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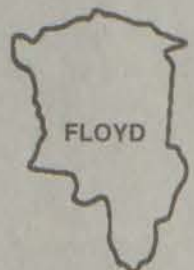
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## Wilcox resigns; board meeting is cancelled

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

And then there were three. Floyd County School Board member Ursal Ray Wilcox tendered his resignation Tuesday prior to the starting time of the board's regular monthly meeting.

Wilcox's resignation leaves three remaining board members and caused the cancellation of Tuesday's meeting due to lack of a quorum and superintendent.

Wilcox's resignation comes in the midst of an ouster attempt by state Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody. Cody announced on October 6 that he intends to file charges against the board members and superintendent Gene Davis.

Board member Ray Brackett resigned in September and Davis announced last week

he will retire on October 31.

Before Wilcox relinquished his seat, the board was at a 2-2 deadlock, which contributed in part to Wilcox's resignation.

"I've got plenty of reasons but I will keep them to myself," Wilcox said after giving his resignation, effective October 20, to chairman Jody Mullins. "Controversy doesn't bother me. When you have four grown men sitting out there that can't agree for the benefit of the children of Floyd County, brother it's time (to resign). I feel we're not doing what we should be.

"As it stands, what are we going to gain?" Wilcox continued. "We are sitting at 2-2. I've begged for them to get through to the healing. I didn't accomplish that and one way to accomplish it is to get out. I regret it. People have been good to me. . . It's dwindled right on down. It's a shame and a

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### Davis resigns; cites lack of board support

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## Women in Business



Dorothy Harris



Nora Absher



Sandra Robertson

What does it take to get there?

special section inside

### Howard signs with recording company

by Janice Shepherd  
Managing Editor

Rebecca Lynn Howard, a former member of the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros, has signed a recording contract with a major recording label.

The eighteen-year-old Magoffin County resident recently signed to record for Rising Tide, a company that includes Dolly Parton, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Chris Tyler, and Jack Ingram among its performers.

Howard is currently working on an album for Rising Tide that will be released in June, her mother, Judy Howard, said last week. A single from the album is expected to be released in March. Howard will finish production of the album in December in Nashville, and will then begin a nationwide radio tour promoting her music.

She has been co-writing songs with Kim William, whose songs "Ain't Going Down 'til the Sun Comes Up," and "Mama's In The Graveyard, Papa's In The Pen" (performed by Garth Brooks), have reached the top of the charts.

Howard has also been co-writing songs with Jerry Sally and Larry Cordell. Cordell, who lives at Blaine, wrote "Highway 40 Blues" for Ricky Skaggs and

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Movie stars, hobgoblins, and ballerinas can show off their costumes and get an assortment of candy during Safe Trick-or-Treat Night at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn Sunday, October 26.

The Holiday Inn and the Prestonsburg Rotary Club are sponsoring their eighth Safe Trick-or-Treat Night at the motel. The event attracts thousands of children and parents annually. More than 3,000 children attended last year's Safe Trick-or-Treat Night. Rotary president Trent Nairn said Tuesday.

"In fact, for the last several years, it's topped 3,000," Nairn said. "The kids start lining up at noon."

Nairn is amazed at the turnout. The first time he helped organize the event, temperatures plummeted to 40° and rain fell throughout the day, yet one hour before Safe Trick-or-Treat Night was scheduled to open, more than 1,500 people were standing in line.

Nairn said Safe Trick-or-Treat Night is

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A one-vehicle accident claimed the life of 38-year-old Madgeline Hill, of Betsy Layne, Monday afternoon when her vehicle overturned into a small stream in Grethel. Hill was thrown from the vehicle when the driver-side door partially opened during the mishap. She was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson. (photo by Chris McDavid)

## Floyd woman killed when car overturns into creek

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

A Floyd County woman was ejected Monday afternoon when she was killed from her vehicle which overturned into a small stream along Route 680 at Grethel.

Madgeline Hill, 38, of Betsy Layne, was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson.

Hill, who was an employee for Medical Transport, is survived by her husband, Roy Allen Hill, one son and one daughter.

Visitation will be held today (Wednesday), and funeral services will be conducted at 12 p.m. Thursday at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

The Left Beaver Rescue Squad responded to Monday's mishap shortly before 3 p.m.

According to Kentucky State Police trooper Craig McGlone, Hill lost control of

her car when she entered into a curve at an "unsafe speed."

"She apparently took the top of the curve too fast," the trooper said Monday afternoon at the scene. "She overcompensated the turn and spun around."

Trooper McGlone said the initial impact was on the driver-side door of Hill's vehicle, and the door became partially open from the impact.

Hill was thrown from the vehicle, which landed upright after an 11-foot drop into the creek bed.

Hill's vehicle was equipped with an automatic "harness," but she was not wearing a lap belt when the accident occurred.

Trooper McGlone was assisted at the scene by KSP trooper Jim Baker, the Left Beaver Rescue Squad and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

Monday's fatal accident is still under investigation by trooper McGlone.



Governor Paul Patton was one of several dignitaries who stopped by a 30-year-old dump site on Hunter Branch Monday to check on the progress of an effort to clean up the dump. The Floyd County dump was one of 16 illegal dumps targeted as part of a state-wide initiative that addresses re-energizing pride in Eastern and Southern Kentucky. (photo by Chris McDavid)

## Patton takes aim at illegal dumpers

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

From a Floyd County mountain-side overlooking an illegal dump site on Hunter Branch, Governor Paul Patton said "we have to clean up the past" and take pride in our communities.

Various Floyd County groups and organizations rolled up their sleeves and got a little dirty Monday to illustrate their pride.

The Floyd County Environmental Planning Authority, Job Corps students, Army Corps of Engineers rangers, and various other prideful Floyd countians cleaned up a 30-year-old dump on Hunter Branch Monday as part of a state-wide initiative — PRIDE (Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment).

"We have to bring attention to the fact that we need to exhibit the pride of our region," Gov. Patton said Monday as the volunteers continued to haul trash up the steep hillside.

The governor said Eastern Kentucky residents have pride, and that it takes only a few "to ruin it for every-

body else."

Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers and Kentucky Secretary of Natural Resources James E. Bickford announced the initiative this sum-

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Gov. Patton looked at a pistol-grip shotgun that was found Monday during a clean-up effort of the dump site on Hunter Branch.

## State begins search to fill board vacancy

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

State Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody is urging Floyd County citizens who are interested in children's education to apply for the vacant board seat in District Two.

Cody said Tuesday that he expects numerous applicants for the position from residents interested in education.

"The opportunity is wide open for citizens who are really very interest-

ed in the schools," Cody said. "We are looking for people who will put the education of children first and I'm sure there are many of those people in Floyd County."

"I urge these people to step forward and devote their time and energy to improving the schools in Floyd County," the commissioner said. "This is a friendly challenge to those people to step forward. I know there are many people in Floyd County who understand education and care

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Carnival rides at the Red, White, and Blue Day celebration at Martin attracted area children to give them a whirl. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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# Wilcox

disgrace (they) would do something like that."

Wilcox said it will take a strong leader to help the school system recover from a \$321,000 budget deficit.

"The best thing that can happen to this school district is for a man or a woman, whatever it takes, to be tougher than a pine knot whenever they say no and that would be the end of it," Wilcox said referring to a superintendent.

Wilcox added that he didn't think

state intervention would be good for the district, but he said "it's a process that we have to go through."

Would he seek the office again? "No, I'm getting too old to get into this," Wilcox said. "I enjoy politics. I enjoy it the best in the world but there comes a time when you've had enough and that's it. I did the best I could do. I have no worries laying down and sleeping at night. If I did something wrong, I didn't do it intentionally. We're not perfect."

