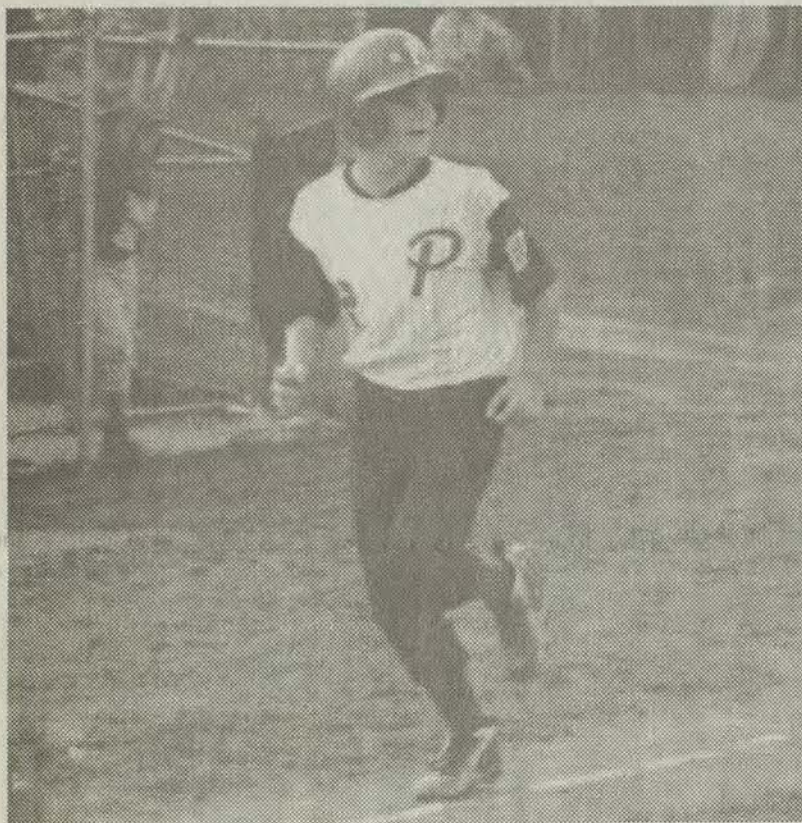
Each camper must bring a copy of their insurance with them, or parents may be able to purchase needed insurance the night of the camp.

Practice drills include blocking, kicking, and passing. For more information, contact Coach Roy Harlowe at 285-2666.



Walk

Adam Dixon found himself down no balls and two strikes but hung tough at the plate and walked against Paintsville Tuesday night in tournament play in the Area 2 Little League tournament. Prestonsburg posted a 7-5 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Hits dinger

Prestonsburg All-Star Zach Bradshaw looked toward right field where he had just hit a grand slam home run to give the Prestonsburg Little League All-Stars a 7-5 lead over Paintsville Tuesday night at Paintsville. Prestonsburg won 7-5. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Watson takes over helm of Pikeville Lady Bears

Pikeville College had to look no further than its own offices to find the new leader of its women basketball program. Bill Watson, 33, has accepted the position and is the new coach of the Lady Bears.

Watson, is a 1996 graduate of Pikeville College. A native of northern Kentucky, Watson graduated from Walton-Verona High School. He had been an assistant coach in the men's basketball program at Pikeville College for four seasons, and last year he became the assistant women's coach as well. He was the head coach of the men's junior varsity team, which he guided to a 6-0 finish last season.

Prior to Pikeville College, Watson assisted at Paris and Walton-Verona high schools for eight seasons.

"This couldn't have come at a better time," the coach said of his first head coaching position. "I'm thrilled and honored to have been selected. There's a good amount of tradition here in our women's program, and I'm excited about being a part of it."

"In my brief time here, I have heard nothing but positive things about Coach Watson," said Harold Smith, president of Pikeville College. "Also, in talking to him, I have found him to be a family man, and a man of integrity. I think he is the ideal person to lead our women's basketball program."

"We certainly are excited to name Bill Watson our new women's basketball coach," said Ron Damron, director of athletics at the school. "In my opinion, he is the perfect candidate for the job. We could have conducted a nationwide search and not found a better candidate or person. We are fortunate to hire Bill Watson."

Watson becomes the sixth coach

of women's basketball at the school. He replaces Randy Roberts, who resigned last week to accept an assistant coaching position in the women's basketball program at Miami (Ohio) University.

Watson and his wife Betty have one daughter, Kasi Paige, and are expecting their second child in January. The Watsons reside in Paintsville.

Local All-Stars to shine this weekend

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

If you thought that baseball was over at the local level, then you had better think again. Although the regular season has ended and local tournament play was just completed, the season will linger for at least two more weeks.

You see, it is All-Star state tournament time and six local Babe Ruth teams will take part in tournaments in Lexington and Louisville during the next two weekends.

This weekend, in Louisville, the Floyd County Bambino 9-10 year old All-Stars will venture to Fern Creek for the Bambino East Classic. The local team drew a first-round bye and will play the winner of the Fern Creek/Louisville West game that will be played tonight at 8 p.m. The Floyd County entry will be on the field at 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

The Floyd County Bambino 11-12 year old All-Stars travel a shorter distance by stopping at Lexington for tournament play. In an unusual draw, the Little League All-Stars came away with a first-round bye and will be in action at 2 p.m. on Saturday facing the winner of Paris/Lexington Northern game. The first round is scheduled for tonight at 5:30 p.m.

Both tournaments are of the double elimination format.

Because of lack of area interest, the Babe Ruth All-Stars will be comprised of all Floyd County players.

Johnson County's program has demised over the years, and they choose not to take part in the traditional regional tournament.

The Babe Ruth program on a regional scale (Knott, Johnson, Pike, Martin, and Magoffin coun-

ties) has slipped. A playoff used to be held after the completion of the regular season to determine which team would represent the area in state competition.

Four Babe Ruth teams will be in competition next weekend, July 18-19, and all four will be in Lexington.

The 17-18 year olds will play at Lexington's Shilto Park under the name of Big Sandy All-Stars. They are scheduled to meet Mount Sterling tonight at 8 p.m. in a first round game.

This team is going to be a good one and should go far in the tournament. With a good mixture of past high school players (of a season ago) and a good crop of players from the just-completed high school season, they should be a well-balanced squad.

Strong pitching, excellent defense and hitting make them a threat to win a state title.

The Floyd County 15-year old All-Stars will be at Lexington's Dixie Field and will meet the winner of the Somerset district in an early game Saturday morning. The local team is to be on the diamond at 10 a.m.

