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Teens tackling tough issues with plans of their own

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

Three Floyd County teens are determined to make their dream of a teen center in Prestonsburg a reality, and several Prestonsburg leaders want to help them succeed.

Allen Central student Ryan Owens, Pi-artist student Sonja Verma; and South Floyd student Chandra Short conceived the idea for a teen center in Prestonsburg when they worked on a community project for a grant from the Kellogg Foundation through the

Big Sandy Area Development District.

To receive a grant, students had to investigate community needs and develop a plan to address that need. The Floyd County students, who called themselves the "Floyd County Future's group," addressed their fellow teenagers' need for a safe place to socialize.

Their goal is to put in a teen club, which they say will "eliminate vandalism to local places and reduce the use of drugs and alcohol by Floyd County teenagers.

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use among teens.

"Our community is definitely aware of this problem. Unfortunately, the way in which they have approached this problem

has so far proved ineffective. Awareness programs are currently set up where people come into the school and tell (the students) that doing drugs is wrong. Yet, many teens don't listen! They have no alternative to hanging out in parking lots and getting a 'buzz,'" the teens said in their report.

They backed up their claims with a survey of area students. Fifteen percent of the eighth and ninth graders in Floyd County they surveyed said they had used marijuana during 1993-94; 53

percent drank an alcoholic product; and 31 percent have been drunk.

In one month's time during the survey period, 31 percent of those students drank alcohol; 15 percent had been drunk; and 10 percent had used marijuana.

From a survey of 257 students, 226 said they would attend a teen club.

In their proposal for a teen club, the three Floyd County high school students said they envisioned "an up-to-date facility with flashing lights, non-stop dance music,

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Program aims to protect children

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

When some couples get divorced, children can get caught in the middle, but there's a move underway in Floyd County and other areas of the state to keep kids out of the fray.

Beginning March 15, any couple filing for divorce who has children must complete a parenting-education class

before any decree will be finalized. The Floyd County Bar Association adopted local rules last month which require the classes. The program is an attempt to keep parents from putting their children in middle of their battle.

Under the local bar rules, the class will be taught by a certified instructor and will cost \$25 for those who can afford to pay the fee. Local attorneys and court officials have been working on implementing the program for about a year and a half, Circuit Judge John David Caudill said.

"If it will prevent one set of parents from using a child to get at one another, it's worth it," Judge Caudill said.

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Percent of students who have tried each drug

| | 1991-92 | | | 1993-94 | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| | Local 8th/9th | Local 12th | National 12th | Local 8th/9th | Local 12th | National 12th |
| Alcohol | 66% | 82% | 88% | 69% | 83% | 88% |
| Been Drunk | 33% | 61% | 65% | 40% | 61% | 63% |
| Cigarettes | 63% | 61% | 63% | 62% | 59% | 62% |
| Marijuana | 17% | 31% | 37% | 20% | 32% | 33% |
| Cocaine | 3% | 4% | 8% | 3% | 5% | 6% |
| Stimulants | 10% | 15% | 15% | 11% | 13% | 14% |
| Inhalants | 24% | 15% | 18% | 26% | 17% | 17% |
| Nitrites | 4% | 3% | 2% | 4% | 3% | 2% |
| Downers | 6% | 8% | 7% | 6% | 7% | 6% |
| Quaaludes | 3% | <1% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Tranquilizers | 3% | 4% | 7% | 3% | 4% | 6% |
| Hallucinogens | 6% | 6% | 10% | 4% | 7% | 9% |
| PCP | 2% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Narcotics (other than Heroin) | 6% | 6% | 7% | 5% | 6% | 6% |

Source: Mountain Comprehensive Care Center

Cocaine charges dismissed when witness fails to show

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Cases against two Floyd County men, who allegedly sold cocaine to a confidential informant of the Mountain Area Drug Task Force, were dismissed without prejudice Thursday in Floyd Circuit Court.

The felony charges against Jonathan Crider, 23, of Auxier, and Joey Lowe, 26, of Prestonsburg, were dismissed after their attorneys objected to Commonwealth Attorney Brett Davis' motion for a continuance.

Davis told Judge John David Caudill that he had informed the attorneys that he anticipated filing a motion for dismissal because he could not contact the prosecuting officer, Steve Toy.

However, Davis said he found Toy Wednesday afternoon and then decided to request a continuance.

"Davis told them (the defendants' attorneys) that he was going to make a motion to dismiss because he had no contact with Steve Toy," Judge Caudill said. "He had no contact with Toy until 3:45 p.m. yesterday."

Crider's attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, said the case should be dismissed without prejudice on Davis' previous order.

Dismissal of a case without prejudice means that charges can be reinstated at a later time.

"This case should not be continued," Lowe's attorney, Harolyn Howard said. "This case needs to be dealt with. In accordance with what we previously agreed, it should be dismissed."

Judge Caudill ruled that the

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Thousands may be affected by water line break

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

The National Guard delivered 16,000 gallons of bottled water Wednesday afternoon to Beaver Elkhorn Water customers because a main water line has been damaged and flood waters prevent it from being repaired.

The Beaver Elkhorn Water Commission has issued a boil-water advisory for all customers because of the damaged line in Martin.

Bob Hackworth, of Beaver Elkhorn Water, said nearly 300 residents were being affected by the damaged line, but that number could increase in the next day or so.

"We have 270 people being affected right now," Hackworth said Wednesday, "but I anticipate the whole system going down. Then 8,500 people will be affected."

He said the water company has a reserved water supply that will last for just 24 hours if the entire system goes down.

The advisory is only a precautionary measure because there are some "cloudy sediments" in the water because of the damaged line, Hackworth said.

Hackworth said the damaged line, which is located across from Martin City Hall, cannot be repaired because it was under three feet of flood water this week.

"We can't get to the line to de-

termine the damage or to attempt to repair it," Hackworth said. "With the rain and the situation we are in, I don't think we will be able to repair the line for three or four days."

Floyd Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) director Lon May said the bottled water was made available through Area 9 DES. "I

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You may need a tetanus shot

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

People who came directly in contact with contaminated water during the flood earlier this week may need tetanus shots, health department officials said Thursday.

"Especially if they had open cuts when they came in contact with the water — that's like stepping on a rusty nail," Floyd County Health Department environmentalist John L. Bailey said.

"Most of Kentucky's streams are contaminated with coliform or some type of bacteria. Any time we have surface water, we call it bad and try to prove it good," Bailey said. "A flood can wash out septic systems."

Kentucky Department for Public Health Commissioner Rice Leach, M.D., said that from a public health perspective, "this flood is like a gigantic toilet that overflowed with water."

"The water contains human waste, animal waste from farms, industrial and chemical waste from plants, storage areas, and abandoned sites, pesticides from farms and storage areas, decaying tissue from drowned animals, materials from destroyed buildings and other structures, trash from flooded dump sites, and occasional live critters," Rice said in a news release.

Rice added that people need to take a common sense approach when cleaning up their property from flood damage.

People frequently suffer injuries from broken glass, metal, and discarded articles when they

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Slip by witness is cause for mistrial

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A mistrial was declared Wednesday in Floyd Circuit Court when a witness gave hearsay testimony while on the stand.

On trial was John Mark McKenzie, 24, of West Prestonsburg. McKenzie was indicted last year on a first degree wanton endangerment for allegedly shooting into the home of Willa Dean Goins on June 7.

Witness Michael Keens testified that he lived beside Goins' home and that he heard shots being fired that night. When Keene said he had been told it was McKenzie and another person, defense attorney David Williams moved for a mistrial.

Judge John David Caudill sustained the motion and cleared the

courtroom.

Caudill explained to the jurors, who had waited until afternoon before the trial got underway, why a mistrial had been declared and that both sides in the case had been warned repeatedly about giving hearsay testimony.

"I hope when it comes around again, the witnesses will get their acts together," Caudill said. "I've kept you here all day for nothing and I apologize."

Caudill did explain why the start of the trial was delayed and told jurors that McKenzie had entered a guilty plea on another charge.

McKenzie and Paul Setser, 20, also of West Prestonsburg, were charged with second degree burglary for entering the home of Robin Jarrell on May 31 last year.

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The National Guard shipped in 16,000 gallons of water Wednesday afternoon to Beaver Elkhorn Water District customers. A water line break has left hundreds in the Right Beaver area without water. Efforts to repair the line have been hampered because the damaged line is under flood waters. (photo by Chris McDavid)



Marijuana destroyed

Floyd County chief detective Jim Federick burned some marijuana Thursday beside the county detention center. Deputy sheriff Bobby Hackworth Jr. picked up the plants earlier which were found lying beside the highway at Stone Coal. (photo by Susan Allen)

Shot

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are cleaning after a natural disaster. Puncture wounds from nails in boards are especially frequent and the bacterial contamination can cause skin infections and diarrhea, Rice warned.

Hand washing, use of protective gloves and shoes, and general caution while walking into flooded areas is essential.

"A good rule of thumb in times like these is, if it stinks, it's not good for you, so treat it with respect as you clean it up," he added.

Bailey said that a final phase of the clean-up should be disinfecting the contaminated area.

"The best all-around cleaner/disinfectant is Clorox," Bailey said.

Disinfectant strength should be between 50 and 200 parts per million, according to health department regulations. Those figures relate to about a teaspoon of Clorox to a gallon of water, Bailey estimated.

The Clorox strength can be a "little over that," he added.

The Clorox can be used as a dis-

infectant in wells contaminated by the floodwater, Bailey said. Wells that have been under flood water need to be pumped free of water. The well must be dry, Bailey said.

"At that point, if they don't have a type of treatment (for the well), put chlorine in it," he said.

He recommended that approximately one gallon of Clorox be poured into the well. Homeowners should not drink any water from wells if a chlorine odor is present in the water because too much chlorine consumed can be toxic, Bailey said.

Area residents can have their water tested by health department environmentalists. During a flood clean-up, there is no charge for the testing, Bailey said.

Bailey also advised residents to take precautions with foods that have been contaminated by flood water. Canned food, which has been purchased from the store, can be cleaned by first removing the label and then dipping the can in a

chlorine solution. The canned product must be vacuum sealed, Bailey said. Home-canned food that has been covered with flood water must be thrown away, he added. Cola products that have been covered by the flood must also be discarded.

"It doesn't take too much to get some contamination into the product," he explained.

Health department officials are also warning retailers and food service establishments that operation of these facilities is forbidden if there is no access to sanitary water under pressure.

"It is unlawful to operate when there is no water or an approved supply of water," health officials said. "The public is warned not to frequent these establishments during times when there is no approved water supply."

A boil water notice was issued for the Beaver Elkhorn Water District, and establishments served by that district can remain open if they observe the boil water notice, officials said.

Schools can also remain open but they must observe the notice, and they must provide bottled drinking water for students.

Health department officials are available to advise area residents on flood clean-up problems and health matters. Bailey advised area residents who were in a flood situation this week to call the health department to see if they need a tetanus shot. The phone number is 886-2788.

Teens

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and a stage for local bands." They want video games, air hockey tables, and a dry bar.

The teens proposed that the facility, which they named "The Shack," be located in Prestonsburg because the city is the county seat.

The Kellogg Foundation approved the grant and awarded \$1,000 toward the project.

Big Sandy ADD then referred the project to Mike Vance, with Champions Against Drugs program.

Carla Coburn, with the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, heard about the idea, and things began to come into place for the project.

A potential site was found when Evergreen Bowling Center offered the use of one of its rooms rent-free for the project.

At a meeting Thursday of area leaders who are working toward implementing the project, Coburn said she will learn next week if that site is available.

The group of adults began outlining a plan of action for the project, including a teen board that will consist of the three high school students and a representative from Prestonsburg High School, the David School, and Betsy Layne.

The project, though, will be under the guidance of an adult board.

"The youth have got to be thoroughly involved in this," Connie Sammons, with the First Baptist Church in Prestonsburg, said at Thursday's meeting.

Sammons said not to expect short-term success from the center, but to develop long-range goals.

"This is not something we can do for six months. This is something that can grow toward the youth coming up," she said.

"(People) say this will never take the place of cruising in cars — and I agree. That will still occur. If we start now, we may get a segment of that group," Mike Vance said at the meeting.

He related a story about his teenage son who came home early one night. The son told Vance that he wasn't interested in just cruising the streets and that he knew that "nothing good could come out of it."

"What we see on the street is just the tip of the iceberg," Vance said.

Attending Thursday's meeting, in addition to Vance and Sammons, were Carla Coburn, executive director of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce; Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin; Lori Click, with the First Baptist Church; Carol Holbrook, director of the Floyd County Health Department; and Jane Bond, with the Floyd County Health Department.

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Break

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notified Area 9 about the situation we were having and they contacted the National Guard for the water," he said.

Fire departments for the areas being affected by the damaged water line picked up some of the bottled water from the Beaver Elkhorn office in Martin Wednesday afternoon for customers.

May said three gallons of water would be available for each household for a 24-hour period, but added the number of persons in each family and other factors would be considered when distributing the water.

The Martin Volunteer Fire Department picked up approximately 35 cases of water to distribute to Martin residents. A volunteer firefighter also said the fire department

would try to deliver the water to households who could not get to the department to pick it up.

The Beaver Elkhorn Water Company provides service for residents in Wayland, David, Melvin, Weeksbury, some portions of Abner, Jones Fork in Knott County, Pyramid on Route 850, and on the outskirts of Allen.

Customers from Allen to Martin; Garth to Spewing Camp; and Boscow to Wayland were without water service Thursday, a spokesperson for Beaver Elkhorn said Thursday afternoon.

Residents from Eastern to Garth will be without water sometime tomorrow, the spokesperson said, and customers from Spewing Camp on up to Weeksbury will have water until Saturday.

Children

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Caudill said. The course, which is now being held in 24 counties, will include information about:

- telling children about a divorce before the process begins;
- how to handle visitation between the parents and other relatives;

- custody options, which include joint custody and sole custody;
- how to avoid conflicts between parents so that children are not drawn into them;

- how to reduce childrens' stress

caused by divorce and how to help children get along with step-parents or help when a parent begins dating; and

- warning signs to watch for in children which could signal a behavioral problem related to a divorce.