# Patton

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mer, and also visited the dump site on Hunter Branch.

"(Gov. Patton) and I are both from Eastern Kentucky and we know the true beauty and advantages of the region as well as the ability of the people to work together to improve our environment," Bickford said in a press release.

Gov. Patton said the area has been "thrown back" to the years when Eastern Kentuckians did not have the money to get rid of the trash.

"It is our responsibility as leaders to bring attention to problems such as this," he said.

"The pollution problems facing our region are critical," Rogers said. "We can't keep our people healthy and safe, or attract the tourism and jobs we need, if we don't work together to clean up our region."

Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale agreed with Rogers that the health issue is "vitaly important" because the Big Sandy River is the area's main water supply.

Gov. Patton said that the solution to illegal dumps consists of a "dual

challenge" of providing the means to get rid of the trash and ensuring area residents use the trash removal service.

"Even when available, some (residents) don't take advantage of it," the governor said.

Hale said Tuesday that area residents have that service available and there is no excuse for littering or dumping.

"It just takes a handful of people to destroy it for us all," Hale said. "The PRIDE initiative is not saying we don't have pride in the area."

Polluting the mountainside near Drift were various household appliances, tires, televisions, carpet and even a sawed-off shotgun, which was found shortly before Gov. Patton arrived at the dump site.

"We've got a unique area," the governor said, referring to Eastern Kentucky.

He said that the habits and culture of illegal dumpers would have to be changed before the problem of illegal dumping is resolved.

"Hopefully, one of these days we won't have a problem with dumping in Eastern Kentucky," Hale said.

Mullins declined to comment on Wilcox's decision, but he was dismayed that the meeting had to be canceled.

"I had no idea that Mr. Davis wouldn't show," Mullins said. "I was not made aware that there would not be a quorum or a board secretary."

"We need to set boundary lines to cut costs in running our buses; we had special education issues; and the Betsy Layne gym (on the agenda)."

"This situation needs to be fixed now and it's very important," Mullins said of the gym repair. "I can't imagine why we can't get them to show up."

Mullins said he "assumed" the meeting would be rescheduled.

# Fun

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the biggest project the Rotary undertakes "as far as the number of people it touches." He added that children from other counties trick-or-treat at the event.

"The kids get a big bag of candy and it is much safer than trick-or-treating in some areas," Nairn said.

About 50 businesses and organizations participate in the candy handout. Holiday Inn sections off a center portion of its business for the event. Participants hand out

prepackaged candy, pencils, colors, etc.

The Rotary asks that a can of food be donated for entry. No one will be turned away without the donation, Nairn said. The canned goods are taken to God's Pantry East at Cliff.

Last year, the group collected a pickup truck full of canned items, Nairn said.

Safe Trick-or-Treat will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

# New locations for USDA loan processing

Floyd County residents who need a guaranteed housing loan through the USDA's Rural Development program will now have their loans processed through the agency's Morehead office.

Thomas G. Fern, state director for Rural Development, announced this week that all requests from

lenders throughout Kentucky for Guaranteed Rural Housing loans will be processed in the five area offices beginning October 1.

Inquiries concerning the Rural Housing Guaranteed Program in the Morehead Area should be directed to Susan Jones at 606/784-6447.

"My concern . . . is that the board needs to meet before the end of the month to pay bills and approve payroll," Willis said. "They are still board members and Mr. Davis is still the superintendent."

Willis said it would be up to the remaining board members to name an interim superintendent to replace Davis at the end of the month. If the board cannot agree on an interim, Willis said the state would try to assist them.

Willis declined to say what, if any, effect Wilcox's and Davis' resignations would have on the state's effort to gain control of the district's finances and management practices.

Willis did say that a draft of the removal charges is expected to be sent to Cody's office by the end of the week.

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# Vacancy

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about the schools. The time is right for major steps forward and I'm very optimistic. We can be successful in Floyd County if we join together and move forward. The state (Department of Education) can't do it by itself."

Criteria used to interview applicants will be their knowledge of education issues in general and some of the problems facing the Floyd County district, Cody said. He added that he hopes some applicants will possess a general working knowledge of budgeting processes and management procedures.

Cody cautioned residents of District Two not to "assume somebody will step forward" and for genuinely interested persons to apply.

Applications for the District Two seat are now available at the district's central office.

The seat on the board became vacant last month when Ray Brackett resigned.

Applications are to be sent to Education Commissioner Cody and must be postmarked by November 3. An interview committee will be appointed to discuss the post with interested applicants.

According to an advertisement from the Kentucky Department of Education, board members' involvement in a district centers around four main areas.

- Those are:
  - developing policy making guidelines that govern the operation of schools;
  - providing visionary leadership and vigorous stewardship with long-range educational plans and programs;
  - hiring the district superintendent and issuing annual evaluation reports; and
  - setting local tax rates and ensuring that public funds are spent wisely and efficiently.

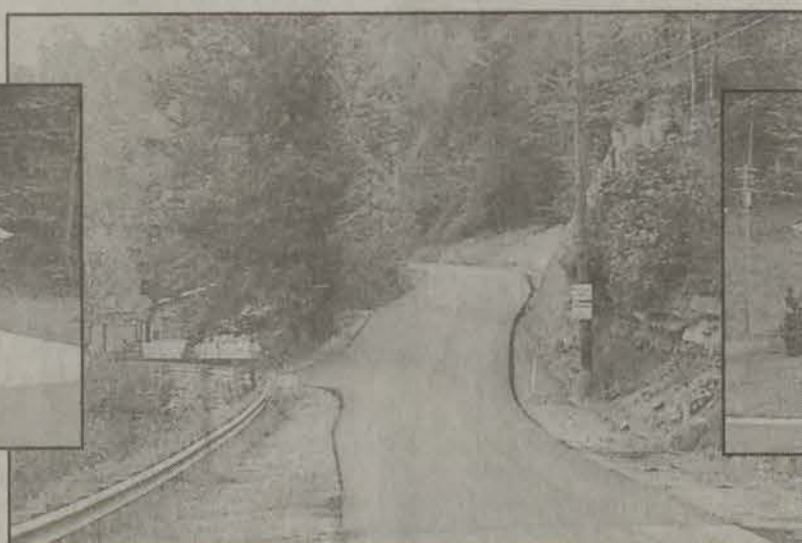
Qualifications for board members are: applicants must be at least 24-years-old; a Kentucky citizen for the last three years; a registered voter in the county; must have a high school diploma or a GED certificate; and "except in limited circumstances," board members may not have a relative employed by the school district.

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## Howard

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"Momma Don't Forget to Pray For Me," for Diamond Rio.

The teen, who graduated from Magoffin County High School this past May as valedictorian of her class, has done more song writing lately than performing, according to her mother, to prepare for her recording career. She has been performing, though, in the Bell Cove Club in Nashville with a group called Fat Cats.

In August, Howard opened for Mila Mason, who sings "Let That Dark Horse Run," in Princeton, Kentucky. She has also opened for top country entertainers Marty Stuart and Doug Stone.

Howard made her first public

singing appearance at the age of five during the Founder's Day Celebration in Salyersville. At the age of 14, she was one of the first members of the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros, formed by Billie Jean Osborne. Osborne also established the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

Howard credits her grounding in music to Osborne and the Kentucky Opry associates Greg Crum and Paul Phillip Hughes.

"(They) supported and encouraged her belief that she can do this," Judy Howard said. "Becky hopes some day to come back home and perform at the Mountain Arts Center."

