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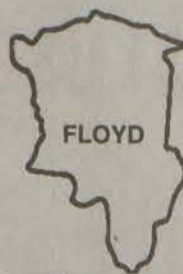
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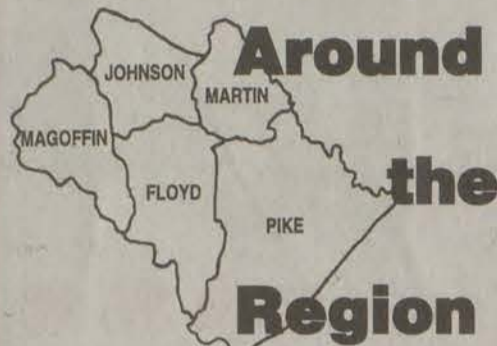
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Weekend Weather

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FRIDAY NIGHT

Evening showers are possible.

Overnight Low: 43



SATURDAY

Mostly cloudy

High: 58
Low: 40



SUNDAY

Clouds and sun

High: 61
Low: 36

Nothing exciting found in study of road corridor

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

In a survey this week to determine the impact on historical sites at Middle Creek of changing U.S. 114 into a four-lane highway, archeologists unearthed nothing more exciting than a shard of glazed redware that probably dates to the early 1800s.

Archeologists examined fields along the roadway from Clark School to the Mountain Arts Center. Dan



An archeologist at work.

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Husband charged with murder

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Within three hours after the funeral for Billie Jo Mitchell Thursday, her estranged husband was indicted by a grand jury for capital murder.

Four days after Ms. Mitchell's death, Andy Mitchell, 52, of Tram, was indicted Thursday on the capital murder charge; three counts of stalking, first degree; first degree rape; and first degree burglary.

According to the indictment, Mitchell was charged with murder for "intentionally shooting" Ms. Mitchell with a pistol at her

home on Sunday, November 2.

Mitchell's indictment was sealed when the grand jury released the list Thursday. It was unsealed when Mitchell was served with an indictment warrant at the hospital where he is recovering from a gunshot

More grand jury indictments inside

wound himself.

Mitchell could face the death penalty for the capital murder charge.

Sunday's incident also led to the burglary charge and one of the stalking charges

because Mitchell violated court orders to stay away from Ms. Mitchell and he entered her residence armed "with intent to commit a crime," the indictment indicates.

Another stalking charge and the rape charge were the results of an incident which took place on October 28, the same day he was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Mitchell was released from custody on that charge within five hours after his arrest. He was released on a surety bond according to an affidavit signed by Ms. Mitchell, Mitchell forced himself into her



Billie Jo Mitchell was shot to death Sunday.

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Grand jury demands FBI investigation

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

An emergency recommendation from a Floyd County Grand Jury asks for a Federal Bureau of Investigation probe into events leading up to the murder of Billie Jo Mitchell.

The grand jury met in special session Thursday to hear evidence against Andy Mitchell, Mitchell's husband, who was indicted for her murder.

"We feel this case has been handled recklessly and with bias," the grand jury recommendation said. "It is our recommendation that every office and person involved with this case should be investigated to the fullest extent of Kentucky and federal laws."

Billie Mitchell was shot five times in the chest Sunday evening and died at her home at Ivel. Billie Mitchell had had a history of domestic violence incidents with her husband.

Four days before her death, Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill had issued a warrant for Andy Mitchell's arrest because he allegedly violated a domestic violence order and the warrant noted Mitchell was believed to be armed and dangerous.

That warrant was never served on Andy Mitchell. Floyd deputy sheriff Dwayne Jarrell said in a written statement that he had attempted to serve the arrest warrant on October 30; he was off duty October 31; attempted to serve it November 1; and was off duty November 2, when Mitchell was murdered.

Grand jurors want to know why

Andy Mitchell was not arrested.

"Mr. Andy Mitchell was arrested on several occasions in which DVO's (Domestic Violence Orders) were obtained," the grand jury said. "One such order advised that he was armed and dangerous, yet, he was not picked up and jailed. In these cases, all law enforcement officials should be aware of the individual attempts to find or locate the perpetrator(s). The grand jury believes that attempts of arrest should not be stopped due to shifts ending, days off, or lack of personnel.

"Domestic violence laws should protect the victim and not result in murder," the grand jury said. "The victim, Billie Jo Mitchell, the people of Floyd County and the Commonwealth have been treated un-

(See Grand jury, page six)

County's new redistricting plan to be unveiled

A press conference has been called for noon today (Friday) by Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale to unveil the county's new district boundaries.

When county voters decided last year to change from magistrates to the commissioner form of government, Hale had the task of dividing the county into three commissioner districts. Under the magistrate form, there were four districts.

The press conference will be held in Hale's office at the Floyd County Courthouse Annex.



Precautionary measures...

Prestonsburg Fire Department personnel searched through an empty classroom at Adams Middle School Wednesday after the school was evacuated because of a bomb threat. Fire chief Tom Blackburn said Wednesday's incident "is a first" for Adams Middle School and is not related to last year's bomb threats at the high school. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Officials pursuing leads after school bomb threat

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Adams Middle School was evacuated Wednesday morning after the school received a bomb threat and a warning to "get the kids out of the school."

And after a series of bomb threats at Prestonsburg High School last year, Prestonsburg Fire Chief Tom Blackburn said Thursday that the city, and not the school system, would prosecute the caller of Wednesday's bomb threat.

Charges against a Prestonsburg High student were dismissed last month because school officials did not want to pursue the case, and there was not enough evidence to prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt, according to assistant county attorney Lance Daniels.

"Dropping the charges made a pretty good picture (that) they're not going to do anything to (those who make bomb threats)," Blackburn said. "We will not go that route any more. It doesn't work."

The fire chief said the school system and the fire department are out time and money when bomb threats are called into the schools, and the students' studies are interrupted.

"Everybody is disrupted and it's really bad to tolerate it," Blackburn said.

Adams Middle School received the bomb threat around 10:55 a.m. Wednesday and school personnel notified the fire department that a caller advised that "it's no joke. You need to get the kids out of the school."

The fire chief said the caller's voice was

(See Threat, page three)

Martin council agrees to make repairs of sewer line a priority, but funds are scarce

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

State environmental officials met with Martin's City Council Thursday, giving them a stern warning to correct a sewage problem and pledging their assistance in the effort.

Greg Wilson, a supervisor with the state's Division of Water, told council that a line-break in the sewage system was causing 80,000 gallons of raw sewage to flow directly into Beaver Creek.

"We have to sit down and put our

heads together on this," Wilson told council. "I'm not here to assess civil penalties and beat up on you. We're willing to work with you people to get the money."

Mayor Alan Whicker explained that four feet of sewer line was washed out during flooding in March and that the city had applied for Federal Emergency Management Assistant funds to repair the line, but the application was denied.

"No physical (effort) has been made) to repair the line because the money's just not there," Whicker said. "I want to repair it as much as

you do. I don't want raw sewage running in our streams."

The city is "maxed-out" on its ability to borrow money, as well as paying its obligations on the new sewer plant, Whicker said. He added that bids have been let to address four areas of concern regarding the sewer system, including the break EPA is addressing near the bridge close to city hall.

Rick McCoy, the city's sewer plant operator, told Wilson that the land where the sewer line is broken has given away which resulted in a part of the line being lower than the

other.

McCoy said any attempt to link the two lines as is would cause a "back gravity flow" which would cause sewage to back flow into homes.

Wilson asked how much line would have to be replaced to stop the sewage flow into the creek.

McCoy estimated 400 to 500 feet, but he added that it would be difficult to get to the site because the area had dropped approximately five feet during flooding.

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Surveying the sewage

State EPA officials, along with county and Martin city officials, looked at a broken sewer line, visible from a bridge leading into the city. Due to the break, which happened in March, 80,000 gallons of raw sewage is pouring into Beaver Creek daily. State officials have ordered that the problem be corrected "as of yesterday." (photo by Susan Allen)

Murder —

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home after he was released from custody — once again violating court orders to stay away from her — and apparently forced Ms. Mitchell to engage in sexual intercourse.

"He made (a gun) very visible to me," the affidavit says. "He started grabbing at my body asking me if it was still his...He told me about being arrested for disorderly conduct. He said 'they took me to jail but I'm out now.'"

Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill issued a warrant, ordering the immediate arrest of Mitchell, who was identified in the warrant as "armed and dangerous."

Four days later, the warrant still had not been served and Ms. Mitchell was found dead by a neighbor. She had been shot several times in the chest and back.

Shortly thereafter, Mitchell was located by the state police in the Tram area, a few miles from the murder scene. He had suffered a single gunshot wound to the chest.

Mitchell was taken to Pikeville Methodist Hospital, where he is listed in stable condition, and said "I never done it," when asked about the murder in a telephone conversation.

The Mitchells had an extensive history of domestic violence over the ten months preceding Ms. Mitchell's death.

Two domestic violence orders (DVOs) were issued against Mitchell during that time. Both orders were effective until the year 2000.

When Mitchell allegedly violated the first DVO, during an incident in October when he poured gasoline on Ms. Mitchell and inside her car, and threatened to light it, a show-cause hearing was scheduled for him to prove why he shouldn't be held in contempt of court.

At that time, the second DVO was issued.

Mitchell and his attorney failed to appear for that hearing, but court records do not indicate if any action was taken against the defendant.

Neither KSP detective Leroy Weddington nor Det. Donnie Phipps would comment on the indictment charges. They directed all questions to Commonwealth Attorney John Earl Hunt.

The state police have kept a tight lid on information about the case, but informed the local media Wednesday that "something good" may be released on Thursday.

On Thursday, however, Det. Leroy Weddington appeared to be irritated because the media learned a special meeting of the Floyd County Grand Jury had been called.

The detective told one reporter that because he was "snooping," he would not receive any information.

When the grand jury issued the list of indictments, Det. Weddington would not discuss any aspects of the case.

The commonwealth attorney also declined to comment Thursday afternoon about the case or if he would seek the death penalty in the matter.

Threat —

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that of a "young male person."

"Before we got there, we decided to block the roadway and get the students off the school grounds," Blackburn said. "We took them across the street to the park where it is fenced in and a pretty safe area."

The fire chief said that by removing the students from the school lot, the fire department didn't have to deal with the confusion of parents looking for their kids.

After conducting an outside search of the perimeter and checking under all the vehicles, 17 fire personnel searched inside the school.

"We found a couple suspicious looking things," Blackburn said, "but they weren't anything."

Blackburn said that he believed the school's bomb threat was "probably an isolated incident."

"I don't think it's like the bomb threats at the high school," he said. "It's not like what we were dealing with the ongoing construction."

Blackburn said Fire Marshall Larry Adams and the fire department were following up on three or four leads in connection with Wednesday's bomb threat.



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—First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Viewpoint

Quote of the week...

"To serve is beautiful, but only if it is done with joy and a whole heart and a free mind."

—Pearl S. Buck

Editorial

Don't give up the ship

by Scott Perry

The ad says: "Help Lead Kentucky To Educational Excellence." Forget Kentucky. We're interested in Floyd County.

That's really what the ad is about anyway. It's asking interested folks to apply for vacancies on the Floyd County Board of Education, created by the resignations of Ray Brackett and Ursal Wilcox.

The ad hasn't drawn much attention. Just three people have expressed interest in appointments to those seats.

Maybe that lack of interest stems from a sense of futility, a shared belief that no matter how hard you try, you can't redirect a system that has been headed along the same, wrong course for so long.

Perhaps the disinterest comes from the perception that board members will be irrelevant if and when a state takeover of the school system comes to pass.

While both views are accurate, to a point, neither are completely true.

The board will exist, and it will have a role in reshaping Floyd County's educational future.

Under a state takeover, that role may be advisory in nature, but it is still important to have local views expressed. State officials have indicated they will be open to new ideas to replace old, failed processes. If you think you can provide that input, step forward and be recognized. If you just want to get your name in the paper or defend the status quo, though, stay put.

This system is our responsibility.

We needn't remind you of that.

We are to blame for its condition now, and we are charged with fixing it and maintaining it in workable fashion.

The deadline has passed for applicants seeking Ray Brackett's unexpired term, but the process could be reopened.

The deadline for the District 1 seat is November 10.

Help Lead Floyd County To Educational Excellence.

Somebody out there has what it takes to do that.

Move to the front of the class.

Oh, and to all those politicians who want nothing more than to manipulate the system...you're expelled!



Letters to the Editor

Build water/sewer systems for all of Floyd County

Editor:

To all Floyd Countians, I have been asked if I am going to run for office in this county. I have not decided, because it is not up to me, it is up to the voters to say they are tired of the old politic in power taking their money and living high on the hog. If the people are ready for a change, I'm ready to be that change. Back in 1996, the voters went out and made a change for the commissioner system of government. Now it is time for another change. Ask yourself, not what I can do for you or what you can do for me, but what we can do together to make a change?

I have sat and listened to the problems of Floyd County. We need good roads, good sewers and good water for every man, woman and child in Floyd County. Instead of looking outside for more money, lets look to what already is here. I have heard the water and sewer plant for the new prison, golf course and industrial site will be built by \$9,000,000 of our coal severance money. I ask you, the people of Floyd County, if we can take our tax money to put water and sewer to a prison, golf course or whatever they want to call it, why can't we supply water and sewer to ever man woman and child in Floyd County? Let's make this new water system a system for all Floyd County, not just for prisoners and golfers.

We need a county-wide water system. One run by the county for the county. It is time our government is for the people of Floyd County and not for the government. I ask you to study and get all the information on this new water system, and help me, help all Floyd County, not just the government.

Bobby Dean Stumbo
McDowell

Everybody favors Town Branch bridge repair or replacement

Editor:

The situation about the Town Branch bridge continues to be a mystery. Everyone seems to be in complete agreement that the bridge should be repaired or replaced, now. The mayor of Prestonsburg states the bridge is of great importance to the city. He has made this known to Transportation Cabinet Officials. Our congressmen are in full support of repairing or building a new bridge. They pledged their support. The county judge stated he used the bridge himself and was 100 percent for repairing or building a new bridge. At the last fiscal court meeting, one magistrate stated it was not a county bridge, however, it

was used by the county citizens and he was willing to help any way he could. Another magistrate stated he crossed the bridge on a regular basis and was all for it being repaired. The other members all agreed on the importance of the bridge. A lady at the meeting stood up and identified herself as a frequent visitor at the court meetings. She stated she was pleased the magistrates could all agree on something and hoped to see them agree to work together on other projects in the county. The fire department, sheriff's department, and other emergency agencies, all agree the bridge is valuable, not only to the community of Town Branch, but as a short-cut from Prestonsburg to U.S. 23. A petition of 300 concerned citizens was gathered in a two-day period. Many more people called and stated they would sign the petition to have the bridge replaced or repaired.

After all this support one would have to conclude the bridge was a valuable bridge. One would then assume the only reason such a project would not be started immediately would be the lack of money for the repair or replacement of the bridge. This does not seem to be the case. The state has a \$300 million surplus of money. The General Assembly seems to agree that a great portion of this money needs to be spent on infrastructure needs.

I would like to request that our transportation department declare this an emergency and request funds to get started on the bridge. I feel sure our local congressmen will give the project their full support.

Ashland Gearheart
Town Branch Road
Prestonsburg

Promises made, promises kept, honor the vets

Editor:

Promises were made so long ago to men and women if they would go across the sea to foreign lands, to fight a war for you and me.

They stood in uniform so proud and tall, perhaps not realizing that all would give some and some would give all.

It was an honor for them to represent the U.S.A. and with heads held high, they marched away.

They left behind families, loved ones and friends, not knowing if they would ever see them again.

They promised to protect us, yes, you and me, and all the others yet to be.

Holding high the torch of freedom, they went daily, fighting the war for you and me.

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Letters to the editor policy

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"There is hereby established a Kentucky Board of Education, which shall consist of eleven (11) members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the General Assembly... (KRS 156.029)... The Kentucky Board of Education shall have the management and control of the common schools and all programs operated in these schools... (KRS 156.070)" Hmmm. Well, that is of course one way of operating an educational system, but there are others.

Take, for example, an excerpt from a Rhode Island statute defining the purpose of their charter school system: "It is the intent of the (legislature) to provide opportunities for teachers, parents, pupils, and community members to establish and maintain public schools that operate independently but within the existing public school district structure, as a method to accomplish all of the following: (1) Improve pupil learning by creating schools with rigorous academic standards in all basic areas of instruction for pupil performance; (2) Increase learning opportunities for all pupils, with special emphasis on expanded learning experiences for pupils who are identified as educationally disadvantaged and at risk; (3) Encourage the use of innovative teaching methods; (4) Create opportunities for teachers, including the opportunity to be responsible for the learning program at the school site; (5) Provide parents and pupils with expanded choices in the types of educational opportunities that are available within the public school system; (6) Hold the schools established under this chapter accountable for meeting publicly promulgated, measurable, state and charter-based pupil academic results, and provide the schools with a method to implement performance based and/or other student based accountability systems; and (7) Encourage parental and community involvement with public schools. (Emphasis added)."

Political Party

by Dave Porter

Regarding the delivery of education, there is quite a stark contrast between the manner and means which Kentucky has chosen, and the vision of Rhode Island and 27 other states which have passed legislation to enable the establishment of charter schools.

In the true spirit of manifest destiny, Kentucky state government has worked throughout the 1990's to torture the traditional concept of local autonomy from its school districts, while other states have recognized that a central authority composed of educational philosophers (with degrees from Harvard and such) wouldn't even qualify to teach birds how to fly, since they are too far removed from the classroom to understand the specific needs and characteristics of the individual pupils.

Charter schools are shaped differently in each state by the legislation which creates them. Kentucky has no such legislation. The common ground shared by each charter school, however, is "entrepreneur" (group of parents, teachers, or other) and the government.

In discussing how charter schools are created, the best place to start is at the beginning—grassroots lobbying of legislators (and the Governor) to express their legitimate interest in the development of charter schools.

Once legislation has been passed, who actually starts the charter school? According to a study by the U.S. Department of Education, "For three-quarters of the (sample study) sites, one or two leading individuals provided the impetus and drive to write the charter proposal, reach out to obtain official charter approval. A school principal or administrator started the school in half of these cases, and a few active parents or teachers founded most of the others."

What about the money? State grants created by enabling legislation and pre-existing federal grants provide most of the start up costs, and some private money has been used in many cases.

The next general step in charter formation is the development of a mission statement, proposed curriculum, and, more or less, the nuts and bolts of how the school will operate (Build a new school, or use an existing one? What certification, if any, of staff? Fund allocation? Transportation? Etc.?) eventually leading to the application for actual, legal creation of the school. An increasing wealth of information can be drawn from research of successful and unsuccessful elements of such schools in other states.

With only five or six years of substantial existence, the degree of success of the charter school is hard to measure. But in states where these schools exist, the unmettable demand upon teaching positions, enrollment, and available charters demonstrates the public's eager acceptance of improvement (other than state sanctions). Congress and a majority of state legislatures have embraced the revolution. But resistance from the established (but unintended) beneficiaries of the current system (high ranking bureaucrats) will act as an anchor for some states, holding back progress.

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Letters

for all the others yet to be. Throughout history there have been wars and rumors of wars, and the veterans have been there every time for you and me, and all the others yet to be.

So let us reflect back to the promises we made to the veterans. Let us not forget that we promised to take care of them.

After all, if it weren't for the veterans giving of themselves, where would we be, you and me, and all the others yet to be.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to be a part of the health care team, "Putting Veterans First." Taking care of them in their time of need.

To each and every veteran, I say, thank you!

Carolyn Sanford, R.N.
Lexington VA Hospital

No more free rides on gravy train express

Editor: Well you're back again and it seems there's no end to how much your pocket can hold. You know who you are.

I'm not sorry to say that there are no more free rides on this express. It ended October 1 on the Daniel Boone Parkway.

The train on which you were trying to hitch a ride crashed and burned to death that day. That old train died trying to pay his own way. So, don't you think it is time for you to begin to pay?

Sandy Skeans
Martin

Thanks for buying candy for Mullins

Editor: We wanted to thank all of the wonderful people for giving us your support by buying candy to help Mullins Grade School in Pike County. It would be hard to write all the names of those who bought candy, but we really love you all and need more people to support our local schools. We took in \$168 for the school.

I have to say that Mullins Grade School has some of the nicest teachers, principal and all the other staff, including the bookkeeper that I have met anywhere.

I love to get involved in anything for a good cause. May God bless everyone.

Den Hunter and
Christopher Den Hunter

Marcum is Wee Mr. Patriotic

Seth Harrison Marcum was chosen Wee Mr. Patriotic 1997 on October 14th.