A good blend of talent will make this team a solid contender as well. Although not as deep as the older group, the 15-year olds will be competitive.

On Saturday, July 19, the Floyd County 14-year olds will wait in the wings to face the winner of the Louisville and Lexington game. That game is set for 10 a.m.

With a first-round victory, the team would play again on Sunday at 1 p.m.

The Floyd County 13-year old All-Stars will meet the winner of the Somerset district in a 10 a.m. Saturday morning start.



Finally gets one

Prestonsburg All-Star Joey Willis hit ten home runs during the regular season but had to wait until the championship game of the Area 2 Little League All-Star tournament to collect number 11. Willis blasted a three-run home run in the sixth inning to help Prestonsburg to a 13-9 win over Paintsville. (photo by Ed Taylor)

A Look At Sports

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coach we can hire — and that has to be Cindy Stewart Halbert. Don't sacrifice the girls basketball program to find a football coach. I, for one, support the football program and its continuation, but let's face it, it is going to take years to rebuild it into a contender and you may have to start with playing a junior varsity schedule. It will be back to "square one" for this program.

I don't know anyone in the system who could take the Lady Rebels to the Sweet 16 come next March other than Cindy Halbert. Seriously, think about this.

BELATED...

A belated happy birthday wish to Woodrow Hunter, who turned (well, we'll not say) this past Thursday. Happy birthday, Woodrow.

CONGRATS.....

To the Prestonsburg Little League All-Stars in winning the Area 2 Little League championship this past Wednesday night at Paintsville. Here is a remarkable group of young

kids. They showed a lot of character during this tournament. They never gave up. The other teams could not get them to quit and go home. They just kept battling back game after game.

I suppose they came by that because of the personality of their coaches; Denny Ousley, Rick Hughes, Brian Johnson and Dave Earl. Neither of them know anything about quitting, either.

But good old Denny got the ol' heave ho, in the very first inning and only because he did not understand why Matt Setser was called out at home. But Denny is a battler and I'm glad he is our coach.

They will return to the diamond this coming Monday at Paintsville and face the winner of Area 1 for the district championship and a chance to advance to the state tournament.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports! Take the kids to Sunday School and church this Sunday.

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FOR SALE: Four bedroom, two story house. Could make two nice apartments with a little work. Has vinyl siding, chain link fence, good neighborhood. Located at Estill Bottom. Reasonably priced. \$29,000. Call 285-4789.

HOUSE FOR SALE: Two bedrooms. Fenced yard. Tram. Extra lot included. Call 874-8113 after 6 p.m. or 478-5937 anytime.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 1,800 sq. ft. Recently renovated. Rt. 122, Drift. Four large bedrooms, two baths, living room, dining room, built-in kitchen. 18'x36' in ground pool. Call 377-7752 for appt.

HOUSE FOR SALE: Four bedrooms, two full baths, garage. West Garrett. Call 285-9524 or 285-3727.

MORTGAGE LOANS 30 year fixed rates. No down payment to qualified buyers. Low rates for first time buyers. Star Financial, Ashland, KY. 1-800-782-7613.

3 BD, 1 1/2 BATH BRICK HOME with fireplace and attached garage. Total electric. Large lot with garden. Rt. 979, Beaver. Call 606-587-2195.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: House and lot in Paintsville City School District on Robin Hill Court. Two bedrooms, one bath, living room, eat in kitchen, two rooms framed upstairs for future expansion. Priced to sell. 789-5833.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Seven room house on two acres adjoining Paintsville Golf Course on Route 40 at Davis Branch, excellent development potential. Call 606-789-5833 after 5 p.m. for additional information. Serious inquiries only PLEASE!

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.

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.

Mortgage Services

ABLE LOAN COMPANY—"refinance specialist." 1st & 2nd mortgages. Bad credit OK! Home improvement; land contract conversion; debt consolidation. Call 1-800-715-5222.

Autos For Sale

MUST SELL! 1990 Olds Cutlass Supreme. Quad four, automatic, 4-door, air, tilt, cruise. Call 606-789-9324.

1996 CHEVY Z-71 4X4. Silver. Loaded! 350 Vortec. Only 15,500 miles. \$21,700. Call 606-298-7893.

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.

Hick's Auto Sales 114 W. Mtn. Parkway 886-3451

1989 Jeep Wrangler. 5 speed, 68,000 miles. \$4500. 1995 Chevrolet Corsica. Automatic, a/c, power windows and locks, 40,000 miles. \$5600. 1994 Oldsmobile Ciera Cutlass, automatic, a/c, power windows and locks, 45,000 miles. \$5800. 1992 Chevrolet Z71 4x4 PK, V8 automatic, a/c, 40,000 miles. \$11,600. 1989 Procraft fish and ski boat. 17 ft., 115 HP Mariner. \$7200. 1994 Ford Explorer XLT. Automatic, a/c, all power. 30,000 miles. \$13,500. 1987 Honda Aedro 125 scooter. \$275.

FOR SALE: 1989 Chevrolet Mark III Conversion Van with TV and VCR, rear air, 5.2 liter, towing package. 61,000 miles. \$8,500 firm. Call 886-8088.

FOR SALE: 1988 Toyota Camry. V-6, loaded. Asking \$3,500. Also, 1987 Honda XR 600R. Good condition. Asking \$1,200. Call 889-0096.

1991 GEO STORM. Priced for a quick sale. Yellow. Air, automatic. Great starter car. Call 874-2021.

FOR SALE: 1992 Buick Park Avenue. Like new. Loaded. Only 28,500 miles. Metallic maroon. Maroon interior. \$14,500. Call 358-3370.

FOR SALE: 1977 Chevy truck. White. Long bed. Runs good. New battery and good tires. \$950. Call 358-3370.

FOR SALE: 1995 Honda Accord. Black with gray leather interior. Loaded. 34,000 miles. \$16,500 firm. Call 788-0293.

CADILLAC FLEETWOOD FORMAL LIMOUSINE. Jet black, black crushed velvet interior, AM/FM stereo cassette. Seats 8. Very good condition. \$2,800 on the road. Call 606-874-9344 or 874-8119.

SEIZED CARS from \$175. Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, 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.

WHITE HALL MOBILE HOMES Eastern Kentucky's Oldest Dealership Exclusive Fleetwood!! All homes have one 5-year warranty. *Two bedroom only \$137.18 per month. *Three bedroom only \$165.68 per month. *No downpayment with land or as little as 5% down. No Gimmicks! No Games!! Just the lowest prices in Eastern Kentucky. Come see us at White Hall on the new Hazard bypass. "Your Home Team" 606-436-2123.

MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES Colorama, a leading Home Furnishings Rental Company in KY, VA & TN, is currently hiring for the position of Account Manager. Qualifications include: Good communication skills, neat appearance, and a desire to succeed. Excellent compensation package includes: Attractive base pay, bonus, paid vacations and holidays, health benefits, and 401K. Apply in person at: COLORAMA Glyn View Plaza Prestonsburg, KY Equal Opportunity Employer

Substance Abuse Counselor

Morehead State University invites applications for a position as Substance Abuse Counselor. Position is located at the Carl D. Perkins Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center in Thelma (Johnson County), Kentucky. Position is renewable on an annual basis contingent upon funding. Responsibilities: Provide direct clinical services to clients with substance-related disorders and other related activities as appropriate. Qualifications: Bachelor or higher degree in a social/behavioral discipline. Excellent oral and written communication skills and ability to work with a diverse client population. Certification helpful but not required. To ensure consideration, submit letter of application, resume, and references by July 28, 1997, to: Office of Human Resources, Attn: Sub. Abuse Coun., Morehead State University, HM 101, Morehead, KY 40351. MSU is an EO/AA employer.

Clinical Psychologist

Morehead State University invites applications for a position as Clinical Psychologist. Position is located at the Carl D. Perkins Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center in Thelma (Johnson County), Kentucky. Position is renewable on an annual basis contingent upon funding. Responsibilities: Provide evaluation services to adult clients. Qualifications: Master's degree in clinical psychology. Certification in clinical psychology from the Kentucky State Board of Psychology. Autonomous functioning status preferred. To ensure consideration, submit letter of application, resume, and references by July 28, 1997, to: Office of Human Resources, Attn: Clinical.Psy., Morehead State University, HM 101, Morehead, KY 40351. MSU is an EO/AA employer.

CME INC.

COOLEY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, INC.

RESPIRATORY THERAPY POSITION CME has a full time respiratory therapy position available. Submit resume with references.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE CME has a customer service representative position available. Experience and computer skills required. Submit resume with references.

No phone calls, please. MAIL RESUMES TO: COOLEY MEDICAL ATTN.: ASHLEY P.O. BOX 231 PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653

Wanted for Weekend Entertainment at CC'S "Homestyle" CAFE

Looking for country, gospel or bluegrass entertainers. Soloist or small group. Contact Paul Office 606-269-7614 Pager 606-330-3926

FOR SALE: Three mobile homes. Total electric. All units in fairly good condition. \$2,000 to \$2,800. Call 886-9007.

1974 CHAMPION DOUBLEWIDE: 24x60 Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Call 285-9227 after 6 p.m., Monday - Friday, anytime on weekends.

TRAILER FOR SALE: Call 874-0440.

JULY INDEPENDENCE SALE!!

THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING MART LEXINGTON
NEW FLEETWOOD 16x80
Three bedrooms, two baths, set-up and delivered, starting as low as \$22,900.

NEW FLEETWOOD 14x52
Two bedrooms, one bath, set-up and delivered, starting as low as \$13,995.

NEW FLEETWOOD 28X60
Four bedrooms, two baths, set-up and delivered, starting as low as \$37,900.

NEW FLEETWOOD 14X70
Three bedrooms, one bath, set-up and delivered, less than \$176/month.

NEW FLEETWOOD 28X56
Three bedrooms, two baths, central air, skirting, footers, set-up and delivered, low down payment, less than \$320/month.

EASY FINANCING AVAILABLE!!
537 New Circle Rd Lexington
606-293-1600 or 1-800-755-5359

FOR SALE: One bedroom trailer, furniture, washer/dryer. \$2,500. needs some work. 886-9070 if no answer, leave message.

FOR SALE: 1995 Glenwood mobile home 16x80. Two bedrooms, two baths, central heat and air. Can leave on lot. \$26,500. 432-9065 or 886-9748.

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE: Located in Morehead. 1992 16x70 Fleming. Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Call 452-9138.

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.

ROSE'S USED FURNITURE: Roll top desk, guitar, small drums, exercise equipment, large bikes, tub shower, medicine cabinets and lights, snack bar, bedroom and living room sets, odds and ends. Washers and dryers, stoves, refrigerators 30 day exchange. Dinette sets, lift chair, recliner, rockers, weed eater, lawn mower, beds, chests, dresser and much more. New shipment of furniture just arrived! Come on in and see for yourself. We'll treat you right. About 2 1/2 miles south of Prestonsburg, on 142B, across bridge to Goble Roberts, left at Sheila's

Grocery, 6th building on the right. Open Mon-Sat 9-5. 886-8085. After 5 p.m. 889-9898.

For Lease

FOR LEASE
Two story brick home near Allen in extra nice neighborhood. \$1,000 per month. Call Lynda Spurlock of Century 21 American Way Realty at 285-9650.

Commercial Property For Lease

800 FT. U.S. 23 FRONTAGE. Caney Highway, south of Pikeville. Call 639-4416 or 606-639-4010.

For Sale or Lease

FOR LEASE OR SALE: 1995 Crimson mobile home. 16x72, two bedroom, two baths, partially furnished. Located on Stewart Road at Turner Branch. \$430 per month plus utilities. \$250 deposit. Call 606-478-4004 or 478-4006. Please leave message if no answer. (Johnson County, North Rt. 23, four miles out of Paintsville.)

Houses For Rent

TWO BEDROOM HOUSE FOR RENT: at Hueysville. \$200/month. Call 358-4228.

TWO BEDROOM HOUSE: Central heat and air. References and deposit required. One mile outside of Prestonsburg. 886-2163.

HOUSE FOR RENT: Three bedroom, two bath, with carport. Located on Armory Road. 886-3029, 886-0296, 886-9291.

FOR RENT: 1 1/2 story three bedroom house. Central heat/air. \$400/month plus utilities. \$200 deposit. Left Fork of Little Paint. Call 606-432-9895 or 297-7472.

FOR RENT: Two story three bedroom home at Hueysville. City water. Nice yard. \$350/month. HUD approved. Call 358-3392.

REALLY NICE TWO BEDROOM HOUSE with large living room, utility room, porch. Greer Street, Prestonsburg. Also, two bedroom apartment on Arnold Avenue. Call 886-8991.

Apartments For Rent

DUPLEX 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.

APARTMENT FOR RENT: In Martin/ McDowell area. Call 285-3980.

ONE BEDROOM FURNISHED APARTMENT at Harold. Newly remodeled. Washer/dryer, electric heat/air. Utilities paid. \$400/month. \$100 deposit. 437-1997.