The classes are expected to last about two hours and will be held at the Floyd County Courthouse. Classes are also open to anyone who has not yet filed for divorce. For more information contact Linda Grimm at 1-800-928-5339.

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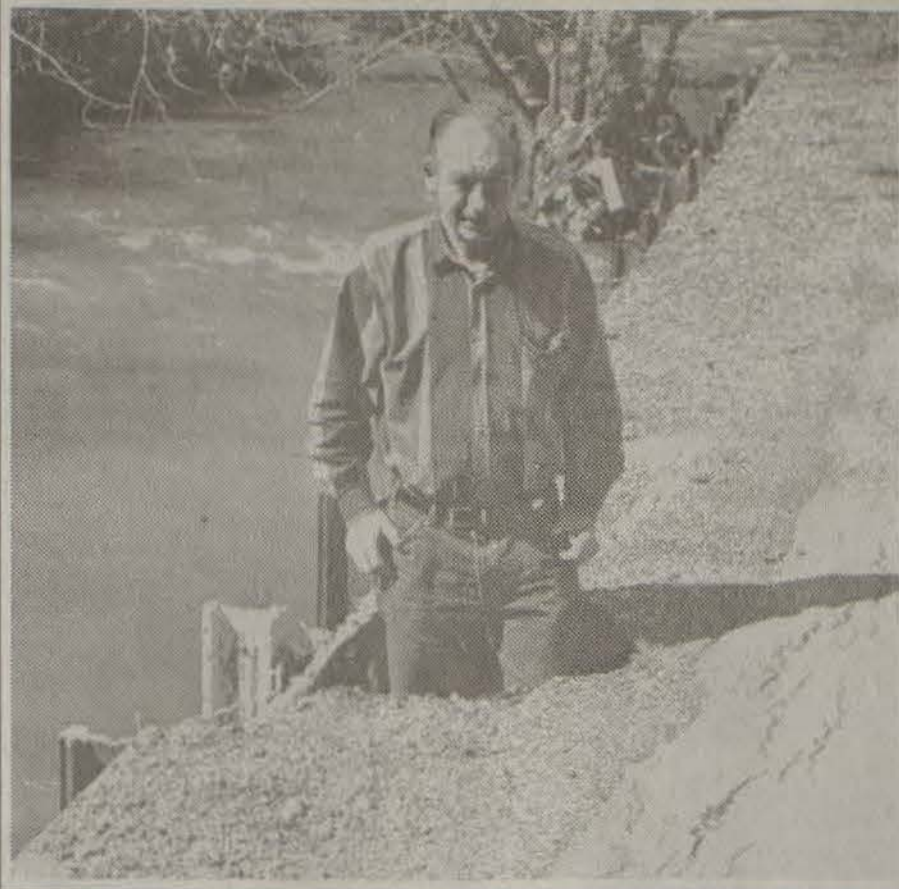
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Den Hunter stood in a hole on a portion of Route 3379 in Galveston which was repaired in February 1996. Hunter's daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Richard Porter, were killed at the location when their car skidded out of control and landed on its top in the creek on December 7, 1995. Since his daughter's death, Hunter has been requesting that state officials repair the road. (photo by Chris McDavid)

P'burg man arrested last Friday, faces rape charge

Editor's note: The Floyd County Times does not identify the victims of alleged sexual crimes.

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A Prestonsburg man was arrested last Friday for allegedly raping a 14-year-old juvenile and supplying three juveniles with alcohol and marijuana.

Jacob Jarvis Jr., 21, was charged with third degree rape and three counts of third degree unlawful transaction with a minor.

According to an arrest warrant, Floyd detective Tommy Shelton alleged that on February 26 Jarvis had "sexual intercourse with another person less than 16 years old" and "caused (three) minors to engage in criminal activity by supplying (them) with alcohol."

Shelton said Wednesday that Jarvis bought alcohol for three juveniles, two of whom were females who were skipping school last Wednesday.

The detective said one of the females is also the alleged victim of the rape charge.

"According to statements I have received, Jarvis also supplied marijuana to the juveniles," Shelton said Wednesday.

Floyd District Judge James R. Allen entered not-guilty pleas to Jarvis' charges Monday during arraignments. He was released Monday from the Floyd County Adult Detention Center.

Cocaine

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cases be dismissed without prejudice for a period of six months.

Crider and Lowe were indicted on April 25, 1995. According to the indictments, they sold 0.03 grams of cocaine for \$50 to a confidential informant of the Mountain Area Drug Task Force in October 1994.

The task force has since been dissolved.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12 to determine if there is probable cause to refer Jarvis' charges to a grand jury.

WIC vouchers lost in flood may be replaced

The Floyd County Health Department has issued a notice to area residents that if they lost WIC vouchers from flood water damage, those vouchers may be replaced.

Health officials said the vouchers can be replaced if the dates are still valid.

Any food which was purchased with vouchers and damaged by the flood, cannot be replaced, officials said.

For more information about the WIC program, call the Floyd County Health Department at 886-2788.

Mistrial

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McKenzie pleaded guilty to an amended charge of third degree burglary, a class D felony, and assistant commonwealth attorney Brett Davis recommended a one-year sentence to be probated for two years. Davis asked that the probation be supervised and that McKenzie pay \$700 in restitution to Jarrell.

Judge Caudill set final sentencing for March 28 at 11:30 a.m.

Setser pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of first degree criminal trespass. Davis recommended a 12-month sentence to be probated. He asked for supervised probation and that Setser pay \$700 in restitution to Jarrell.

The one-year supervised probation period was rejected by Caudill, who said he wanted Setser to

remain under probation for two years. Setser is also prohibited from having any contact with McKenzie during his probation.

Floyd sheriff's deputy Charlie Thompson, who investigated the incident, said the two broke into Jarrell's home at Stumbo Hollow and took several bottles of prescription medication and compact discs.

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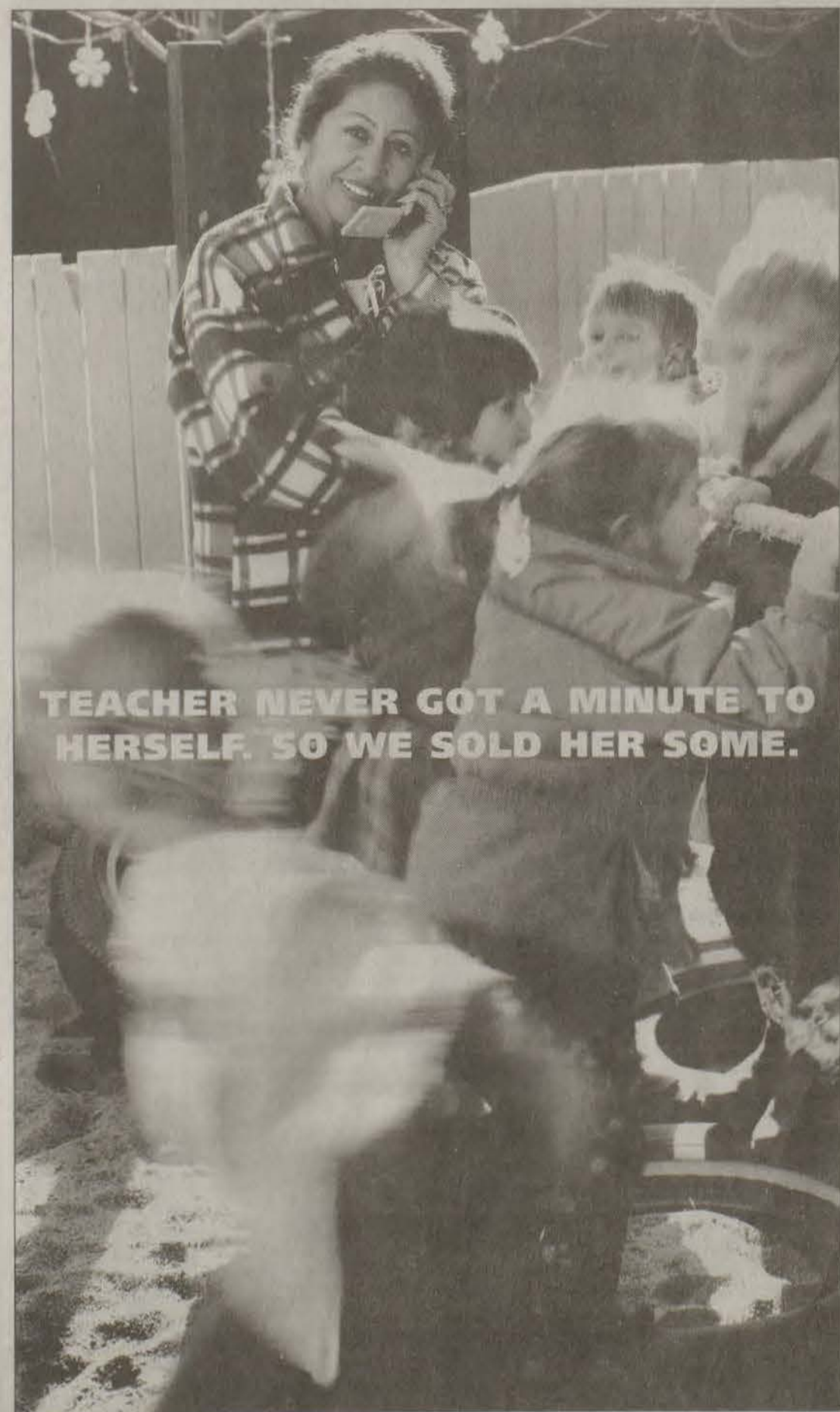
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Trickle-down details

by Scott Perry

The details of Governor Paul Patton's plans for revamping higher education are beginning to trickle out of Frankfort.

We've seen nothing carved in stone, yet, but there is at least a hint that the theme of a planned May special session of the General Assembly might focus on autonomy.

While we've heard some talk of the creation of a super board to oversee all the state's colleges and universities, the news from Frankfort suggests just the opposite for two institutions of higher learning that are both dear to our region's heart.

It appears that the governor is considering a separation of the state's community colleges from the mothership...the University of Kentucky.

And, it appears that the governor is considering the creation of a separate entity to manage the direction of the state's vocational-technical schools.

Our region just happens to be home to one of each of those institutions likely to be affected by such plans.

Prestonsburg Community College is our region's link to U.K., and Mayo State

Vocational-Technical School in Paintsville is our connection to Kentucky Tech, a network of vo-ed institutions.

Obviously, we have a considerable stake in the outcome of any special session that will address reforms to higher ed.

We need no convincing on the proposal to enhance vocational-technical schools.

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They've been undervalued and undersupported too long as it is.

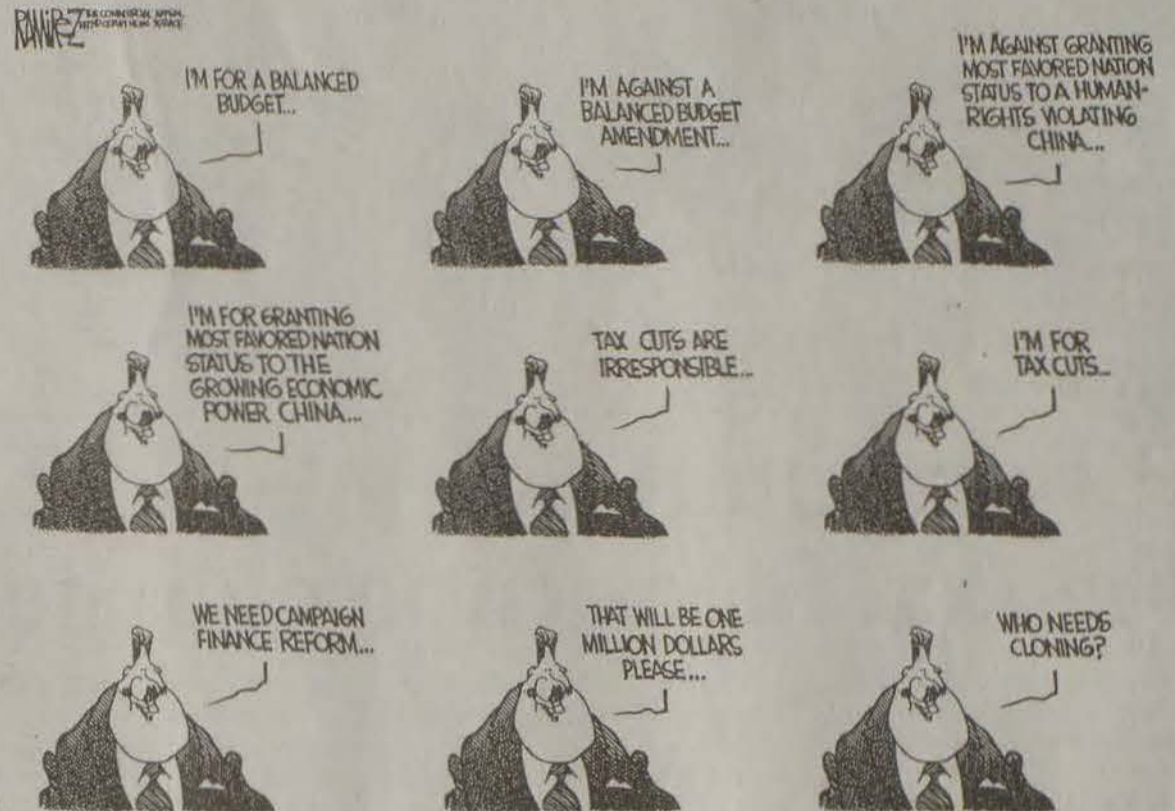
We have no firm opinions yet, however, on splitting the community colleges off to their own designs.

But, we do tend to follow a rule of thumb on such matters... If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

The connection between PCC and UK, as well as the joint venture underway between PCC and Morehead State University, look like positives to us.

And, in a region where positives are so few, especially where education is concerned, it seems that they ought to be left alone, unless the change is for the better.

Is it?



Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor policy

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Writer is "ashamed" to be Blackcat fan

Editor:
 First I would like to congratulate PHS Blackcats on their victory Friday night. They played a hard-fought game. They showed sportsmanship and composure above their years! No one cheered more for the Cats than myself. But I have to say I was ashamed to be numbered as a Blackcat fan.

Where were the parents of Prestonsburg student body while their children chanted "Bathroom Cheers?" Where was the PHS faculty (principal, a teacher, band director) while their students were embarrassing their school and themselves?

I was sitting two rows in front of them and after commenting how rude they were it wasn't long before a Coke landed down my back as well as on those around me.

I don't mean to be hurtful or hateful, but it is so sad that our children have no shame for their behavior. No respect for themselves or others. The saddest part is that we seem to get more upset over a bad call by a referee than we do the conduct of our children. Our families, our homes and our schools surely need our prayers.

Diana Patton
 Betsy Layne

Consider venture, then, gain or loss

Editor:
 After reading your editorial "Stand Clear" February 21, and giving it some thought, I wanted to respond.

Specifically, I cannot understand the reasoning behind wanting to destroy some of the most beautiful and pristine land in the Eastern U.S., to build a golf course.

Having visited other parks throughout the U.S. I can honestly say that Jenny Wiley is one of the most beautiful. It simply has an untouched-look-natural beauty.

Mr. Perry, I often agree with your editorials and sometimes I do not. I hope you will reconsider your endorsement of this idea.

Finally, golf is a game for the rich, that's common knowledge.

This project will be more than a gamble. All the people, and nature will lose, without a doubt.

As you said, "nothing ventured, nothing gained." I personally believe one needs to first consider the venture and then just what they have to gain (or lose).

Roger Manuel
 Mesquite, Tx.

Free licenses for elderly, disabled urged by writer

Editor:
 For more than six years now I have been battling the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the state senate and even the governor's office for justice for totally disabled railroad workers in the state of Kentucky to be granted free hunting and fishing privileges.

Finally in April of 1996 in house bill No. 221 (KRS150.170 (8) amendments were added(c) to include provisions for the totally and permanently disabled railroad worker to hunt and fish free just like every other class of disabled persons in the state.

Now effective 3-1-97 totally disabled persons, veterans, people over 65 and all landowners exempted under KRS 150.170 will get free hunting and fishing privileges, except now they must all pay for special season tags and permits required by the state to fish trout, hunt deer, turkey and waterfowl and all other special seasons and events where special permits or tags are required. (This could cost as much as \$66.50 per

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Other Voices

Re-thinking trash

by John Shiber, Ph.D.

This article is for everyone. Did you know that —if we put, end-to-end, the 18 billion disposable diapers we Americans throw away each year, they could reach the moon and back 7 times?

—the amount of aluminum we waste annually in this country is enough to build an airline fleet every 3 months?

—the money we spend on plastic plates, cups, utensils, etc., every year can provide every person in the world food for 6 meals?

—if the number of rubber tires we throw away each year were put side-by-side, they'd encircle the earth 3 times?

—we Americans throw away 14 billion catalogs and 38 billion pieces of junk mail every year?

Trash. In short, we discard ten billion tons of it annually. We constitute 4.75 percent of the world population, yet we contribute 33 percent of its total annual trash. This boils

down to about 40 tons of trash per person year in the United States.

So, what do we do about it? (We must do something, don't you agree?)

At PCC, we recently had the coordinator of the Magoffin County Recycling Program, Jerry Hardt, speak to students and other people in the region about the importance of recycling trash/solid waste in today's world. Although most of his attention focused on the concept of recycling trash, Mr. Hardt introduced the topic by talking about the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, which all of us need to pay attention to. Read on, and I'll explain.

"Reduce" means that we must accumulate less trash to begin with. On a personal level, for instance, we can stop buying items which have an unnecessary amount of packaging. We can stop taking so many napkins, straws, plastic/styrofoam cups, plates, ketchup & mustard bags, etc...from fast-food restaurants. We could start sharing newspapers and magazines with friends and neighbors. We can use less wrapping for presents, be more frugal at home with Kleenex, paper towels, toilet

paper. Well, if we apply ourselves, the possible ways to reduce the volume of trash we create in the course of a day are countless.

This goes for businesses, schools, and industries, in particular. They discard trash in huge quantities each day. With the onset of the computer age, we thought we would save paper... (Throw away those records and files! Put them all in the computer!)... but just the opposite has happened, and we are consuming more paper than ever before. Just think about computer print-outs. How much of the paper that computers print out on eventually reaches the trash can? Let's face it...a lot!

Another intervention which has increased our solid waste load is the photocopier. (What? Take notes? Nonsense! I'll just photocopy yours! Or, how about a copy of this recipe? You want your health record? Just a minute, I'll get you a copy...or maybe you'd like two!...etc.) We make photocopies of everything. Teachers copy hand-out after hand-out, memos, flyers, and sometimes whole chapters of books for their students who, after using them, throw them away. Then the next

year, or semester, the process is repeated. Even at the hospital or doctor's office, they no longer write down the information from your health card on your records. They take a huge 8 1/2x11" piece of paper and copy the 2 x 3" card!

After "Reducing" comes "Re-using." Reducing our volume of trash can be helped immensely by re-using items we normally throw away. I mentioned disposable diapers earlier. About 95 percent of them wind up in land fills each year, to be "entombed for centuries," as one environmentalist puts it. Why not use cloth diapers? They can be washed and re-used up to 200 times before being consigned to the rab bag! If we do it at home, furthermore, it's 80 percent cheaper, and having a diaper service is 50 percent cheaper than the cost of one-use disposable ones.

How about those used plastic pop bottles? Some people cut them and use the base of them for seedlings in spring. Similarly for Styrofoam cups. Plastic containers for butter, sour cream, yogurt, etc., make nifty snack containers...or even measuring cups! Some glass bottles make won-

derful flower vases, and glass jars are great for preserving pickles, jams, applesauce, and such. And, don't throw away those plastic bags you get from stores. You can return them to some stores, you know, or you can re-use them for your trash, or for storing things. Use your imagination! The possibilities are endless!

When we lived in Spain, my wife used to go shopping, with one or two large satchels on her arm, as all Spanish women do. Everything she bought went into the bags...no plastic or paper bags were needed. Ever think of taking your own, re-usable canvas or string bags when you go shopping? Just think, some of the stores' overhead would go down, which might be reflected in lower prices!

The next "R" which Mr. Hardt mentioned, of course, is "Recycling." This is, simply, taking a used material, cleaning it, and making it over into the same thing (primary recycling) or something else (secondary recycling). Primary recycling is environmentally better because it uses less virgin materials in making the new product than sec-

ondary recycling does (...a lot less). If we are going to be so wasteful, we can at least recycle whatever we are able. After all, our natural resources are finite and, as such, exhaustible.

Seven percent of the solid wastes in this country are metals, including aluminum, which are recyclable. You can either sell scrap metal, as many people here do, or keep it separate from the rest of your trash and let your local sanitation company do it. Eight percent of our solid waste, by weight, is plastics. Most are not biodegradable and will stay in a landfill in its original form for decades, and even centuries. Fortunately, however, many plastics are recyclable, and if you put these in a separate bag for the trash collector, they can be routed to plastic recycling plants around the country.

Glass. This makes up another 8 percent of our solid waste (by weight), and is also a recyclable material which is thrown away daily. Whatever happened to the "Bottle Bill?" Remember how we all used to take our glass bottles back to the store for a refund of our deposit? It

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season) starting on March 1, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife will no longer lose money or fees for the free hunting and fishing licenses, but in fact will make more money than ever before on these special permit and tags.

Veterans, persons over 65, totally and permanently disabled persons and landowners will no longer fish and hunt for free and I think it is a disgrace and shame to the state of Kentucky and it's people to be the only state around this area who charges special fees on the disabled, veterans and persons over 65 years old.

I would ask that before March 1, everyone call or write their state representative or legislators to stop these special tag and permit fees being imposed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Free means free especially in Kentucky.

P. S. Pass the word...Kentucky is a big state.

Herbert H. Daniels
Flatwoods

Michael Rathsack, CLI, has been advised by Fish and Game that only

landowners will be exempt from paying for special permits and tags. All the landowners may hunt the planted turkeys, deer, bear, and soon to come to Southeastern Kentucky, Elk for free but the old and disabled will have to pay.

Please ask your readers to contact their State Representative and voice their opinions regarding this matter as some date we all get old.

County resident praises city for progressive acts

Editor:
The tone of the content of recent letters published in The Floyd County Times faulting the town of Prestonsburg's efforts to build a recreational complex on mountain-top land on the east side of town that has been leveled by strip-mining bothers me.

The writers are referring to the golf course, which is part of the proposed recreational area, as a "goof" course and golfers who participate in

the sport are called "goofers." At the advanced age of 84, I play golf and enjoy the game, but I don't enjoy being called a "goofer" one bit.

I live outside the city limits and, except for about two years, have lived outside the city limits my entire life. I grew up on Town Branch and since 1945 I have lived on Abbott Creek beside the road, about three miles from the center of Prestonsburg, and have tried to be a friend of man. If a vote were taken to incorporate my property as part of Prestonsburg I would welcome the chance to vote favorably. I would welcome the protection of the police and fire department as well as the eventual inclusion in the towns sewer system.

I appreciate the availability of the town's institutions, the churches, the schools, the library, the banks, the stores, the restaurants, the theater I no longer patronize, but enjoyed so much in my youth as well as the pool rooms. Billy Ray's famous and delicious hamburgers have their origin in "Elder Balls" restaurant on Court Street 70 years ago. I am proud of and greatly appreciate the

reality of the Mountain Arts Center, "Billie Jean Osborne's Dream," which is making Prestonsburg known to tens of thousands who had never heard of the place.

For the greater part, the detractors of Prestonsburg are happy to enjoy the availability of Prestonsburg's fire department and city utilities and the good fortune to live on property adjacent to Prestonsburg, but they rejoice in badmouthing the town and the most progressive city government in Eastern Kentucky.

Our hospital should be within the city limits. Prestonsburg professionals and businessmen were the prime movers in bringing Highlands Regional Medical Center into being. They were the "wheel horses" that envisioned and brought into reality Prestonsburg Community College.

Archer Park is the crown jewel of Eastern Kentucky's city parks and is used by citizens from one end of Floyd County to the other as well as adjoining counties.

Within the past year Prestonsburg has blossomed into one of Kentucky's prettiest small towns. The town has learned that it costs precious little more to build beautiful that to build ugly. Prestonsburg has the prettiest parking lots I have ever seen.

The real "goofs" are not to be found on golf courses, they are far more apt to be among a selfish few who oppose the efforts of people who are farsighted enough, unselfishly working, often sacrificing, to make my town (Prestonsburg is in a very real sense my town) and our part of this world a better place.

Delmas Saunders
Prestonsburg

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was like money in the bank and an excellent way of recycling. But, only 10 states still do it. Not only does having returnable bottles create local jobs, but it could ultimately result in lower prices, as it has for pop prices in Canada. In Germany, 73 percent of their drink containers are refillable and in Finland, 95 percent. Denmark has one of the most progressive approaches to this problem. They ban all beverage containers that cannot be re-used. Contact your congressmen. Let's re-enact the "Bottle Bill!"

Paper. Very recyclable and worth separating from your garbage (must be kept dry, of course). Forty percent of all our trash, by weight, is paper.

Yard waste comprises about 18 percent, by weight, of all our trash, according to Mr. Hardt. Unless you live in a city, there is no reason for this. If people have yards, they can cut up twigs, branches, etc., and bury them in the soil, along with leaves and other natural materials which are often put in the trash. Not only would the soil be enriched, but those doing the work would have an excellent form of healthy exercise for better fitness! Another point: Think of all the money you could save on fertilizers, mulch, and humus by using your own yard waste.

Finally, we come to food. Seven percent of our solid waste in this country is food. Think of all the food you throw away, or your children throw away. Did you know you can recycle it, just like the yard wastes, right in your own backyard? Better still, create a "clean plate club" in your house. Only serve what each person is sure to eat, with second helpings available. Any scraps left? Give them to your pets instead of canned stuff, the contents of which would make your hair curl if you knew!! Besides, undigestible canned pet foods, which reach the soil through your pet's defecation, is very unhealthy for the soil!

Other than "Reducing," "Re-using," and "Recycling" trash, there is another, very important, fourth

"R" which Mr. Hardt spoke of in passing, but which I believe needs far more attention than the other three. It is the most important "R" of all: "Re-thinking."

It is the way we think, i.e., our attitude that must change before our habits can. We must seriously consider just where our wasteful behavior will lead us. We must start thinking about what we really need, as opposed to what we want. Ours has become an abusive, "throw-away" society, and we need to think of ways we can change that. We owe it to ourselves and the rest of the world.

America was built on the thriftiness, resourcefulness, and creativeness of the human spirit. We used to bury our raw garbage and enrich the soil. Now, we wrap it in tidy little bags, which are not biodegradable, and let someone take it away...to where, we don't know, nor do most of us care. "Out of sight, out of mind" really applies here!

Presents, in the olden days, were never wrapped in disposable paper with toxic colorants. If they were wrapped at all, it was in cloth, which was used again. When we got tired of a dress or suit, we made it into something else.

Now, the majority of us go out and buy something else. Think about how careful we once were...and how careless we are now.

Yes, we must "Re-think" trash. We should make a daily, minute-to-minute effort of thinking about not only what we use and throw away, but also what we buy. Do we need it? Is it recyclable or made of recycled material? Is it environmentally safe? Can we use something we already have for the same purpose? Are we, really, saving any time or money by having it?

So, before you recycle trash, try to re-use what you can. (You'll be surprised at how inventive you can be!) And, before you have to consider recycling or reusing, try to reduce the quantity of your trash.

But, before you can do any of that, you must re-think your needs. Everything else will fall naturally into place. Why should we be number one in medicine, in space research, and in so many other important areas and not be number one in cleaning up our mess? Working together, we can be.

Dr. Shiber teaches Human Ecology and Conservation Biology at Prestonsburg Community College.

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Week 7 Question:

Elementary School Social Studies

You have been assigned the task of writing a report describing the changes that have occurred in your town or county in the past 35 years. Before writing a report, it helps to write questions you want to answer in the report.