He was also chosen Most Photogenic and Most Handsome. Seth is the eight-month-old son of Blue and Krissy Marcum of Cow Creek.

Maternal grandparents are Rabon and Judy Flanery of Martin and Roger Hall of Allen. Paternal grandparents are Jimmy and Karen Marcum of Cow Creek.

Seth's great-grandmothers are Violet McGuire of Allen and Helena Nelson of Cow Creek.

Efforts of guard, fire marshal praised

Editor: I would like to comment on the water leak at Prestonsburg High School.

I think Larry Adams and Kaney Goble did the right thing about the school leak by reporting it, also Adams statement that "we don't have anything to gain, other than doing our job."

I have a question for Greg Adams, if the school house building was on fire, is the guard to stay outside and say it's okay, as long as it is not burning contractors or construction equipment? It would look funny passing by seeing equipment workers and no building.

Also, for Greg Adams and Sam Martin: One of Martin's statements was that water was on the floor and a kid could possibly have fallen down. The floors haven't gotten any softer that I know of since I went there.

Martin's statement about water running down a conduit into probably a non-water proof electrical box, whether it's a main electrical box or not, it will kill you if you touch it—you're dead whether it's 110 volts or 1,000 volts.

Personal comment: If there were more people like Larry Adams and K. Goble that put their heart and kids ahead of money and something to gain, it would start to be a better Prestonsburg and world.

Donald Stambaugh
Prestonsburg

MSU alumni hosts Christmas celebration at MAC

Editor: As the holiday season quickly approaches, there are many reasons to celebrate. Alumni, friends and other members of the Morehead State University family will be gathering together in our area to kick off the season festivities.

Please make plans to join us for a holiday performance of the Kentucky Opry at the Mountain Arts Center (MAC) in Prestonsburg on Friday, December 5. The cost of this event includes a ticket to the performance with seating in the MSU section, a pre-show reception at 6 p.m., where hors d'oeuvres will be served, and a contribution to the MSU Big Sandy Extended Campus Center in Prestonsburg.

At this event, you'll also have the opportunity to let us know if you are interested in helping with or participating in a Big Sandy Chapter of the MSU Alumni Association Inc. As we begin to formalize plans for this exciting new project, we'd love to

have your support and hear your ideas.

Mark your calendars now for this event on December 5. This is a great opportunity for you to see some old classmates and MSU friends as well as support our local efforts at the Big Sandy Extended Campus Center. If

you are interested, contact the MSU Alumni Association at 1-800-783-ALUM (2586). We look forward to seeing you on December 5.

Patricia A. Burchett, '79, '81
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 Cloudy with showers. 50	 A shower in the evening. 43	 Mostly cloudy. 58/40	 Clouds and sun. 61/36	 Mostly cloudy; showers. 54/29	 Clouds and sun; breezy. 47/27	 Mostly sunny and cold. 48/30	 Partly sunny. 54/34

THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Strong high pressure will push cold air into the central and southern Plains. High temperatures will average 10-20 degrees below normal across Nebraska, Oklahoma and northern Texas. A storm traveling up the East Coast will spread rain from Maine to Florida. Snow will fall across the Great Lakes and interior New England. Elsewhere, cool air will remain over the Southeast. A series of storm systems will bring rain to the Pacific Northwest and northern Rockies.





THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today			Saturday			Sunday			Monday			Tuesday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	58	42	c	62	41	pc	64	42	pc	57	35	sh	51	32	pc
Boston	49	42	r	53	48	r	57	46	sh	58	45	pc	56	39	sh
Chicago	48	38	c	55	39	pc	50	30	pc	38	25	sn	38	24	pc
Cleveland	50	41	c	55	42	sh	56	38	pc	48	33	sh	42	26	sn
Denver	73	33	s	56	25	pc	42	18	pc	55	26	s	64	29	pc
Des Moines	54	35	pc	56	33	pc	41	19	c	34	19	pc	38	23	s
Detroit	48	38	c	55	40	pc	54	37	pc	46	30	sn	41	26	sn
Houston	72	44	s	68	49	s	69	43	pc	59	36	pc	64	45	s
Indianapolis	54	38	c	56	41	pc	53	34	pc	43	25	sn	40	25	pc
Kansas City	53	38	s	58	37	pc	45	21	pc	38	20	pc	45	28	s
Los Angeles	74	50	pc	78	52	pc	79	52	pc	80	52	pc	78	51	pc
Miami	82	63	s	78	63	pc	79	64	pc	81	67	pc	81	65	pc
Minn.-St. Paul	50	37	pc	51	30	c	36	18	c	30	18	pc	34	19	pc
New Orleans	67	45	s	64	44	s	68	48	pc	61	40	pc	56	38	s
New York City	52	44	r	61	49	r	60	50	pc	59	47	pc	52	38	pc
Omaha	54	36	s	56	31	pc	40	19	pc	36	18	pc	42	24	pc
Phoenix	86	56	s	82	54	s	79	55	s	78	54	pc	79	55	pc
San Francisco	64	47	s	66	49	s	70	51	pc	68	53	pc	66	52	pc
Seattle	54	39	pc	54	42	pc	54	45	pc	54	48	sh	57	46	sh
Washington	52	45	r	61	46	sh	62	46	pc	60	44	pc	50	36	sh

SUN & MOON

Sunrise		Sunset	
Fri.	7:01 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	
Sat.	7:02 a.m.	5:25 p.m.	
Moonrise		Moonset	
Fri.	1:07 p.m.	none	
Sat.	1:49 p.m.	12:05 a.m.	
Moon Phases			
First	Full	Last	New
			
Nov 7	Nov 14	Nov 21	Nov 29

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today			Saturday			Sunday			Monday			Tuesday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	52	44	r	52	43	sh	50	38	pc	49	42	pc	52	46	pc
Berlin	65	50	pc	55	46	c	49	37	s	48	45	pc	51	44	pc
Buenos Aires	77	59	pc	81	62	pc	81	60	pc	76	54	pc	73	52	pc
Cairo	76	54	s	77	57	pc	83	59	pc	79	56	pc	76	56	pc
Jerusalem	66	48	pc	68	48	s	71	52	pc	70	50	pc	67	48	pc
Johannesburg	92	65	s	94	67	s	88	64	pc	83	63	pc	84	63	pc
London	53	47	c	54	42	r	49	39	pc	49	41	pc	54	46	sh
Madrid	53	42	r	57	49	c	66	47	s	66	45	pc	65	44	pc
Mexico City	67	47	pc	64	47	c	68	48	s	68	48	pc	66	45	pc
Moscow	41	40	sn	54	53	r	54	45	s	50	38	pc	39	34	pc
Paris	50	45	r	50	44	r	50	39	pc	50	40	pc	54	44	pc
Rio de Janeiro	83	71	r	75	68	pc	83	73	pc	84	73	pc	82	72	pc
Rome	74	61	sh	65	51	c	68	55	s	73	58	pc	73	58	pc
San Juan	85	74	pc	85	75	pc	88	76	pc	88	76	pc	88	75	pc
Seoul	80	37	pc	58	35	s	57	37	pc	58	41	pc	64	45	pc
Sydney	80	66	pc	74	59	sh	70	59	s	75	65	pc	79	64	pc
Toronto	48	36	c	57	41	c	57	39	pc	52	35	pc	48	32	r
Tokyo	59	47	s	57	48	s	60	53	pc	60	52	pc	60	57	pc
Winnipeg	48	35	c	40	9	r	18	-1	pc	21	4	s	26	14	s
Zurich	59	46	c	53	41	sh	50	41	s	54	46	pc	56	48	pc

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Martin

Because the line has been broken since March, Wilson said some officials could view council's inability to address the problem as "knowing and willful" disregard of the problem.

Wilson asked council when the last time a sewer rate increase was levied by the city.

The mayor explained the last increase was in 1994, and that council had rejected a proposed rate increase earlier this year. Whicker said the city is operating

on a break-even basis and there are no excess funds for repairs.

Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale explained to state officials that he was assisting in the search for state and federal grant funds to make the repairs.

"We are trying to figure out what funding sources we need to tap into through Congressman (Hal) Rogers' office," Hale said. "We don't want to put a hardship on the citizens of the city of Martin. They already have a tough time paying

their sewer bills now. Give us the opportunity to go out and get grant money to get this fixed. I think you've got their attention."

Hale said he was currently trying to determine if the state EPA had a revolving fund for allocating funds for emergency situations involving wastewater problems.

There is such a fund, Wilson said, "but I don't think funds are available at this time."

State officials will be meeting with council often in the next several months, Wilson said, to get the large break repaired. He explained that the city could be liable for contaminating the water downstream.

A verbal commitment to putting repair of the break as the city's

number one priority was the first step to getting the problem solved, Wilson said. "Can you do just a Band Aid repair?" he asked.

Whicker repeated that the city does not have the money.

Wilson added that the city would not be allowed to add additional customers to the system and that all flow records for the year would be reviewed.

Council gave Wilson a commitment to make the line repair its top priority and a special meeting would be held on November 13 to open bids for the project.

Councilmen Eugene Hutchinson and Steve Farthing were absent from Thursday's meeting.

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Grand Jury

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justly."

Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson is conducting his own investigation into the case and said Thursday he will cooperate with the federal investigation.

"We have a domestic violence unit within the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and it has served as a model for other agencies statewide," Thompson said of the grand jury's report.

"My office will fully cooperate with an FBI investigation into this matter."

Helen Bowen, a caseworker with the sheriff's domestic violence unit, an outreach office of the Big

Sandy Spouse Abuse Center, said she hopes the outcome of an investigation will lead to stricter guidelines.

"Our office responded immediately to the danger Ms. Mitchell may have been in and everything in our guidelines was done to protect this woman," Bowen said. "I welcome this so that guidelines can be developed in the future to prevent this on a statewide and nationwide basis."

Officials with the FBI in Pikeville could not be reached Thursday to determine if and when an investigation would be conducted.

OLM school smoking turkeys for Thanksgiving

Need a little help preparing Thanksgiving dinner? Or would you like your turkey to have a different flavor this year?

Our Lady of the Mountains School parents will be smoking turkey breasts in a large smoker on the school grounds Saturday, November 22.

The smoker holds 60 5-6 lb. turkey breasts. Orders will be taken until Friday, November 7.

Orders may be placed with any OLM student's parents, the school

at 789-3661, or the Smoked Turkey chairperson, Sherry Poindexter at 788-9907.

The turkeys will be ready between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. for pick-up or delivery on November 22.

The turkeys will be wrapped so they may be reheated for Thanksgiving or frozen for later use.

Each order comes with reheating instructions. All proceeds benefit the instructional programs of Our Lady of the Mountains School.

Irvin Harris receives Masonic 50-year membership award



Irvin Harris

At a recent meeting of Prestonsburg's Zebulon Masonic Lodge No. 273, Irvin Harris was awarded the Grand Lodge 50-year membership award.

Others present who received awards were Charles J. McNally and Walter I. Carter Jr., who received the 40-year award; and Thomas E. Rose, Roger L. Waugh, James R. Allen and Harold L. Stone, who received the 25-year award.

F.E.E. wins Hall of Fame award for MAC building

F.E.E. Inc. has received the Varco-Pruden Buildings Hall of Fame award for excellence in the construction of the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

The award was presented to Eugene Prater, president of F.E.E. Inc., during special ceremonies at a recent Varco-Pruden Annual Builder Meeting in San Diego.

"It's an honor to win the award," says Prater. "The Hall of Fame awards represent the best projects in the entire Varco-Pruden Builder network and is great recognition in the industry."

This is the third time that Prater has received the Hall of Fame

award. His company has won the honor for the Kinzer building on Rt. 80 and the McCoy-Elkhorn Coal building in Pike County.

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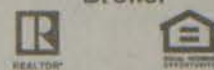
Neil Stanton Watson will conduct a quick recall clinic at Duff to train officials for KAA competition on November 13.

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Rape, assault charges top true bills

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Thirty-one indictments were returned Thursday by a Floyd County Grand Jury. Including two rape charges and a host of theft charges.

Donald J. Hall, 37, of Harold, is charged with first degree rape for allegedly having sex with a person less than 16 years old on June 19.

A true bill issued Thursday charges James W. Pennington, 43, of Prestonsburg, with third degree rape for allegedly having sex with a person under 16 on July 22.

Seven indictments were sealed pending arrests.

Other indictments issued Thursday included:

• Leslie Hunter, 34, of Harold, is charged with first degree assault, for allegedly shooting Minnie Hall with a shotgun on August 16.

• Donald Adams, 42, of McDowell, is charged with three counts of third degree assault; three counts of terroristic threatening; a violation of an emergency protection order; and cultivating marijuana. On May 1, Adams allegedly kicked Kentucky State Police troopers Jimmy L. Baker,

Steven Slone and Craig McGlone and threatened to kill them. Adams also allegedly had grown, cultivated and harvested an unknown quantity of marijuana.

• Ronnie Lee Johnson, 30, of Melvin, is charged with two counts each of third degree assault and terroristic threatening, for allegedly trying to injure Kentucky State Police troopers Marvin Watson and Craig McGlone by hitting them on January 16. Johnson is also accused of threatening to kill the two officers.

• Teddy B. Tackett, no age available, of Teaberry, is charged with two counts of first degree criminal mischief, for allegedly killing a horse, valued at over \$1,000 and damaging a fence worth over \$700, on October 1, 1996, which belonged to Jonah Isaacs Jr.

• Charles Hatfield, 28, of Harold, is charged with two counts of first degree burglary, for allegedly entering the home of Jeff Newman armed with a weapon and entering the Eight Ball Lounge armed with a weapon on September 5.

• Christopher L. Clark, 19, of Grethel, is charged with receiving stolen property, for allegedly possessing a Kawasaki 300 four-wheeler on June 22, knowing it had been stolen.

• Leston D. Keene, 31, of Barkley, West Virginia, is charged with theft by unlawful taking, for allegedly stealing a lawnmower belonging to Norma Tackett on September 13.

• Derek W. Hoover, 23, of Eastern, is charged with theft by unlawful taking, for allegedly stealing an Alpine tape deck belonging to Charles Hines on January 22.

• Robert Lafferty, 21, of Dwale, is charged with theft by unlawful taking, for allegedly taking a 1985 GMC Jimmy on April 18, belonging to Rafe E. Lafferty.

• Justin Yeary, 19, of Dwale, is charged with theft by unlawful taking, for allegedly taking a 1985 GMC Jimmy on April 18, belonging to Rafe E. Lafferty.

• Bryan E. Lafferty, 21, of Dwale, is charged with theft by unlawful taking, for allegedly taking a 1985 GMC Jimmy on April 18, belonging to Rafe E. Lafferty.

• James W. Litton, 25, of Offutt, is charged with theft by unlawful taking, for allegedly stealing a 1990 Jeep Cherokee on July 12, belonging to Brett Traver. Litton is also charged with being a persistent felony offender.

• Daniel Haney, 20, of Williamsport, is charged with theft by unlawful taking, for allegedly stealing a 1990 Jeep Cherokee on July 12, belonging to Brett Traver.

• Charles E. Haney, 24, of Williamsport, is charged with theft by unlawful taking, for allegedly stealing a 1990 Jeep Cherokee on July 12, belonging to Brett Traver.

• Gary J. Adkins, 41, of Raccoon, is charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence after having three prior DUI convictions within the past five years.

• Robert D. Swiney, 29, of Pikeville, is charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence after having three prior DUI convictions within the past five years.

• Calvin Ousley, 53, of Bucks Branch, is charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence after having three prior DUI convictions within the past five years.

• Frankie Rains, 35, of Williamsburg, is charged with operating a motor vehicle while

under the influence after having three prior DUI convictions within the past five years.

• Gregory Scott Grizzle, 31, of Pikeville, is charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence after having three prior DUI convictions within the past five years.

• Larry O. Blackburn, 37, of Pikeville, is charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence after having three prior DUI convictions within the past five years. Blackburn is also charged with operating a motor vehicle while his license was suspended for DUI and with being a persistent felony offender.

• Spencer Taylor, 22, of Clearfield, is charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence after having three prior DUI convictions within the past five years. He is also charged with operating a motor vehicle while his license was suspended for DUI.

• James W. Coleman, no age available, of Salyersville, is charged with flagrant non-support, for allegedly failing to pay child support for more than six months.

Note: An indictment is not an indication of guilt, but a determination by a grand jury that the charges merit further judicial review.



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Imajeon Robinson, director of the Patriotic Pageant portion of the Red, White, and Blue celebration at Martin, was the recipient of a floral arrangement. The flowers were presented to her by members of the Martin Middle School eighth-grade class and their parents.

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REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Knott County

Everett Combs, 87, of Clear Creek, died October 20. He is survived by his wife, Doshia Ritchie Combs. Funeral services were October 22, at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel.

Martin County

Beverly Cumbo Ferguson, 37, of Inez, died October 30, in a car accident. She is survived by her parents, Niles L. and Judy Stepp Cumbo. Funeral services were November 1, at the Phelps and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Hillary Brook Ferguson, 5, of Inez, died October 30, in a car accident. She is survived by her father, Timothy Ferguson. Funeral services were November 1, at the Phelps and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Miranda Shea Ferguson, 4, of Inez, died October 30, in a car accident. She is survived by her father, Timothy Ferguson. Funeral services were November 1, at the Phelps and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Arnold Howell, 68, of River, died November 1. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Fletcher Howell. Funeral services were November 4, at the Sidney Church at Pilgrim, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Shanesha Essie McKay Brown was stillborn Friday, October 24. She was the daughter of Alberta Miller Brown and Scottie Brown of Gauge. Funeral services were October 27, at the Salyersville Funeral Home Chapel.

Pike County

Rufus Ray Norman, 56, of McCarr, died October 28. He was disabled, formerly employed by the Pike County Highway Department. He is survived by his mother, Fonnice Hatfield Norman. Funeral services were November 1, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Franklin Ronald Smith, 55, of McAndrews, died October 29. He is survived by his mother, Hester Smith of McAndrews. He was employed at Kroger's in the South Side Mall. He was preceded in death by his wife, Loretta Smith. Funeral services were November 1, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Holly Justice Slone, 57, of Pikeville, died October 29. She is survived by her mother, Cora Honaker Justice, and her husband, Noah Slone Sr. Funeral services were November 1, at the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Harless Coleman, 81, of Shelbyana, died October 28. He was a retired coal miner. He was preceded in death by his wife, Pluma Green Coleman. Funeral services were October 31, at the Morris Chapel of Justice Funeral Services.

Clarence Tackett, 73, of Toler Creek, died November 3. He was a retired coal miner. He was preceded in death by his wife, Artie Tackett. Funeral services were November 6, at the Little Rachel Regular Baptist Church, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Josephine Spears Kinney, 70, of Pikeville, died November 2. She was a school teacher for 27 years in the Pike County School System. She was preceded in death by her husband, Junior Kinney. Funeral services were November 4, at the Immanuel Baptist Church, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Art exhibit at PCC

"Opinions of Two Women" is the title of an exhibition of drawings and paintings at Prestonsburg Community College Art Gallery. Both Betty Williams and Ruby Laney, PCC Art students, agree that their art works reflect their ideas, personalities and opinions. The art show will be displayed through November 7.

Laney's work reflects in a pure manner her life and memories from childhood to now. "There is a folk honesty in her work" says art professor, Tom Whitaker. Laney's work is being collected by many.

"The art work of Betty Williams," says Whitaker, "is the work of an Earth Goddess." "This humble yeoman of the soil shows her love of the land and the love of people."

Flossie Kendrick Rowe, 87, of Regina, died November 1. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Edward Rowe. Funeral services were November 4, at the Justice Funeral Services Chapel.

Sara Coleman Stanley, 73, of Hardy, died November 3. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Michael "Mutt" Stanley. Funeral services were November 6, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Diana Bowling Thacker, 40, of Kimper, died November 3. She is survived by her mother, Florene Bowling. Graveside services were

November 5, at the Ralph Bowling Cemetery at Caney, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

Hassel Potter, 81, of Elkhorn City, died November 4. He was a retired coal miner. He was preceded in death by his wife, Juanita Baker Potter. Funeral services were November 7, at the Sulpher Spring Regular Baptist Church, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Gene Wilson Hensley, 72, of Belfry, died November 4. He was a retired truck driver and U.S. Army World War II veteran. Funeral services were November 6, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Victor Coleman, 76, of Pikeville, died November 1. He was retired from the Kentucky Power Company and a U.S. Army World War II veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Carrie Justice Coleman. Funeral services were November 4, at the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home Chapel.

Everett "Buster" Johnson, 68, of Virgie, died October 31. He was a retired coal miner and a U.S. Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Louise Johnson.