ATTRACTIVE FURNISHED ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT: \$325/month plus utilities and damage deposit. Near Highlands hospital at Radiology management. 886-6633.

NEW ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT in Prestonsburg city limits. Central heat/air. Call 886-1032.

FOR RENT: One bedroom apartment. Fully furnished

with all utilities paid. \$300/month. Also one bedroom efficiency apartment. Fully furnished, all utilities paid. \$225/month. Both in nice quiet neighborhood. Wayland area. Call 358-4465.

THREE LUXURY APARTMENTS: Very spacious, very scenic and private. Conveniently located at Harold. Semi-furnished. \$750-\$1000 per month. Utilities included. 478-8145 or 1-888-807-9390.

APARTMENT FOR RENT: One bedroom completely remodeled. New bathroom, new appliances. All utilities paid. \$525/month. One year lease. Deposit required. Call 886-6870.

FOR RENT: Two bedroom apartment and two bedroom mobile home. Good locations, just off 80 at Eastern. Good neighborhood. Very clean dwellings. References and deposit. Call 358-9142.

FOR RENT: At McDowell. One bedroom furnished apartment. \$225/month plus security deposit and utilities. HUD accepted. Call 377-6881.

Mobile Homes For Rent

FOR RENT: Two bedroom trailer. HUD accepted. Large yard. References required. Located at Endicott. Call 874-2537.

TRAILER SPACE FOR RENT: in downtown Prestonsburg. Lot is located on North Central Avenue. Call 886-8091 for information.

NICE THREE BEDROOM furnished trailer for rent. Just off Mountain Parkway on Rt. 114. Call 886-8724.

THREE BEDROOM TRAILER. Mountain Parkway. Large lot. Also, two bedroom apartment, furnished, all utilities paid. Call 886-6900 or 606-745-1556.

TWO AND THREE BEDROOM TRAILERS FOR RENT: Hay for sale. Call 874-2407.

FOR RENT: Two bedroom mobile home. Total electric. Stove, refrigerator. Three miles from Prestonsburg. Also, two bedroom between Prestonsburg and Paintsville, behind airport. Call 886-9007.

AKERS TRAILER COURT in New Allen has several trailers for rent. 1 1/2 to 2 bedrooms. Call 874-8978 or 874-8039 after 5 p.m.

Office/Retail Space For Rent

OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE FOR RENT. 14x20. New Allen. Call 874-8978 or 874-8039 after 5 p.m.

SPACE FOR RENT: 1,000 sq. ft. office and 2,000 sq. ft. warehouse. Call 886-3680.

FOR LEASE: 5000 sq ft office or retail space. N. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg. Call 886-4001, after 5 p.m. Call 789-3292, ask for Jim.

Mobile Home Lots For Rent

TRAILER LOT FOR RENT: Located on Cow Creek. \$80 per month. Call 874-2802, J. Davis.

LOTS FOR RENT: Call 874-0440.

Employment Available

AVON: BUY OR SELL. Call Jancy at 886-2082.

EXPERIENCED MERCHANTISERS for local store. Casual, part time labor. \$7.50-\$8.50 hour.

Call 888-274-3210, ext. 260.

HELP WANTED: Nurse aid's, we will pay you while you are being trained. Apply in person at Golden Years Rest Home Hwy. 550. Lackey.

TWO PART-TIME TECHNICIANS POSITIONS AVAILABLE: Physical Education and Music. Please call 285-5141 for more information.

NEED SOMEONE TO STAY in home with elderly man. Light housekeeping required. Call 886-8781 or 886-2459 after 5 p.m.

SAINT JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 554 University Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, 606-886-8046. Organist/Pianist position available in a growing, family parish. Duties include: Sunday liturgies, Holy Days, Wednesday nights during Advent & Lent, staff meetings, funerals, and weddings. Challenges include the development of music ministry program for youth. Salary range \$5,000-\$7,000. Deadline for inquiries is August 1, 1997.

FULL-TIME IN HOME BABYSITTER: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Interested persons send resume to L.B.R. 100 Lawson Street, Prestonsburg, KY, 41653. Before July 25, 1997.

FIELD/SHOP MECHANICS POSITIONS

Leading heavy construction equipment dealer has immediate openings. Must have good driving record and experience working on construction equipment. Prefer diagnostic, diesel engines and transmissions. Tools required. Excellent benefits. Please send resume or work history to: Mrs. Hamilton, Whayne Supply Company, U.S. 23 South, Pikeville, KY 41501. Equal Opportunity Employer, M/F/D/V

CENTRAL INDIANA TRUCK EQUIPMENT DEALER NEEDS TO FILL THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

Shop Foreman: Experienced only need apply. Requirements: (1) Schedule work and supervise 10 employees; (2) Work with the public; (3) Welding experience; (4) Must provide own tools.

General Mechanic and Body Installer Requirements: (1) Must provide own tools; (2) Welding & Fabrication experience; (3) Hydraulics repairs & new installations.

Parts Department Requirements: (1) Must have computer skills; (2) Knowledge of truck equipment; (3) Ability to order and maintain inventory. **Note: All applicants to have valid driver's license.** All interested parties should send resume and wage requirements to:

TEBCO Truck Equipment & Body Company, Inc. 3343 Shelby Street Indianapolis, IN 46227 Attn: Personnel Department

NOW AVAILABLE: Lexington Herald-Leader has an early morning newspaper route available in the Allen area. Monthly profit approximately \$1000 with delivery time of 4.5 hours daily. Good transportation and refundable bond required. Call 1-800-999-8881.

\$300-\$500 WEEKLY! Full/part time processing U.S. Gov't FHA mortgage refunds. Call 8 a.m.-9 p.m. cst. 504-429-9233, ext. 4810D27.

MEDICAL OFFICE MANAGER NEEDED for expanding multi-physician office. Experience required. Send resume with references to P.O. Box 2410, Pikeville, KY 41502.

ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

Please send resume and salary requirements to: Human Resources Department Costain Coal Inc. 251 Tollage Creek Road Pikeville, KY 41501 EOE/MF/V/H

LICENSED HAIRDRESSERS NEEDED: will pay 60% commission or chair rental. Apply within at The Hairloft. Or call 886-3535 for more information.

EARN \$\$\$ with AVON. Work your own schedule. Call 1-800-840-4902.

Employment Wanted

I WILL WORK FULL TIME at a car lot as a salesman; or I will work day or night in a restaurant in Prestonsburg area. Full time. Call 889-0080.

Pets & Supplies

AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD PUPS: for sale. Blue merles, red merles and tri-colored. Full stock. Ready soon! 606-886-0638.

POMERANIANS FOR SALE: Six weeks old. Tiny type. Shots and wormed. Call 358-5516.