- A. Write three or more questions you want to answer in your report about the changes that have occurred in your town or county in the past 35 years.
- B. Describe possible sources you could use to answer your questions about changes in your town or county.

Sample Student Response:

If I had to write a report about the changes in the past 35 years, here are the questions I would ask.

How has technology interfered with your life?
How have the buildings changed?
How much has the population changed in the past 35 years?

Some sources I could use to answer my questions are to look at the files at the courthouse, ask people who are in their 40s and older, and go to the county library.

Student's questions reflect insight into the variety of changes a community would experience over time (e.g., people, the city's architecture, new inventions, advancements, technology).

Student answers both parts of question; provides 3 pertinent questions to include in the report; and includes 3 appropriate sources to use to answer the questions.

Student's sources reflect a combination of primary and secondary sources.

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Floyd students are state-bound

Mathcounts competition

A team of seventh and eighth grade math students from James A. Duff Elementary School, Eastern, has won the regional finals of the MATHCOUNTS contest. The top individual scorer was John Slone also from Duff Elementary.

Slone received a \$300 scholarship for his winning effort. Members of the winning team are: Slone, Kyra Osborne, Jamie Vance and Kyle O'Quinn. The team was coached by Neil S. Watson. The winning team will go the state finals in Lexington, on March 22.

The second place team is Inez Middle School, Inez. Members of the Inez Middle School team are: Brian McCoy, Patricia Fitch, Justina Moore and Amy Stepp. The team coach is Amy Allen. The second place team is also eligible to compete in the state finals.

The third place team is John M. Stumbo Elementary School, Grethel. Members of the John M. Stumbo team are: Joshua Allen, Marcus Allen, Heather Evans and Nicholas Hall. Joshua Allen also finished second in the individual scoring competition. The team is coached by Roy Johnson.

Tara Ortega, James D. Adams Middle School, is an individual winning student who will be eligi-

ble to compete in state competition. Tara Ortega, eighth grade student at Adams Middle School will be going to State MathCounts Competition, March 22, in Lexington.

On Saturday, February 8, Tara placed 5th at the Regional MathCounts at Prestonsburg Community College. As a member of Adams Middle School Academic Team, Ortega placed first on the written math test at the District 1 Competition at Mountain Christian Academy February 1.

Tara is a cheerleader for the boys varsity football and basketball teams. She is also a member of the Kentucky Youth Assembly, Student Technology Leadership Program.

She is the daughter of Sheila Ortega of Prestonsburg and John Ortega of Tampa, Florida. Tara is a member of the Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist Church and is a member of the Tic Tac Toe Bible Competition team who will represent Kentucky during the national competition in Cincinnati, Ohio in July.

The students competed at Prestonsburg Community College on February 8th. All the participating students received a MATHCOUNTS T-shirt.



Tara Ortega



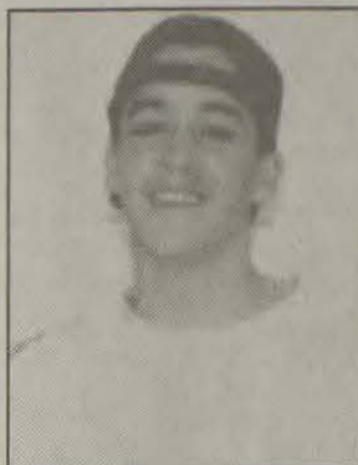
Third Place team

John M. Stumbo Elementary students won third place honors. Pictured, in front row from left, are Heather Evans, Marcus Allen, Joshua Allen, and Nicholas Hall. In back row are Pat Howard, KSPE representative, and Roy Johnson, coach.



First Place Team

James A. Duff Elementary students took first place honors. Pictured are, from front row left, Kyle O'Quinn, Kyra Osborne, Jamie Vance, and John Slone. In back row are Pat Howard, KSPE representative, and Neil Watson, coach.



Joshua Allen

Governor's Cup winners

As a result of the recent regional finals in academics, seven Floyd County Students will be competing at the state level in the Kentucky Academic Association (KAA) Governor's Cup Competition to be held in Louisville on March 9-10.

At the regional competitions held at Paintsville Independent School, students had to achieve a fourth place standing to progress to the next level. Students competed in science, mathematics, social studies, language arts, English composition, general knowledge, future problem solving, and quick recall.

The students who will represent Floyd County at the Governor's Cup competition are:

•Marcus Allen, a seventh grader at John M. Stumbo Elementary, will be competing in mathematics. He is the son of Glenna Allen and Ronnie Allen.

•Joel Castle, an eighth grader at Adams Middle School, will be competing in science. He is the son of Ellis and Carla Castle.

•Sarah Click, an eighth grader at Harold Elementary, will be competing in English Composition. She is the daughter of James and Faye Click.

•Nicholas Hall, a seventh grader at John M. Stumbo Elementary, will be competing in social studies. He is the son of George Hall and Mary Hall.

•Monica Hobson, a seventh grader at McDowell Elementary, will be competing in English Composition and language arts. She is the daughter of Michael and Cora Hobson.

•John Layne, an eighth grader at Adams Middle School, will be competing in English Composition. He is the son of John and Linda

Layne. •Heather McCoy, a sophomore at Betsy Layne High School, will be competing in Mathematics. She is the daughter of Mark and Kathy McCoy.

•Neil Moore, a senior at South Floyd High School, will be competing in Science. He is

the son of Neil and Sharon Moore. •John David Slone, an eighth grader at James A. Duff Elementary, will be competing in Math, Social Studies, and General Knowledge. He is the son of John Slone and Shirley Slone.

•Kristy Stevens, a sophomore at Betsy

Layne High School, will be competing in English Composition. She is the daughter of Milford and Wanda Stevens.



Sarah Click



Joel Castle



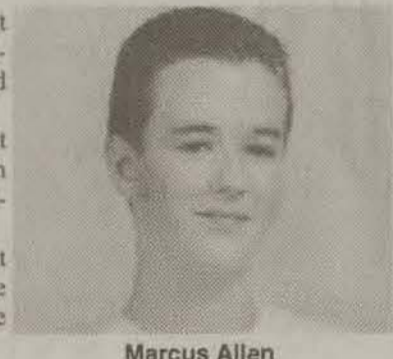
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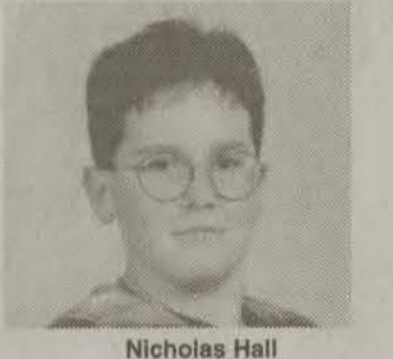
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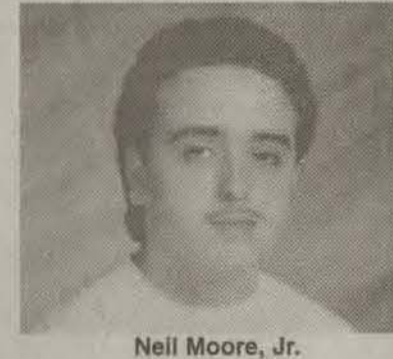
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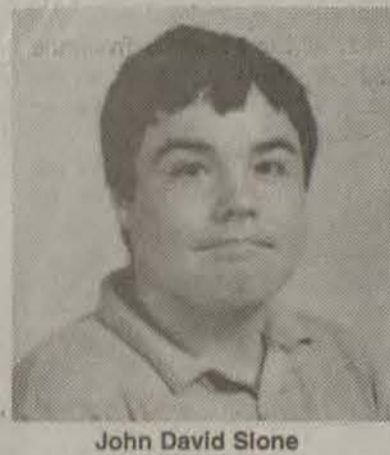
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John Layne



Neil Moore, Jr.



John David Slone

Sunday Send-off for Forensics winners



Prestonsburg High School, first place

Storytelling: Melanie Aiken, Melissa Dye, and David DeRossett; extemporaneous speaking: Rachel Isaac, Greta Hicks, and Zethaniel Shepherd; radio broadcasting: Wesley Fugate and Leslie Fugate; impromptu: Wesley Fugate and Leslie Fugate; solo acting: Josh Clay, Miranda Click, and Janice Mullins; duo interpretation: Jody Hurt and Lesley Stout; humorous interpretation: Jody Hurt; prose: Melissa Dye, Kelly Wells, and Kristen Duff; oratory: Amanda Ratliff, Zethaniel Shepherd; dramatic interpretation: Greta Hicks, Sam Cochran, and Miranda Click; poetry: Kelly Wells and Kristen Duff.



Duff Elementary, first place

Duo acting, Lauren Robinson and Ashley Slone, Jamie Vance and Carey Fitzpatrick, Kyle O'Quinn and Heather Watkins; improvisational duo, Amber Scott and Chad Webb, Lauren Robinson and Ashley Slone, Heather Watkins and Johnne Ison; interpretation of literature, Sarah Clark, Miranda Holthouse and Libby Johnson; public speaking, Kevin O'Quinn, Tomma Martin, and Tiffany Prater; extemporaneous speaking, Tomma Martin, Sarah Noble, and Libby Johnson; solo acting, Chad Webb, Sarah Noble, and Kyle O'Quinn; oratorical declamation, Jess Staggs, Kristopher Fulks, and Eva Duncan; poetry, Brittany Combs, Amanda Vance, and Kim Collett; prose, Kristopher Fultz, Amber Hall and Tyler Smith; storytelling, Sarah Clark, Johnna Ison, and Amber Scott.

Five Floyd County schools are regional champions in Forensics. That means 161 regional finalists are going to state Forensics competition.

The Junior Forensics League, students in grades 4-8, will travel to Bowling Green for competition March 13-15.

The Senior League, high school students, will travel to Bowling Green March 20-22 to compete.

In celebration of these students

becoming regional finalists, Floyd County Schools Forensics section will host a Send-Off Sunday on March 9, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center.

About 300 people are expected to attend the reception and celebration.

Patricia Watson is district coordinator for the Writing/Language Arts Department of the Floyd County Board of Education.



South Floyd High School, 2nd place

Duo interpretation: Wendy Mullins and Rachel Little, Danielle Tackett and Bobby Akers. Extemporaneous speaking: Ashley Ward; oratory, Derek McGarey; prose, Sonya Tackett and Jessica Pack; poetry, Rachel Little, Lance Sparkman; storytelling, Derek McGarey, Bobby Akers; humorous interpretation, Tiffany Rivera, and Lance Sparkman. Coach: Sherry Lynn Bailey; judges, Shirlene Hamilton and Sandy McGarey.



Betsy Layne Elementary, third place

Duo acting, Tasha Rice, Kyle Rice, Adam Roberts, Trista Tackett, Jill Adkins, Traci Johnson; improvisational duo, Jill Adkins, Traci Johnson, Austin Epling, Kyle Rice, Brandi Akers, Tiffany Johnson; radio broadcasting, Sean Lawson, Zeola Case, McKella Case; interpretation of literature, Tiffany Johnson, Adam Roberts, Tasha Rice; public speaking, Michael Slone, Brandi Fields; extemporaneous speaking, Amanda Lewis, Alexis McCutcheon, Amanda Lawson, and Serita Mullins; solo acting, Amber Hall, Jessica Blackburn; oratorical declamation, Amanda Lawson, Amanda Lewis; poetry, Natalie Stanley, Alexis McCutcheon, Brandi Akers; prose, Tricia Newsome, Krystal Kirk, and McKella Case; storytelling, Brandi Fields, Trista Tackett; Preston Simon.



Harold Elementary, first place

Duo acting, Lora Beth Worrix and Trish Robinson, Andy Taylor and Andrea Taylor, Tiffany Tackett and Stacey Stevens; improvisational duo, Tyler Harris and BreAnna Harris, Joseph Ratliff and Billy Newsome; radio broadcasting, BreAnna Harris, Amy Keathley, and Cynthia Taylor; interpretation of literature, Jessica Neeley and Courtney Reid; public speaking, Tyler Harris and Jessica Neeley; extemporaneous speaking, Cori McChesney and Tiffany Tackett; solo acting, Courtney Reid, Ashley Stevens, and Andrea Taylor; oratorical declamation, Tim Conn and Joseph Ratliff; poetry, Trish Robinson, Ashley Stevens, and Lora Beth Worrix; prose, Sara Fraley, Cori McChesney, and Cynthia Taylor; storytelling, Tim Conn, Billy Newsome, and Stacey Stevens. Coach, Loma Harris; judges, Pam Worrix, Pam Neeley, Chrise Taylor, Darlene Chapman, Rosemary Tackett, Wanda Stevens and Bonnie Ward.

Academics

Osborne announces honor roll

W. D. Osborne Elementary announces honor roll for the third six-weeks.

Dale Pack—4th grade
4.0—Randi Anderson, Wesley Hall, Brian Hall, Jason Johnson, Whitney Johnson, Burnett Little, Tabatha Tackett, Brittany Smallwood, Courtney Spears, Candice Hall, Adam Taylor and Tina Hall.

3.0-4.0—Rebecca Engle, Meka Hall, Felicia Johnson, Justin Johnson, Kenneth Parker, Colby Tackett, Kimberly Tackett, Tabitha Trammell, Gabriel Stewart, Dustin Moore, Justin Caudill, Bryan Salisbury, Corey Hall and Morgan Thornsby.

Angela Coleman—4th grade
4.0—Jordan Johnson.
3.0-4.0—Courtney Adams, Kathy Paige, Brandon Light and Nick Miller

Jan Akers—4th and 5th grade
3.0-4.0—Hope Adkins, David Johnson, Stacy Johnson, Brandon D. Little, Stephanie Mullins, Martha Osborne, Angel Tackett and Megan Tackett.

Rita Caudill—5th grade
4.0—Joel Allen, Adams Hicks, Amanda S. Johnson, Joshua Johnson, Logan Johnson, Brandon M. Little, Melissa Meyers, Lesley Mullins, Clarissa Parker, Ashley Tackett and Justin Smallwood.