Funeral services were November 3, at the Speight Church of Christ, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Orvil Akers, 83, of Justiceville, died November 1. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Jane Smith Akers. He was a retired coal miner. Funeral services were November 4, at the Zebulon Church of Christ, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Lexie Lemaster, 96, of Volga, died October 10. Funeral services were October 12, at the Paintsville Funeral Home Chapel.

Chalmer Blair, 81, of Staffordsville, died October 30. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Venus Blair, and his wife, Ernestine Salyer Blair. Funeral services were November 1, at the Staffordsville Freewill Baptist Church.

Tom Hall, 49, of Paintsville, died November 1. He is survived by his wife, Pamela Jo Hall. Funeral services were November 3, at the Paintsville Funeral Home Chapel.

OBITUARIES

Alfreda Burton

Henson

Alfreda Burton Henson, 66, of Beaver, died Tuesday, November 4, 1997, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born April 30, 1931 at McDowell, she was the daughter of the late Farris Burton and Nellie Henson Burton. She was a member of the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church at Wheelwright. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Henson.

Survivors include two sons, James Michael Henson of Auxier and Rickey Dean Henson of Drift; two daughters, Debbie Martin of Teaberry and Teresa Little of Bypro; four sisters, Beatrice Mitchell of Ligon, Beatrix Steffey of Waterville, Ohio, Loretta Henson of Asheville, Ohio, and Rosena Tackett of Grethel; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Friday, November 7, at 11 a.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Louie Ferrari and Tracy Burton officiating.

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

Elder Hershell

Hamilton

Elder Hershell Hamilton, 68, of Hi Hat, died Wednesday, November 5, 1997, at the Veterans Hospital in Lexington, following a long illness.

Born April 12, 1929 at Teaberry, he was the son of the late Wilburn and Martha Tackett Hamilton. He was a retired businessman and a minister of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 45 years, current moderator of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church at Teaberry, and was instrumental in the building of the New Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church. He was a lifetime member of the D.A.V. at Garrett, a former magistrate of District Four, and a board member of the Mud Creek Clinic.

Survivors include his wife, Alberta Mitchell Hamilton; two sons, Eddie Hamilton of Hi Hat and Dan Hamilton of Lexington; two daughters, Janet Vance and Brenda Howell, both of Hi Hat; two brothers, Russell Hamilton of Hi Hat and Willie Hamilton of Beaver; one sister, Mary Newsome of Beaver; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Saturday, November 8, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church at Teaberry, with the Old Regular Baptist Church ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the family cemetery at Hi Hat, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Serving as pallbearers will be Johnny Isaac, Justice Biliter, Eddie Hamilton, Dan Hamilton, Chad Vance, Jeff Howell, Kyle Howell, James Meade and Philman Mitchell.

4-H Heritage

Search

A new association—The Floyd County 4-H Friends and Alumni Association—is being formed. During the 4-H Heritage Search campaign that runs from August 1-December 31, name and addresses are needed for former individuals involved in 4-H.

Send names and addresses to Chuck Stamper, Floyd County 4-H Educator, 670 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Ethel Mae Manns

Ethel Mae Manns, 68, of Allen, died Wednesday, November 5, 1997, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

Born May 1, 1929, in Martin, she was the daughter of Sally Hicks Manns of Allen and the late Tom Manns.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by one son, Kenneth Manns of Prestonsburg; three sisters, Debra Roah, Vernie Johnson and Deanna Reynolds, all of Allen; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, November 7, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home Chapel, with Denzil Sexton and Brad Tackett officiating.

Burial will be in the Hicks Cemetery at Hippo, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Billie Jo Mitchell

Billie Jo Mitchell, 32, of Ivel, died Sunday, November 2, 1997, at her home.

Born March 2, 1965 in Williamson, West Virginia, she was the daughter of Novellia Sturgeil Mosley of Huddy and the late Bill Mosley. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Andy Mitchell; one son, Robert Wayne Mitchell of Ivel; one brother, Larry Browning of Homestead, Florida; and five sisters, Zella Mae Blackburn of McAndrews, Dorothy Ann Bowman of Johns Creek, Pricey Lynn Dotson of Blackberry, Madonna McCoy of Sprigg, West Virginia, and Rachel Lena Cooley of Paintsville.

Funeral services were Thursday, November 6, at 11 a.m., at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel, with Bob Wertz officiating.

Burial was in the Mountain View Memory Gardens at Huddy, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Stella Hall

Stella Hall, 81, of Springfield, Ohio, formerly of Wheelwright, died Wednesday, November 5, 1997, at Pillars Healthcare, following an extended illness.

Born January 8, 1916 in Wheelwright, she was the daughter of the late Odie and Nancy Hall Little. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Marion Hall, and her second husband, Berlin Hall.

Survivors include one son, Clark Hall of Xenia, Ohio; one stepson, Ray Hall of West Virginia; five daughters, Marie Little of Wheelwright, Manda Hall and Brenda Hall, both of Cedarville, Ohio, Marcella Wallen of Portsmouth, Ohio, and Mary Hawes of Springfield, Ohio; two stepdaughters, Mildred of California and Ruth Wright of West Virginia; two sisters, Ella Bentley of Wheelwright and Lissie Sowards of Dorton; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Sunday, November 9, at 11 a.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church at Melvin, with the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Little Cemetery at Bypro, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation will be at the church after 4 p.m. Saturday.

Darky Prater Mullins

Darky Prater Mullins, 97, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, November 4, 1997, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born August 1, 1900, in Magoffin County, she was the daughter of the late Jim Prater and America Bailey. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Mullins, on July 12, 1981.

Survivors include two sons, Agen Mullins of Prestonsburg and Kernie Mullins of Gregory, Michigan; five daughters, Versie Adams of Prestonsburg, America Miller of Fish Lake, Indiana, Alpha Posinski of North Liberty, Indiana, Thelma Bauer of Michigan, and Christine Miller of Concord, Michigan; 52 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, November 7, at 11 a.m., at the Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home Chapel, with Willis Adkins and Esknohah Jackson officiating.

Burial will be in the Mullins Cemetery at Blue River, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home, Salyersville.

Johnnie Ray Boyd

Johnnie Ray Boyd, 29, of Allen, died Monday, November 3, 1997, at his residence.

Born October 8, 1968, at Banner, he was the son of J.B. Boyd of Ivel and the late Bessie Burchett Boyd. He was a contractor with the Built Right Builders, a past member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and an Honorary Kentucky Colonel since March 6, 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Marsillett Boyd; two daughters, Angel Nicole Boyd and Victoria Lynn Boyd, both at home; three brothers, Daniel Boyd of Ivel, James Boyd of Hi Hat, and Andy Boyd of McDowell; and one sister, Florence Boyd of Prestonsburg.

Funeral services will be Friday, November 7, at 1 p.m., at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial will be in the Johnson-Hubbard Cemetery at Spurlock Creek in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Serving as pallbearers will be Kenneth Webb, Jeffery Potter, David Ousley, Anthony Marsillett, Raymond Collins Sr. and Tivis Adams.

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Editor's note: As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, the Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to the Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication or 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

Dinner, bazaar

A chili, soup dinner and craft bazaar will be held at the Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist Church on Cliff Road, Friday, November 7, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Delivery within the city limits. Call 889-0580.

Support group to meet

The Ups and Downs Syndrome Family and Friends Support Group will meet November 9, at 4 p.m. at the American Electric Power building in Pike County. Call 377-6142 or 478-5099 for more information.

Family Fellowship to meet

The Big Sandy Area Family Fellowship will meet November 7, at 7 p.m., at the Salyersville Christian Church. An interesting and informative program is planned. Visitors are welcome. Call 886-8551 for information.

Friend Day

The First Christian Church of Prestonsburg will hold a Friend Day November 9, beginning at 11 a.m. Special events planned. Music provided by George Ent of Falmouth, and others. Pot luck dinner will follow the morning worship service. Visitors welcome.

Retired teachers to meet

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association will be having a special called meeting November 13, at May Lodge of Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. Roberta Fugate, president of the organization, will preside. All Floyd County retired teachers are urged to attend.

Preaching and gospel singing

Denzil "D.I." Sexton will be preaching at the Salisbury United Methodist Church at Printer on Saturday, November 8, at 7 p.m. Gospel singing will be by the Tackett Family, Sexton Trio, Fields Duet and the Bluegrass Gospel Way.

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center Activities

The Adams Middle School Youth Services Center will be offering a Holiday Fun Workshop for all interested parents on Thursday, November 6, from 6-8 p.m. at the school. Theresa Scott from the

Cooperative Extension Office will be sharing healthy holiday recipes. We will also be decorating sweat-shirts and ornaments. Call the center at 886-9812 for more information or to register.

The Advisory Council of the Adams Middle School Youth Services Center will be meeting in the Youth Services Center on Monday, November 10, at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend. All council members are asked to attend.

Parents! Don't know what your child has for homework?? Call the Adams Middle School YSC Homework Hotline at 886-9314 and find out!

Historical Society to meet

The fall meeting of the Big Sandy Valley Historical Society will be held in Louisa at the Front Porch Restaurant on Saturday, November 8. Board meeting will be at 11 a.m. and lunch will be at 12 noon. The speaker will be Louisa's "Father Historian," Dr. John N. Ryan. His subject will be "Then and Now." The public is invited to bring historical publications for sale.

MCA Fall Festival

Mountain Christian Academy will be hosting its annual Fall Festival Friday, November 7, from 6-8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to an evening of fun and games. Admission is \$1 at the door.

4-H shooting sports organizational meeting

The organizational meeting of the 4-H Shooting Sports Club will be held Monday, November 10, at 6 p.m. at the Floyd County Extension Office. Anyone interested in joining needs to attend. You must be accompanied by an adult. Do not bring any firearms to this meeting. For more information, contact the Floyd County Extension Office at 886-2668.

Project pick-up

Anyone who has a 4-H Project at the Floyd County Extension Office needs to come by and pick it up. State Fair checks are in the mail this month.

Mended Hearts to meet

The Mended Hearts, Inc., Chapter 220 will meet at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Conference Room B, in the new addition behind the cafeteria, at 6 p.m., Tuesday November 11.

Our purpose is to offer encouragement and support to heart patients, distribute information of value to them, assist the hospital in

its work with heart patients, cooperate with other organizations engaged in research activities pertaining to heart illnesses, assist established rehabilitation programs for heart patients, and conduct suitable programs of social and educational events for heart patients and their families. Our motto is: "It's great to be alive and to help others." Please join us November 11 at 6 p.m. at HRMC.

South Floyd Youth Services Center Activities

Adult Learning Center (ALC) is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. until noon. ALC is sponsored by the David School. This service is free and open to the public. For additional information call 452-4904.

Clothing Bank open by appointment on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Student activity held from 3-4 p.m. on school days.

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

Quick recall clinic

Neil Stanton Watson, academic coach at Duff Elementary, will conduct a quick recall clinic to train officials for KAA (Kentucky Academic Association) competition on November 13. Training for new officials will begin at 5 p.m. and experienced officials at 6 p.m.

4-H Family Craft Night

The first Craft Night will be held on Monday, November 10, at 6 p.m. at the Floyd County Extension Office. This is open to anyone - parents and 4-H'ers are encouraged to participate. For more information and a list of what to bring, please contact the Floyd County Extension Office at 886-2668.

Allen council to meet

Allen Elementary's site-based council and P.T.O. will meet the first Monday of each month, at 6 p.m. Parents are urged to attend and become involved in their children's education.

Gospel music video taping

A national gospel music video taping at the Mountain Arts Center will feature New Journey, Greater Vision and the Bishops, Friday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m. All tickets are \$10 in advance and \$11 at the door. Call 1-888-MAC-ARTS for tickets.

Fall retreat

The Victorious Women's 13th annual fall retreat will be held November 7-8 at the Carriage House in Paintsville.

Pre-registration is requested by November 1 if you plan to stay overnight.

Former Bible teacher for Washington Congressional wives, missionary with Campus Crusade for Christ, and internationally known Bible teacher and corporate seminar leader, Mary Glynn Pepples, will share Godly principles for living above the circumstances of life.

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CPR class

Our Lady of the Way Hospital will offer a basic CPR class for the public on November 21, at the Seton Complex in Martin.

Pre-registration is required by November 14. Call 285-5181 to register or for more information.

Martin Middle School Youth Service Center

Genealogy Class will be presented to the eighth grade students at Martin Middle School on November 7. This class is being taught by Catherine Hall and Blanche Dingus.

Martin Middle School sixth, seventh and eighth grade students will be taking a tour of Our Lady of the Way Hospital on November 11.

On November 14, Martin Middle School will be having a presentation on Operation Life Saver for the sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Thomas Tackett from CSX will be presenting this program.

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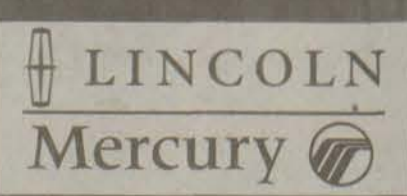
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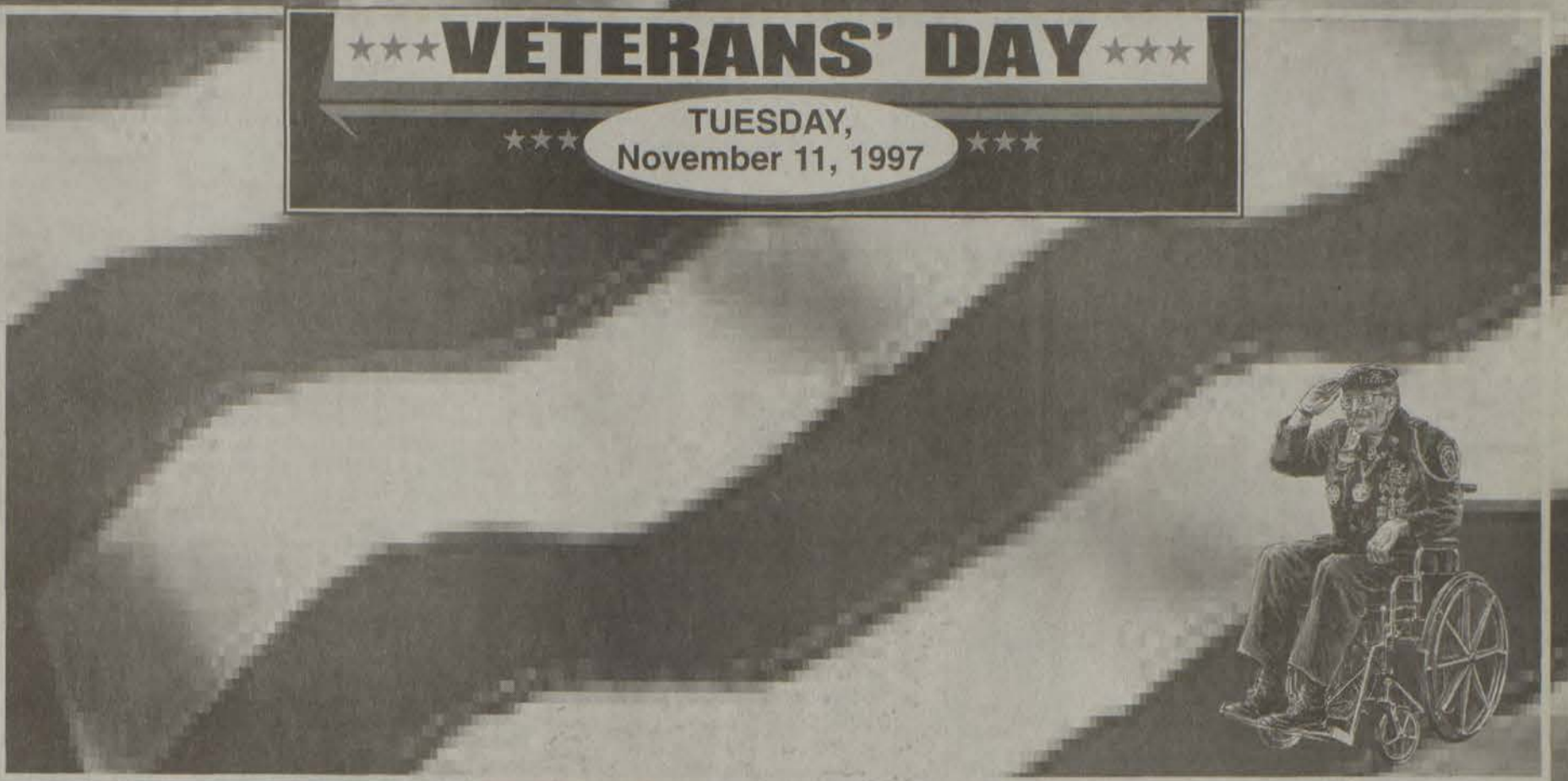
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Alice Lloyd College announces 1997-98 John S. Carroll Scholarships

Alice Lloyd College is proud to announce that eleven students have been awarded a John S. Carroll Scholarship for the 1997-98 academic year.

The scholarship is named for John S. Carroll, who is the former editor of the Lexington Herald Leader and who is currently the editor of the Baltimore Sun.

While at the Herald Leader, Carroll oversaw the Cheating Our

Children series that exposed widespread abuse in Kentucky's educational system, particularly with the property taxes used to fund education.

The series led to major education reforms, and won the 1990 Selden Ring Award for investigative reporting, which carried a \$25,000 prize.

The series also won the \$1,500 Benjamin Fine Award from the National Association of School

Principals.

In May 1991, ten reporters from the Herald Leader graciously donated the \$26,500 in prize money for the award-winning series to establish an endowed scholarship fund at Alice Lloyd College.

Since that time, the money has been used to fund annual scholarships for economically disadvantaged students in Appalachia.

"We wanted to give something back to the children who have been cheated by the system, and to honor John Carroll," the reporters said.

Floyd Countian Novella Prater, daughter of Paul and Eugenia Miller of Prestonsburg, received this scholarship for the current academic year.

The scholarship these students received will cover up to \$450 to help with fees and books while attending Alice Lloyd. Students who are eligible for this award must come from the 5th Congressional District and have financial need.

The must also meet the regular admission requirements and be accepted for enrollment into the

college. John S. Carroll Scholarships are awarded to incoming freshmen for use during their first year in undergraduate work.

Alice Lloyd College is a work college located in Pippa Passes. The College was founded in 1923 by Alice Lloyd, a Boston journalist who came to Eastern Kentucky in 1916 and dedicated the remaining 46 years of her life to providing educational opportunities for the Appalachian community.

Today, the college is one of only six "work colleges" in America. An interdenominational Christian college, Alice Lloyd is a place where all full-time students from a 100-County Central Appalachian Service Area work at least 10 hours per week to help the College grant them generous tuition guarantees, as well as room and board scholarships.

The college also assists qualifying students with their graduate studies and encourages all students to return to their mountain home areas to exercise leadership and promote positive change in their

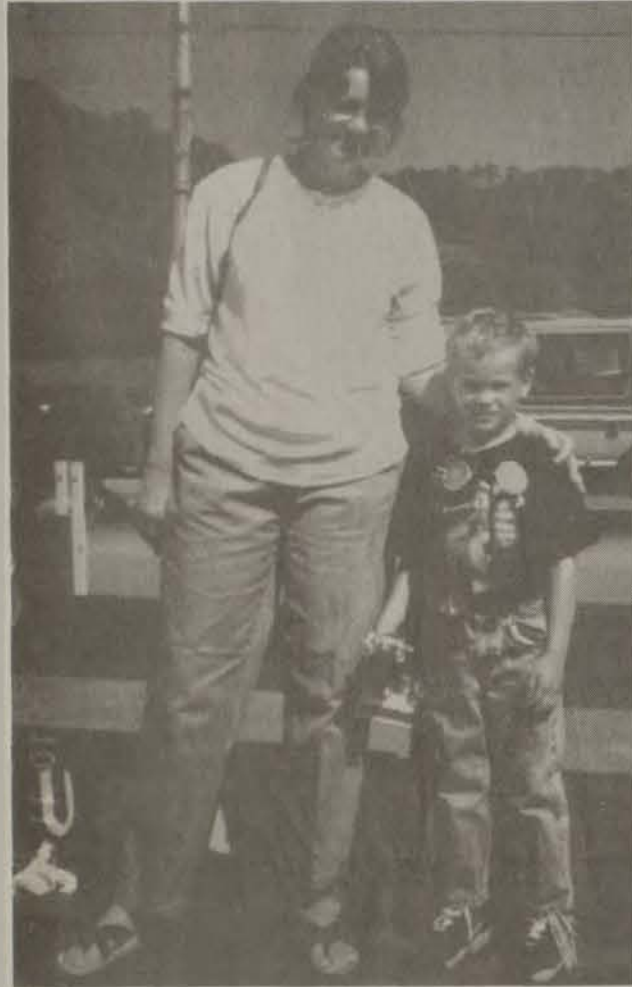
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For more information about programs offered by Alice Lloyd

College, please call the Office of Admissions toll-free at 1-888-280-4ALC.