FOR SALE: AKC registered German Shepherd. Six weeks old, male. Call 285-4824.

AKC REGISTERED AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERDS: for sale. Week days call after 6:00 p.m. Weekends anytime. 606-886-3146.

Garage & Yard Sales

YARD SALE: Two family yard sale. Saturday, July 12, starting at 8:30 a.m. 1.3 miles up Abbott Creek Road. Many items such as children's clothing, baby bed, TV, dishes and appliances.

YARD SALE: 1 1/4 mile above Allen Central on old Rt. 80. Thursday-Friday, July 10-11. If you need school clothes we have them! Brand name jeans; short outfits from children's size 10 to large in adult; tools; dishes; curtains; toys; coffee table with two end tables; home interior; men's clothes. Watch for signs.

YARD SALE: Saturday, July 12. One mile up Stone Coal Road at Garrett. Lots of kid's clothes.

FOUR FAMILY YARD SALE: Friday and Saturday. Women's clothes, what nots, lots and lots of little girl's clothes size 4T-10. New U.S. 23, one mile from Prestonsburg. Blue house on the left.

YARD SALE: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, July 9-11. Girl's 2-4; boys, men, women and plus size clothing; some household items. Turn up Prater Creek at Banner, go 150 yards from railroad, make two rights and follow signs. Call 874-2549.

Social Security Claims Services

TURNED DOWN ON SOCIAL Security/SSI? Free Consultation. 1-800-896-1130. No fee unless we win your case.

Services

WILL HAUL LARGE ITEMS that the garbage men won't haul. Also, will clean basements and garages. Call 889-0478.

Contractors

GRIGSBY CONTRACTING: Brick, block, and stone laying. Custom fireplaces, block buildings, underpinning for doublewides. Quality work. 874-0522.

Auto Repair

NOW OPEN!! Jarrell's Body Shop & Garage
Minor to major repairs; basic paint jobs starting at \$450; headlights replaced; engines rebuilt; tune ups; brakes; transmission service; engine and transmission swaps. Insurance claims welcome. All work guaranteed. Call 874-0267.

Home Inspection Service

TOP TO BOTTOM HOME INSPECTION SERVICES, INC. Do you know the true condition of the house you are buying or building? Call 606-358-5505 for a home inspection. Timothy Ray Shepherd inspecting new and older homes.

Pressure Cleaning

UNITY SERVICES UNLIMITED

Complete pressure cleaning service. Houses, brick, block, or any type siding; mobile homes; any type buildings; concrete sidewalks, driveways, patios; trucks; cars; large equipment; boats; decks; porches. Also, sealants for brick, block, concrete and driveways. We also do general construction. For any and all your cleaning needs call 874-8057, 874-8141 or 874-8656. Free estimates! **Yes We Can!!**

Tree Service

TREE CUTTING AND TRIMMING, topping, brush removal, land clearing, etc. Large or small jobs. Free estimates. Call 874-9271.

YARD WORK, HILLSIDE CLEANING, TREE TRIMMING. Will haul junk or clean out garages. Call 889-0794.

Taxi Service

MARTIN CITY CAB
Need a ride? Can't drive? We have fast service, friendly drivers serving all Floyd County and surrounding areas. Call 285-0320. Medicaid accepted. Judy Barnett, owner.

EAST KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION, INC.
Taxi Service. Friendly and courteous service, reasonable rates. Medicaid accepted. Wheelwright: 452-2402 Allen: 874-8546.

Plumbing

PORTER PLUMBING COMPANY
Allen, KY Commercial, residential and service work. Licensed and insured. Rotor roter service, drain cleaning, etc. CALL US FIRST! 874-2794.

JOHN'S PLUMBING, HEATING & COOLING. Call 889-0839. Master License #5714.

Driver Training

DRIVER EDUCATION
Save money on car insurance. Check with your agent. Take Driver Education at PCC, Monday through Saturday. Cost \$250. Six hours on the road and six hours classroom instruction. Call 886-3863 to register.

Roofing & Construction

FOR ALL YOUR ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION NEEDS call Ricky Yates. Remember for the best rates, call Yates Construction at 886-3452 or 874-9488.

Auto Insurance

Auto Insurance Network
Agent Lowell Samons Jr. now writing auto insurance through over 20 companies. No matter what type of traffic violations you may have, including speeding, DUI, or accidents, we can write your insurance at the lowest rates available. Stop in or give us a call at 606-874-8444. Located on U.S. 23, Banner, next to Lowell Samons' Service Station and Samons' Used Cars.

Mobile Home Movers

NEED YOUR MOBILE HOME MOVED?
Call Crum's Moving Service at 886-6665 or 886-5375 (pager). Insured and bonded.

Home Repair

WILL DO INTERIOR/ EXTERIOR PAINTING AND MINOR HOUSE REPAIR. Fifteen years experience. References on request. Call Chris Shepherd at 886-9978 after 5 p.m.

Cleaning Services

HOUSE OR OFFICE CLEANING. Days or evenings. Call 285-0379.

Carpentry Work

FOR ALL YOUR CABINET AND WOOD WORKING NEEDS: 606-297-7255.

DECKS, ROOFING, PAINTING and remodeling. Call for free estimates, 285-9807.

Concrete Work

DRIVEWAYS, PATIOS, CARPORTS, basements, retaining walls. Also, blockwork. Small or large jobs. 25 years experience. Free estimates. Call 886-6718.

K&W CONCRETE: Driveways, sidewalks, garages, etc. Also do interior and exterior painting. 25 years experience. Call 606-478-3711.

Firearm Training

SATURDAY CONCEALED WEAPONS CLASS. Call certified firearms instructor John Endicott at 606-874-8119 for more information.

Personal

LOSE WEIGHT WHILE YOU SLEEP: Take OPAL available at Reid's Pharmacy, 127 main street in Martin.

Heating & Cooling

BLANTON HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
Sales, Service & Installation. Free estimates. Call 874-2308. (license # MO2405)

Miscellaneous

VISIT THE LARGEST PANELING CENTER in Eastern Kentucky at Goble Lumber. Over 80 different prefinished panels in stock and as low as \$4.95 per panel. Call Goble Lumber, 874-9281.

Weight Loss

NEED TO LOSE 10, 15, 20 POUNDS or more? Do the evening munchies overcome you? Do you have little or no energy? Lose weight the natural way. Programs start at \$29.95. Call Tammy at 606-428-3810.