3.0-4.0—Brandy Anderson, Brittany Bates, Landon Hall, Katrina Isaacs, Chantra Jackson, Amanda Jo Johnson, Shelly Matthews, Loren May, Brandon Meyers, Shawn Reed, Natasha Slone and Chris Tuttle.

April Bradford—6th grade
4.0—Justin Hall.

3.0-4.0—Brandi Powers, Todd

Caudill, Heath Hall, Cynthia Isaac, Thomas Isaac, Jessica Mullins, Jessica Osborne, Jequetta Parker, Charles Ray, Matthew Slone, Edgar Tackett and Veronica Tackett.

Jeff Castle—6th and 7th grade
4.0—Nicole Tackett, Clay Jones, Chad Mullins and Charity Tackett.

3.0-4.0—Jeremy Burke, Chris Isaac, Chad Little, Steve Reynolds, Jennifer Lackey, Michael Hall and Tyler Hall.

Susie Tackett—7th and 8th grade

4.0—Kermit Dailey, Becky Isaac, Brittany Bailey, Lekita Johnson, Amy Morgan, Amy

Tackett, Jared Allen, Tabitha Berger, Shenna Hall, Bryan Stewart and Mary Beth Little.

3.0-4.0—Mike Little, Justin Engle, Kandice Mitchell, Chasity Mitchell, Josh Johnson, Randall Matthews, Wendall Tackett, Lana Lackey and Jessica Sturgill.

Tommy Meade—8th grade
4.0—Amanda Williams and Brandi Damron.

3.0-4.0—Shane Newsome, Sherrie Tuttle, Davina Reed, Hazel Collins, Jimmy Perry, Holly Hall, Maggie Cook, Stacia Stanley, Mary Stanley, Misty Hall, Kendra Slone, Danielle Caudill, Jennifer Sturgill, Jessie Tackett.



Dental health

The primary grades at May Valley Elementary received dental presentations from Dr. Andy Elliott. Dr. Elliott explained the importance of good dental care, demonstrated the proper techniques of brushing and flossing, showed a video, and had classroom discussions. February is National Children's Dental Health Month. The programs were sponsored by the May Valley Family Resource Center.



Art students pictured are, front row, from left: David Music, Beth Crider, Josh Hayton, Kenneth Smiley, Bobby Wright, and Brandon Maynard. In second row are Steve Prater, John Layne, Tommy Green, Dustin Hamonds, Lowell Brock, and Angelo Risner; third row: Jeff Tackett, Josh Stevens, Frank Stevens, Matt Slone, T. C. Hatfield, Josh Francis, and Jason Setson. Students in back row are Brook Stinnett, Josh Slone, and Amy Tackett. Mr. Martin (back row, left) is the art instructor.

Art class learns about "3" dimensional world

Creating a "3" dimensional world on a two dimensional surface is what art is about at Adams Middle School.

Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students do murals on paper and they are pieced together along with "3" dimensional painted add-ons which protrude from background or are suspended from the ceiling.

"I want to create a fantasy world where the student or viewer can become part of the picture," Mr. Martin, an art teacher at Adams said.

Seasonal murals as well as theme murals such as the tropical rainforest painted on the cafeteria wall are a part of these endeavors.

Students are also involved in art history and analysis of form which helps the students under art.

Tag Art and Art Enrichment classes are offered on Tuesdays from 3:10 until 4:10 p.m. During this class period, students are allowed to express themselves in painting, drawing, watercolor and

clay sculptures.

Their work is usually on display in the school library and an exhibit will be held at the end of

the school year. Parents are encouraged to come by the library and look at the students' works of art.

May Valley Elementary announces honor roll

May Valley Elementary School lists honor roll students for the second grading period.

Mrs. Damron (4th grade): 3.59-3.5—Brandon Carroll, Britta Spurlock, Matthew Johnson, Kayla Crace, and Felicia Blanton. 3.49-3.0—David Kilburn, Justin Moore, Ashley Ousley and Stephen Crisp.

Mrs. S. Mayo (4th grade): 3.9-3.5—Brandy Parsons, Nicole Adkins, Lila Craig, Evan Farmer, Justin Frasure, and Ashley Gunnell. 3.49-3.0—Elizabeth Mosley, Joslyn Moore, Kim Osborne, Amber Swope, and Joanie Hall.

Mrs. Martin (4th grade): 3.5-

3.9—Matissa Robinson.

Mrs. Miller (4th/5th grade): 3.9-3.5—Kalya Bailey, Christine Hall, Jessica Isaac, Mitch Justice, and Jimmy Williams. 3.49-3.0—Jessica Meadows and Jessica Akers.

Mrs. R. Mayo (5th grade): 3.9-3.5—Nikki Hackworth, Tabitha Caudill, and Brittany Napier. 3.49-3.0—Shane Allen, Melinda Ramey, Terry Moore, Justin Hall and Rea Conn.

Mrs. Farmer (5th grade): 3.9-3.5—Nikita Thornsberry, Kristie Robinson, David Hicks, James Slone, and Veronica Harris. 3.45-3.0—Brittany Yates, Dustin Hancock, and Mary Hall.

Family Resource Centers

May Valley Family

Resource Center activities

- GED classes every Monday from 8:30-2:30. Classes are free. Instructor is Joyce Hall.

- A registered nurse from the health department will be at the center Wednesdays. Now making appointments for head start and kindergarten physicals for students that will enter school in the fall of 1997. Other services include: sixth grade physicals, well-child physicals, WIC exams and vouchers, TB skin tests, baby shots, etc. Call the center for an appointment at 285-0321.

Prestonsburg/Auxier FRYSC

- Nurse is the at center every Wednesday at the Auxier center.
- Career Day at PHS March 21, from 1-3 p.m.

Martin Middle School Youth Service Center

- Central Kentucky Blood Center is sponsoring an art contest for sixth grade students. The center sent home guidelines for the contest with the sixth grade students. All designs need to be returned to the center by March 24.

Mud Creek Community Family Resource and Youth Service Center

- A registered nurse from the health department is at the center on Tuesdays. Services include WIC exams, vouchers, TB skin tests, baby shots, physicals and well-child exams. Call for an appointment. Now accepting WIC. Anyone interested in receiving WIC services can call the center. Call the center at 587-2233 for an appointment.

- PACE classes (Parent and Child Education) held Mondays and Wednesdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- Clothing bank open to students and public upon request.

- GED classes Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.

- Parent and child education (PACE) classes Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30-1:00 p.m.

- Aerobics class: Wednesdays 6-7 p.m. and Fridays 4-5 p.m. Classes are free.

For more information, contact the center at 587-2233.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

- Adult Learning Center (ALC) is open Monday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. ALC is sponsored by the David School. This services is free and open to the public.

- The Clothing Bank is open by appointment on Tuesdays and Fridays.

- Student activity hour is held during lunch periods and from 3-4 p.m.

- South Floyd Youth Service Center is open 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Fridays. The center is located in Suite 232 at South Floyd High School. For more information, contact Keith Smallwood or Mable C. Hall, 452-9600, Ext. 145 or 158. Fax 452-9303.

McDowell Family Resource Youth Service Center

- GED classes every Thursday from 8:30-2:30 at the center. Classes are free.

- A nurse from the Floyd County Health Department is at the center each Monday to administer school physicals (sixth grade, kindergarten, and head start), well-child exams, immunizations and T.B. skin tests, breast exams, pap smears, and pre-natal and post-partum appointments. Also established W.I.C. patients. Call the center for an appointment.

- Aerobics class every Monday and Wednesday, from 6-7 p.m., \$1 per person, per class fee.

- Free exercise class every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7 p.m., free of charge.

To learn more about the McDowell Family Resource Youth Service Center and what it has to offer, stop by or call 377-2678.

Duff Family Resource Center

- Line dancing classes for beginners only on Thursday, from 7-8 p.m. Couple dance classes on Thursday night, from 8-9 p.m.

- GED classes on Tuesday nights, from 6-9 p.m. at the school.

Instructor is Bill Tussey Jr.

- Fluoride rinse program for 1st-6th grade students once a week.

- A nurse from the Floyd County Health Department is at the center each Tuesday to administer school physicals (sixth grade, kindergarten and headstart). Well-child exams, immunizations, and TB skin test are available.

- A nurse is also available half a day on Fridays, from noon to 4 p.m. to do WIC exams, issuance of WIC vouchers and update immunizations.

For more information about these services or activities, call the center at 358-9878.

Clark Elementary Family Resource Center

- Nursing services — a nurse from the Floyd County Health Department is in the center on Fridays. Services available include physicals for the fifth grade students entering sixth grade in the next school year, pre-school, head-start and kindergarten physicals, physicals for any student, age birth through 21 years old; blood pressure screening, TB skin tests, baby shots. Call the center at 886-0815 for an appointment. These services are available to anyone in the community.

- WIC patients — the center is accepting new WIC patients. Also, anyone in the community who is now going to the health department for these services can schedule their appointments at the family resource center. Call 886-0815 to make an appointment.

- After school child care — Monday through Friday, school days from 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m. There are openings for enrollment in after school child care. Call the center for more information, 886-0815.



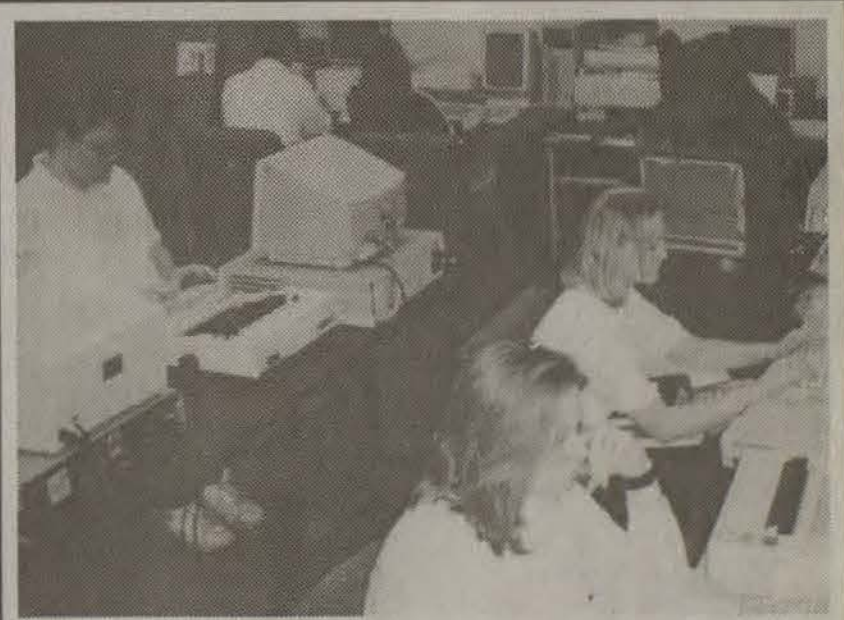
Flag detail

The flag detail of the JROTC program at Allen Central High School raises the American Flag in its morning ceremony.

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April 4 proclaimed as Arbor Day

Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale has proclaimed April 4 as Arbor Day in the county.

Hale signed the Arbor Day proclamation on February 24 and said that trees and forests are "environmentally, economically, and socially important" to the state.

"Trees help provide clean air and water, wildlife habitat, and natural beauty," Hale said in his proclamation.

"Trees increase property values and are a source of community pride," the judge-executive said.

Governor Paul Patton and his wife, Judi, are promoting citizen participation in Arbor Day celebrations throughout the state.

"Arbor Day has been an important tradition in Kentucky for more than 100 years," Judi Patton said.

"The simple act of planting a tree

can enrich the lives of all Kentuckians and leave a living legacy for future generations to enjoy," Governor Patton said.

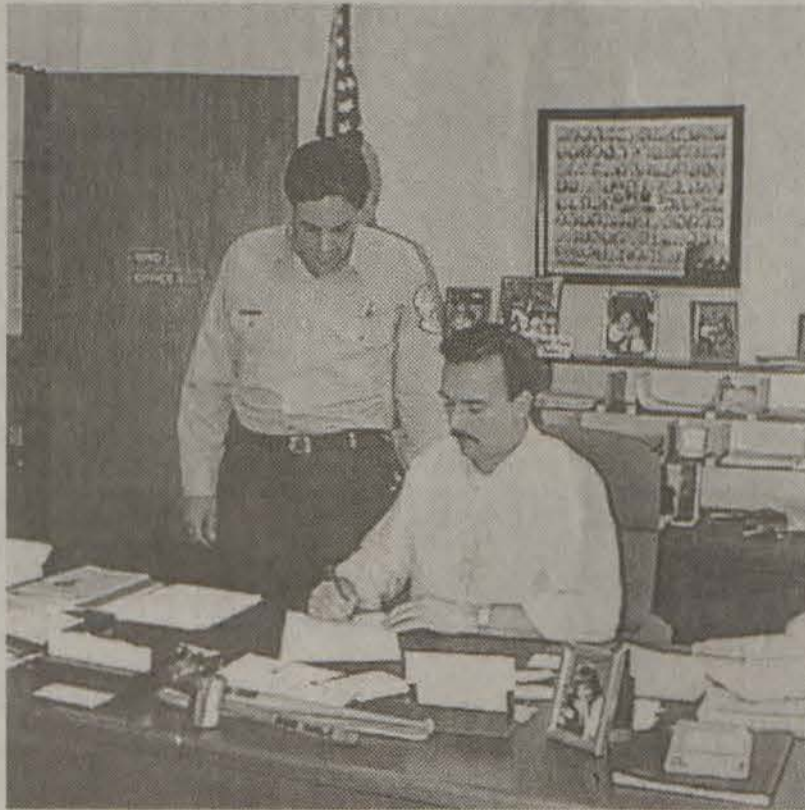
Schools, communities and organizations are planning local tree planting ceremonies to encourage stewardship of Kentucky's urban and woodland trees. These ceremonies highlight the many social, environmental, and economical benefits that trees provide, including reduced soil erosion, lower heating and cooling costs, increased property values and increased community pride and jobs.

The Kentucky Division of Forestry works with city tree boards, schools, garden clubs, forest industries, and others to organize public tree planting ceremonies across the state.