Floyd Countian Novella Prater was one of several students who received a John S. Carroll Scholarship for the 1997-98 academic year. Novella is the daughter of Paul and Eugenia Miller of Prestonsburg.



Ella Sammons and grandson, Austin Music, accepted the first-place trophy and ribbons for the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival Turtle Trots.

"Austin" and "Nike Ton Turtle" win at JWPF

This year's Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival Turtle Trots winners were "Austin" and "Nike Ton Turtle."

"Austin," No. 183, won the corporate race. He was sponsored by Mountain Christian Academy's Variete Store in Prestonsburg. Store manager Ella Sammons had her grandson, Austin Music, accept the ribbons and trophy that were won and explained she had named the turtle after him. The \$100 check won by "Austin" was awarded later.

"Mary Anne," No. 525, followed "Austin" in the corporate race and won \$75, ribbons and a trophy for her sponsors, the Prestonsburg law firm, Stumbo, Bowling and Barber.

Third place went to another law firm. Kazee, Kinner and Chafin won \$50, ribbons and a trophy for

their entry, No. 170, "Honey."

Corporate sponsors paid \$25 to enter a turtle in the Trots. Individuals could also sponsor turtles for a much smaller fee of \$5 and competed in a separate race. First place went to No. 602, "Nike Tom Turtle," sponsored by Ashton Charles and Dalton Fulks. "Fred," No. 604, sponsored by the Johnson Kids took second. Will Allen sponsored third place winner, No. 603, "Spike."

The Pioneer Turtle Trots were the second leg of the Turtle Trots, First triple crown. Our Lady of the Mountains School, Paintsville, has held terrapin races to raise funds for 14 years in Paintsville and Prestonsburg. This year a third race was held in Martin, during Red, White and Blue Days festivities.

Hammonds receives award from Airplay International

Helen Hammonds of Cliff, in Prestonsburg, was nominated for a King Eagle Award by Airplay International in Nashville, Tennessee, this past summer.

Hammonds received the nomination for her song, "Listening To A Jukebox Song." Hammonds then received a certificate of achievement by mail with gold embossed lettering, alerting her of her achievement as a King Eagle Music's Trailblazer's Award nominee.

Hammonds has received numerous accolades for the songs she has written, and she fastidiously kept hold on her desire to write in the music business.

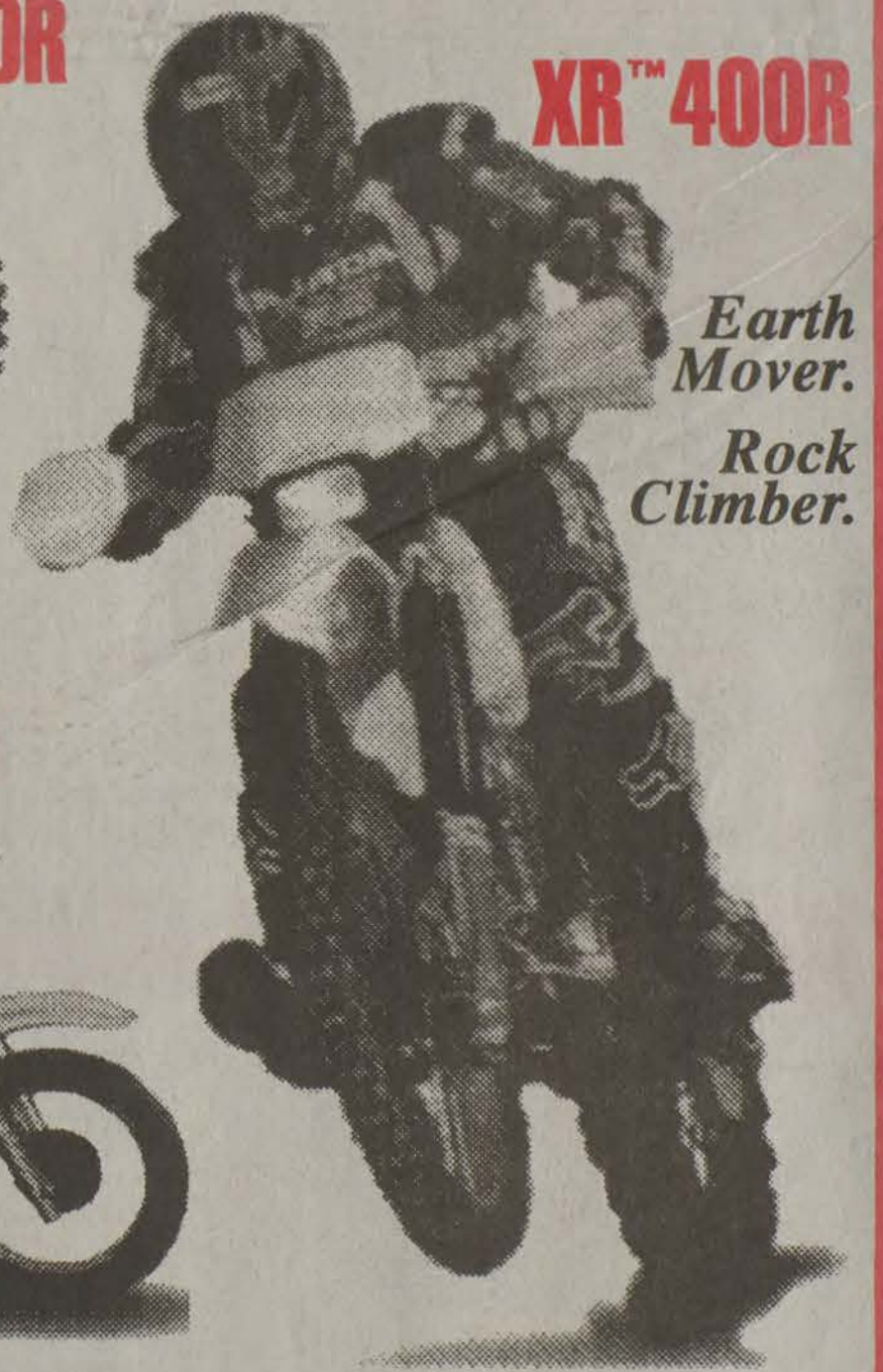
In fact, Holly Harding, associate producer with KMA Records in Nashville, expressed a desire to purchase the song for production on an album to be marketed and distributed by their company, and Mrs. Hammonds is seriously considering letting KMA Records use her song. Music City Songcrafters produced a demo tape of the song with Mrs. Hammonds' vocals, and presented it to Harding, who contacted Hammonds about possibly recording the song.

Harding told Hammonds she was "a very gifted songwriter." Her letter to Mrs. Hammonds related that she thought her "demo is good enough as it is to possibly sell!" She was instructed by the record company to immediately call them on their "private line," and discuss the details such as crediting her for both vocals and song writing of the song if Mrs. Hammonds chooses to let the company use her material. She is seriously considering this possibility, as this record label produces music for such well-known celebrities as Kitty Wells.

Hammonds was unable to attend the Nashville ceremony to accept her award in person, due to the illness of her husband, Charles Edward Hammonds, who had a heart attack earlier this year. Her nomination came about after she had worked long and hard for a dream she had pursued since the age of sixteen.

Nashville could very well find a talent to be reckoned with in these mountains of Eastern Kentucky, as Mrs. Hammonds continues to write, and will make her decision regarding her possible inclusion on the KMA album.

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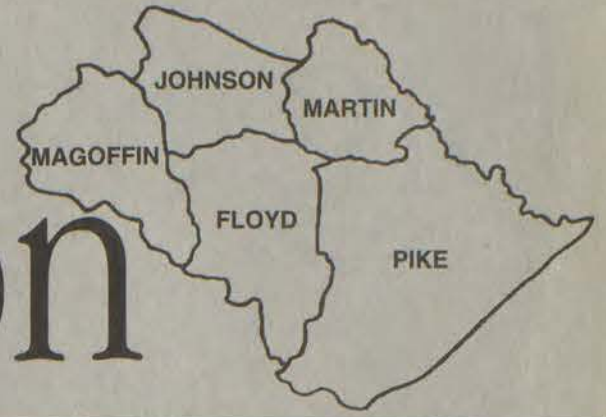
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Around The Region

Regional RE Events



Pike teachers to make presentation at convention

Title I personnel from the Pike County Schools have been invited to make a presentation at the 43rd annual convention of the International Reading Association to be held in Orlando, Florida, May 3-8.

Title I director Becky Francis said the presentation will be on Pike County Schools' Door-To-Door, an in-house staff development program for classroom teachers, program coordinators and administrators, grades K-8.

Classes, meetings in Pikeville

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP. This group allows diabetics to meet and offer advice, tips and ideas on how to live with diabetes. The group is hosted by Pikeville Methodist Hospital's Diabetes Care Program and meets on the last Monday of every month in the Collins and Love Building on U.S. Route 23, South of Pikeville. For more information, call Mavis Johnson at 437-3513.

THE WINNERS. The Winners is a cancer support group that meets the third Monday of every month from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Leonard Lawson Cancer Care Center at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. The group is sponsored by the Medical and Radiation Oncology Departments and 5th Floor Nursing staff at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Call 437-3500, extension 3552, for more information.

EPIDURAL ANESTHESIA CLASS. An epidural anesthesia class for pregnant women wanting to know more about the use of epidural anesthesia will be held November 11 and 13. The class will meet from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital Education Center in the Wallen and Cornett Building. Call 437-3938 to register. The class is free.

Michael Johnathon brings WoodSongs tour to retail grant

Folksinger, author and songwriter Michael Johnathon will introduce his new WoodSongs book and CD with a series of concerts performed at Wal-Mart stores. Johnathon will perform at the Pikeville Wal-Mart from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on November 7.

He will be joined by master musician and instrument maker, Homer Ledford. The concerts are free to the public.

WoodSongs is an all-acoustic, 16-song compact disc and comes with a unique, thoughtful and funny 176-page book, titled WoodSongs: A Folksinger's Social Commentary, Cook Manual and Song Book.

Subjects in the book include a chapter, "Miracle on Caney Creek."

Also included is a handful of unique recipes collected by Johnathon.



Doctor sues to get medical license reinstated

by Ralph B. Davis
Paintsville Herald

Editor's Note: The following story contains descriptions which may be offensive to some readers.

Was it a case of a doctor taking advantage of his patients sexually? Or an orchestrated attempt to discredit a local physician?

Those are the questions which still remain unanswered as a battle between a Paintsville psychiatrist and the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure continues to rage on.

Dr. Michael Pravetz is suing to have his medical license reinstated after the Board of Medical Licensure suspended it pending a hearing on sex abuse and drug charges.

Pravetz filed suit in Johnson Circuit Court against the Board of Medical Licensure Thursday, seeking a restraining order preventing the board from carrying out an emergency suspension it approved October 16.

In records filed with the suit, the board voted to suspend Pravetz's license October 16 after hearing allegations the psychiatrist sexually abused four patients and improperly prescribed medications to others.

At that meeting, the board concluded there was probable cause to believe Pravetz engaged in illegal activity and voted to suspend his license until a February hearing on the charges, saying he could present a "danger to the health, welfare and safety of his patients or the general public."

But in his suit, Pravetz contends the board had no probable cause to believe he violated his practice and denied him a

chance to attend the meeting or defend himself. He asks the court to set aside the temporary suspension.

The suspension and resulting lawsuit is just the latest round in a continuing battle between Pravetz and the board.

Earlier this year, Pravetz, along with patient and Federal Bureau of Investigation agent Ben Walker and his wife Wanda, filed a federal lawsuit accusing the board; Doug Wilson, an investigator with the board; and William Schmidt, the board's executive director, among others, of participating in a witch hunt against the psychiatrist.

The suit alleges Schmidt, Wilson and the board, along with six other people and two corporations affiliated with Three Rivers, conspired in a scheme to spread lies about Pravetz in an effort to defame him and potentially get money from him.

THE CHARGES AGAINST PRAVETZ

A copy of the board's complaint against Pravetz describes in great detail the allegations against him.

According to the complaint, Pravetz allegedly sexually abused four patients between 1993 and 1995, while they were under his care at Three Rivers Hospital in Louisiana.

One patient interviewed by a board investigator April 2, 1996, said he was allegedly forced to have anal sex with Pravetz during his stay at Three Rivers on May 9 to 11, 1994.

The patient later recanted his story October 21, 1996, when he signed an affidavit before a notary public, stating Pravetz had never committed sodomy on him or had ever done anything in an unprofessional manner.

A second patient told an investigator in February 1996 that Pravetz allegedly touched him during treatments in 1993 or 1994 for prior sexual abuse when the patient had been 13 or 14 years old.

According to the complaint, Pravetz told the patient "he was going to treat the patient's fear of men touching him through touch therapy."

As part of the therapy, Pravetz allegedly turned down the lights, then told the patient to describe how he had been abused. While the patient described what the abuser had done, Pravetz allegedly performed the same acts on the patient, whispering into his ear.

The patient told the investigator Pravetz had allegedly said the treatment was a form of shock therapy and allegedly threatened to place the patient in a more confined hospital when he expressed reluctance about continuing the treatment. The patient also alleged he had to obtain medical treatment for a lacerated rectum after one of the treatments.

A third patient, interviewed by the board investigator in October 1996, said he was treated by Pravetz following a suicide attempt in 1994 or 1995.

The patient alleged Pravetz fondled him during an initial examination and a subsequent examination the following day.

A fourth patient told an investigator in February 1996 that Pravetz allegedly asked unusual questions about his sex life and made unusual requests that were sexually related.

When the patient refused, Pravetz allegedly told the patient to put his clothes back on and said, "I think I'm through with you."

The board's complaint against Pravetz also questions the doctor's practice of writing prescriptions.

In reviewing pharmacy records, the board alleges Pravetz:

- Prescribed 2,300 tablets of chloral hydrate between July 18, 1994, and July 16, 1996.

- Prescribed a second patient 1,018 lorcet, 15 percocet, 100 vicodin, 60 hydrocodone, 80 roxiprin and 60 oxy-codone between April 22, 1994, and August 14, 1995. Pravetz also allegedly offered to prescribe some of the medications in the patient's wife's name and to personally take him to several different pharmacies "so that pharmacists would not become alarmed." The patients said he later entered a drug treatment center and methadone program as a result of becoming addicted to the medications.

- Prescribed 1,800 lorcet since January 9, 1996, and 30 Roxicet within a three-day period to a third patient.

- Prescribed a fourth patient nearly 2,000 hydrocodone from January to July 1996 and wrote prescriptions for amitriptyline, trazadone and chloral hydrate.

In the case of each of the four patients, the board concluded the prescriptions were excessive and were allegedly prescribed with Pravetz's "intent or knowledge that (they) would be used or (were) likely to be used other than medicinally or for an accepted medicinal purpose."

The charges against Pravetz will be reviewed by the board February 3, 4, and 5.

Board member alleges 'coverup' at academy

by Kim Stacy
Appalachian
News-Express

A Pike County school board member said last Thursday he is disappointed board chairman Alvin Newsome took it upon himself to call off an investigation into board superintendent Reo Johns' son and a controversial juvenile treatment center. The board member alleged that Newsome is apparently cooperating in a "cover-up."

A subpoena issued by the board's attorney for Barry Johns has been withdrawn by Newsome, who ordered that any investigation will have to be conducted by individual board members at their own expense.

"I am really disappointed in Mr. Newsome," said John Blackburn. "Disappointed in his leadership of the Pike County Board of Education. Disappointed that he seems to be apparently cooperating with the coverup of this matter."

Board attorney Neal Smith issued the subpoena to Johns earlier this week, along with subpoenas for records from Trans Financial Bank in Pikeville, officials with the Kentucky Youth Academy and the owner of the company who bought the former Sycamore Elementary School, to try to determine if Johns is connected to a company that purchased the former school.

However, Newsome said the subpoenas are not valid and that no investigation will be conducted on the matter.

Youth Opportunity Unlimited, which bought the school from a private individual, who bought the property at public auction, is now leasing the facility to the Kentucky Youth Academy.

The investigation was ordered last week by the school board during a meeting in which the academy had requested the school system serve as a fiscal agent for educational services to its residents.

However, board members asked that an investigation be conducted into the academy, how it was acquired, its CEO Rocky Hall, etc. before a decision could be made to provide such services.

But before the investigation was started, the academy withdrew its request last Monday for the \$170,000-a-year contract when Hall said he did not wish to cause any more controversy or problems for the school system.

Smith said Hall had processed a loan at the bank to help renovate the former school into a juvenile treatment center. Smith said it had come to his attention that Barry Johns was involved in the loan process.

The focus of the investigation was to determine if Barry Johns is involved with Youth Opportunity Unlimited, a for-profit company, which bought the property.

The academy is now leasing the property from that company at a cost of \$192,000 a year. The owner of the company is listed as Edwina Cooley. Cooley's husband, Caleb Cooley, and Barry Johns both work for state Senator Gary Johnson.

School board members Blackburn, W. Keith Hall and Bobby Varney said the investigation is necessary, and that the truth should be uncovered about the financial questions concerning the academy.

Blackburn said the probe is necessary to determine whether the superintendent was acting to benefit his own son.

Theft cases go to grand jury

By Jerry Pennington
The Big Sandy News

A Lawrence County Grand Jury will hear the cases this month of several people charged in an alleged theft ring operating in the area.

Early last month, several people were arrested on a number of charges, some of which included a scheme to pass stolen vehicles off as rebuilt models for sale. In a raid by police, nearly \$60,000 worth of stolen equipment along with several marijuana plants and some crack cocaine was confiscated.

The crimes were also connected to a fire that destroyed the city garage in September, causing the city to lose nearly \$60,000 in uninsured merchandise. An impounded car in the garage had turned out to be a stolen vehicle from Ohio, and police believe the fire was set intentionally in an attempt to destroy evidence. So far, no one has been charged for the fire.

In the initial bust, three people were

charged—Patrick Calvin Blackburn, 32, of Louisa; Shirley Hinkle Marcum, 25, of Genoa, West Virginia; and Helen Spence, 32, of Torchlight.

Since early October, more charges have been filed and more suspects have been arrested.

Blackburn has denied all of the charges against her.

"All that stuff they're putting in the paper is not true," she said. "I was not involved."

Blackburn said she has never stolen anything in her life, and all the bad publicity is hurting her because she is looking for a job.

"I don't have nothing to do with a car theft," Blackburn said. "It's false charges. It's slandering my name. I've been known here all my life and everybody's looking at me like I'm a criminal."

When the grand jury meets, they will hear only the prosecution's side of the evidence, and decide whether or not enough evidence exists to issue an indictment, or formal charge, against those charged.



During a special session of the Kentucky General Assembly, Pikeville Democrat Herbie Deskins and Senate Majority Leader David Karem, D-Louisville, paused a moment to display their identical "pumpkin ties." Deskins said the special session had plenty of scary moments, perhaps in anticipation of approaching Halloween. During the session, legislators debated the health care insurance industry, however, no legislation was passed. Deskins announced Monday that he will not seek re-election next year.

Former grid coach will run for seat

by David Gross
Appalachian
News-Express

Just hours before state Rep. Herbie Deskins said he would retire from the General Assembly after this term, former Pikeville High School football coach Hillard Howard said he will be a candidate for the seat in next May's primary election.

In an early morning announcement Monday, Howard, who has never ran for or held political office, said he will seek the Democratic nomination from the state's 94th legislative district, which covers parts of Pike and Floyd counties.

Howard has yet to formally file for the office, but said he will do so next week. No other candidates had filed for the position as of early this week, a spokeswoman with the Secretary of State's office said.

"I don't know a lot about state government," Howard said. "This is kind of the first endeavor for me. I'm going into it a little ignorant, to be honest about it, but I'm a hard worker."

"If I didn't think I could win, I wouldn't get involved."

Howard, 50, has worked for the Pikeville City School System for 29 years, first as a health and physical education teacher and the last 15 years as the high school's vice principal.

In 23 seasons as Pikeville's head foot-

ball coach, he led the school to more than 200 wins and three state titles.

He said he plans to leave the school system after this year.

"I've been in education for close to 30 years, been involved with the youth, and I feel like I've still got a lot of energy left," Howard said. "To me, it seems like there's a lot of things going on right now in Eastern Kentucky ... and I'd like to help get some more things done."