Embroidery

THE EMBROIDERY SHOP
2678 W. Mt. Pkwy. Prestonsburg 606-886-6289
Custom Embroidered Clothing; Hats; Jackets and Shirts. Also do Custom Logos. Over 11,000 Stock Designs. Deborah & Kent Dingus Owners

Lost

LOST: Acrylic walking cane. Left in shopping cart in parking lot at Big Lots, Prestonsburg. Call 886-2292.

Music Lessons

DOUG SMITH MUSIC STUDIO has openings for persons who want lessons in piano, voice and school band instruments. Call 874-9794.

Elderly Care

WILL CARE FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE. Call 285-9807.

Legals

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
The Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival is currently seeking bids for the following items for the festival to be held October 9-11, 1997.

A. Adequate sound system for music venue sites for the festival. Systems should provide for up to 10 microphones (singers, music) and cassette system for soloists using sound tracks. System should be adequate for venue of up to 2,500 audience members, and with at least three on stage monitors. Venue to be decided by Festival Entertainment Committee. Cost will be per hour. Four separate venue events.

B. Stage lighting for two venues, on stage performance areas. Price per hour.

Sealed bids are to be submitted to the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival, 90 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Deadline will be July 28, 1997.

Bid opening will be held August 4, 1997, at 6 p.m., during the regular meeting of the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival.

The festival reserves the right to accept the lowest and best bid and to reject bids as it deems necessary.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To all interested citizens of the City of Prestonsburg and Floyd County, KY

The Kentucky Department for Local Government is accepting applications under the 1997 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The following information concerning the CDBG program is available for public inspection:

A. Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken.

B. Estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities benefiting persons of low and moderate income.

C. Plans for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with CDBG funds and plans for providing assistance to those persons to be actually displaced as a result of CDBG-funded activities.

D. Records regarding past use of CDBG funds.

E. A summary of other important program requirements.

The above information is available at the Big Sandy Area Development District office at 100 Resource Drive in Prestonsburg from Wednesday, July 16, through Thursday, July 24, 1997, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

The City of Prestonsburg will hold a public hearing prior to the submission of any application. The public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, 1997, at the Endicott Freewill Baptist Church. The main purpose of this hearing is to obtain views on housing and community development needs, review proposed activities, review the proposed application, solicit public comments and inform citizens that technical assistance is available to help groups representing low and moderate income persons in developing proposals.

COMMENTS ON APPLICATION

A copy of the CDBG application will be on file at the Municipal Building at 31 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, for citizen review and comment. The application will be available for review during business hours from Wednesday, August 20, through Wednesday, August 27, 1997. Comments on the proposed application may be submitted to Mayor Jerry Fannin at the Municipal Building by close of business, Wednesday, August 27, 1997.

The City of Prestonsburg is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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 Virnus 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.

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. 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Gene Frasure, P.O. Box 1414, Martin, Kentucky 41649, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a bridge and placement of an earthen fill in the 100 year floodplain. The property is located on the west bank of Arkansas Creek approximately 1.0 mile southeast of the city of Martin in Floyd County. The latitude is 37° 34' 11". The longitude is 82° 43' 59". Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 18 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone 502-564-3410.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application 836-5186, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc 452 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501 has applied for a

renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 2.0 miles Southeast of Teaberry in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 7.78 surface acres and will underlie 685.00 acres and the total area within the permit boundary will be 692.78 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1/4 mile Southeast from KY 979 junction with the Tinker Fork County Road and located 2.0 miles east of Big Mud Creek. The latitude is 37° 23' 32" and the longitude is 82° 37' 40".

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell/Pikeville U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Turner Elkhorn Mining Company and Ballard Martin. The operation will underlie land owned by Bruce Hall Estate, Ellis Keathley, Walter and Orna Keathley, Emery & Tilda Ray, Martha & Andy Hamilton, Annie Hamilton, Wellmore Coal Corporation, Harvey Tackett, Henry & Rosie Hamilton, Evan Hamilton, Milford Bryant, James Lowell Hamilton, James & Arlene Hamilton, Donna & Emma Hall, Turner Elkhorn Mining Company, Robert Mitchell, Frank Hamilton, Ovel & Margaret McKinney, Chester Hamilton, The Elkhorn Coal Corporation, John Jack Adkins, Delmar Kiser, William Howell and Ballard Martin. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road, Tinker Fork County Road. The operation will involve relocation of the public road during the life of the mine.

The 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. 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 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 #836-5209, Amendment #1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Miracle Coal, P.O. Box 66, State Route 122, Drift, Kentucky 41619, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.0 mile northeast of Drift in Floyd County. The amendment will add 0.17 acre of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 800.0 acres making a total area of 897.69 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.0 mile east from KY Hwy. 122's junction with Stone Coal Branch Road and located on the north side of Stone Coal Branch. The latitude is 37° 30' 41" and the longitude is 82° 44' 15".

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Alma Land Company. The amendment will underlie land owned by Alma Land Company, Phillip Meade, Tommy & Sherry Shelton, Denzil & Josephine Yates, Cas & Verlie Spurlock, Clayburn Bailey heirs, Alex Stephens, Ellen Halbert & James Ervin Halbert, John A. Salisbury, David May, Bee & Ola B. Halbert, James William & Janie McKinney, Willard McKinney, Paul & Anna

Mae Perkins, Harold Bowling, Bernard P. & Frona McKinney, Elkhorn Coal Corporation, Barbara & Oscar Hancock, Jr., Henry & Lois Meade, Martin G. Halbert, Jr., Cecil McKinney & Tandy L. Spurlock, James & Melissa Collins, Johnny Kidd, Kermit and Doreen Martin, and Oscar & Opal June McKinney. The operation will include a screening facility coal processing facility. The operation will affect an area within 100' of a stream, Stone Coal Branch. A temporary diversion of Stone Coal Branch is proposed. The application also includes a proposed land use change from the forest premining land use to a pastureland postmining land use on the entire surface disturbance. 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. 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.

What Kind of Craftsperson Are You?

(NAPS)—It's been said there are three types of craftspeople in the world: those who are Just Starting Out, Project People, and Workshopppers. Making sure the pieces fit means matching the right tool with the right person.

Those who are just starting out may only be dreaming of a workshop, but need some basic tools to make sure they can handle emergency fix-up jobs around the home. The Project People are branching out into the backyard, building decks and tree-houses. The Workshopppers seem to have all the tools they could ever want. Happily, for \$100 or less, you can get all the tools most people will ever need.