For further information or assistance

in organizing a local Arbor Day ceremony, contact the Division of Forestry, 627 Comanche Trail,

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, or phone the Arbor Day hotline toll-free at 188U SET TREE.



Stewards

Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale signed a proclamation declaring April 4 as Arbor Day as Floyd County ranger technician Roy Boggs watched. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

Former detective spends Wednesday night in jail

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A former Floyd County detective spent the night in jail Wednesday after he left a trial before testifying.

Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill issued an arrest warrant for Gary Wolf after he left the court during a trial Wednesday for John Mark McKenzie.

A mistrial was declared when a witness gave hearsay testimony while on the stand during the McKenzie trial.

"The Commonwealth said Wolf was an indispensable witness," Judge Caudill said Thursday.

Wolf told the judge that he did

not know he was supposed to be present in court, and that he had not been subpoenaed or given a summons.

"You were here — I personally saw you," Judge Caudill said.

The judge asked Wolf why McKenzie's attorney said Wolf had approached him and asked to be excused.

Wolf continued to claim he did not know anything about having to testify in the trial.

"What assurance can you give me you will be present at the next trial?" Judge Caudill asked Wolf.

After assuring the judge that he would appear at the next trial on July 14, Wolf was released from custody.

Census Bureau to gather vital job market information

The nation's basic data on employment, unemployment, and characteristics of the labor force will be collected the week of March 16, when employees from the Commerce Department's Census Bureau will be in the area to conduct the Current Population Survey (CPS).

Data collected from the CPS—which has been conducted monthly since 1942—are kept strictly confidential and will provide Americans with up-to-date information on the nation's work force.

In addition to the labor force data, the March CPS will include additional questions on income, poverty, noncash benefits (such as food stamps), health insurance coverage, migration, and work experience.

Information collected in the March survey is used by government officials and policymakers to chart the effectiveness of government assistance programs, determine trends in migration patterns for planning locations of schools and transportation systems, and gauge the economic well-being of the country.

Susan B. Hardy, director of the Census Bureau's Charlotte regional office, says "Findings from the CPS are invaluable because they help local, state, and national policymakers make informed decisions affecting many of us."

On April 4, the Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. will release labor force statistics for the United States based on the data provided by local households for the March CPS.

The Census Bureau releases annual income and official poverty figures in the fall.

Local households selected for the survey will receive a letter from Martha Farnsworth Riche, director of the Census Bureau, informing them of the survey.

Census Bureau interviewers carry an official identification card with their photograph and signature.

Elliott promoted

Marine Lance Cpl. Frank D. Elliott, son of Vernon H. and Sharon K. Elliott of Dwale, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with Combat Service Support Group Three, 3rd Force Service Support Group, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Elliott was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

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News of the Weird

by Chuck Shepherd

— In January, the owners of KZZC-FM, Tipton, Calif., ended 18 consecutive months of being an all "I Heard It Through the Grapevine" station, playing various versions of that song all day, seven days a week (except once, when it played the Eagles' "New Kid in Town" for a whole weekend). The station was pending sale, and the owner needed just to keep the frequency occupied, but negotiations dragged on much longer than expected.

— Life Imitates Lawyer Jokes: Because of overcrowding at the Chilliwack, British Columbia, courthouse, jury selection in a January manslaughter case was removed to a local community center, but because of other court business taking place there, jury selection was further removed to the center's men's room. Said prosecutor Henry Waldo, "When you start holding hearings in a bathroom, I fear it may diminish the respect for the justice system in the eyes of the public." And in Miami, the gargoyles on the 24th floor of the Dade County courthouse have been suffering since November the dreaded swallows-at-Capistrano-like

invasion of a thousand migrating vultures.

— The Associated Press reported in January that many handicapped and deformed kids from the village of Murshidabad, India, were being sold by their parents to middlemen who would place them in Saudi Arabia cities as street beggars. For those who didn't have such children but still wanted a piece of the action, the traffickers took on private investors, offering a 50 percent return within a few months.

COMPELLING EXPLANATIONS

— David Schames, a founder of the Association of Coupon Professionals, explaining to columnist Martin Sloane in November why so many companies have switched from overseas processors to prison-labor processors: "Employee stability is always an issue overseas, but most of the inmates (working for coupon companies) are serving long terms."

— Palm Harbor, Fla., elementary school teacher Patricia Locke beat a DUI rap in November, and was reinstated by the school board as a result, when she argued successfully that the reason she appeared disoriented while driving was that a silicone breast implant ruptured and poisoned her nervous system.

— Darlie Routier, recently convicted in Kerrville, Texas, of murdering her five-year-old son, but indignantly insisting that she is innocent: "If I had (killed him), I would be the first person to stand up and say,

Oh, my gosh!"

— In October, a University of New Hampshire business major, in a letter to the school newspaper, blamed his recent drunken driving on a police crackdown on underage drinking in the university's home of Durham. Because he has to drive to another city to drink, the student wrote, "(I) can expect to be doing a lot more drunk driving."

SMOOTH REACTIONS

— In November in Lancaster, Pa., comedy club customer Judy K. Strough, seething at insults about where she is from (Arkansas) by comedian Al Romero, walked to the stage and slugged him. Two weeks earlier, comedian Timothy Ward filed a lawsuit in New York City against Prince Ranier of Monaco, who Ward says slapped him during a 1995 show in which he was making fun of the prince's son's bald spot.

— In December, Bowling Green (Ohio) State University instructor Patrick Stearns, 32, was suspended after allegedly punching a 25-year-old student who showed up late for Stearns' class. And in January, the Medical Board of California issued a public reprimand against Dr. Edward A. Thistlewaite of San Marino, Calif., for slapping a nine-year-old boy he was treating

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Popperri

by Scott Perry

Now that First Lady Hillary Clinton has won a Grammy for her read-aloud version of her book *It Takes A Village*, we're inspired to buy the tape.

Wonder. Did she do it in rap format, or was the book transformed into a rock opera, like *Tommy* or *Jesus Christ, Superstar*?

Actually, the First Miz won her musical award for a category that we didn't know existed. Something like Best Recording of the Spoken Word.

Sounds like a PR stunt to us, but who are we to judge? We haven't watched the Grammy Award show since the Beatles split up anyhow.

We don't have any particular objections to offering Grammys for audio books. Those things are pretty neat, and they can make a long road trip much more enjoyable.

We listened to Stephen King's six-part version of *The Green Mile* all the way home from Myrtle Beach last year...ten hours straight...and that hooked us.

Can't imagine listening to Hillary Clinton for any length of time, but hey, we wouldn't listen to John Denver, either.

Appreciation of the arts has always been a matter of opinion...and taste.

Our son, for example, thinks that MTV rules.

We prefer Solid Gold Saturday Night on the radio.

Every painting by Picasso is considered to be a masterpiece.

Hey, the guy had no sense of proportion. We've seen better work in the kindergarten finger-painting class.

Norman Rockwell...now there's an artist.

Andy Warhol got famous by painting a big picture of a Campbell's Soup can.

Good grief.

Life imitates art, they say.

If it does, there are some pretty wacky lives going on out there.

That's show biz, though, and if the Grammy folks want to give Hillary an award for reading out loud, we guess it's okay.

After listening to her husband read speech after speech, it's good to know there is some talent in the family.

Critic's Corner

by Michael Greene

The Beautician and the Beast

Who woulda' thunk it? A nice Jewish girl from Queens, complete with a "New Yawk" accent and an obviously horrible set of adenoids (judging by the braying voice), makes good in Hollywood! Not only does Fran Drescher make good, she's parlaying her small-screen success ("The Nanny") onto the big screen.

Think of this flick as "The Nanny" times three. Drescher portrays Joy Miller, a beauty school teacher from (where else?) Queens, N.Y. Joy is still single, but not exactly because she enjoys the swinging bachelorette scene. As she tells her long-suffering mother, very reminiscent of "The Nanny's" mom in her kvetchy style, "I don't want to settle."

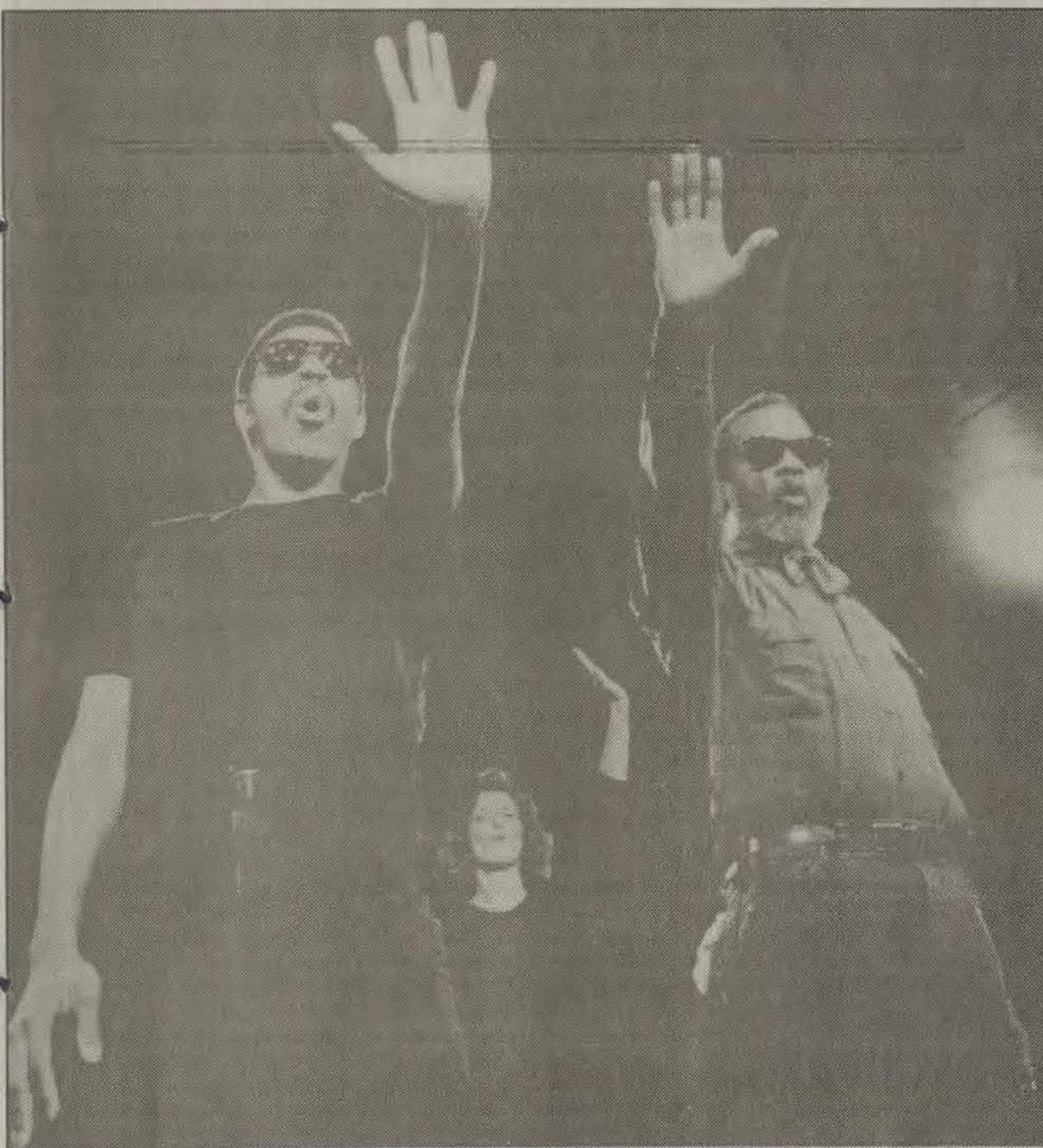
In some crazy mix-up, Joy is mistaken for a science teacher by an emissary from the country of Slovetzia. The Eastern European country is run by a dictator (Timothy Dalton), but is struggling to become democratic. Hired to teach science to Boris Pochenko's (Dalton) children, Joy takes the castle by storm.

Naturally, Joy wins the hearts of the children, charming the dour dictator along the way, and changing the course of the country's history in the process. Predictable? Quite so. But the flick is an enjoyable romp, nonetheless, even if you're not a fan of "The Nanny."

It is obvious that Drescher knows what her shtick is and intends to milk it for all it's worth. That's just fine with me. She succeeds admirably at it, making this movie endearingly funny and highly recommended in my book!

The *Extra* Weekend

Junebug/Jack jumps onto the stage in only local performance



Premiere African American theater company, New Orleans-based Junebug Productions and Appalshop's Roadside Theater will perform their original, collaborative, musical play *Junebug/Jack*—one time only at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 12 in the Appalshop Theater, 306 Madison Street, Whitesburg. Admission is free. Call 606-633-0108 for more information. Photo by Jeff Whetstone

Premiere African American theater company, New Orleans-based Junebug Productions and Appalshop's Roadside Theater will perform their original musical play *Junebug/Jack* for one night only (as part of their rehearsal process) on Wednesday, March 12, at 7 p.m., in the Appalshop Theater at 306 Madison Street, Whitesburg. Admission is free.

Take two of the most vital oral traditions in the South...season them with the blues, bayou funk, and four-part harmonies...add guitar, banjo, and fiddle...and you've got the recipe for *Junebug/Jack*, a lively collaboration between Roadside and Junebug.

Junebug Productions and Roadside Theater make their theater from the stories and songs that are woven through their people's history and culture. During the 1960's Civil Rights struggle, members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee invented Junebug to represent the collective wisdom of ordinary black people. He is the descendant of African praise singers and griots.

Jack is the archetypal Appalachian hero, a boy of infinite age living in poverty with his widowed mother. Jack's story varies according to the difficulties and powerful forces he encounters, but humor is always an important part of the tale. Together, the stories of Jack and Junebug represent the triumph of wit over power, of the human spirit over oppression.

As important as the stories in *Junebug/Jack* is the music. The fifteen original and traditional songs are sung in powerful a cappella harmonies or accompanied by guitar, fiddle, and synthesizer.