"... I don't know if one person can make a lot of difference," he said, "but I'll stand up ... To me, it's just standing up for mountain people, speaking up for the people back here. I think there needs to be some things set up to take care of the working man."

Howard said he was unaware that Deskins, D-Pikeville, did not plan to seek re-election. "It came as a big shock to me," Howard said. "It would have been a good race."

Deskins has represented the 94th district in the state legislature for more than 20 years. Howard coached Deskins' son, Herbert Deskins III, during the late 1980s.

"I've been through a ton of battles on the field, and I expect to fight in this office just like I did on the football field," Howard said.

"I think people respect somebody with a little grit in their craw."

Big Sandy Briefs

The Numbers Game

Wednesday's Results		November 5, 1997	
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Salyersville post office to relocate

The Salyersville post office will be moving to a new building.

A local partnership was notified recently by the United States Postal Service that their bid had been tentatively accepted to authorize them to construct a new building that will house the Salyersville post office.

The new building will be located on Maple Street adjacent to the Salyersville City Hall building. Plans reportedly call for the new structure to be built on the property where the home of Dana and Suedell Howard is currently located.

Howard is a Salyersville engineer and is one of the principals of the developer firm referred to as AHW Enterprises authorized to construct, own and maintain the new post office building.

The other two principals in AHW are Elmer B. Arnett and Phillip Williams.

Arnett said the Howard property was one of two potential sites considered.

The second site was located on the Mountain Parkway. — *The Salyersville Independent*



Fireman chase Halloween pranks

Halloween pranks have commanded the attention of the Salyersville Volunteer Fire Department during the past two weeks. Four times during the past two weeks, volunteers have been called to combat a fire purposely set as part of Halloween festivities. — *The Salyersville Independent*

Tax rates okayed by fiscal court

The Magoffin County Fiscal Court approved the 1997 tax rates for all county-wide taxing districts, excluding schools, during a special meeting October 22. The annual tax rates were passed over for approval during a regular meeting due to the fact that the Magoffin County Soil Conservation Board wanted to raise their taxes. The raise was subject to court approval and the board missed the deadline to apply for the increase. Rates for real property was set at 19.8 cents per \$100 assessment. Personal property was set at 30 cents per \$100, while motor vehicle and watercraft were both approved for 16.3 cents per \$100. — *The Salyersville Independent*

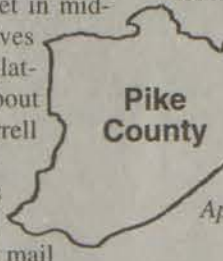
Main office leaving S. Mayo Trail site

Pikeville postal officials, who cite a cramped building caused by continued business growth, said this week they will move out of their main office on the South Mayo Trail, perhaps within two years.

Local and regional postal officials met in mid-October with city and county representatives to discuss the move, and last week circulated fliers seeking public suggestions about possible new locations. Postmaster Darrell Rose said the facility is "just too small."

The main Pikeville office processes mail for 86 post offices in Pike and Floyd counties, he said, and last year handled a mail volume of more than 43 million pieces.

The decision to move was made about a year ago, but was only made public last week. The move likely will not affect the branch office located on Main Street. — *Appalachian News-Express*



the audit recommended correcting included: no monitoring of ... profits from vending machines; some of the purchasing requests on file didn't have a signature for proper approval; the receipt booklet was inadequate; vending machine proceeds, raised by student and teacher vending machine sales, were used only for teachers' benefits (coffee); vending machine sales tripled but the cafeteria lost money on meal sales — this money is a large amount for one bookkeeper to be in charge of collecting, counting and depositing; deposits were made infrequently; and some large amounts of cash were kept unlocked. — *Appalachian News-Express*

Pennsylvania man receives additional charge

The Pennsylvania man who was jailed after he and three juveniles led police on a three-county chase after two of their companions were arrested for an attempted mugging last Saturday night was charged with an additional crime Friday, authorities said.

John Korth, 18, of Coatesville, Pennsylvania, was arrested for receiving stolen property. According to a Pikeville City Police report, Korth and the other teens were armed during the attempted mugging and the chase. The citation said Korth had several firearms he knew were stolen. — *Appalachian News-Express*

Calloway bails out ambulance service with \$25,000 personal check

In a move which may have far-reaching political ramifications, Martin County businessman Bob Calloway paid more than \$25,000 to help pay off two ambulance units being operated by Martin County Ambulance Service — forestalling a foreclosure effort and apparently widening the already huge gap between Martin County Fiscal Court and the newly-formed ambulance board.

According to ambulance service manager Theresa Sansom, two ambulance units purchased with a bank loan had fallen behind approximately two and three months in payments. — *The Martin County Sun*

nights to play bingo, but that suggestion didn't go over very well with the board members and no vote was taken. — *The Martin County Sun*

Runyon gets five years in shooting of Muncy

A West Virginia man who had been charged in the shotgun shooting of Earley Muncy, 47, of Warfield, stood trial last Thursday and was found guilty of second degree assault with a deadly weapon.

The shooting took place December 11 at Riverside Apartments and, according to eyewitnesses, the shooting occurred after Earley Muncy intervened in breaking up a shoving match between Muncy's brother-in-law and another man. — *The Martin County Sun*



Warfield Community Center Board wants AmVets back for bingo

During a meeting of the Warfield Community Center board of directors, a Martin County resident asked the board whether it had made an offer to let the AmVets come back to the center for their weekly bingo games, and pay the same rent that they pay at their new location at Big Blue Bingo in Beauty.

Board member John Hensley explained that it had been brought up at a former meeting, but it was in February when everything was still in disarray between board members. The motion had died on the floor.

It was also suggested that the AmVets come back to the community center at the rent they currently pay — that way the two organizations wouldn't be competing against one another.

Another suggestion was made that the AmVets and the community center should each switch one of their

State of Ky. files suit vs. Brooksie Horn over garage

Brooksie and Tammy Horn of Preston's Branch, are named as parties in a lawsuit filed against them by Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Department of Highways.

The lawsuit was filed last week in Circuit Clerk Carolyn P. Horn's office asserting that Brooksie Horn has made claims that he is the rightful owner of the property where the state garage building now stands.

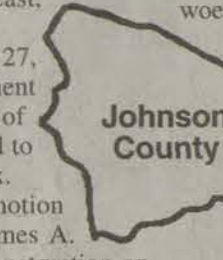
According to the transportation cabinet, Horn has allowed the state to conduct activities and operate on this property for over 20 years and should have waived any objections or claims to the property. They also asked for judgment from Circuit Judge James A. Knight declaring the ownership of the property to be given to the state. — *The Martin County Sun*

City halts construction of apartment complex

A dispute between the owner and the city of Paintsville over building code compliance has landed the two sides in court and, for now at least, has put a stop to work at the site.

The city filed suit Monday, October 27, against Paul Fannin, owner of the apartment complex, saying Fannin was in violation of the state building code because he failed to install a sprinkler system in the complex.

As part of the suit, the city filed a motion last Thursday, asking Circuit Judge James A. Knight for a restraining order to halt construction on the apartments until Fannin submits plans for a sprinkler system. Knight granted the motion the same day. — *The Paintsville Herald*



communities they serve provide active participation and support to keep it in operation. The fire department serves the communities of Thelma, Meally and Davis Branch. It was established in 1976.

Officials at the department say it is not only financial woes which endanger the fire department, but a lack of needed volunteer fire fighters. They say they are sending notice to advise residents of the communities they serve that without a sufficient amount of volunteers to serve as firemen, they cannot keep the department in operation. — *The Paintsville Herald*

Pranksters set fires

Although only two instances of "corning" were reported on the night which has become known as "corn night," or the night before Halloween, a rash of fires lit up Johnson County making the night more caddish than usual.

Three road-block fires were set in different locations around the county and were responded to by three different fire fighting departments on what is known as

Fire department may close

Officials at the Thelma Volunteer Fire Department say they will be forced to close their doors unless the

Man who once escaped police faces charges in rape case

A Louisa man who once escaped police by swimming the Big Sandy River to West Virginia was arrested again last week on charges that he raped a 13-year-old girl.

Roger Dean Webb, 20, was arrested by the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department last Tuesday and charged with second-degree rape, unlawful transaction with a minor and criminal mischief.

According to police, the alleged incident occurred October 24 at a Boy Scout cabin near Yatesville Lake. Webb and another boy who is a juvenile also allegedly vandalized the building, police said.

Lawrence County Sheriff's Deputy Scott Randall said the juvenile is also likely to be charged in the case.

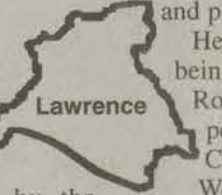
Webb had been charged with rape once before in December of 1995, but an indictment was never issued because the complaining witness never testified before a grand jury.

In June of last year, Webb was picked up by police for allegedly violating a bond condition from another

case when he escaped custody from the Louisa Police Department. Webb swam the river to West Virginia, and police did not follow.

He was found in September of last year after being arrested on another misdemeanor charge in Rowan County. Several cases are currently pending against Webb in Lawrence District Court.

Webb appeared in Lawrence District Court on October 30, where his case was bound to a grand jury who will decide if there is enough evidence in the case to issue an indictment. — *The Big Sandy News*



Power outage Tuesday in areas of Lawrence

About 130 American Electric Power customers who live in southeast Lawrence County will be without electricity from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 11, due to a planned outage.

Company officials said the outage is required to upgrade facilities for improved service, and will be canceled in case of inclement weather.

Specifically, the outage will affect the Clifford area along Ky. 3 from Patrick Branch to the Lawrence-Martin county line. — *The Big Sandy News*

Court date for animal law case scheduled

A trial date has been set for a lawsuit filed last year against Morgan County by the Trixie Foundation, a non-profit, no-kill animal shelter in Elliott County operated by Randy Skaggs, and two Morgan County plaintiffs, June Pratt and Pamela Stakelin.

The May 28, 1998 court date will give Morgan County another seven months to prepare for the suit, which alleges that the county has failed to comply with state animal control laws.

Since the suit was filed in 1996, the Morgan Fiscal Court which claims it was meeting its statutory obligation, has taken a number of additional steps, including contracting with Rowan County's dog pound to handle Morgan County's stray dogs. Skaggs, a leader in efforts to get the state to enforce animal-control laws, has called the county's efforts "a sham," noting that the county has no full-time dog warden and that few Morgan County strays are being taken to the

Rowan County pound. — *The Licking Valley Courier*

MSU Center marks tenth anniversary

Morehead State University's Licking Valley Extended Campus Center celebrated its tenth anniversary with an open house on Wednesday.

Morehead State University is celebrating its 75th anniversary as a public postsecondary education institution and the 110th anniversary of the opening of its predecessor institution, the Morehead Normal School. — *The Licking Valley Courier*



Ridin' the trail

Fourteen riders took to the trails Saturday, despite overcast skies and predictions of rain, to participate in the West Liberty Kiwanis Club's annual Horseback Trail Ride.

A rib-eye steak dinner was served to participants on the trail. — *The Licking Valley Courier*

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Sara Hopson

Respect: my father and I

(The following story was written by my son J.R., in December 1994, and is being printed in commemoration of the anniversary of his father's death on November 10, 1996.)

My dad is a man with a usual harsh tone and a usual closed mind. He doesn't always speak with a harsh tone, it just seems that way because of how often I make him act that way. It seems he's never satisfied with anything I do, but in truth, I'm not satisfied with most of my doings, right or wrong. Almost every six weeks I'm in for an infamous James David Hopson specialty. Dad's specialty is his ability to prolong something that could be said or told in five minutes into close to an hour. Potential is a word Dad uses to describe exactly what it is of mine that I don't live up to.

Dad is truly the master of the lecture. He could talk to you about nothing for days. He simply likes to get his point across with loads of elaboration. Dad's job may have something to do with this. He is the utility superintendent, and it is my belief that when he was appointed to this job he actually knew very little about the utility business. From this I assume as he started learning more things and having to tell people what to do, he told them what to do in a really useless manner. Instead of simply telling them what to do he explained and explained by saying the same things over and over, to act like he knew more than he really did. By talking more, he feels he's telling more. That's why I spend most of my report card nights on the couch listening to how much potential I have. Dad only cares, but sometimes I find humor in how he could tell me to sweep the garage out and fill a time slot on a television station as long as *Gone With the Wind*.

My grades haven't been satisfactory over the years but they haven't been disappointing. Athletics is a different story. Not only has it not satisfied him, he has truly been disappointed and even hurt over how I come up on the short end of the stick in athletics. In the four sports in which I have been involved during high school (baseball, basketball, cross country and soccer), Dad's been most disappointed in how my basketball career came and went. In the mid-1950s, my father was a starting point guard for the Maytown Wildcats. His career ended abruptly as the scrawny 15-year-old sent a pickup over a hill ending his hopes and dreams of playing for the legend, Adolph Rupp. Dad's crash left him unconscious for almost three days and left the underage driver with no way to make it to college on his own. He would now have to rely on his parents for any hope or way to college.

He never spent much time with his dad, as he worked ten to twelve hours a day. He could only be seen at home on Sundays, and usually between the hours of 12 a.m. and 12 p.m. His mother had it just as tough. She worked two jobs helping to pay the bills, clothe the child and feed the family. She would work in the mornings, come home and fix dinner, and head right back to her second job. Dad once told me that if he happened to have a friend over at his house around dinner time, as he calls it, she wouldn't have enough for four, so she and her kind heart would do without. I get two notice-

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"Kentucky Country" reunites for fiddling extravaganza

On Friday, November 14th, the biggest fiddling act in U.S. History will reunite for an "all star" fiddling extravaganza at the Mountain Arts Center. This event will mark the group's first appearance since their departure in 1992 from a 4 1/2 year contract with the Riveria Hotel in Las Vegas. These young musicians performed at special events in countries throughout the world including Japan, Spain, England, Germany, Canada, and Chile, Kentucky Country also performed on many nationally televised programs including Nashville Now with Ralph Emery, the Hee-Haw Show, Incredible Sunday, the Jerry Lewis Telethon, and were musical guest performers at President Bush's inaugural Gala.

The extravaganza will also feature the fiddling and vocal talents of Don Rigsby, David Morris and Angie Carriere.

Don Rigsby is a recording artist with Sugarhill Records and a member of the Grammy Nominated and highly rated Bluegrass group "Lonesome River Band". David Morris is the fiddling whiz currently performing with the Kentucky Opry. Angie Carriere, a multi-talented musician and singer, has won the Eastern Kentucky Fiddling Championship and has performed internationally on a variety of T.V. specials.

The evening will also feature a professional clogging team led by Jeff Parrott and Wayne Mattingly. Both of these gentlemen have performed internationally and have been featured on many TV specials including TNN's Hee-Haw show.

This event is being presented by the Mountain Arts Center and WYMT-TV.

Tickets are available at the Mountain Arts Center, Ph., 886-2623 or 1-888-622-2787.

by Chuck Shepherd

News of the Weird

— New York City special-effects artist Matt McMullen, 28, has been offering his life-size, authentically detailed, steel-skeletoned silicone dolls, under the name "Real Dolls," for several months on the Internet, for around \$4,000 each plus options. So far, Stacy, Natasha, Nina and Leah are available, with choice of hair color, skin color and height (either "super-model" or short and voluptuous). His original doll was intended as sculpture until lonely men bombarded him with price inquiries. Said McMullen, "There is no way this can compete with the real thing, but it can fill a deep void in someone's life."

— "Mommy!": The Orlando Sentinel reported in August that a man had gotten into a bind at a Winter Park, Fla., massage parlor when he couldn't pay a woman the \$150 price for sex and was threatened by the woman's bodyguard. So the man telephoned his mother and asked her to bring the money to a nearby restaurant. And in an Atlanta suburb in September, Sherrod Terry, 19, and Akram Muhammad, 20, were charged with armed robbery of a Long John Silver's restaurant after a short stand-off in which police trapped the men inside. Police said one of the robbers, fresh out of ideas on how to handle the siege, had telephoned his mother for advice.

— In September in Newmarket, Ontario, a jury foreman announced, "We find the accused (and here, the foreman cleared his throat) guilty," but the judge and other court personnel heard it as, "We find the accused not guilty." The defendant, Howard Burke, charged with attempted murder, did not wait around for clarification, but the error was detected within minutes, and Burke finally gave himself up three days later and had the correct verdict imposed.

WEIRD SCIENCE

— Two high school chemistry students from Skipwith, Va., experimenting with a slime they had created in order to play a joke on their teacher in October 1996, accidentally produced an edible plastic, and in June 1997, a company paid them \$100,000 for a one-year option on their invention. Fuiaz Technologies Ltd. specializes in melt-in-the-mouth medications and believes the substance might make a better capsule, at which point the boys' work would be worth about \$1 million.

— The Times of London reported in August that the California firm Interval Research has developed a prototype for a new wristwatch that would be worn not on the wrist but in the wrist. A liquid crystal display, microchip and battery would be implanted under the skin, close enough to the surface so that the time would be readable. Battery recharging and time-zone changes would be done by remote control.

— In a 25-hour operation in September, surgeons in Melbourne, Australia, reattached the face of a 28-year-old woman who had it ripped off in a farm machinery accident. But one week earlier, in London, surgeon Steve Gill described to a British Society of Neurosurgeons audience how in February 1997 he had reattached a woman's entire head after removing it (except for the spinal cord, key blood vessels, and skin at the front of her neck) to correct a crippling condition that was causing her face to point downward. (It took him only 17 hours to take the head off, remove a wedge at the base of her skull, and reattach the head with a metal plate and two screws.)

COMPELLING EXPLANATIONS

— St. Petersburg, Fla., Baptist minister Dr. Henry Lyons, president of the National Baptist Convention and who had been accused of mispending church funds and falsifying documents, explained in August why he had told an interviewing committee (when applying for the position of president) that he was single, when actually he had been married and divorced twice: "I forgot (those marriages)." (He noted that the marriages had been brief.)

— Reports surfaced in July from San Francisco social service organizations that poor kids who participated in a summer lunch program were being served moldy green bologna in sandwiches (for many of the kids, their main meal of the day). According to Dr. Johnson Ojo, the Health Department's principal inspector, what he saw while investigating the complaints was "not that bad," and anyway, moldy bologna will not cause food poisoning.

— John E. Herndon, at his May sentencing (he got 20 years) in Little Rock, Ark., for using two teen-age girls in pornographic photos after giving them alcoholic beverages: "They were my muffins and my flowers," he told the judge. "They were earth angels. I renew my promises to the girls as a born-again Christian that I will always love them and protect them."

— Lee Walter Nance was arrested in Hood River, Ore., in June on suspicion of public indecency when police found him nude in a parking lot on the complaint of a woman who said Nance was harassing her. According to police, Nance explained that he was merely working on his tan because he was on a church softball team and was afraid that if he didn't have a base tan, he would get sunburned.

FAMILY VALUES

— Mentoring: Luiz Carlos Marra, 47, was arrested in Minneapolis in June after his 12-year-old daughter told hospital emergency-room personnel that she had smoked crack cocaine with him. According to the police report, Marra said he was trying to show the girl the difference between good crack and bad crack. And in July, Dennis Dunn, 46, told sheriff's deputies near Brookings, S.D., that he was chasing his stepson's car at speeds near 85 mph only because he wanted to catch up to the boy so he could teach him not to speed.

— The Washington Post reported in May that the D.C. Armory, site of the shock-rock singer Marilyn Manson concert, agreed to provide a wait-

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SOAP UPDATES

by
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ALL MY CHILDREN: Jack arranged for Erica to visit with Bianca. Tim vowed to Trevor that he'll back off on Janet. Janet, meanwhile, reassured Amanda of her love. Edmund recalled Maria. As Brooke got closer to identifying the photographer, Laura claimed it was Rick, the porn stud. Mateo told Tad he wants to go on the air with information about the TGA crash. Stuart reassured Skye of Adam's love for her. Liza was devastated by Mateo's interview. **Wait To See:** Edmund hits a snag in his plan.