Every Just Starting Out craftsperson wants a drill with the features to make drilling holes and driving screws fast and easy. For some jobs, cordless just won't cut it. The Ryobi 3/8-inch Variable Speed Reversible Drill (Model D28VSR) retails for less than \$50 and offers a special lock-in adjustable variable speed (0-1,300 RPM) to drive screws at low speeds and drill holes at high speeds. It also features a balanced center handle design. With a 3-AMP motor and 10-foot rubber cord, it has the power and reach to handle almost any home project.

Project People are already designing their decks and backyard projects and cordless drills are very much the thing they need. The Ryobi 12-Volt Cordless Drill/Driver Kit can handle most jobs around the house, inside or out. Retailing for under \$100, the 12-Volt Drill/Driver comes in traditional rear-handle (Model CD125K) or the popular center-handle (Model DTH1202K) design. Features include two variable speed ranges, adjustable clutch, and two battery packs.

The Workshopppers will appreciate the one-of-a-kind Detail Biscuit Joiner (Model DJB50), a new tool that can be used on much smaller projects than ever before. Biscuit joining is one of the easiest and quickest ways to make strong, durable joints. This is the first designed for biscuits as small as 5/8 inches—about the width of a thumb. Retail price: \$69.

Workshopppers might also appreciate the new accessories for Ryobi's high-performance rotary

tool, the Multi-Tool (Model HT20VSK). Actual use tests have shown that it has more usable power than any other rotary tool on the market. It's handy when the Workshoppper doesn't want to pull out a dozen different tools to complete a project. It comes in a kit with special flex attachment for \$59.

The Multi-Tool can be turned into a mini-router and a sabre saw. The new router base, retailing for \$39, has an edge guide and two guide rods. It turns the Multi-Tool into an inexpensive, accurate, and easy-to-use router. Also available is a set of seven Multi-Tool 1/8-inch high-speed steel router bits. They come in a case for \$35. The drywall cut-out base turns the Multi-Tool into a handy drywall cutter, allowing for more accurate holes for electrical outlets and light fixtures. It retails for \$12.

Free Brochure

For a free brochure from Ryobi, call 1-800-525-2579.

Acne Treatment Grows Up

(NAPS)—Medical research led to the development of artificial skin to treat burn patients. So, why can't we find a cure for the common zit?

One of the main causes of pimples is hormones, according to Dr. Allan Wirtzer, dermatologist and cosmetic dermatologic surgeon.

So, if body chemistry is the culprit, will anything less than medical attention help? According to Dr. Wirtzer, adult acne is very common and often can be treated without professional medical care. Unfortunately, most drug store products are typically aimed at teens, with ingredients that may be too drying for adult skin. And most adults are as worried about wrinkles as they are about acne.

But today, new "cosmeceuticals" are bringing prescription ingredients like minoxidil and Retin-A over the counter. And a new generation of acne fighters is joining the fray, with products like the ClearLogix acne treatment system for adults.

The ClearLogix formula uses proven medications such as Salicylic Acid as its acne fighter, and Clearigen-A with Glycolic Acid, Vitamin E and Retinol A to smooth and refine the texture of the skin.

The cosmeceutical revolution means that finding a cure for what ails you is as close as the nearest supermarket or drugstore. In the case of the ClearLogix acne treatment system, at most national drug chains: Walgreens, Rite-Aid, Sav-On and Eckerd's.

For free information on adult acne, send a SASE to CLEARLOGIX, c/o Advance Research Laboratories, 151 Kalmus Drive, Suite H-3, Costa Mesa CA 92626.

Teach Kids Safe And Kind Treatment Of Dogs

(NAPS)—Puppies and children have traditionally been the best of friends. But, experts encourage you not to take this natural adoration for granted: kids and pets both need proper training on how to live together.

According to Dr. Fran Smith, veterinarian and breeder with Pedigree Food for Puppies, "Teaching kids how to act around dogs ultimately deters negative encounters between kids and dogs and also ensures a safe and happy dog. Parents, pet owners, and teachers can help model this safe behavior beginning with young children and puppies."

Experts at the Pedigree Brand and the Coalition

for Safe Children and Dogs, which publishes the Living Safely with Dogs coloring book, recommend the following easy tips:

- Show a dog your friendly intentions—When meeting a new dog ask the owner for permission before petting him, and always allow him to first sniff your hand, outstretched in a fist.

- Never approach a strange dog without an adult—If you don't know a dog, it is best to leave him alone, and always stand still when strange dogs are near.

- Know dogs' varying body language—A wagging tail, a front paw raised and a friendly yelp usually signal a playful mood. Body stiffness, such as a rigid tail, pointed ears, or back hair that stands erect, is a sign to stay away from a dog.

- Know how to avoid getting bitten by an angry dog—If you think a dog may bite, stand like a mummy with your chin and arms tucked in tight and your back to the dog, or curl in a ball on the ground like a turtle with your arms over your head.

- Socialization starts with puppies—Get your pet used to being touched and handled and hugged. Socialize your puppy by picking him up, touching his head and his feet often.

To learn more about living safely with dogs and to print a copy of the Living Safely With Dogs coloring book, visit the Pet Source web site located at <http://www.pet-source.com>.

Your Feet Are Not Supposed To Hurt

by Vada Scott Johnson (NAPS)—How often I hear people say, "My feet are killing me!" What they really should be saying is, "I am killing my feet!"

We women are especially rough on our poor feet. We stuff them into "stylish" shoes and expect them to carry us through miles of shopping malls and the endless corridors in modern megabuildings. Some of us stand on them for eight hours or more on the job every day.

There are many things you can do to pamper and care for your feet; the most important thing is to purchase good-quality, well-fitting shoes.

Then, if your feet still hurt, or if you just need a little more sole support, I suggest PumpPals by Pedifix. They are comfort insoles developed by a woman foot specialist. They are designed specifically for women's shoes, either high heels or flats.

Here is the opening line on a postcard I recently received from a writer friend to whom I recommended them. She had just attended a writers' convention in a two-block-long Dallas hotel: "Thank you, thank you, thank you! I bought some PumpPals with a 'show me' attitude, wore them through three days of the convention and didn't even know I had feet. Needless to say, I told everyone who groaned with aching feet."

PumpPals distribute unnatural foot pressure to help relieve and prevent corns, calluses, metatarsal and heel pains, crooked toes, bunions, and sore, burning feet. They are unique in design, providing wonderful cushioning support throughout and special support for the instep. They are made of a leather-like material that is sturdier than the more common brands of shoe inserts, which tend to slip, roll up and stick to your feet.

I called the Pedifix toll-free number to ask if they carried similar products for men; my supplier did not. A very customer-friendly representative assured me that they did. There is an insole called

the FeatherStep for men and women and other foot-care products. You can request a free Pedifix catalog and foot-care booklet by calling (800) 733-4349.