## Engineers go first and 15 with math program

This fall, Mathcounts, the nation's Number One math coaching and competition program for 7th and 8th grade students, celebrates its 15th anniversary.

In Kentucky, Mathcounts is sponsored by the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers.

Mathcounts promotes math achievement with all the challenges of a school sports event. Student "mathletes" train individually and in teams.

In this way, students learn and develop skills as individuals, while also gaining important teamwork and leadership skills.

Students compete in three challenging phases of competition: the local, state, and national competitions. Prizes, such as scholarships, trophies, and tee-shirts, are awarded at all levels.

Kentucky students' top prizes are four, four-year, full-tuition college scholarships donated by the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky.

Governor Patton lends his support to Mathcounts, saying, "I wholeheartedly support the efforts of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers and the participating mathletes."

Kentucky's Mathcounts Chairman Christopher Dickinson,

a professional engineer, estimates that 600 students will participate in the Kentucky program this year.

Nationally, about 350,000 students participate annually. Some four million students have participated since the program began in 1983.

Additional financial sponsors of Kentucky's Mathcounts program includes KFC, Ashland Foundation, Inc., Kentucky Consulting Engineers Council, and Kentucky Association of Transportation Engineers. National sponsors include CNA Insurance Companies, the National Society of Professional Engineers, The Dow Chemical Company Foundation, General Motors Foundation, Phillips Petroleum Company, Texas Instruments Incorporated, 3M Foundation, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

The school registration deadline is November 14. For more details about Mathcounts, contact: Connie Davis, State Coordinator, 160 Democrat Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601; 800-455-5573; 502-695-5680; fax: 502-695-0738; e-mail: kspe@kih.net.

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# Viewpoint

The man who is a pessimist before forty-eight knows too much; if he is an optimist after it, he knows too little.

—Mark Twain

## Guest Editorial

### Same old story Superintendents and board members come and go, but problems remain

It's the same old story in the Floyd County School District: Superintendents and school board members come and go, but the problems remain the same.

It is past time for the people of Floyd County to demand more of their school district by electing board members committed to making the tough decisions for the betterment of education. The people of Floyd County have elected to their school board a major cause of the district's problems.

Despite more than a decade of being under the microscope of the Department of Education and the Board of Education, hopes for an efficient, well-managed school district offering the opportunity for young people to receive a quality education remain unfulfilled in Floyd County.

The most damning aspect of the latest state-mandated management audit of the 8,000-student district is that it is remarkably similar to a 1992 audit. With the exception of improved purchasing policies and a good maintenance schedule for buildings, little seems to have changed in the past five years.

Continuing problems detailed in the latest audit include a costly surplus of space, the lack of school attendance boundaries, personnel administration that is "general disarray," no defined budgeting process, members of site-based councils who do not know their roles, and a plan for evaluating certified employees that is "completely disorganized."

In short, no one seems to be in charge. The Floyd County School District is a rudderless ship afloat in a sea of chaos and red ink.

Because of the scathing audit and a third consecutive year of deficit spending, Education Commissioner Bill Cody is expected to seek the

removal of Superintendent Gene Davis and the four remaining members of the school board.

Davis has been superintendent only since March. When Davis was hired, the former principal of Prater Elementary School predicted his many years in the district would enable him to work well with others in making necessary improvements.

However, Davis had been in office only four months when a Prestonsburg radio station received a copy of a memo proposing 12 removal charges against him. Many of the cost-cutting proposals made by Davis have been rejected by the school board.

For Floyd County to get its financial house in order, schools need to be closed and teaching and other positions need to be eliminated. Like most school districts in the eastern third of the state, enrollment in Floyd County has declined steadily for the past decade, but the district has not made corresponding cuts in personnel.

During the few months he served as Floyd superintendent before his death, John Balentine was well on his way to making the needed cuts in spending. Unfortunately, after his death, the school board restored many of the cuts Balentine had made.

The current school board needs to be replaced with a board committed to putting the district's revenue to the best possible use for the benefit of the students. And when Floyd Countians next go to the polls to vote for school board members, they need to elect people whose only interest is providing the best education to young people.

Until they do that, good schools will take a back seat to politics in Floyd County.—*The Daily Independent, Ashland, October 10, 1997.*



## Letters to the Editor

### Bridge needed now!

Editor:  
Every time I am forced to drive eight or ten extra miles to get to Prestonsburg I get very upset. I must travel over a narrow blacktop road, cross the Town Branch Mountain, wait on traffic, just to get on U.S. 23 at a dangerous intersection and then get in a traffic jam coming off the Combs Bridge. Before the bridge was closed it was less than one mile to downtown Prestonsburg.

I would like to ask those in our transportation department to take a minute and think how they would feel if, without notice, someone

would close their bridge permanently with no promise of repair on the bridge. If the bridge is dangerous then I feel it should be repaired now. It is beyond my comprehension as to why the bridge would be closed without notice and no plans for repair or construction of a new bridge.

The people of Town Branch as well as many people throughout Floyd and Pike County feel this should be handled as an emergency situation.

If the bridge has been unsafe for years, then poor planning and timing seem to be the problem.

Jeffrey M. Thompson  
Town Branch Road

## — Other Voices — A politicized IRS?

Just one of every 100 Americans is audited by the Internal Revenue Service in a given year and, lo and behold, Paula Jones happens to be one of this year's unfortunates.

Naturally, the White House insists that Jones' unluckiness of the draw has absolutely nothing to do with her sexual harassment lawsuit against President Clinton. "We may do dumb things from time to time," said spokesman Mike McCurry, "but we are not certifiably insane."

Tell that to Billy Dale, former director of the White House travel office. When the Clintons wanted to dump him — to give the travel business to a firm owned by family friends — they sicced the FBI on Dale.

He was indicted on trumped-up charges of financial misconduct, only to be found innocent by a jury.

So if the White House used the FBI to go after someone it didn't like, it is not hard to imagine the same White House using the IRS to go after Jones.

And if former presidents such as John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon had no qualms — reportedly — about using the tax collection agency against perceived foes, it is conceivable that the current occupant of the Oval Office might do the same.

Perhaps the IRS acted entirely on its own on the Jones audit. Since most civil servants working in Washington, D.C., reflect the city's 85 percent Democrat majority, it's altogether possible that a party loyalist might have targeted her.

Of course, acting IRS Commissioner Michael Dolan will deny that his agency

would ever single out a taxpayer for political reasons.

But the IRS itself admits that its workers routinely, and illegally, snoop through the taxpayer files of former spouses, neighbors, Hollywood celebrities and political figures.

Congress first investigated IRS snooping in 1993. It found that more than 1,300 IRS employees had improperly browsed through confidential taxpayer files.

And although the IRS instituted a policy of "zero tolerance" of employee snooping, a recent General Accounting Office report says the policy has failed to deter rogue employees.

So if IRS employees brazenly ignore the agency's rules against snooping in taxpayer files, they might also initiate an audit against an individual, like Jones, for political reasons.

There is no evidence, so far, that this has happened. But Dolan ought to be hauled before a congressional committee to show that Jones was randomly chosen for audit by a computer, not by a politically motivated employee. He might also explain why the IRS has targeted a disproportionate number of conservative, nonprofit organizations for audit, like the Heritage Foundation, the National Rifle Association and the National Right to Life Committee.

And why liberal, nonprofit groups like the Brookings Institute, Handgun Control Inc. and the National Abortion Rights League have had no problems with the IRS.