ANOTHER WORLD: Shaken by his encounter with Felicia, Alex rushed to try to free Rachel before the church was demolished. Shane learned his condition may be fatal. Later, he dared Vicky to admit she still loves him. Tomas learned of Shane's rare tropical disease. Josie and Paulina learned Rain's father, Popper, supplied the pills that killed her mother. Carl realized where Rachel may be and rushed into the church as it was blown up. **Wait To See:** Alex makes a bold move.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Ben dragged the stalker to the police station. Holden pulled Molly to safe-

ty and accused her of staging the suicide attempt. Lily and Holden tried to learn if Molly is really pregnant. Pamela accused Lew of wanting a separation. Holden told Molly he plans to marry Lily. David told James he knows Lucinda is not his real mother. **Wait To See:** James decides to break up Emily and David.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: The Forrester show proved to be a big success. Eric rejected Lauren's plea not to marry Stephanie, and arranged to have Stephanie meet him for the ceremony. Meanwhile, as Ridge shopped for her engagement ring, Brooke overheard Thorne say Ridge is the father of Taylor's baby. Unaware that Stephanie was trying to get to him despite obstacles, Eric assumed she didn't want to get married, and left. Later, the private plane with Eric and Lauren aboard crashed. **Wait To See:** James is in for a surprise.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Celeste told Ivan and Vicky the townhouse had something to do with the father of Susan's baby. Stefano said he would offer his antibodies for

Roman's cure in exchange for Marlena. Later, a stunned Stefano leaned Travis and T.C. arranged for Jack to have a fatal accident in prison. Vivian found the jewels and cash in the townhouse and told Ivan she's not leaving all this. After Ivan pretended to be a parson and married Ivan and Jonesy, Jonesy decided he wanted a real honeymoon with his Flora Dora. **Wait To See:** John shows Stefano he means business!

GENERAL HOSPITAL: While Ned asked Alexis about the Cassadines' role in the recent takeover, Luke was able to photograph the incriminating papers. A.J. confronted Carly about her sonogram results. Tess proved to Felicia that she was married to man who looked like Mac. Alan's need for a pill interrupted his attempt to make love to Monica. **Wait To See:** Emily discovers proof of Alan's addiction.

GUIDING LIGHT: Alan feared Annie's obsession with Tammy could ruin their plans. Reva became suspicious when Cassie couldn't explain her inability to get Tammy back. Roy warned Abby to back off, or else. Buzz continued to turn to Nola for comfort. Fletcher saw

Roger put a ring on Holly's finger. Ben, Roy's lawyer, told Ross the real reason he's in Springfield. **Wait To See:** Beth prepares to return to Springfield.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Joey told Dorothy about his breakup with Kelly. Todd and Téa tiffed over Blair. Things heated up between Max and Blair as they plotted how to get her closer to Ian. After overhearing Melinda tell Kelly about a scary childhood game she and Dorian played, Dorian had an ominous childhood memory. **Wait To See:** Melinda shows strange behavior.

PORT CHARLES: Bennett offered a reward for Julie's return. Lucy found a way to get around her problem with conceiving. Kevin suspected Greg Cooper tampered with his IV. The casino owner told Scott and Mac there was evidence Scott paid off a big gambling debt. Nicole overheard Eve and Karen talking about Eve's affair with Bennett. Boardman faces Cooper. **Wait To See:** Eve tries to help Scott.

SUNSET BEACH: Cole saw Caitlin's car explode as it rolled down to the ocean. Ricardo faltered on his polygraph, making him look guilty. Although presumed dead, Caitlin was alive and cared for by a mysterious man. Realizing Olivia could suffer a miscarriage, Cole lied to her that Caitlin was all right. Ben proposed to Meg. Gregory was stunned to learn Olivia really is pregnant. **Wait To See:** Caitlin learns something about her "protector."

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: After telling Victor she wants to have children, Diane was devastated when he said he had had a vasectomy. Nick urged Victoria to fight for Cole. Neil found Dru's birth control pills. Ryan was charged with forcing Nina to admit he didn't shoot. Danny told Kay about the faked paternity test that caused Chris to divorce him. Paul was puzzled over Chris's decision to go to Atlanta. Diane told Victor she wanted to have children with him, but he told her it was too late since he'd had a vasectomy. **Wait To See:** Diane makes a decision about her marriage.

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NATASHA'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's time to improve your self-confidence. You really have nothing to be so insecure about, so try to conquer this. Later in the week, be alert for a travel or educational opportunity.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're on the right track toward achievement of a major goal. A new job offer or financial opportunity comes your way. One person you're dealing with isn't on the up and up.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You have a feeling that someone in business is insincere and hasn't kept his word. Later in the week, either a friend or a group activity gives a happy lift to your spirits. Enjoy this special time.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This isn't the time to be making loans as you're not in the financial position to easily accommodate this. You could be disappointed by a friend's actions. However, a reconciliation or improved rapport is achieved with a loved one.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An important breakthrough comes in your relationship either with a child or a romantic interest. An inhibition

is swept away. This weekend, a new plateau is achieved.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) One problem that has concerned you for some time is happily resolved this week. Be on the alert for a new business or financial opportunity. A loved one requires extra consideration this weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Use caution in financial dealings with others. Someone could try to take advantage of your generous nature. In general, avoid any risk-taking or gambling. This weekend, couples reach a new level of understanding.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your suspicions are correct. Someone in business is trying to pull the wool over your eyes. Later in the week, a gift or financial assistance could come from a relative.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A desire for self-improvement leads you to investigate a course of study. You are painfully aware of a family member's weak points. However, do your best to be supportive.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A greater confidence in your abilities will cause you to expand your business aspirations this week. However, in romance, it's best to take it one day at a time. Rushing things isn't advised.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A business associate whom you've relied upon lets you down this week. However, happily, your social circle widens. This weekend some decide to join a club or organization.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This is no time to entrust others with your secrets, particularly those of a business nature. The financial backing you receive this week will enable you to get a project going.

Weird

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ing room for parents who had to stay around in order to take their under-driving-age kids back home after the show. Thus, wrote the Post, mothers waited patiently, reading and crocheting, while in the arena, thousands of teen-agers "waved their middle fingers and chanted 'We love hate! We hate love!'" with some wearing T-shirts that read "Kill Your Parents."

In April, the National Olympic Committee of the Caribbean island nation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines suspended its Olympic coach Orde Ballantyne for four years after his mother ratted him out. She was head of the country's delegation at the Summer Games in 1996 and reported him for violating protocol by refusing to stand for the U.S. national anthem.

In August in Leesburg, Fla., a 28-year-old woman, in the midst of a domestic quarrel with her husband, 29, ordered the couple's two kids, ages 6 and 8, to shoot their

father with their BB guns. The kids complied, resulting in five chest wounds, one arm wound and one cheek wound. The woman is a dispatcher for the Leesburg Police Department.

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Smile

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able traits from her (asthma and she's also left handed), only one thing that I know of that I got from my grandpa (my middle name), and everything else I seem to inherit from Dad. Dad has a loud voice, a bad and cursing temper, and he was known as the campus goof off. Pretty well sums me up, huh?

Dad is a basketball fanatic and that's why he was so disappointed and hurt in how my high school basketball went. Our best bonding comes during UK basketball games, because that's a rare time we're both on the same side. Dad's year doesn't start until UK opens its season, and his year ends when UK plays their last game. It's starting to get to me hearing about how we don't have a true point guard this year, knowing it could and should be me. For some reason every time I started to get the chance to prove myself something knocked me in the other direction. The injury bug set me back on at least one occasion with all four sports. A torn knee ligament ended my sophomore baseball campaign; a severely sprained ankle dampened my hopes of playing time my junior basketball season; and this year a stress fracture ended my cross country and soccer career. Dad thought I would become a superstar in basketball after my sixth grade season had me atop the scoring leaders in the P.A.L. The reason I was the scoring champion, was because the other

nine players on my team had the basketball ability of a blind, armless bullfrog.

I respect my father and love him dearly. Our relationship is, for me, each time I hear him call my name, my reaction is "what could I have done now?" Fear of him has kept me from doing a lot of bad things, which is good. But when something I do does turn out to be bad, he always finds out about it, always. Although I have been known to stir up trouble and cause my father lots of grief and despair, he always takes time to ask me how my day went, and he always remembers to say his morning ritual three phrases: "Buckle up," "Be careful," and "Have a good day."

I've realized why it was so hard for him when I failed to do what was expected. I should be the starting point guard for the Tigers and I should already have a scholarship to UK for finishing in the top 10 at the state cross country meet. Those two things were just not meant to be, but for someone like me to have someone like my father to look up to is just fine with me. I've learned to accept his opinions and advice even though I may say "yea right, sure I will," at first. His opinions and advice usually turn out to be exactly what I need. He's been a big help in my life, knowing when and where to draw the line and, hopefully, I can earn the same respect from my own child.

Answers to Super Crossword

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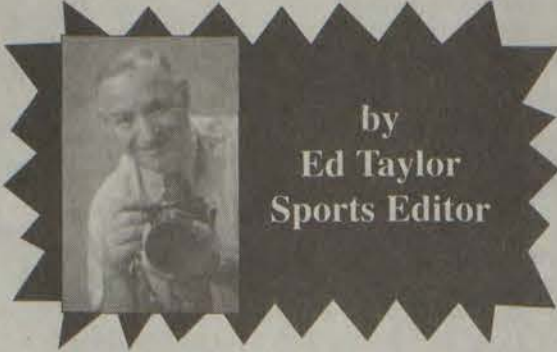
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Sports Editor

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STATE PLAYOFFS TONIGHT
Newport @
P'burg, 7:30 p.m.
Cumberland @ South
Floyd, 7:30 p.m.

Excitement of regional drives Central's Howard

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Last year the Allen Central Rebels' basketball team was a group of overachievers. They surprised a lot of basketball experts who thought the Rebels would face a down year, but they won over 20 games last season.

But as the 1997-98 season unfolds, the experts are again saying the Rebels are not a top 10 team in the 15th Region this year. But, returning guard Todd Howard says Allen Central is determined to make experts eat their words.

"There are going to be a lot of teams who will overlook us," said Howard. "We'll make them pay when they do. We have a really, really good team and we are going to hustle a lot to prove people wrong. Other teams had better be prepared to go the distance with us. We're working hard to get in shape."

While the Rebels will be a small team, Howard says that stamina will play a big part in how the game finishes out.

"You still have to play the fourth quarter," he said. "That's the most crucial one you have to play. If we can keep teams close in the third quarter, come the fourth quarter, it will be in our favor."

Howard said the Rebels are going to live up to their name — Runnin' Rebels — and the numbers are going to be better this season off the bench.

"We're going to have a deep bench this year," said Howard. "We will be able to bring three or four players in, and not lose much when we do. In the past we have only been able to go six or seven deep, and then after that we lose some. But this year will be different."

Howard believes games are won from the free throw line, especially in the fourth quarter.

"In the fourth quarter you are tired, so we have been practicing free throws in practice tired," he said.

Howard averaged 21 points a game last year for Allen Central, his best season. He teamed with Thomas Jenkins (Morehead State University) last season as the Rebels surprised a lot of teams.

"We sure miss Tom. The biggest difference in this

team, we're small," said Howard. "We're a quick team and we work hard. I think our hard work will take us a long ways this year. There is a lot of skill on this year's team."

Howard, in recalling his early days of basketball, credits Rick Hancock for his influence on him as a player.

"My grade school years were really good ones," said Howard. "I had a great grade school coach in Rick Hancock. I think he was one of the greatest coaches in grade school. I owe a lot to him. He got me prepared for high school."

Howard started playing basketball in the fifth grade. "In the sixth grade I got a taste of playing in the tournaments. I made my first all-tournament team in the Rax tournament, and did the same in the seventh grade. In my eighth grade season, I had a really great year."

As a freshman, Howard played mostly freshman and junior varsity basketball.

"My freshman season was really something totally new playing up here with players like Jeremy Hall,

Thomas and Matt Baker," said Howard. "It was something else to play with those guys. It was great to play against them in grade school, but an honor to play with them in high school."

Howard's sophomore season was a dud season, and he said it was his fault.

"I got down on myself," he said. "I didn't play the way I should have. Last year (his junior season) was so unbelievable. The way our team played, and I was really excited about the way I played. I hope to come out this year and do half of what I did last year."

Howard is known for his deadly outside shooting from the three-point range. His ability to hit the treys kept the opposition honest on defense.

"Thomas helped me a lot last year, and I can already see his absence affecting me," said Howard. "I learned from Thomas. He would take a lot off me on the floor. They would concentrate on him and leave me open. But it is going to be different this year."

(See Drives, page eight)

A Look At Sports

State playoffs kick off tonight

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISH...

Happy birthday wish goes to Ramanda Music, Allen Elementary/Allen Central Lady Rebels. Ramanda turns 14 today. When you see Ramanda, wish her a happy birthday. From here, happy birthday, Ramanda!

PLAYOFF'S

Where has the high school football season gone?

It seems we just started, and now we're once again facing the playoffs that kick off tonight with two county schools hosting first round games.

The schedule looks like this:

- Newport at Prestonsburg: The Blackcats should be ready for this one. Coach John Derossett's ballclub is primed and focused and this should be a good one. Don't let Newport's 5-5 record fool you. A win for Prestonsburg here would bring about a classic showdown between Lawrence County and Prestonsburg (if the Bulldogs are able to bite Whitesburg, which they should).

- Cumberland at South Floyd: The Redskins like to throw the football and so does South Floyd. Can Ketrin Mays have another banner game when a lot is at stake? Stay tuned!

- Whitley County at Johnson Central: Coach Bill Musick's Golden Eagles are back in the playoffs and with an outstanding 9-1 overall record. Coach Musick is one of the fine individual's in the game, and we look for his team to meet Belfry in the final eight of the state playoffs.

- Cawood at East Carter: East Carter head football coach Joey Cecil (former Betsy Layne product) may find Cawood a little tough, but that doesn't keep us from rooting for him.

- Mason County at Breathitt County: Can the Bobcats be beaten? I don't know, but I would love to see a rematch between them and Prestonsburg. If that doesn't happen, what a game between two unbeaten — Lawrence County and Breathitt County. But, we're hoping for a Prestonsburg win should they face the Bulldogs.

- Pulaski County at Belfry: Coach Phillip Haywood and the Belfry Pirates were unbeaten in district play, and should advance after tonight's game.

- Sheldon Clark at Pulaski Southwestern: The Cardinals will need to take care of the football on the road.

- Ludlow at Paintsville: The Tigers of David LeMaster should win the home opener and move on.

- Pikeville at Lynn Camp: I am pulling for the Panthers, but Lynn Camp is a fine football team, and without quarterback Ben Howard, it could be rough for coach Royce Mayo and his team.

- Elkhorn City at Middlesboro: The Cougars may still be trying to get over the loss to South Floyd last week. Middlesboro is one of the unbeaten teams in the state.

- Harlan at Hazard: The Bulldogs of Hazard are big, strong and quick. Harlan will have trouble.

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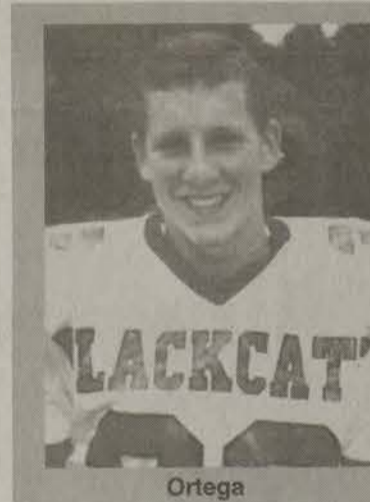
In a conversation with South Floyd coach Donnie Daniels, he shared with me the telephone call he received from Pikeville coach Royce Mayo. Coach Mayo called Daniels after his team lost to Prestonsburg, and the Raiders had beaten Elkhorn City for the second seed in the playoffs. Mayo congratulated Daniels and the Raider team for a fine season and wished

(See Sports, page eight)



Needs big game

South Floyd senior quarterback Nick Compton (1) will direct the South Floyd Raiders tonight as they host the Cumberland Redskins at Brackett Field in the first-ever playoff game to be played at the field. Game time is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Ortega

Latest members of the M.A.S.H. Unit

Prestonsburg running backs John Ortega and Grant Castle will miss tonight's first round playoff against Newport. While Castle is definitely out, chances are slim that Ortega will return.



Castle

Brackett Field gets first playoff game as Cumberland visits South Floyd

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The first thing uttered from coach Donnie Daniels' mouth after his team defeated Elkhorn City 36-28 last Friday night to earn a berth in this week's playoffs, was: "I wonder if they will give me some paint."

Old Brackett Field will be home to the first-ever playoff game to be played at Wheelwright, and is in dire need of a face lift among other things. You can be assured that a crowd from Cumberland will gather with the Redskins when they come calling for the opening round this Friday night. As of Monday, the field was almost under water and Coach Daniels was hoping that the field would dry out by game time.

"I think a wet field would benefit them," he said. "We run the football whereas they pass most of the time."

Cumberland quarterback John Dixon has completed 125 passes for 1,796 yards and 20 touchdowns, giving indication Cumberland is an "air team."

Ruland Melton (5-11, 170) is Dixon's favorite target, hauling in 60 catches for 911 yards receiving. But he has another good one in Brian Gilliam (5-9, 150) who has 23 receptions for 283 yards.

How much do the Redskins pass the football? They will line up one back in the backfield and run four wide outs. Dereck Brown (6-4, 210) will be at the fullback spot, while the Redskins will run Kevin Smith (6-3, 215), Gilliam, Melton and Tim Baskin at wide receiver.

Don't be surprised if the ground tilts a bit when the Redskins line up defensively. Matt Miller (6-3, 300) will be at one tackle defensively, while Marcus Stephens (5-11, 260) will post the other tackle spot. At guard will be

Jeff Sergent (6-3, 185) and James Huff (5-9, 220).

Both Melton and Gilliam will be at corner back, while Dixon roams at free safety.

The Redskins enter tonight's playoff game with a 5-5 record, and finished 4-2 in Class A, Region IV, District 2. Cumberland comes in as the number three seed out of their district.

The only team that can be used for any comparison is Jenkins. Both teams played the Cav's, and on the road. Cumberland rolled up a 24-0 defeat, while South Floyd dismantled Jenkins 50-8.

South Floyd has the best record of the school's short history, finishing at 7-3 overall, and 5-2 in the district.

While the season unfolded for South Floyd with the reputation as a passing team, that soon was changed after the way Ketrin Mays started the season. Mays led the county in two offensive categories, and was second in receiving. He rushed for 1,648 yards, scored 26 touchdowns, 17 conversions for 190 points total. He had 21 catches for 396 yards receiving.

Compton was the second part of the "dynamic duo" that carried the Raiders this season. Compton completed 77 passes for 1,563 yards. Justin Holbrook caught 27 of Compton's passes for 630 yards.

Joe Collins will lead the defensive line for South Floyd at one tackle position. Collins just came back off an injury when he appeared in the Elkhorn City game. Senior Matt Taylor is a hard hitter, and plays the guard slot along with Clayton Williams. Shannon Hall will be at center. Nathan Reed fills one defensive end position with Jarrod Johnson at the other. James Walker, just a sophomore, has had a strong season at linebacker along with Dustin Hall, a senior.

State playoffs...

Castle out, Ortega questionable as Newport comes to Prestonsburg

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Last Friday's Prestonsburg victory over the Pikeville Panthers may have proven more costly than first thought. Just when a football team needs healthy bodies, the Blackcats find themselves facing a Newport team with a definite loss and one questionable.

Grant Castle, who has rushed for 801 yards and has averaged 10 yards per carry, will be lost to Prestonsburg when the Blackcats host Newport tonight in the opening round of the state football playoffs. But junior running back John Ortega is questionable for tonight's game, and that could hurt. The loss of a back and the possibility of another one has coach John Derossett shaking his head in wonderment.

"You wonder if the Pikeville game was worth it," he said. "We got in that Pikeville game and we wanted to win. They wanted to win. We played hard. I just don't know if that is a real good game to play in the 10th week of the season."

Ortega went out at the onset of the second quarter after carrying the ball for 3-yards. He never returned to the lineup. Castle was hurt mid-way of the third period, and was followed by Seth Crisp with a separated shoulder.

Crisp will definitely play tonight, with Castle out and Ortega iffy. Coach Derossett will turn to a trio of players who has proved they can perform out of the backfield.

When sophomore fullback Jeremy Caudill went down in the Sheldon Clark game and missed six weeks of the season, Coach Derossett moved Bill Willis to the backfield to fill the fullback slot. The move proved to be a good one.

"Moving Bill to fullback at mid season was a big move for us," said the Prestonsburg coach. We will have Dennis (Lafferty) back there to lead block some. You will also see Seth and Hank back there.