I purchased my PumpPals at Walgreen's in Elizabethtown, Ky., for \$6.29, although you can look for them wherever foot care products are sold. The package has a written money-back comfort guarantee from Pedifix and includes the company address and toll-free phone number.

So quit killing your feet. Buy a pair of PumpPals. They're the best.

Vada Scott Johnson lives in Radcliff, Ky., where she writes poetry and fiction.

Affordable Health Insurance Rated in Survey

(NAPS)—When it comes to reforming health care in the United States, Americans who purchase their own health care say affordability—and not access or quality—is the most important issue to them, and that price controls on medical procedures are their favored means of ensuring affordability, according to a recent survey conducted by the Alliance for Affordable Health Care.

In March, the Alliance surveyed 510 Americans who pay for their own health insurance and found that 56 percent of them said "making health insurance more affordable" is the most important issue to be considered in making national health reforms. The survey found that 31 percent of those polled chose "making sure everyone has health insurance" as the most important issue, followed by 11 percent, who said the most important issue was "maintaining the quality of health care in the United States."

In the same survey, the respondents were asked to rank measures that would make health care more affordable to them. "Instituting price controls on medical procedures" was favored at 42 percent. Another 21 percent of respondents favored "allowing individuals to join together to form insurance pools," while a quarter of the respondents were split between "reforming malpractice" (13 percent) and "expanding deductibility of health insurance for tax purposes" (12 percent). "Expanding Medical Savings Accounts for more people" was listed by 4 percent of those surveyed.

For a look at the entire survey, or more information about how you can cut health care costs, visit the Alliance's Internet site at <http://www.aahc.org/alliance/survey.html> or call 1-800-733-2242 and ask for a copy of the survey.

Whoever has the most

(NAPS)—Several years ago, a joke told of the upcoming autobiography of the egocentric debutante entitled Everything Is Not Enough. In the highly competitive business of commercial aircraft manufacturing, a real-life scenario of this theme is now taking place, and it's anything but funny.

During the development of the world's commercial aviation industry there were a relatively large number of aircraft manufacturers. A majority of these manufacturers were located in the United States. Most were also government contractors, having designed and built the aircraft flown by the U.S. Military and America's allies throughout the world. Commercial aircraft were generally spun off from military designs whose research and development

were primarily paid for by the Federal Government.

As the cold war wound down, the number of defense contractors became fewer, either through mergers or because of decreased business. Consequently, the number of firms the airlines could approach to design and build their commercial transports decreased as well. To further compound this dilemma, a disturbing trend has emerged...the sole-source supplier.

Thus far, the Boeing Company has signed sole-source agreements with several major U.S. carriers. The agreement calls for Boeing to provide its customers with favorable rates for commercial transports in exchange for a contract from the respective airlines that only Boeing aircraft would be purchased over the length of the contract. The contracts generally cover 20 years. Beyond aircraft sales, Boeing is also working on plans to have its airline customers outsource their heavy maintenance work to Boeing, and it is also looking at encompassing other aspects of airline operations internally. According to one Boeing official, selling aircraft is a \$40 billion per year business; operating aircraft is a \$400 billion per year business. The ramifications of these arrangements, however, can be disastrous:

- Boeing already has 60 percent of commercial airplane sales worldwide.

- There is less incentive for spending on research and development on future products when there already is a captive audience for current designs.

- Making decisions now for circumstances that may occur two decades later handcuffs the decision-making process of future CEOs and their management staff.

- Lack of competition in airframe manufacturing would eventually translate into significantly higher prices at the ticket counter.
- Finally, there are currently three major airframe manufacturers worldwide: Boeing, McDonnell Douglas and the European consortium, Airbus Industrie. However, Boeing and McDonnell Douglas are currently negotiating a merger, which would further increase Boeing's domination of the commercial aviation industry.

It was for these types of elements that our antitrust laws were devised. The administration can't advocate free trade on one hand, and restrict competition on the other.

At one time, the charge was made that Airbus was subsidized by its four government partners: France, England, Germany and Spain, giving it a fiscal advantage. However, when facts illustrated the real subsidy was for U.S. aircraft manufacturers, who historically received military research and development contracts that evolved into commercial products, the charge was refuted.

There is entirely too much at stake for the administration and the Congress to give its blessing to sole-source contracts in the aerospace industry. It's also hypocritical. The government has spent many years, and millions of dollars in its attempt to prove Microsoft Corporation is anti-competitive, yet is viewing the sole-source situation as "good for the economy."

It's time to put an end to the "bigger is better and we want it all" mentality. The last time that philosophy was exercised on a grand scale was in the old Soviet Union. I can't think of anybody who wants to see that history repeated.

The Friday Comics



OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



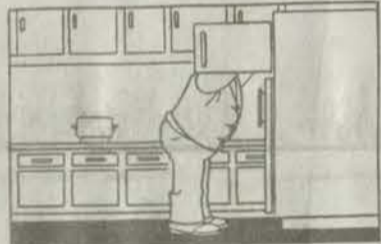
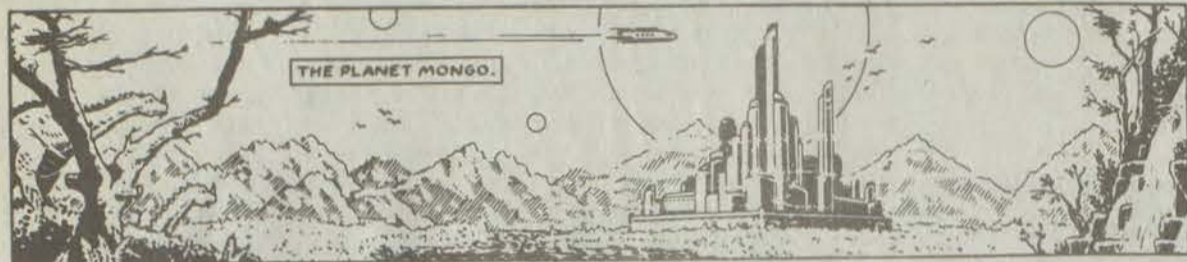
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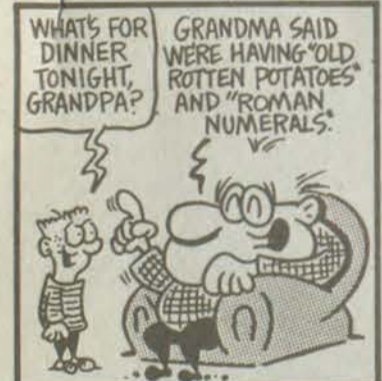
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