The IRS should be a politically neutral agency. Its powers to audit, to investigate or to prosecute taxpayers should not be used to harass selected individuals or groups.

## Letters to the editor policy

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## 'Let's keep America on the fast track'

Americans today have a lot to smile about. Our economy is the envy of the world, and as technology and trade bring people closer together, we are shaping a more peaceful and prosperous community of nations.

Our nation is the undisputed leader of this new world. But where do we want to be tomorrow? That's the real question underlying the trade debate. No sector of our economy has a greater stake in the answer than agriculture.

Since World War II, America has had the most open markets of any world power. The Clinton Administration has worked to ensure that openness is a two-way street. That's

part of the reason why U.S. agricultural exports shot up 50 percent in the past five years, reaching nearly \$60 billion in 1996, and helping America reclaim the title of the world's largest exporter.

Without question, we are ahead in the global economy. But we cannot afford to sit on our lead.

Agriculture's future depends on expanded trade. Booming markets in the Pacific Rim and Latin America are growing at three times the rate of our strong, stable domestic market. At the same time, our farmers and ranchers are increasingly productive. Our people simply cannot consume all this abundance. We need foreign markets to continue lifting farm prosperity here at home.

That's why we need 'fast-track.' While it sounds like a phrase of the NASCAR circuit, 'fast track' really gives the President the clout he needs to open doors to U.S. products around the world. Most heads of state have this power to sit down at the international table and negotiate on behalf of their country. Without it, a leader would be, as they say in Texas, 'all hat and no cattle.'

Fast track also includes a number of safeguards. It bars any agreement that would weaken America's strong food safety, environmental and labor laws. And, it ensures that Congress continues to have the final thumbs up or down on any trade pact.

Fast track is the right track for America's future. Unfortunately, folks tend to think that trade has more to do with elite, wealthy interests than with working people—despite the strong link between farm incomes and exports, and the fact that one million good-paying American jobs rely on our food and fiber sales abroad.

Without 'fast track,' we stand to lose a lot of ground. While the U.S. today is responsible for more than 20 percent of world agricultural exports, that share will surely shrink if we continue to sit on the sidelines while our competitors court our best customers.

The United States must decide: Are we in or are we out?

I understand people's wariness of the global economy. But expanded trade—the opportunity to sell more products overseas—is not the problem. The problem is barriers to that trade. The solution is aggressively opening up what is clearly a world of opportunity.

We cannot do this without fast track. I won't promise that it will solve every problem, but I can say that its rejection would be viewed by the world as a retreat.

Headed into a new century, America should not forget that superpowers came and went before ours, largely by taking their place in the world for granted. We must avoid complacency, and keep sharpening America's competitive edge. To do this, we must keep America on the fast track.

## Other Voices

by Dan Glickman  
U.S. Agriculture Secretary

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# ARH Walk For Her Lifetime raises nearly \$50,000

More than 1,400 people participated recently in Appalachian Regional Healthcare's Walk For Her Lifetime events held in seven Kentucky communities and two West Virginia towns. The events raised nearly \$50,000 to fight breast cancer in central Appalachia.

Proceeds from the walks (held in Harlan, Hazard, Lexington, McDowell, Middlesboro, South Williamson, and Whitesburg; and

## Drug fighting initiative becomes law

U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-5) announced last week that \$6 million for a new drug fighting initiative targeting marijuana production and distribution in Kentucky has become law.

"This new drug fighting initiative is critical to our state, and I'm pleased the President recognized its importance," Rogers said.

The initiative designates Kentucky, along with West Virginia and Tennessee (three states that comprise a major portion of what is known as the Marijuana Belt) as a federal High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). It provides \$6 million to implement drug fighting activities throughout the state, with emphasis on battling marijuana production and trafficking.

Rogers joined Kentucky's two U.S. Attorneys earlier this year in announcing the new plan, and Rogers has been working to secure the designation and the funds to implement it. As a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, he was able to include the plan in the Treasury-Postal Appropriations Bill, which funds the HIDTA program.

"Kentucky is a major center for illegal drug production, and we can't sit idly by while illegal drug activities threaten our communities with increased crime, corruption and violence," Rogers continued.

"Of even greater concern, marijuana is becoming easily available to our children, threatening their safety and increasing their chances of moving on to more dangerous drugs.

"By designating Kentucky as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area we can fight this drug head on. HIDTA designation provides Kentucky's federal, state and law enforcement officials with additional resources and manpower to fully attack the cultivation of this dangerous and illegal drug."

The federal HIDTA program was created in 1988 to respond to the growing threat of drug use in the nation. The program identifies geographic regions with critical drug trafficking problems, and identifies them as a "HIDTA."

This designation provides the region with federal support in combatting illegal drugs. The Kentucky-West Virginia-Tennessee HIDTA will be coordinated from London, Kentucky. Its designation will bring the total number of HIDTA areas to 18.

## Floyd residents will appear in MSU production

Two Floyd County residents, Michael S. Newman and Samantha Martin, will appear in the Morehead State University theatre students' production of "Working," to be performed Thursday through Saturday, October 30-November 1, on the campus.

Martin, the daughter of Neil and Jennifer Martin of Printer, is a freshman.

Newman, the son of James B. Newman and Ruby J. Newman of Harold, is a junior communications major. He is a member of the Baptist Student Union.

"Working" is a musical panorama of American working life, according to Dr. Travis Lockhart, MSU director of theatre.

"The play ranges from funny to moving and always exhibits an entertaining and insightful view of working men and women through music," he said.

Show time for the production, which will be held in Breckinridge Auditorium, is 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens and students, and free to MSU students with a valid I.D. card. Advance reservations are not necessary.

Additional information is available by calling MSU's Theatre Box Office at (606) 783-2170.

Man and Hinton, W. Va.) will be used for ARH's new mobile mammography screening program, which will begin serving 30 eastern Kentucky counties this winter, and for other mammography screening and breast cancer programs at ARH facilities. Specifically, the programs will make mammograms more accessible to women of limited financial resources.

The chief executive officer of ARH, Forrest W. Calico, M.D.H., and ARH Board Chairman Martha Helen Smith were among the 200 walkers who participated at Walk

For Her Lifetime in Lexington. Calico expressed his appreciation upon learning the number of participants and the total dollars raised at all Walk For Her Lifetime events.

"This is a terrific example of people helping people in the mountains," Calico said. "As a result of the efforts of Walk For Her Lifetime's volunteers and participants, and the generosity of numerous businesses and organizations, the fight against breast cancer in our service area has been strengthened. I thank everyone who played a part in making these events successful."

Janice McCoy of Hardy, was named the Walk For Her Lifetime grand prize winner, having raised more dollars than any other participant. McCoy, who participated in South Williamson's walk, raised more than \$2,300. Out of all nine Walk For Her Lifetime sites, the community of Whitesburg raised the most money, bringing in more than \$18,000.

The annual event's 1997 corporate sponsors were CHA Health, Community Trust Bank, Employers Service Corporation, Gateway 2000, Highbridge Springs Water

Company, Home Federal Bank, Kendall Healthcare Products Co., Middlesboro Federal Bank, Proctor and Gamble, Sherwood Medical, Skyland Medical Supply, U.S. Surgical, and WYMT-TV.