"A guy the other night who came in and gave us a big lift was Mark Miller. He's a senior who came out this year. He's done a good job for us. You will see all three

(See Playoffs, page eight)



Action continues tonight

Tournament play continues tonight at Duff Elementary with two semifinal games scheduled in the Right Beaver Classic. The championship of the boys', as well as the girls' tournament is set for Saturday night. (photo by Ed Taylor)



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1997 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeff Gordon, 4,598	1. Randy LaJoie, 4,211	1. Jack Sprague, 3,799
2. Dale Jarrett, 4,521	2. Todd Bodine, 3,969	2. Rich Bickle, 3,622
3. Mark Martin, 4,511	3. Steve Park, 3,953	3. Joe Ruttman, 3,556
4. Jeff Burton, 4,224	4. Mike McLaughlin, 3,517	4. Mike Bliss, 3,456
5. Dale Earnhardt, 4,096	5. Phil Parsons, 3,450	5. Ron Hornaday, 3,409
6. Terry Labonte, 4,077	6. Elliott Sadler, 3,416	6. Rick Carelli, 3,311
7. Bobby Labonte, 3,916	7. Elton Sawyer, 3,352	7. Jay Sauter, 3,307
8. Bill Elliott, 3,781	8. Buckshot Jones, 3,352	8. Jimmy Hensley, 3,267
9. Rusty Wallace, 3,531	9. Tim Fedewa, 3,264	9. Chuck Bown, 3,182
10. Ted Musgrave, 3,486	10. Hermie Sadler, 3,252	10. Kenny Irwin Jr., 2,132

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP: Dale Jarrett made the most spectacular run of his career, making up a lap under the green flag and dominating the latter stages of the DuraLube 500 at Phoenix International Raceway. Jarrett has produced seven of his 15 career victories this season.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES: Joe Ruttman, at age 53, captured the Goodwrench/Delco 300 at Phoenix, holding off teammate Chuck Bown. Jack Sprague, the third-place finisher, needs only to start this Sunday's race at Las Vegas to win the series championship in the SuperTrucks' third season. Mike Skinner (1995) and Ron Hornaday (1996) were the previous champs.

TOP 10

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

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. Dale Jarrett (2)
Putting the heat on | 6. Terry Labonte (6)
Dropped a spot in points |
| 2. Jeff Gordon (1)
Still has the edge | 7. Bobby Labonte (7)
Bad luck at Phoenix |
| 3. Mark Martin (3)
Still in the hunt | 8. Bobby Hamilton (Unranked)
Sure about that move? |
| 4. Dale Earnhardt (5)
Site of last win | 9. Bill Elliott (9)
One more shot to win |
| 5. Jeff Burton (4)
Staggering home | 10. Kenny Schrader (10)
Another top five |

ON THE SCHEDULE

Date	Race	Pole*	Winner*
Sept. 6	Winston Cup 400, Richmond	Elliott	Jarrett
Sept. 14	New Hampshire 300, Loudon, N.H.	Schrader	Gordon
Sept. 21	MBNA 500, Dover	Martin	Martin
Sept. 28	Hanes 500, Martinsville	W. Burton	Burton
Oct. 5	UAW-GM Quality 500, Charlotte	Bodine	Jarrett
Oct. 12	DieHard 500, Talladega	Irvan	T. Labonte
Oct. 26	AC Delco 400, Rockingham	B. Labonte	Hamilton
Nov. 2	Dura Lube 500, Phoenix	Hamilton	Jarrett
Nov. 16	NAPA 500, Atlanta	(B. Labonte)	(B. Labonte)
Nov. 23	Suzuka Circuitland, Japan		

* 1996 winners in parentheses.
x First year race is on schedule.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Jeff Gordon vs. Dale Jarrett

With one race to go, Jarrett's dominating victory at Phoenix has taken a considerable chunk out of Gordon's Winston Cup point lead, giving Jarrett a chance to use a little gamesmanship to put additional pressure on the young driver. "We've got a chance, and that's all we asked for," said Jarrett. "We've raced 31 weeks now, and we've put ourselves in a position that we can win. What we have to do is go down there (Atlanta) and try

to win the race and see what shakes out."

"I feel good, but there's no stronger car at Atlanta than the 88 car," admitted Gordon.

NASCAR THIS WEEK'S MONTE DUTTON GIVES HIS OPINION: This is the time that Gordon needs to calm down and look at the facts. He still needs only to finish 18th, even if Jarrett wins. But he has pressure on him that wasn't there before Phoenix.

COMING UP: Busch Grand National Lube Miami 300
WHERE: Homestead Motorsports Complex, Homestead, Fla.
ABOUT THE TRACK: The track had its turns rearranged since the spring. Designed as a scaled-down replica of Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the track now has turns that have been angled less sharply.
DEFENDING CHAMP: Kevin Lepage.
AMONG THE FAVORITES: Dale Jarrett won the opening race here in 1995. Mark Martin is the series leader in victories with 32. Rar has wrapped up his second straight championship.

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week
Lake Speed, forced to run less than the full schedule this year due to lack of sponsorship, is optimistic that 1998 will be much better.

That's because The Cartoon Network will move to the No. 9 Ford driven by Speed and owned by Harry Melling.

Speed, the World Karting Association champion in 1978, was runner-up for Winston Cup rookie of the year in 1980. His only Winston Cup victory came at Darlington Raceway in 1988 in the TranSouth 500. At the time he was driving a purple Oldsmobile with No. 83 on the sides.

Speed, a devout Christian, gives much of his time to the Motor Racing Outreach ministry.

■ **AGE:** 49
■ **SPOUSE:** Rice (pronounced REE-sa)
■ **CHILDREN:** Christopher, Sara Ann, Maurie Ray and Lake Jr.

■ **CAR:** No. 9 Advantage Camo Ford Thunderbird, owned by Harry Melling.

■ **HOMETOWN:** Born and raised in Jackson, Miss., lives in Kannapolis, N.C.

■ **RECORD:** 383 starts, 1 win, 0 poles, 16 top fives, 75 top 10s, over \$4.8 million in career earnings.

■ **LAST RACE:** 36th in DieHard 500 at Talladega (started 30th in AC-Delco 400 at Rockingham, which was held after press time).

■ **WHAT WAS IT LIKE RECENTLY WHEN YOU TESTED THE NEW FORD TAURUS?** "It was kind of like taking a girl out for a first date. We had to go find out what kind of personality this car has, the works and characteristics of it. It was really a familiarization, to get to know the car and see what it responds to and what it doesn't respond to. We were just trying to kind of baseline it and find out where we were on a first-time-out basis. The car

WHO'S HOT ... WHO'S NOT

■ **WHO'S HOT:** Dale Jarrett has finished first or second in three out of four races, winning two.

■ **WHO'S NOT:** Jeff Gordon has gone six races without a victory and, in two of the last three, has finished 17th or worse.

AROUND THE TRACK

Drivers show concern

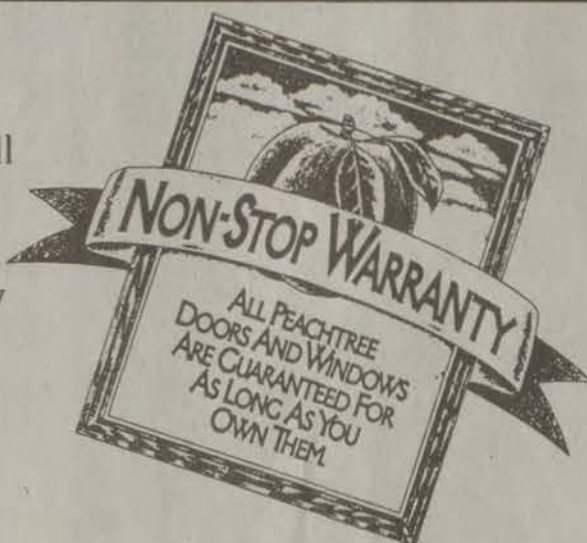
By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week
AVONDALE, Ariz. — As Winston Cup teams gathered for the next-to-last event of the season, the DuraLube 500 was only a secondary topic of conversation.

Número Uno was the alarming practice speeds that have been recorded recently at the reconfigured Atlanta Motor Speedway, site of the final race on Nov. 16. With an entirely new shape — a tri-oval in the form of Charlotte and Texas — and a fresh coat of new pavement, the 1.54-mile track will now support speeds well over 190 mph.

Robert Yates, owner of the contending Fords of Dale Jarrett and Ernie Irvan, this week called on NASCAR to slap restrictor plates on the cars. Most drivers and teams, informally polled, seem dead set against such a move, but concern that speeds have gotten too high is everywhere.

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Winston Cup Circuit

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THREE WHO COULD SURPRISE: This is the type of track where Elliott Sadler has prospered this year. Steve Park is making his final appearance before graduating to Winston Cup. Todd Bodine could put a Pontiac in victory lane.

KEY TO THE RACE: Since this is essentially a new track, whoever hits on the right chassis setup has the potential to run away.

THE CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

COMING UP: Carquest 420.
WHERE: Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas
ABOUT THE TRACK: LVMS, a 1.5-mile trioval, will join the Winston Cup Series next season.
DEFENDING CHAMP: Jack Sprague.
AMONG THE FAVORITES: Joe Ruttman won last week's race at Phoenix, and Mike Bliss has a win and two poles in his last two starts.

THREE WHO COULD SURPRISE: Bill Elliott, again making a rare SuperTruck appearance, was second in last year's race. Dodge driver Jimmy Hensley is overdue for a victory. So is Roush Ford driver Chuck Bown.
KEY TO THE RACE: The SuperTrucks do not often run on the superspeedways, so experienced drivers like Ruttman, Rich Bickle and Ron Hornaday could have an advantage.

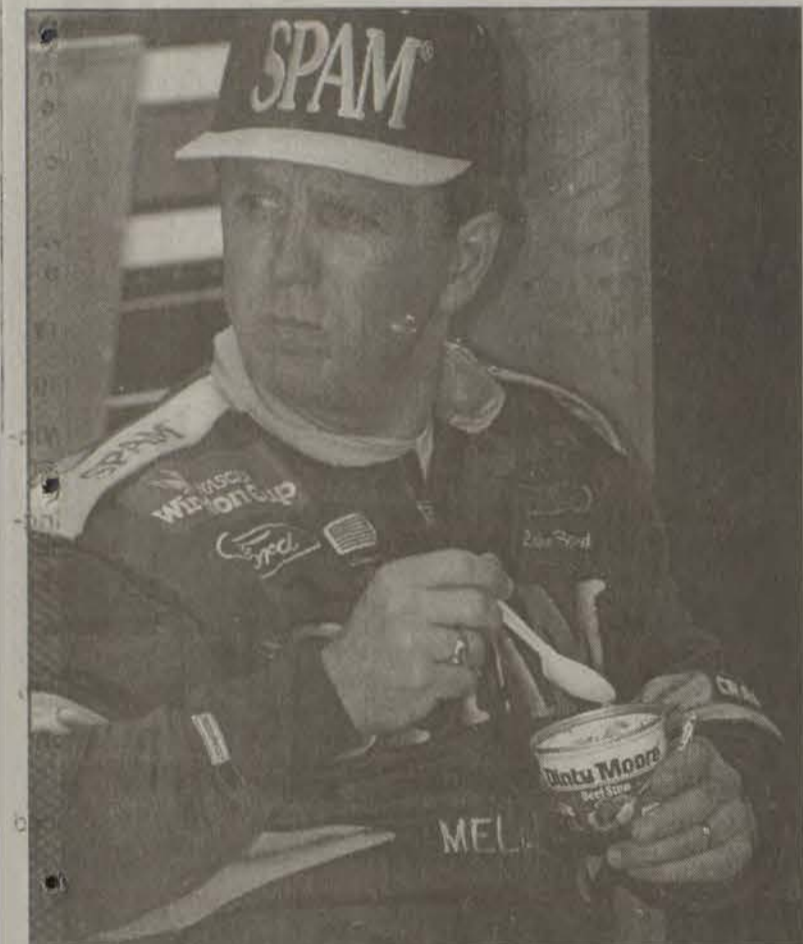


Mark Martin

Mark Martin's all-time high at the Joliet race track.

PROFILE

Lake Speed



Monte Dutton/NASCAR This Week

Lake Speed is optimistic about next year.

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The winner for why I like Joe Gibbs is Dena Workman, Mount Lookout, West Virginia.

The driver drove comfortably and it responded to the changes we made. We made incremental improvements on the car. But the bottom line is that when we left, we were still about five- or six-tenths (of a second) slower than what we had run with the T-Bird down there (at

Daytona). We know there is a lot of hard work to do yet to get to where the T-Bird is, based on the first time out. To see how easy or how hard that will be, we will just have to wait until we get back to the race track and make some changes. It's going to take some track time to figure out where we are."

WHAT DID THE TEAM LEARN FROM A CAR-BUILDING PERSPECTIVE?

"That's the first one we've completed. We've got others under construction. We will take what we learned from that one and apply it to the others. We just need break-line speed. As far as the handling part and driving, the car felt comfortable and drove good. We've just got to get more speed out of the car, straight-line speed. I'm assuming that is just drag."

YOUR TURN

READERS ASK THE QUESTIONS
Dear NASCAR This Week,

I was one of the lucky ones to attend the races at Texas Motor Speedway in April. I have been trying to get some information about how to purchase T-shirts of the winners of the Busch Car and NASCAR (Winston Cup) races. I contacted Winn-Dixie to see if they were going to put out a T-shirt for the win of the inaugural Busch Car race, and I was told there were no plans at that time. I would appreciate any information on this matter.

David Bell
Sherman, Texas

Dear NASCAR Race Fan,

We were unable to find any information about commemorative T-shirts for either Mark Martin's Busch Grand National win or Jeff Burton's Winston Cup win. You might contact Jack Roush Racing, P.O. Box 1089, Liberty, N.C. 27298, for general souvenir information. Or you may also wish to consider contacting Texas Motor Speedway, P.O. Box 500, Fort Worth, Texas 76101-2500, for any commemorative materials being offered by the track.

If you've got a question or a comment, write: NASCAR This Week Your Turn, c/o The Gaston Gazette, 2500 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28054

YES/NOT



Dale Jarrett

TRIVIA

- Who was the youngest Grand National (now Winston Cup) champion ever?
- Who was the second man ever to win three point championships?
- Who was the first driver to earn more than \$100,000 in a season?

3. Fred Lorenzen
2. David Pearson
1. Bill Rexford
ANSWERS

CREW OF THE WEEK

Dale Jarrett made perhaps the most spectacular drive of his career, and the chassis adjustments made by crew chief Todd Parrott gave Jarrett a Ford that was both the fastest vehicle on the track and the most efficient. Jarrett managed to stretch his fuel supply to 95 laps at the end.

RACING ON THE WEB LAS VEGAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Overview: Those Vegas boys went all out on this effort to get you into the bleachers faster. The page loads really fast due to a simplified, text-heavy home page, with plenty of links giving you press releases, schedules, track facts, a map, an aerial view, a seating chart, 1996 events, photos, ticket info and more.
Weak points: The impatient will love the fast download time, but stock text and gray background don't make for the most spectacular scenery.

THE GARAGE

about Atlanta track
"I don't think there's anything that can be done that can constructively retard the speeds," said Mark Martin. "Anything you do will have negative effects, and the opportunity will still be here to hurt a driver. Three years from now, we won't be talking about this. The race track will have aged, racing will have spread the groove out, the pavement will have cured. Even next spring won't be nearly like this." "But," Martin added, "Any driver who isn't concerned is probably too young and too inexperienced to be doing it. Everybody I've talked to who has driven on the track is concerned to some degree, but most of the guys feel that no change is the right thing. Just to let it be. We have safe cars to drive, and it is not a treacherous race track. The only thing we have to fear is the tremendous speed and the wear and tear we give the tires. It's a wonderful race track, and eventually we'll get comfortable and it'll be fine."

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Newsome pumps in 32 points in Adams win

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Shawn Newsome scored 32 points, and Matt Turner added 14 as the Adams Middle School Blackcats solved the second half defense of the Betsy Layne Bobcats to pull out a 72-54 win, and advance to the semi-finals of the Right Beaver Classic tonight at Duff Elementary.

Adams had trouble handling the Bobcats pressure, swarming defense in the first half and fell behind to trail 28-24 at the half.

But coach Neil Turner's half time pep talk must have inspired the Blackcats as they came onto the hardwood to start the third quarter. Employing full court pressure themselves, the Blackcats scratched their way back, and it was Betsy Layne's turn to feel the pressure.

Betsy Layne placed three players in double figures, led by Jeremy Cook and Dustin Elkins, who scored 11 points each. Brant Brooks netted 10 points.

Adams took their first lead, 12-11, in the second quarter on a lay up and free throw by Newsome.

Adams spotted the Bobcats a 5-0 lead, and trailed 9-8 after the first quarter. Newsome's basket and two free throws made it a one point game as the first quarter closed.

Clark scored on a lay up for a 11-8 game before Adams went on a 8-2 run to take a 16-13 advantage. Craig Fleenor scored four of the eight points in the spurt.

Betsy Layne picked up the defensive pressure, and raced back out to a 20-16 lead with some good free throw shooting and inside play. A basket and two free throws by Turner tied the game at 20-20 before Betsy Layne went on a 8-0 run for a 28-20 lead. BoBo Hamilton scored consecutive baskets for the eight point advantage. Fleenor hit a short baseline jumper, and Matt Slone had a rebound basket just before the half ended for a 28-24 game.

Adams opened the second half with a 2-2-1 press as Newsome went

on a personal nine point streak to give his team a 33-28 lead.

"He may not look pretty on the floor," said Coach Turner of Newsome, "but he gets the job done."

Newsome's hit three of four free throws and three field goals in the run.

Elkins led a Betsy Layne comeback to pull the Bobcats to within one point, 37-36. Newsome's two free throws and lay up, coupled with a nice assist to Turner gave Adams a 43-36 lead.

But Betsy Layne would not quit. A free throw by Elkins and Clark's three-point basket made it a 43-40 game. Newsome's scored on a lay up

to give Adams a 45-40 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Brooks scored on a rebound basket for Betsy Layne to start the third period, and it was 45-42, but Adams then took control and ran off 10 unanswered points to pull out to a 55-42 lead.

Michael Rogers scored six points for Betsy Layne, with Chase Younce finishing with five. Shawn Rose had three points, and Jordan Compton netted two.

For Adams, Matt Slone scored six and Fleenor finished with five. Ryan Martin had three. Kevin Younce, Andrew Howell, Aaron Neeley and Chris Spriggs had two points each. Josh Murdock added one point.



Leads Lady Blackcats

Ashley Ousley scored 17 points and hit three three-point baskets to lead the Adams Middle School Lady Blackcats to a 41-27 win over Betsy Layne last Tuesday night in tournament play. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Ousley's 17 points leads Adams past Betsy Layne

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Ashleigh Ousley had a game high 17 points, and the Adams Middle School Lady Blackcats posted a 41-27 win over the Lady Cats of Betsy Layne Elementary Tuesday night in the Right Beaver Basketball Classic at Duff Elementary.

Erin MaJakey scored nine points in the win, while Cathy Robinson added six for Adams.

Devon Reynolds led Betsy Layne with nine points, and Kimberly Clark scored six.

Adams spotted Betsy Layne a 7-0 lead in the opening minutes of the game, turning the ball over on their first four possessions. Ousley was held in check the first quarter by Betsy Layne, who led 7-4 at the first stop. Adams failed to convert some easy shots under the basket as Heather Nelson had the lone first quarter field goal for Adams. Reynolds scored five of the seven points for Betsy Layne on a lay up and three free throws.

Ousley got involved in the

offense in the second quarter when she drilled two three-point baskets and scored seven points in the stanza. Robinson had four points in the quarter. Adams led 16-11 at the half.

After Ousley gave Adams a 18-11 lead to start the second quarter, Betsy Layne went on a 7-2 run to climb back in the game at 20-18. Brandi Bentley scored underneath, Reynolds hit a free throw while

Kimberly Tackett sank two charity tosses. Danelle Newsome's basket made it a two-point game.

Robinson had a put back for Adams, and MajaKey grabbed a missed free throw for a stick back and Adams went back up 24-18.

Consecutive baskets by Clark for Betsy Layne kept the Lady Cats close at 26-22 after three quarters. Reynolds kept her team close

with a free throw and lay up, but Adams went on a 11-0 run for the final 41-27 score.

Tackett finished with four points for Betsy Layne. Natacho Stratton, Bentley, Newsome and Jessie Slone scored two points each.

Heather Nelson tossed in five points for Adams, while Chereah Shepherd scored four. Tiffany Frasure added two points.

Melvin edges Osborne in 50-48 win

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

One of the hottest grade school basketball players in Floyd County has to be Melvin's Rusty Tackett. Tackett scored a game high 25 points to send the Cougars past Osborne, 50-48 last Tuesday night at the Wheelwright gym. The night before, he scored 34 points in a 61-53 loss to John M. Stumbo.

"He is not just a scorer, but he does everything else as well," said Melvin coach Tony Isaac.

Matt Smith netted 16 points for the Cougars in the victory, their first of the season.