The seed of the *Junebug/Jack* collaboration was planted in 1981 when the Roadside and Junebug companies decided to perform their separate plays for each others' home audiences, one predominately black, the other predominately white, both economically hard pressed. The response of both audiences was overwhelmingly positive. In 1991 the two companies decided to take the idea one step further by putting together a new play that would be a combination of material from the two theaters' cultures—*Junebug/Jack*.

The New Orleans Times-Picayune said of the play, "Rather than recycling warm platitudes or shaking angry fists, *Junebug/Jack* demonstrates a sensitivity to black-white differences while also highlighting some of those areas where traditions, legends, experiences, interests and even music overlap."

I want to be a clone

Science has finally devised a way for humans to reproduce themselves. I'm not referring to the usual means, but through a process known as cloning. In laymen's terms, cloning involves taking cells from one body and reproducing them in a test tube. The test tube clone would then have the exact genetic make-up as its cell provider.

Thinking of myself as a progressive person, the thought of cloning certain humans is more advanced than I ever imagined. Think of it. If we had the cells to form the characteristics of some individuals, we could be inviting disaster. It's scary to think what would occur if we reproduced another Hitler. Worse yet, what about another Howard Stern or Newt Gingrich?

One bright spot to the idea would be to reproduce bodies for organ transplantation. That would be wonderful for people who need organ transplants to save their lives or improve the quality of life. Aside from that, I can think of few other positive things that could

be derived from cloning.

In fact, a definite disadvantage would be buying extras of everything: clothes, food, cars and insurance.

How could a person afford it? I know my clone would eat a lot. And, Lord knows, she'd probably keep me up all night watching *Andy Griffith Show* reruns. And, speaking of sleeping, I wonder if my clone would sleep when I did, or would she care enough about my health to stay up all night and exercise for me? Better yet, would her diction be

more precise than mine and could she learn to speak six different languages?

My real ideal of cloning would be making up a couple of dozen of me when I weighed 98 pounds, could concentrate, had no wrinkles, my hormones were functioning, and my left eye was straight. (None of which ever occurred simultaneously and will never happen again in this lifetime.) However, it would be nice to have a spare fill-in for me at various functions. For example, if I didn't feel like going to a meeting, I could

send my clone. That would be helpful. But with my luck, my clone would volunteer me for some job that I would have to end up doing anyway.

One specific advantage to having a clone is that I would have someone to do the housework and those mundane chores that I have always hated to do, like: folding clothes and putting them away, mopping the floors, dusting, cleaning windows, paying bills, cooking, and putting gas in the car.

My son would also enjoy a mother who could do all of the above-mentioned things. He would particularly enjoy a homecooked meal that wasn't wedged between two pieces of bread. My clone could accomplish these tasks.

On my son's last visit home from college, he smelled an odor emitting from the kitchen and excitedly asked, "Mom, what are you fixing?"

It hurt to tell him that I had accidentally turned on a burner that still had food crusted on it from Thanksgiving.

If cloning becomes a reality, I would truly like to be able to clone myself, only if I can have the opportunity to improve my IQ. At my present level of intelligence, cloning would be hazardous to the general population.

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ALMOST HOME COOKING

Manhattan's is located on U.S. Hwy. 19-41 just a few miles south of Atlanta Motor Speedway in Griffin, Ga. During race weekend it's hard to have dinner there without finding at least one prominent driver, owner and/or mechanic tucked away in one of its booths. Prime rib is a specialty worth trying.

More specifically, Earnhardt was wet because he didn't have enough time during his pit stop with 38 laps to go to finish his cup of water. When the jack dropped on a 19.7 second pit stop, water splashed from his cup, and it was time to get back to the track. He gained more than two seconds in the pits on Terry Labonte. When the checkered flag fell,

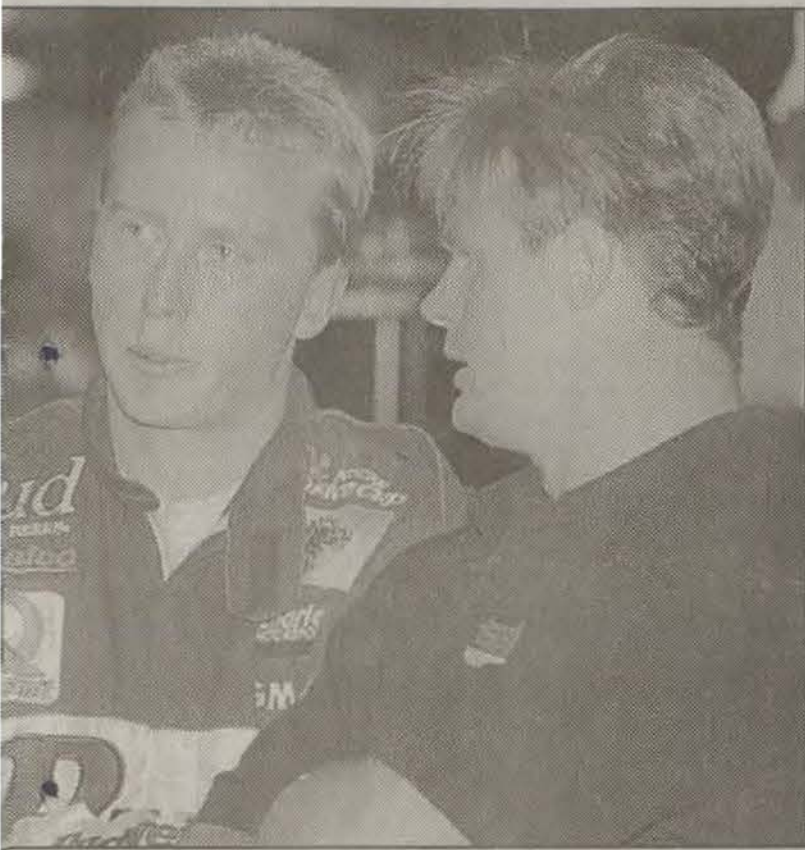
he was 4.1 seconds ahead.

Jeff Gordon finished third, with Ernie Irvan fourth and Jeremy Mayfield fifth. **OTHER ACTIVE WINNERS OF THE SPRING RACE:** Gordon, Irvan, Morgan Shepherd, Bill Elliott, Ken Schrader, Darrell Waltrip and Ricky Rudd.

THREE WHO COULD SURPRISE: Jeff Burton didn't qualify for this race last season, so you know he wants to do well this year, especially after a dismal day at Richmond; Shepherd has three of his four career wins at this track and also was terrible last week; and Jimmy Spencer finished seventh and 14th here last season.

KEY TO THE RACE: Cautions. Long green-flag runs could lead to a surprise winner or at least a situation where fuel mileage makes an impact.

PROFILE



John Clark/ NASCAR This Week

to win his first Winston Cup race this season.

Buddy Craven

WHY I LIKE ...

Tell us in 100 words or less why Bobby Labonte 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, 2600 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28054. The winner of the hat for his Why I Like Bill Elliott response was Buddy Lipps of Hopewell, Va.

WHAT HAS CHANGED FOR YOU WITH THE MOVE TO HENDRICK MOTORSPORTS? "A number of things. First, I'm purely a driver now, and that's all right with me. In the past, I've tried to do too much. Now I have a number of new commitments that come with representing my team and my sponsor. Also, it is a challenge to be on a team with two drivers as

great as Jeff Gordon and Terry Labonte. I don't think it adds any pressure because I've put pressure on myself for my entire career. I'm comfortable with the challenge."

■ HOW DO YOU GET ALONG WITH YOUR NEW CREW CHIEF, ANDY GRAVES?

"Honestly, I've only been working with Andy for a short time, but it seems like we've known each other for years. Right now, Andy is very underrated, but within the sport, I think everybody knew he was one of the brightest, most ambitious mechanics in the sport. I'm glad I've got him."

■ HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOUR ODDS OF WINNING YOUR FIRST RACE?

"Strong. A year ago, a lot of people were saying I was on the verge, and to tell you the truth, I wasn't sure that we were ready. This year, I don't feel cautious at all in saying we are on the verge."

YOUR TURN

READERS ASK THE QUESTIONS

Dear Your Turn,

Recently I read with interest that Bill Elliott had once again won "most popular driver" last year. I would like to congratulate him, and all the fans who voted for him. Their dedication speaks loudly. Their loyalty is second to none. I couldn't help but notice that they are so dedicated to calling 1-900 that they spent all their money on phone calls, while his souvenirs collected dust in most of the places between Indianapolis and Dayton, Ohio.

I hope everyone ran out and bought some of his items after he won. This year, I think that in place of two NASCAR shirts and hats, I will save that money and phone in my votes, and at the end of the year, I will visit some of the local shops, look and see how much dust has settled. It will be clear to me who the most popular driver is.

Billy Joe Linder
Union City, Ohio

Dear Your Turn,

At the Daytona 500, Jeff Gordon squeezed Dale Earnhardt into the wall and he crashed. Now everyone is saying how it wasn't Gordon's fault, and I agree that it was purely accidental. But if it would have been Dale putting Jeff into the wall, people would have said Dale is dirty. If Dale had wanted to race dirty, he would have bumped Gordon off the track, instead he chose to hit a wall. All you Earnhardt haters may want to consider that.

Dee Ann Burkholder
Berlin, Pa.

Dear Your Turn,

After 19 years of failure at Daytona, here is what Dale stands for: D-aytona, A-nother L-osing E-pisode.

Lee Turner
Shannon, N.C.

If you've got a question or a comment, write: NASCAR This Week Your Turn, c/o The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053 or e-mailing amurray@gast-gazette.com.

Crew of the Week

Geoff Bodine's team, which officially announced an engine development deal with drag racing legend Bob Glidden, got an impressive second-place finish at Richmond, and NASCAR had no problem with the compression ratio in Bodine's engine.

Trivia

1. What famous stock car team helped Jimmy Clark win the 1965 Indianapolis 500 by pitting his Lotus-Ford?
2. When Richard Petty became the winningest driver in stock car racing history, whose record did he surpass?
3. How did Glenn "Fireball" Roberts get his nickname?

ANSWERS
1. The Wood Brothers.
2. His father, Lee Petty.
3. As a baseball pitcher, Roberts was noted for his fastball.

FOUND THE GARAGE

Men with rules; Fords to get relief

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Bodine has officially announced his three-year agreement with NHRA Pro Stock champion Bob Glidden to work on engine research and development for Bodine's No. 7 Ford Thunderbird.

Bill Glidden, the elder of Glidden's sons, will personally travel with the Bodine team to most races.

Bob Glidden will probably end up aiding a number of Ford teams with engine development.

"We're working now to try to involve some of the other Ford teams in this project," said Bodine.

CURTAIN CALL? According to a Wall

Street Journal story, Ford is going to stop production of the Thunderbird at the end of the current year. Since the Thunderbird is the Ford model of choice in the Winston Cup Series, that story made quite an impression at the track.

Ford officials are labeling the story as "speculative" and saying they have no comment on the T-Bird's future, but apparently the manufacturer will soon be racing in NASCAR with a different model. Will NASCAR make a four-door Taurus eligible in a series previously reserved for coupes? Will Ford produce a two-door Taurus?

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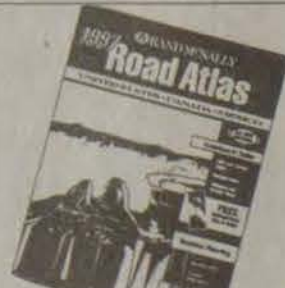
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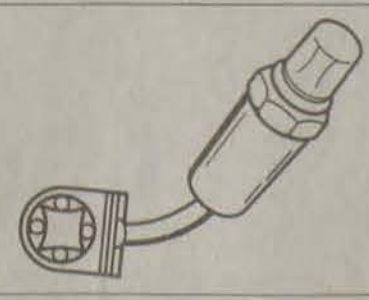
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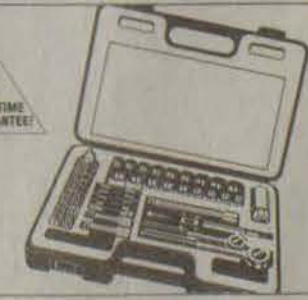
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Half court shot worth \$500 to Johnson

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Former Betsy Layne Bobcat Dwayne Johnson of Teaberry, an employee of the Floyd County Board of Education, walked away \$500 richer when he dealt in the register of the Cardinal Country Store Thursday night at halftime of the Betsy Layne/Allen Central

game during the 58th District tournament.

Johnson left-handed a half court shot toward the basket and banked in the shot to win the \$500. Fans could purchase tickets to take part in the shoot each night. A ticket was then drawn which was Johnson's to try the difficult shot.

Johnson's shot sailed toward the basket, kissed off the glass and into

the net as the crowd cheered in unison, for the only time of togetherness in the tournament.

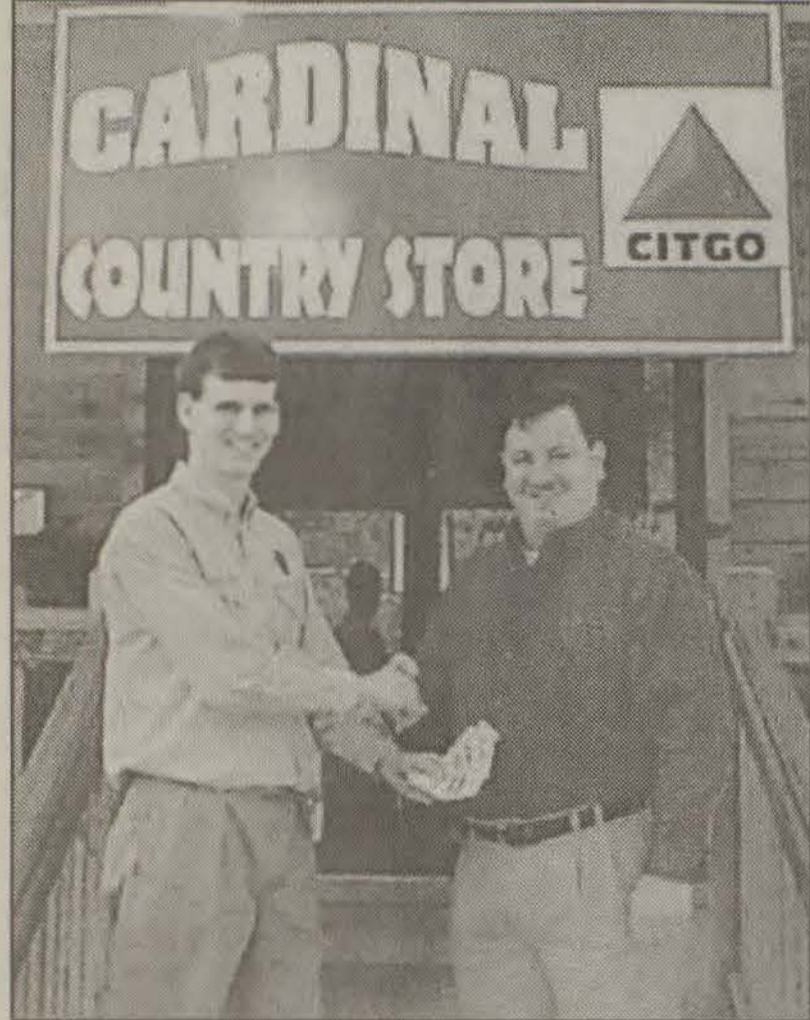
"I goofed off in high school when the coach wasn't looking trying half court shots," said Johnson. "The only way to make a shot like that is to bank it in."