Nearly 44,000 women in the United States will die of breast cancer this year. More than 180,000 will be diagnosed with the disease. The key to fighting breast cancer is through early detection. For more information about the disease, its prevention, and treatment, contact your physician or nurse, any ARH facility, or the American Cancer

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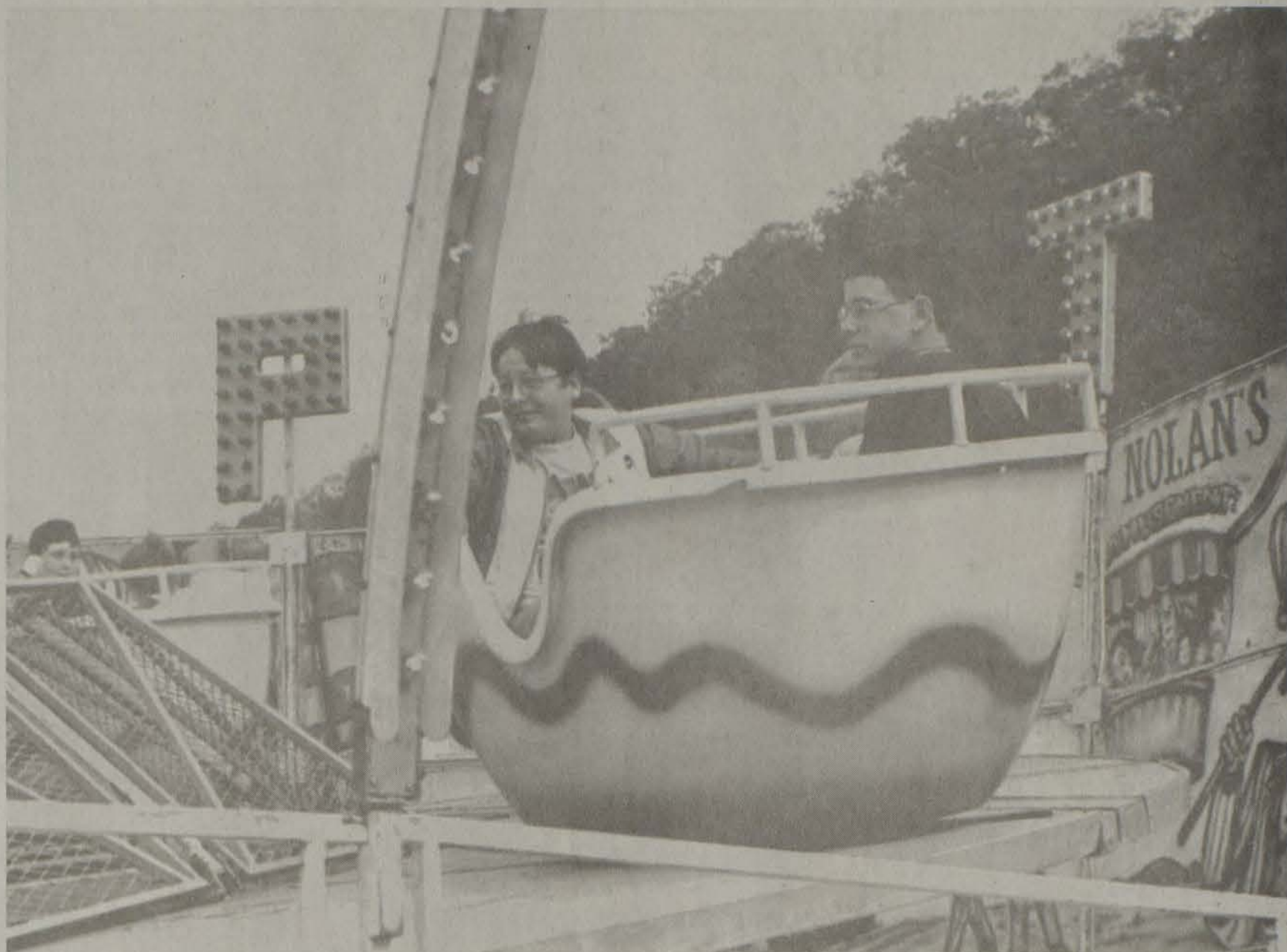
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# Superintendent resigns; cites lack of board support

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

Floyd County's schools superintendent Gene Davis, facing ouster charges from state Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody, announced Friday that he is retiring his post October 31.

Davis, who began his tenure as superintendent on March 24, said he could no longer be an effective superintendent because he had the support of only two board members.

"At the beginning of my term, I had the support of three board members," Davis said in an open letter to Floyd Countians. "This was not an ideal situation, but it was a workable situation. . . . However, in recent weeks, I have had the support of only two board members. In an impossible situation such as this, a superintendent can accomplish no positive change."

The board appears to be at a 2-2 impasse after Ray Brackett resigned his seat last month.

Cody has also said he will seek a three-year takeover of the school system.

Charges against Davis are a "moot issue" because he is retiring, education department spokesperson Lisa Gross said. Charges could be reinstated if Davis tries to return as superintendent, she said.

As far as charges to be filed against the four remaining board members, Gross said Davis' retirement would have no effect on those.

Davis made his announcement at a press conference Friday, but only a few members of the local media were notified of the event.

Following is the complete text of Davis' letter:

*"To the Citizens of Floyd County:*

When I began my term March 24, 1997, as superintendent of the Floyd County School System, I did

so with no political aspirations, no desire for power, no thought of personal gain.

The Floyd County School System has educated me, my wife, my three sons and their wives. I took the job because I wanted to give back in a positive way to a school system that has been so very good to me and to my family. My desire as superintendent was to be a part of improving the school system academically and financially. I, also, wanted to help make the working conditions better for all personnel.

When I took office as superintendent, I knew this district had serious financial problems. However, I believed I could turn things around through hard work and with a supportive group of school faculty and staff and, of course, with the support of the school board members.

At the beginning of my term, I had the support of three board members. This was not an ideal situation, but it was a workable situation. As I look back, I know we could have accomplished many positive things for our schools and employees had we worked together for the good of all. However, in recent weeks, I have had the support of only two board members, in an impossible situation such as this, a superintendent can accomplish no positive change.

In my opinion, in order to see positive, effective change in the Floyd County School System, you need a non-political superintendent, and five non-political board members who are truly interested in the education of all the children—not just those in their district.

I wish I had been allowed, to make the changes that are so desperately needed to improve the Floyd County School System. We all need change to get this district moving forward instead of continually falling behind.

There's a little saying (really a prayer) that you may have heard which reads: 'God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change. The courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.'

In assessing my position as superintendent of the Floyd County School System, I have the wisdom to know that I can change nothing without the whole-hearted support of the board members. Under present conditions with state wide attention upon us, I cannot predict what will come. I can only hope for the best for the sake of the children and all those who do work so hard to offer a quality education in this district. After much prayer and talking with my family, I have decided that effective October 31, 1997, I will retire from the Floyd County School System.

I will retire as superintendent knowing that I have been completely honest; I have hidden nothing, and I have made no decisions vindictively. I have tried extremely hard to do a good job as superintendent. I have made some mistakes through lack of experience as people often do when trying to learn a new job. But I have not knowingly or intentionally done anything wrong.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who have supported me with your prayers and words of encouragement. I have appreciated your kindness so very much. I want to thank the principals, teachers, central office employees, bus drivers, cooks, custodians, teacher aids and maintenance personnel for your support and your dedicated work for the students, parents and tax payers of the Floyd County School System.

My best wishes and prayers shall continue for each of you.

Sincerely,  
Gene D. Davis."

# Floyd Countians will begin fourth search for school superintendent

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

With Friday's announcement by superintendent Gene Davis that he will retire on October 31, Floyd Countians will again begin the search for a new schools chief.

The search for a new school leader could be delayed somewhat because the four remaining members of the Floyd County Board of Education have been put on notice by Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody that he will seek their removal from office.