Sharp-shooting Michael Hall hit two three-point baskets and scored 18 points to lead Osborne. Tyler Hall added 14 points for the Eagles, including two three-point baskets.

The two teams played to a 12-12 tie after the first quarter. Tackett had 11 of his 25 in the first period. Josh Johnson scored four points in the opening quarter for Osborne. He finished with eight points for the game. Tackett had seven points in the

second period and led Melvin to a 31-23 half time lead. But the Eagles began to soar in the third period, holding Melvin to just two field goals, outscoring them 17-4 and led 40-36 after three periods.

Smith hit a key three-pointer in the fourth quarter in scoring seven points in the period.

Josh McCray had five points, with a three-point basket. Jeremy Tackett netted four points for Melvin.

Wendell Tackett totaled six points for Osborne, and Leon Brown had two points for the Eagles.

Against Stumbo Monday night, Josh Howell had 22 points, and Josh Allen scored 20 to lead the Mustangs past Melvin 61-53. Tackett, in scoring 34 points, hit five three-point baskets. Matt Smith finished with 10 points and Jeremy Tackett scored six while Kevin McKinney netted three points.

Adam Hamilton scored 10 points for Stumbo, with Marcus Allen tossing in nine. Jeremy Daniels had one point.

In the girl's game against Osborne, the Lady Cougars fell 41-31 as Kandice Mitchell scored 16 points for the Lady Eagles. Amy Morgan added nine points, and Lekita Johnson scored six. Tabitha Berger also scored six points. Mary Little had two.

Tiffany Williams led Melvin with 10 points. Kayla Ray scored nine, and Jessie Petty had eight points. Tonia Little had four points.

Playoffs

of those players at the tailback position.

Derossett did not rule the use of Caudill at the tailback slot. "That would give us a big backfield with Jeremy at tailback," he said. "We feel that Jeremy is getting to where he can play a full game."

Coach Derossett said Newport was pretty much the same team as the one the Blackcats faced last year at Newport, and fell 49-8.

"They have a lot of speed. They have the Witherspoon kid back, plus their big fullback," said Derossett. "I don't think they are as good of a passing team as last year because they graduated the Roush kid."

"But I'm telling you, they are a powerful running team. They get a man over on one side of the offensive line. Some times there could be four men over and only two back on the other side. They tell where they are going to run it."

Newport has good size on the front line and that is a concern for Coach Derossett.

"They are good at what they do," he said. "Mainly they are a running team. They will spread you out."

Ortega finished the regular season with 1,313 yards rushing, and could end up fifth or sixth in the state in scoring.

"We lost two big punches right there, in Grant and John," said the Blackcat mentor. "But let's give credit to the offensive line. Any time a player is getting nine yards a carry, the offensive line has to be doing

something right. But I think you are going to see Hank, Mark and Seth line up and do a good job for us."

KEYS TO A BLACKCAT WIN

"We can't make any turnovers," said Derossett. "We have to take care of the football and take some drives and take the clock off. We need to use up time possession. If we do that we'll be in good shape."

"If we lay the football around and give Newport the ball, their speed will get after us."

Lineman B.J. Caudill thinks the offensive line will play a big part in the playoff game.

"Our offensive line is going have to communicate a lot," he said. "With our two main backs out we are going have to block a little longer 'till our new backs get settled in. They are just as good but they haven't had as much playing time."

Center Mark Miller said the Prestonsburg defense is going have to rise to the challenge that Newport will bring to Prestonsburg.

"That is what is going to do it, our defense," he said. "If we can stop them with a goose egg on the scoreboard, then our offense is capable of putting the points on the scoreboard."

Branham had mixed emotions about playing Newport, not looking forward to playing them, but then again, he is.

"They beat us so bad last year I think we owe them something," said Branham. "Our linebackers, me, Dennis and Grant have been work-

ing hard on the defensive side of the football."

Junior defensive end, Nathan Leslie, has been a terror on opposing quarterbacks this season and feels the offensive line of the Blackcats has to come through.

"That has to be the key to the game," he said. "Just run the ball down Newport's throat. Newport has a great team, and they run the ball great. They have a big offensive line. They kind of run an overload where they put their tight end to the back-side. They have what seems like an extra offensive tackle on the strong side of the field."

Junior quarterback Adam Hall said that knowing Castle was not behind him will hurt.

"He's a hard runner and he is quick," said Hall. "But we have two good blockers in front of John, if he plays, in Bill Willis and Dennis Lafferty."

Hall said the loss last year to Newport was in the back of everyone's mind.

"We have some kids who can step in and fill some shoes," said the Prestonsburg coach.

Drives

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No doubt Howard will be a marked player on the hardwood this season, as the defense keys on him. But the senior guard says he looks for nothing but good things for the Rebels.

"We surprised a lot of teams last year with what we did," he said. "This year no one is giving us much room to do anything. We have been talking about that in practice, and look forward to it because we are out to show people just like we did last year."

Howard said last year was really the first year he got to play in a regional tournament, and would like to see a repeat of it.

"It is every high school basketball player's dream to go to the state tournament," said Howard. "I think we can do it because we work hard. We have the right attitude."

"I think Paintsville and Prestonsburg and every team in our region is beatable. It is going to come down to who wants it the most. I want to go back to the regional tournament. There is nothing like it."

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Sports

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them the best.

I know Coach Mayo, and every time I speak with him, I like him more. He is a decent human being that cares about the kids, and we need that in the coaching ranks today. He is a breath of sunshine to the game compared to some. He had a down season, but the Panthers will be back. His team suffered some early injuries to key personnel, and that would hurt any team.

CLASSIC...

The Right Beaver Classic semi-finals will be played tonight with three games scheduled. The first game will be played at 5:30, the second at 7 p.m. and game three, 8:30 p.m.

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135 ACRES, more or less, on Twin Branch, adjoining government property at Yatesville Lake in Lawrence County, Kentucky. Roads developed on property, two house seats, on blacktopped road, lots of wooded area. Hunter's paradise. Asking \$60,000. Or will sell parts of above property separately. Please call 606-265-4573. If no answer, please leave message.

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LOTS FOR SALE: Overlooking Yatesville Lake in Lawrence County. Call 606-673-3385 or 606-673-3585.

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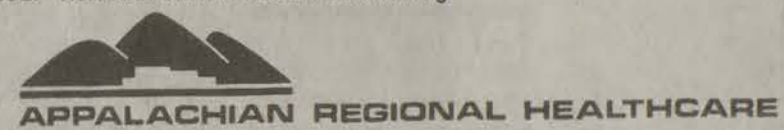
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DRIVER EDUCATION Save money on car insurance. Check with your agent. Take Driver Education at PCC, Monday through Saturday. Cost \$250. Six hours on the road and six hours classroom instruction. Call 886-3863 to register.

Home Improvement

ALL TYPES OF REMODELING, roofing, vinyl siding, replacement windows, painting (interior and exterior), all types of block and masonry. 25 years experience. Call Built-Rite Builders at 886-8293.

CCR, Inc. Phone 886-3702 Over 28 years experience in general construction. Specializing in kitchen and bath remodels. CCR is a full service company and warranties their work for 1 full year, including Framing, Drywall, Finish Carpentry, Concrete, Painting, Ceramic Tile, Roofing, Siding, Hardwood Floors, Electric, Plumbing, and Insurance Restoration, etc. Free estimates.

Chimney Cleaning

CHIMNEY CLEANING SERVICES. R.A. Taylor, 886-8453.

Carpentry Work

CARPENTRY WORK, ALL TYPES: New homes from ground up; remodeling or additions; all finish work; drywall; painting (interior, exterior and trim work); all types concrete work, driveways, sidewalks, foundations, etc.; any size pole buildings; garages; decks. Over 20 years experience. Robie Johnson, Jr., call anytime, 886-8896.

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NEED A STONE MASON? We do anything in stone—anything. Chimneys are just one of our specialties. Also doing chimney repair and complete overhauls. Call 606-886-6938.

Contractors

BOYD CONTRACTING: Home building or remodeling; porches; roofs; and decks. Contract or hourly. 478-1764 or 478-4230, Stanville.

BACKHOE FOR HIRE: Honest, dependable. Years of experience. Call 874-8049.

Roofing & Construction

SPEARS CONSTRUCTION: Building, remodeling, roofing, decks, all types of carpentry and masonry work. Call 874-2688.

Plumbing

PORTER PLUMBING COMPANY Allen, KY Commercial, residential and service work. Licensed and insured. Rotor roter service, drain cleaning, etc. CALL US FIRST! 874-2794.

MASTER PLUMBING, ELECTRIC, GENERAL CONTRACTING. Low rates, quality work. Water, gas, sewer lines. Master License #5861 Martin, KY 41649. Bathroom, kitchen, room additions, new and remodeling. Call 285-9507.

Miscellaneous

VISIT THE LARGEST PANELING CENTER in Eastern Kentucky at Goble Lumber. Over 80 different prefinished panels in stock and as low as \$4.95 per panel. Call Goble Lumber, 874-9281.

FREE CASH GRANTS! College. Scholarships. Business. Medical Bills. Never repay. Toll free 1-800-218-9000, ext. G-6778.

Lost

SMALL BLACK AND WHITE female cat. Last seen on Right Fork of Bull Creek area. Child's pet. Call 874-0249.

LOST: Male Boston Terrier. Black and white, wearing red flea collar. Last seen in Howard Branch (Rock Fork) on Saturday, November 1. Reward offered for return or information. Call 358-4426.

Found

FOUND IN PARKING LOT in Prestonsburg. Call 886-6971 after 7 p.m. to claim.

Services

WILL DO HEMMING. Call 886-6102.

Want To Rent

NEED TO RENT: Four bedroom house between Martin and McDowell. Call 285-9840.

Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-6015, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839 has applied for a renewal of a permit for loading, crushing coal processing facility affecting 5.0 acres located 1/4 mile northwest of Hueysville in Floyd County.

The existing operation is approximately 0.75 mile northwest from S.R. 7's junction with S.R. 550 and located 0.4 miles east of Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37° 30' 05" and the longitude is 82° 50' 32."

The existing operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute

quadrangle map. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of a public road, S.R. 550. The operations will not involve relocation of the public road. The surface area is owned by CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc., and CSXT.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Prestonsburg has titled an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to fill the section of city owned property on Cliff Road at the intersection of Cliff Road and the Cliff Bridge (Rt. 1428). Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to:

Kentucky Division of Water
Water Resources Branch
18 Reilly Road
Frankfort, KY 40601
Phone: 502-564-3410

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0261, Major Revision No. 3

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for a major revision to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.75 miles north of Prestonsburg in Floyd County. The major revision will add 4.54 acres of surface disturbance making a total of 1084.30 within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed major revision area is approximately 0.75 miles east of Levisa Fork of Big Sandy River. The latitude is 37 degrees 41 minutes 00 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 45 minutes 13 seconds.

The proposed major revision is located on the Prestonsburg and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by H.D. Fitzpatrick.

The major revision proposes to add 4.54 acres of surface disturbance, in which the operation's method of surface mining will be mountaintop removal.

The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5280, Renewal

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Beech Fork Processing, Inc., P.O. Box 190, Lovely, Kentucky 41231 has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 2.9 miles south of Odds in Floyd and Johnson Counties. The proposed

operation will disturb 49.54 surface acres and will underlie 812.00 acres, for a total area within the permit boundary of 861.54.

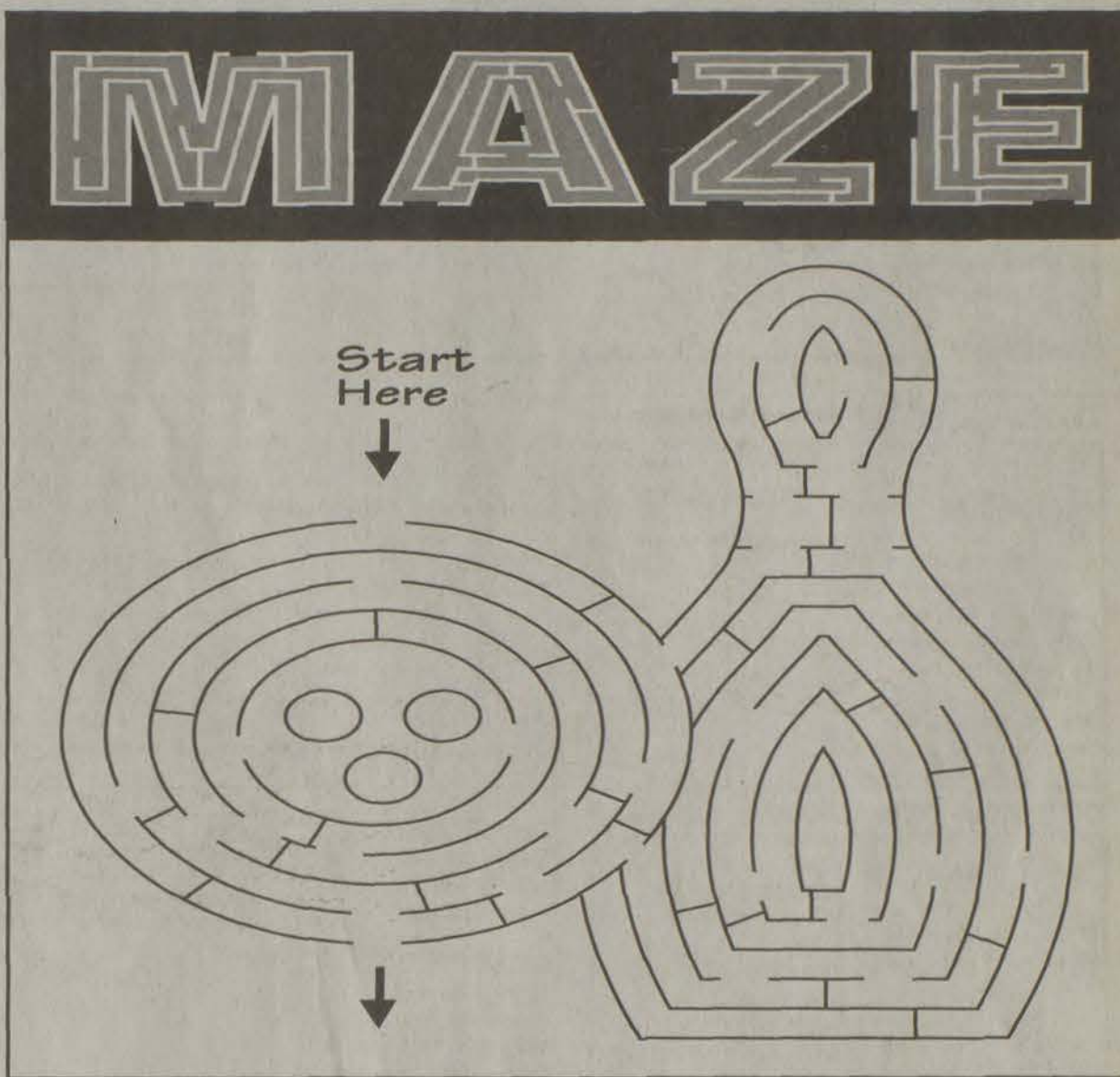
The proposed operation is approximately 2.4 miles southeast from KY 3's junction with Long Branch Road and located adjacent to Big Branch. The latitude is 37° 43' 19" and the longitude is 82° 41' 23."

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Sally Turner Heirs, Myrtle Porter Heirs and the I. Richmond Heirs. The operation will underlie land owned by the I. Richmond Heirs.

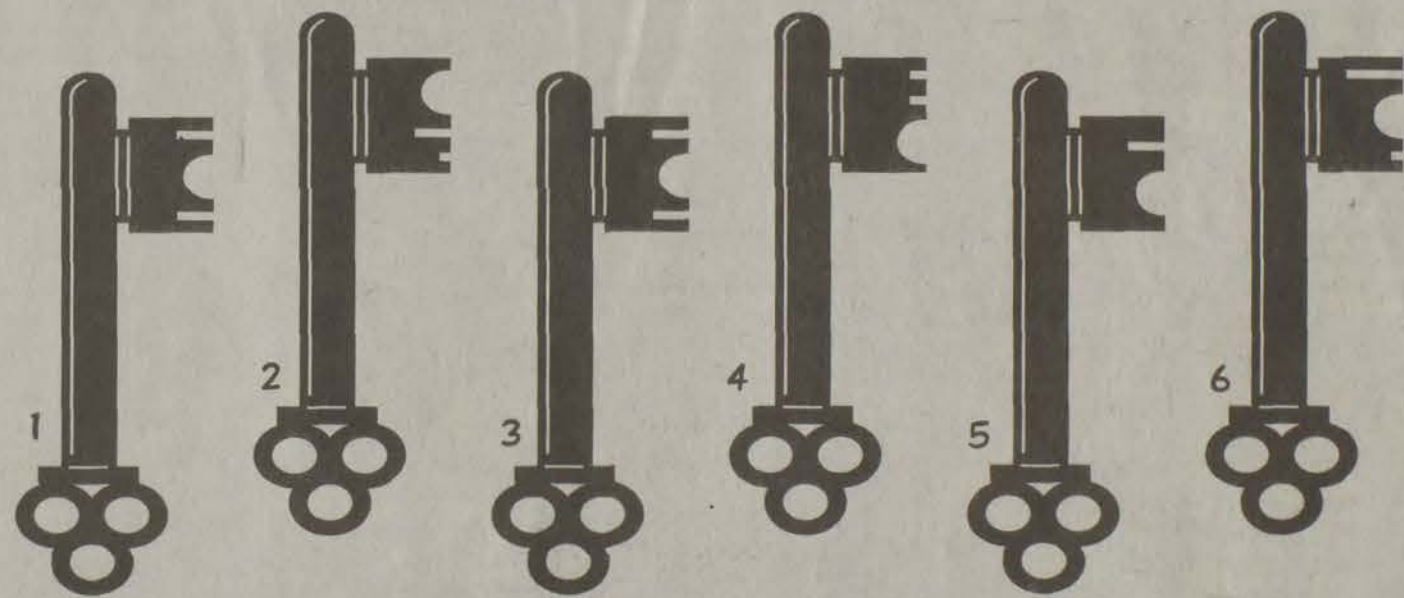
The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE TO BID CITY OF MARTIN

Bids consisting of 8 in. sewer line relocation and taps on four sections of wastewater mains. These sites can be viewed upon request at City Hall. For more information call 285-3332 or 285-3846 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Bids will be accepted until November 13, 1997.

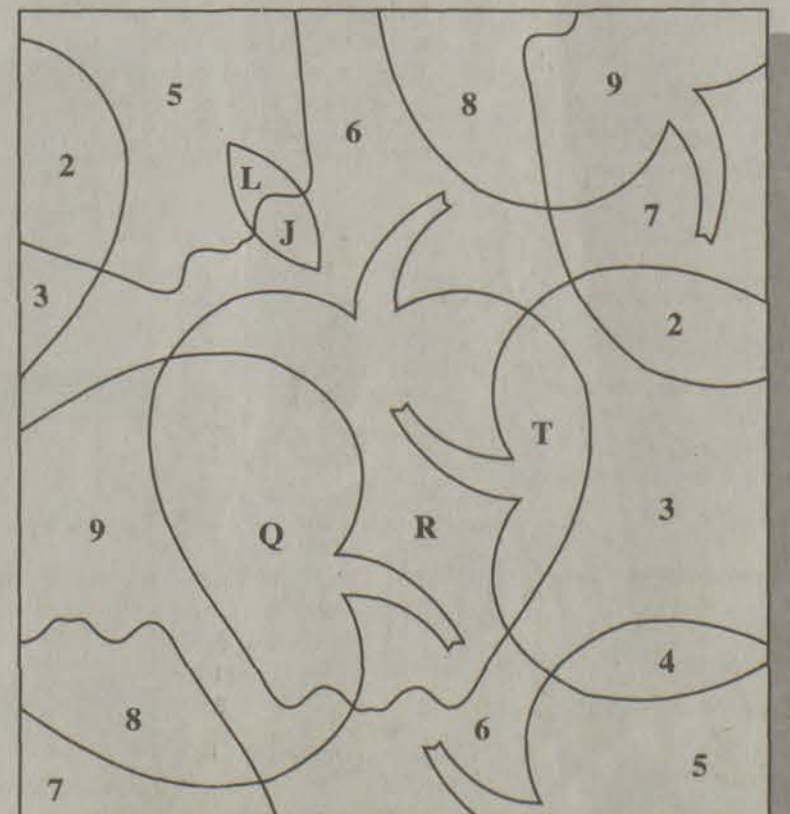


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WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



ANSWER ONE AND THREE

HIDDEN PICTURE



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Answers