Johnson played at Betsy Layne and graduated in 1986.

"Cardinal Country Store would like to congratulate the winners of the 58th District tournament, Prestonsburg, and runner-up Allen

Central," said Scott Stanley of Country Country Store. "We want to wish them good luck in the regional tournament. Also, we are proud of the two other participants, South Floyd and Betsy Layne, who took part in the tournament."

"It is just a way to show fans we appreciate their business and would like to invite them to visit us at any of our convenient locations at Watergap, route 80, Stanville, Wheelwright and Prestonsburg," he said.



Money shot

Scott Stanley presented Dwayne Johnson with \$500 for his half court shot he made during half time at the Betsy Layne/Allen Central game during the 58th District Tournament. (photo by Tammy Jo Hatfield)

Prestonsburg LL sign up's moved to AMS

With the flooding of Archer Park, the Prestonsburg Little League will register all players at the Adams Middle School this Saturday, March 8 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The registration is for all players who plan to play anywhere from T-ball to Senior League.

A second date has been set for Saturday, March 15 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. All players must register on one of the two dates. A \$25 registration fee is required for each player registering.

For more information, contact Kay Willis at 886-2552
PSA

Centre's Bryant, Bottoms named to All-Star team

Two Centre football seniors have been selected to play in the 1997 National All-Stars Bowl College Classic, scheduled for Louisville's Cardinal Stadium on

April 12. Fullback Brad Bryant of Louisville and offensive lineman Bill Bottoms of Prestonsburg will be members of the Blue team. The squads are comprised of players from all collegiate levels, including Division I, I-AA, and III, as well as from NAIA schools.

The third annual classic is actually a doubleheader, with the first game pitting Kentucky and Indiana stars against a team of National all-stars. That game begins at 3 p.m. The nightcap kicks off at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the stadium.

The Louisville contests are among a series of all-star games sponsored by National All-Stars around the country with some 800 players participating. The 1997 series includes stops in Orlando, Fla., Las Vegas, Cleveland, Dallas and Minneapolis.

The coaches for the Kentucky games are: Keith Barefield of Evangel College, Blue team No. 1; Gregg Ricono of Iowa Wesleyan, Red team No. 1; Bogie Wood of Cumberland College, Blue team No. 2; and Bill Ramseyer of Clinch Valley, Red team No. 2.

Bryant, who attended Eastern High School, is the son of James and Carmelita Bryant of Louisville.

Bottoms, a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, is the son of William and Jenny Bottoms of Prestonsburg.

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and everyone is out to knock you off," he said.

Vanhose led a balanced Paintsville attack with 21 points. McKenzie finished with 13, Short 12 and Tackett 13.

Jenkins led all scorers with 25 points, while Howard finished with 21 points and five three-point baskets. Gary Hunter scored nine points and Beau Tackett added two.

Paintsville improves to 29-3 and advances to the semifinals tonight against Pikeville. Allen Central closes out a strong season at 18-10.

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the game via fouls with her team trailing 43-35.

Mental mistakes proved costly for Allen Central, as they kept trying to force the ball in the middle to Samons. Sheldon Clark's defense shut down the passing lanes.

It was more a "stand around" offense the Lady Rebels tried to run. No one seemed to be looking to shoot the ball.

Hopkins finished with eight points for Allen Central. Crystal Martin had four, while Jessica Martin netted two points.

Allen Central finished the season with a 21-7 record. Sheldon Clark improved to 18-11 on the season and advances on to the semifinals of the tournament Monday night against Belfry.

Rebs

try to tie the game at 30 at the 5:58 mark, and gave Allen Central their first lead at 33-30 with his three-point basket at the 4:40 mark.

Jenkins completed a three point play with four minutes to play for a 36-33 Allen Central lead. But from that point the Rebels were guilty of some forced shots as Paintsville went on a 6-0 run to lead 39-36.

On a good entry pass to the middle, Jenkins scored underneath to tie the game at 40. Two Vanhose free throws made it a 42-40 game, before Howard's three-point basket

gave the Rebels the lead at 43-42. But Tackett's three-pointer beat the buzzer as the Tigers led 45-43 after three quarters.

The game was tied for the final time at 45 on two Jenkins free throws. It was all Paintsville after that.

"Give Allen Central credit," said Coach Runyon, "they came ready to play. They had a nice game plan. They were patient and looked for the good shot."

"But give our kids credit also. They are the defending champions

Lady Rebs

19 game and Cooley's second trey of the game gave Allen Central their biggest lead at 29-21 with 3:48 to play.

Joni Castle then took control for Sheldon Clark and hit consecutive three-pointers and a 19-footer, and Harmon's lay up gave Sheldon

Clark a 31-30 lead at the end of three quarters.

The Lady Cardinals added to the lead in the third period as Allen Central could not get their shots to fall. The Lady Rebels could only score seven points in the final period. With 2:41 to play, Samons left

A Look At Sports

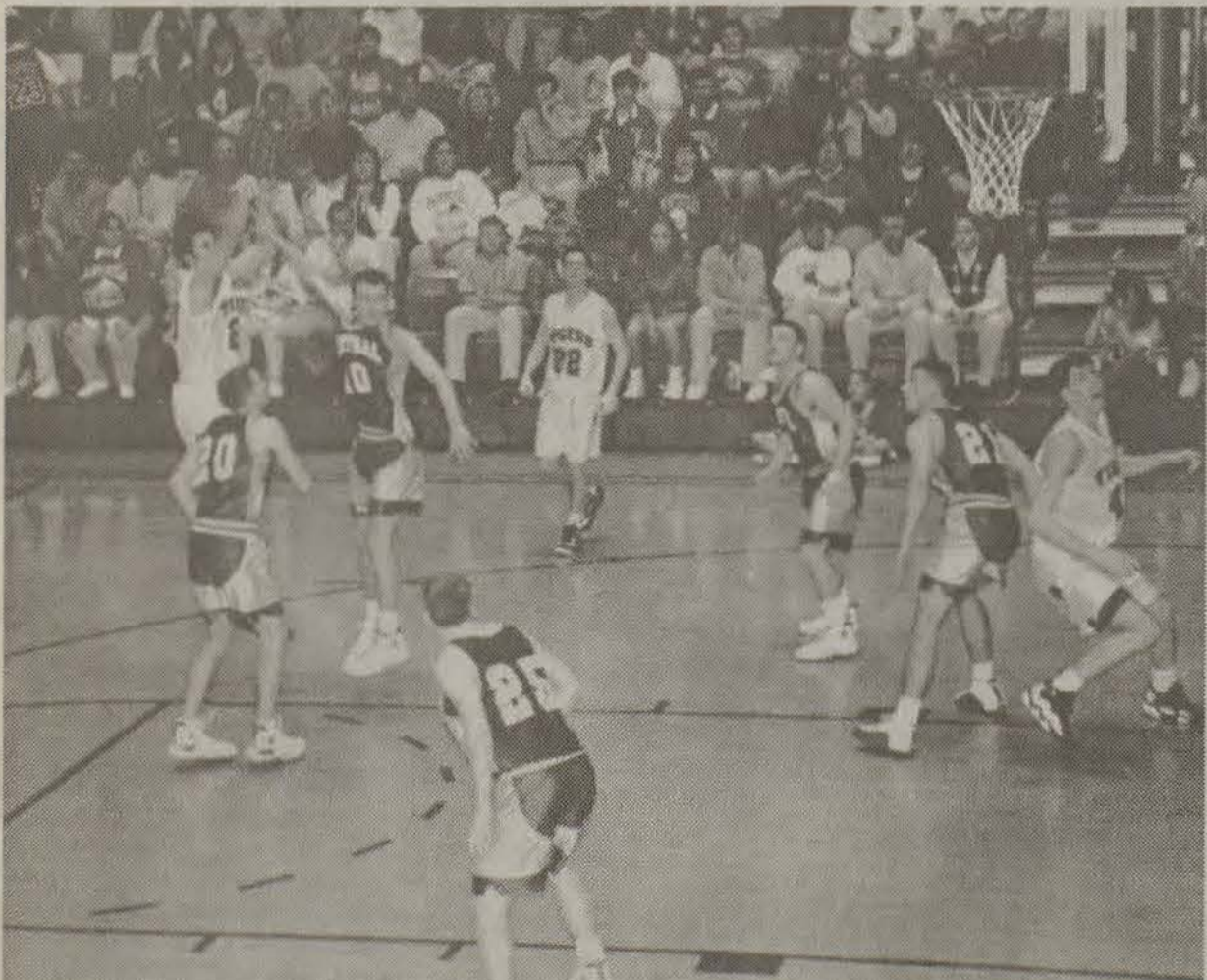
RBI's, and batted .313.

CATS ON TUBE
Well the second season begins tonight for the Kentucky Wildcats in the Southeastern Conference tournament in Memphis, Tenn. Kentucky is still smarting from last Sunday's whipping by South Carolina. There is no doubt in many minds that the Gamecocks

were the better of the two teams and deserving of a number one seed in the NCAA tournament.

From here on, things are only going to be rougher for the Cats. Next season? Oh, dear!

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



From the roost

Paintsville's Josh McKenzie put up a shot over the Allen Central defense in the fourth quarter of the opening game of the boys 15th Region basketball tournament. McKenzie scored 13 points as the Tigers edged Allen Central 62-57 (photo by Ed Taylor)



Working the boards

Crystal Martin (34) of Allen Central pulled down a rebound against the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals in girls 15th Region basketball play at Magoffin County Tuesday night. Sheldon Clark pulled off a 45-37 shocker over the Lady Rebs (photo by Ed Taylor)

The Floyd County Times Players of the Week



Ashley Tackett
Senior at Betsy Layne
16 points
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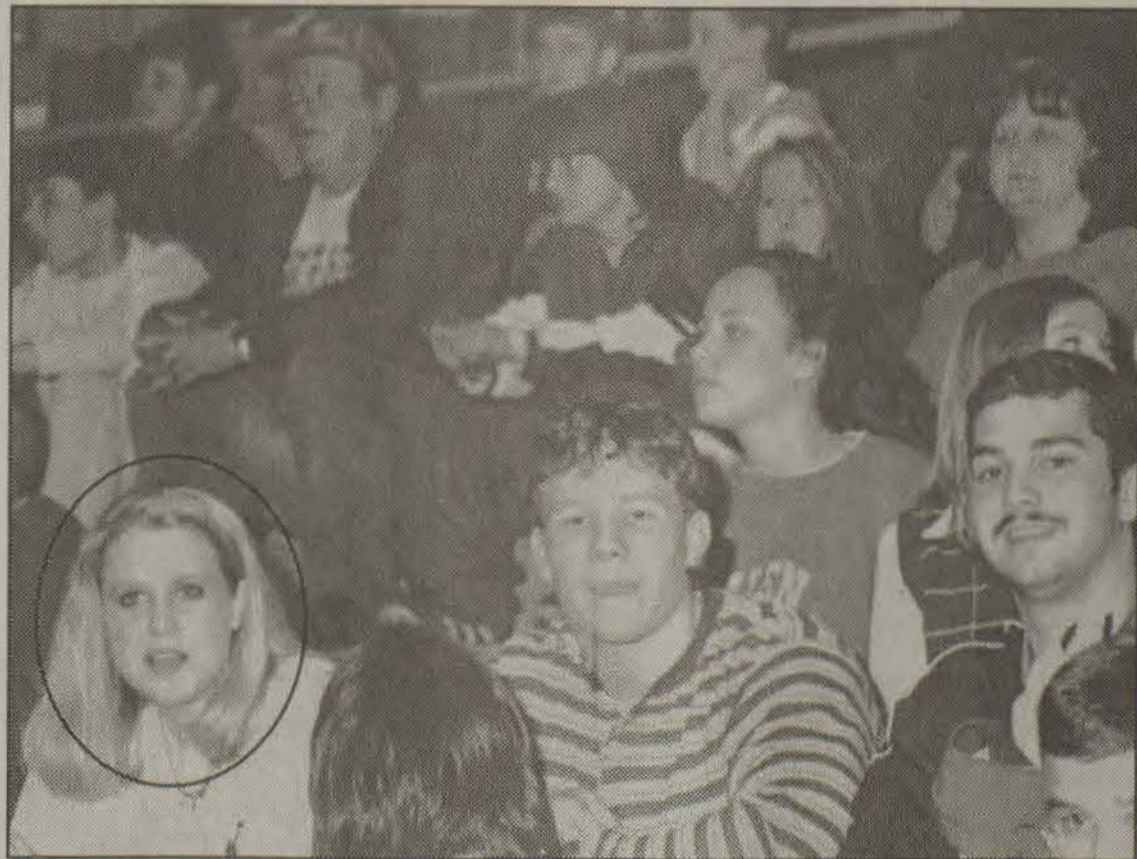
Thomas Jenkins
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