Cody said earlier this month that he will file ouster charges against board members Jody Mullins, Eddie Patton, B.J. Newsome and Ursal Ray Wilcox. Board member Ray Brackett resigned his seat in September.

Since 1992, when superintendent Ron Hager was removed from office, the district has gone through a search for a new superintendent three times.

In 1992, the school board chose Nebraska educator William Zitterkopf to replace Hager, but then Education Commissioner Thomas Boysen vetoed the board's choice and recommended Steve Towler for the job. The superintendent screening committee received over 100 applications for the job.

Towler left the district in the fall of 1995 to take the superintendent's post in Russell County.

When Towler left, a search committee reviewed approximately 50 applications and recommended that Georgia educator John Balentine be hired as superintendent. Balentine took over the post in January 1997, but his tenure was cut short when he died of a heart attack in October 1996.

A search committee was formed in December and just 17 applicants applied for the job. The committee complained of political interference in the process and made allegations that deals had been made to hire current superintendent Gene Davis, who took over in March.

While the district was in-between superintendents, interim superintendents Eldon Smith, Ed Allen and Louie Martin worked in the post.

Now, the district will undergo its fourth search process in five years. According to state law, the board of education must appoint a screening committee within 30 days of a "determination" that a vacancy will occur in the office of superintendent.

The committee is to be made up of two teachers elected by the teachers in the district; one board member appointed by the board

chairman; one principal elected by the principals in the district; and one parent elected by the presidents of the parent-teacher organizations of schools in the district.

The board is to consider the committee's recommendations for superintendent, but the board is not bound to select any of the committee's choices.

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

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

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# OBITUARIES



**James David Hensley**

James David Hensley, age 66, of Eastern, Kentucky, husband of Maureen Pack Hensley, passed away Thursday, October 16, 1997, in Rutledge, Tennessee.

He was born November 29, 1930, in Naugatuck, West Virginia, the son of Anna Farris Hensley of Charleston, West Virginia, and the late Herbert O. Hensley.

Mr. Hensley was a veteran of the Korean War, and after being discharged, he returned to college where he completed a bachelor of science degree from Pikeville College and went on to attend Eastern State University where he completed his masters and Rank I. He was employed by the Floyd County Board of Education as a teacher, coach, social worker and principal of Prestonsburg and Allen Central High School. He was a member of the Floyd County Teachers Association, KEA and NEA.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by one daughter, Valerie "Susie" Osborne of Eastern; two sisters, Josephine Brooks and Alice Davis, both of Charleston, West Virginia; and one grandson, James Michael Osborne.

Funeral services for James David Hensley were conducted Sunday, October 19, 1997, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Kentucky, with clergymen Jerry Manns, Johnny Collins and Ronald Hayes officiating.

Burial was made in the Family Cemetery at Eastern, with the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Pallbearers were Johnny Dale Pack, Ricky Darrell Pack, Tommy Joe Pack Jr., Brian Allen Pack, Jason Pack, Jasper Hicks, Bobby Jacobs, Jimmie Jacobs and Jonathon Pack.

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**Ruth Wright Ratcliff**

Ruth Wright Ratcliff, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, October 17, 1997, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born March 16, 1917 in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Roy and Cooch Burchett Wright.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John B. Ratcliff. She was a retired social worker, having served the commonwealth for 31 years.

Survivors include one brother, Andrew Jackson Wright of Baltimore, Maryland.

Funeral services were Sunday, October 19, at 1 p.m., at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Mark Tackett officiating.

Entombment was in the family mausoleum, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

**Charles Goble**

Charles Goble, 89, of Ivel, died Saturday, October 18, 1997, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness.

Born March 30, 1908 in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Alex and Nannie Smith Goble. He was a retired state highway worker and a member of the Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist Church at Ivel.

Survivors include his wife, Erma Kendrick Goble; one son, Kevin Goble of Georgetown; one daughter, Nancy Watkins of Ivel; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, October 21, at 1 p.m., at the Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist Church at Ivel, with Chuck Ferguson and James Harmon officiating.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

**Sidney T. Bryant**

Sidney T. Bryant, 58, of Kendallville, Indiana, died Sunday, October 19, 1997, at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville, Indiana.

Born August 1, 1939 at Melvin, he was the son of DeLeary Waddles Bryant of Martin and the late Hillard Bryant. He was a foundry worker.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Marilyn Bryant; one son, Thomas L. Bryant of Kendallville, Indiana; one daughter, Veronica Thacker of Kendallville, Indiana; four brothers, Ed Bryant of Martin, Charles Bryant of Albion, Michigan, and Bill Bryant and Michael Bryant, both of Kendallville, Indiana; one sister, Jeanette Hall of Martin; and one granddaughter.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, October 22, at 10:30 a.m., at the Hite Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana, under the direction of the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

**Junior Hamilton**

Junior Hamilton, 72, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Ligon, died Thursday, October 16, 1997, at his residence following an extended illness.

Born May 30, 1925 at Ligon, he was the son of the late Mallie Hamilton and Juda Henson Hamilton. He was a retired coal miner and maintenance worker. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Magdalene Tackett Hamilton.

Survivors include his second wife, Melody Hamilton; one son, James Hamilton of Columbus, Ohio; three daughters, Priscilla Tackett of Melvin; Comellia Martin and Malinda Marcum, both of Hi Hat; one stepdaughter, Jacqueline Hamilton of Columbus, Ohio; two foster children, Brook Smith and Jessica Smith, both of Columbus, Ohio; one brother, Keith Hamilton of Huntington, Indiana; three sisters, Margie Reynolds of Chillicothe, Ohio, and Pauline Carroll and Lorraine Kennedy, both of Huntington, Indiana; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sunday, October 19, at 11 a.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church at Melvin, with the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Henson Cemetery at Beaver, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

**Pallbearers for Conn**

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Okie Conn were Bryan Conn, Keith Conn, Brady Conn, Dallas Conn, Todd Murphy, Okie Lee Conn and Donald Ray Hunt.

Honorary pallbearers were Johnny Sizemore and Kenny Greer.

**Pallbearers for Clark**

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Ethel Fairchild Clark were Jeremy Clark, Chris Keeton, Mathew Hayes, Kevin Hayes and Bobby Terry.

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## Community Calendar

**Calendar items will be printed as space permits**

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

**4-H Heritage Search**

A new association—The Floyd County 4-H Friends and Alumni Association—is being formed. Name and addresses are needed for former individuals involved in 4-H.

During the 4-H Heritage Search campaign that runs from August 1-December 31. Send names and addresses to Chuck Stamper, Floyd County 4-H Educator, 670 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

**Benny Hinn Crusade**

The Benny Hinn Crusade in Nashville, Tennessee, will be held October 23-24. For more information, call 285-0191. Bus groups together for crusade from Faith Deliverance Church. Call 886-1806 or 889-0471.

**Academy/training school reunion**

The Pikeville College Academy/Training School reunion, an all-class reunion for alumni, teachers and friends of the college academy and training school, will be held October 24-25. Registration begins October 24, at noon. For more information, call (606) 437-4051 and ask for Chrissie.

**Go west!**

Partners, looking for an alternative to Halloween? Go west, young people—West Prestonsburg, that is— to Hallelujah Time at Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, October 31, from 6-8 p.m. Food, carnival, prizes, games. Also seeking donations, toys, prizes.

**Newsome family reunion**

A Newsome family reunion, for the relatives of Elias G. Newsome, Sarah Jane Akers Newsome (first wife), and Rhoda Newsome (second wife), will be held during the last two weeks on June 1998. Exact date will be determined later. Contact Raymond Newsome, 12651 Bruce Hunt Rd., Clermont, Florida 34711-9056, (352) 394-1684.

**Inaugural ceremony**

Pikeville College will hold an inaugural ceremony of Hal Smith, 16th president of Pikeville College, on October 23, at 11 a.m., in the Booth Auditorium. A luncheon and entertainment will follow in the Allara Library Courtyard.

**Election for representative of low-income residents**

Floyd County's countywide low-income representative election for the Big Sandy Community Action Program will be held at the Allen Convention Center on October 23, at 2 p.m. All low-income residents of Floyd County are eligible to vote. Following the meeting, the CAP will hold a meeting for the grant application process.

**International Doll Exhibit**

Do you or a member of your family have interesting dolls or flags from a foreign country? Dr. John Shiber of PCC, in cooperation with the International Club of Appalachia, is coordinating a Doll Exhibit to be held December 11-13. If you would like to have your doll or flag on display, call Shiber at 886-3863 or 789-1017 for details.

**Adams Middle School YSC activities**

The YSC have a variety of books, videos and brochures on various issues which are available to parents. Call the center for more information.

(See Calendar, page ten)

**Card of Thanks**

The family of Josephine Akers wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the clergyman Ronnie Samons for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

*The family of Josephine Akers*

**Card of Thanks**

The family of Guy E. Brown would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the clergymen Jerry Manns and Earl Stone for their comforting words, the Garrett First Baptist Church, the Rockfork Regular Baptist Church, the Left Beaver Rescue Squad, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

*The family of Guy E. Brown*

**Card of Thanks**

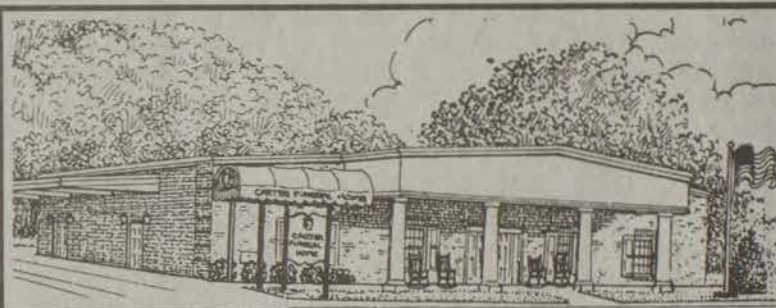
The family of Lillie Campbell Oney would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist Church ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

*The family of Lillie Campbell Oney*

**Card of Thanks**

The family of Jimmy Lawson wishes to thank all those friends, neighbors and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist Church ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

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

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**Post 9 dispatchers honored**

The Post 9 Communications Unit dispatchers at Pikeville were recently honored for their work at KENA/APCO 911 services awards. Dispatchers pictured above, in no certain order are, Brian White, John Hunt, Michael Harris, Estalene Charles, James Nichols, Robin Wheeler, Beverly Scott, Renoda Stanley, Joel Goforth, Jodi Preece, Terry May, Christy Runyon and Jennifer Francis.

**KSP dispatchers honored recently**

Kentucky State Police dispatchers at Post 9 in Pikeville were honored recently with KENA/APCO 911 service awards.

The dispatch team was recognized as the top center in the state and dispatcher Robin Wheeler was awarded the KENA/APCO Dispatcher of the Year award.

Wheeler was recognized for efforts when she received a call in January from a seven-year-old girl who reported a man was breaking into her home.

Wheeler kept the child calm and told her and her two brothers to keep away from the door until police arrived at the scene. Troopers arrested the perpetrator.

Post 9 handled an average of 3,219 calls each month from Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties. The unit also handled 1,300 basic 911 emergency calls from Johnson, Magoffin and Martin counties.

The communications center operated short-handed during the year with 13 of the 15 available positions filled.

Members of the communications unit are: Estalene Charles, John Hunt, Michael Harris, James Nichols, Vickie Charles, Brian White, Robin Wheeler, Beverly Scott, Renoda Stanley, Joel Goforth, Jodi Preece, Terry May, Christy Runyon and Jennifer Francis.

**Other uses for tax dollars sought**

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

Governor Paul Patton announced in Prestonsburg Monday that he

**Hall files suit over dismissal**

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

Another Floyd County school employee whose job was eliminated at an illegal school board meeting has filed a civil lawsuit against the board.

Maintenance supervisor Dale Hall filed suit Tuesday against Floyd superintendent Gene Davis and board members Ursal Ray Wilcox, Eddie Patton, Jody Mullins and B.J. Newsome, claiming his job elimination is in violation of board policy and that the action was taken at an illegal meeting in April.

The lawsuit alleges that Hall, a maintenance supervisor, was laid off from his job in order to keep a retired part-time person on staff, which is a violation of board policy. Hall claims that policy requires a supervisor is to be provided for all workers.

Hall also alleges that the board failed to follow its procedures when he filed a grievance protesting the layoff, which violated his due process rights.

Hall is seeking immediate reinstatement to his position; back pay and benefits; pre judgment interest; and attorney fees.

Note: a civil suit lists only the plaintiff's cause for action.

will support releasing coal-severance tax money for non-traditional economic development projects, and Floyd Judge Executive Ben Hale says that opens "all kinds of opportunities" for the area.

Coal severance tax money is made available to underdeveloped areas and coal counties in the state.

The money, which counties must obtain by applying with the Local Government Economic Development Fund — Regional Industrial Park Program, is only permitted for industrial site projects.

Gov. Patton said Monday that some counties have already developed industrial sites to attract manufacturing jobs to the area, and could use the coal-severance tax money for other economical purposes.

"The first priority is to develop conditions for manufacturing jobs," the governor said Monday. "Once we get the manufacturing sites, then the money should be used for other economical purposes."

Hale said the governor's announcement would help keep the coal severance tax money in the

areas where it is needed.

"Once we create the sites and use (the money) to get infrastructure to the sites, there comes a point when there is no need for additional sites," Hale said. "We don't want the coal severance tax misused somewhere else."

The governor said proposals for the money to be used on projects other than industrial sites would be reviewed by the Economic Development Cabinet, and the Office of Coal County Development will help oversee the program.

"So long as it's still growing, the economy, I would entertain the motion of putting that exception in

the budget bill," Gov. Patton said. "Based on their recommendation, I would put it in the budget and defend it in the General Assembly."

Gov. Patton made the announcement during the seventh-annual meeting of the East Kentucky Corp., a quasi-governmental economic development agency. The annual meeting was held Monday at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn.

"If it impacts us economically, he's willing to listen," Hale said, adding that the coal severance tax money could be used in areas such as education and recreation to "make (the county) more appealing" to attract industries.



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**Fiscal court gives slight tax break**

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

With a negligible tax cut from the county, Floyd magistrates are wondering why other taxing districts cannot also offer a tax break to area residents.

"I think the people are all for it (the county's tax cut)," Magistrate Jackie Owens said Friday during the regular meeting of the Floyd Fiscal Court.

County taxes for real property were lowered to 13.9 cents per \$100 valuation, compared to last year's tax rate of 14 cents.

"Floyd County is about taxed to death," Owens said. "I'd like to see other ones join in and help."

Magistrate Elmer Johnson chimed in that the school board's tax rate was the largest tax in the county.

"We're supposed to run the county on a fourth of what they're running the school board on and they're not doing a good job," Johnson said.

"We don't know what they're doing down there," DeRossett said.

Johnson said somebody needs to "tell them people they've got to be responsible for somebody."

The tax rate for Floyd schools slightly dropped from 57.1 cents per \$100 valuation of real property to 56.6 cents. The school district's tax rate for personal property and motor vehicle rates stayed at last year's rate of 63.5 and 55.4, respectively.

Johnson said he would have like to have seen a representative from each taxing district present at the fiscal court meeting to discuss the tax rates.

Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale said that each of the taxing districts conducted public meetings when discussing the tax rates.

Hale noted that the county would receive the same amount of revenue with the tax break because of additional property in the county.

Taxes remained the same as last year's rates for the other taxing districts, except for a negligible increase in the library's and C.E.T.'s (county extension services) tax rates for personal property.

The fiscal court adopted the 1998 tax rates for the county on a 3-2 vote, with Magistrate Gerald DeRossett and Johnson voting against the motion.

In other action Friday, the fiscal court adopted an unaudited computation of the sheriff's property tax settlement.

Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson said that "eight or nine years ago" the county's portion of collected taxes totaled \$600,000. This year, the county's portion was approximately \$1.2 million because of increased collection, the sheriff said.

According to a computation from the state's revenue cabinet, the sheriff's collection rate for the 1996

fiscal year is 94.6 percent, the highest rate in the past ten years.

Magistrate Owens voted against adopting the unaudited report.

On Friday, the fiscal court also:

- reappointed Lowell Samons to the Floyd County Solid Waste Board;
- authorized the closure of the checking account for the U.S. 23 Industrial Site, Owens voted against the motion;
- granted a 30-day extension for the completion date of the McDowell Headstart building, at the request of the contractor due to "unforeseen and uncontrollable events";
- tabled accepting the Floyd County Solid Waste's five-year plan until the next regular meeting.

"Judge, I didn't see no plans on this," Owens said. "I'd like to know what we're voting on before we accept it."

Judge-Executive Hale informed the magistrates that a copy of the

five-year plan has been available at his office and at the library; and

• approved the transfer of the fiscal court's funds from Bank Josephine to the Community Trust Bank of Floyd County.

According to the court documents, Hale conducted an "informal survey" and determined that Community Trust Bank of Floyd County offered the best package for the county's operating funds.

Hale told the magistrates that the county would receive about \$35,000 to \$40,000 more in interest with the new bank.

All members of the fiscal court were present at Friday's regular meeting.

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Area groups and organizations showed pride in their community Monday by participating in the cleanup of a 30-year-old dump on Hunter Branch, near Drift. The Floyd County Environmental Planning Authority, students from the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, rangers from the Army Corps of Engineers and Otter Creek prisoners were among those who helped in the cleanup of the dump. The effort to eliminate illegal dumps in the area is part of a state-wide initiative called PRIDE — Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment. (photo by Chris McDavid)

## Prevent mishaps for a safe Halloween

It doesn't take the magical powers of a witch or the strength and speed of a superhero for your little trick-or-treater to have a safe Halloween. If children follow some simple safety tips while roaming through their neighborhoods in search of candy, even mere mortals can have a frightfully good time.

"Most trick-or-treating injuries happen because of unsafe costumes, motor vehicles or collected candy," said Patty Sewell, coordinator of Kentucky SAFE KIDS Coalition in the Department for Public Health. "Before a child goes out trick-or-treating, parents should make sure the child's costume is safe, and important safety rules have been reviewed."

Sewell said the first safety rule is adult supervision, especially for young children. If an older child wants to go without an adult, then that child should go with a group for protection, she said.

"Trick-or-treating is an exciting activity for children, but it can also be one of the most dangerous nights of the year," Sewell said.

The following suggestions will help children have a safe Halloween.

- To prevent falls:
  - \* Apply face paint or cosmetics directly to the face. A loose-fitting mask can obstruct a child's vision. If a mask is worn, make sure it fits securely and the eye holes are large enough for good vision.
  - \* Give trick-or-treaters flashlights.
  - \* Make costumes short enough to avoid tripping.

- \* Secure hats so they will not slip over a child's eyes.

- \* Dress children in shoes that fit. Adult shoes used for costumes are not safe for trick-or-treating.

- \* Allow children to carry only flexible knives, swords or other props. Anything they carry could injure them if they fall.

- \* Teach children to stay on sidewalks instead of cutting across yards. Lawn ornaments, tree branches and clotheslines are hidden hazards in the dark.

To avoid injuries involving motor vehicles, follow these tips:

- \* Decorate costumes, bags and sacks with reflective tape.
- \* Use Halloween costumes that are light or bright enough to make them more visible at night.

- \* Tell children to walk, not run, while trick-or-treating.

- \* Remind children to stop at corners, look left, right and left again before crossing the street, and never dart from between parked cars.

Motorists should be particularly alert on trick-or-treat night and follow these safety tips:

- \* Slow down in residential neighborhoods.
- \* Watch for children walking in the street or on medians and curbs.
- \* Obey all traffic signs and signals.

- \* Enter and exit driveways and alleyways carefully.
- \* Teach children to enter and exit the car on the curb side, away from traffic.

When choosing a costume remember these helpful tips to prevent burns:

- \* Look for flame resistant labels on costumes, masks, beards and wigs.

- \* Use fire resistant material when making homemade costumes.

- \* Avoid costumes made out of flimsy materials and outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts because they are more likely to come in contact with an exposed flame.

These general rules can prevent a scary experience:

- \* Tell children not to eat treats before they are checked at home for tampering. Check each piece for puncture holes in wrappers or candy that has been unwrapped and repackaged. Adults should try to notice treats given at each home in case there is a question later. Suspect items should be reported to the police. Discard homemade treats. Fruits should be inspected closely for punctures and cut open before a child eats it. Some communities provide free x-rays of trick-or-treat items.
- \* Teach your child his or her phone number.

- \* Instruct older children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.

- \* Set a time for older children to return home.

- \* Instruct children never to enter a home or an apartment building unless accompanied by their supervising adult.

- \* Restrict their trick-or-treating visits to homes with porch or outside lights illuminated.

- \* Adults should remove breakable items or obstacles such as tools, ladders and children's toys from their lawns, steps and porches.

Sewell said some parents may want to consider some safe alternatives to door-to-door trick-or-treating. Parents can throw a Halloween party, take children only to homes where they know the residents or go to malls where the stores have trick-or-treating.

For more information on Halloween safely, contact Sewell at the Kentucky SAFE KIDS Coalition, Department for Public Health in Frankfort at (502) 564-2154.

### Masterpiece Theatre presents Bonte's 'Tenant of Wildfell Hall'

Anne Bonte's neglected masterpiece that Victorians critics found "coarse," "disgusting" and "revolting," comes to Mobile Masterpiece Theatre in the "Tenant of Wildfell Hall," airing in two parts on KET at 9/8 p.m. CT Sunday, October 26.

Tara Fitzgerald stars as the mysterious Helen Graham, whose attempts to free herself and her son from an abusive marriage shocked Victorian society where such behavior defied not only convention but the law itself. When the novel appeared in 1848, societal norms were such that a woman was still wholly subject to her husband's control.

Ruper Graves plays Helen's dissolute spouse, Arthur Huntingdon, who is modeled on Anne Bronte's debauched brother, Branwell. An aspiring painter and writer, Branwell produced little. Out of frustration, he took to drink, opium and adultery with his employer's wife. Scandal and physical collapse ensued, leading to his rapid decline and death, and causing Anne and the rest of his

family great suffering.

Toby Stephens plays Gilbert Markham, a young Yorkshire farmer who falls hopelessly in love with Helen.

The Tenant of Wildfell Hall describes a marriage gone seriously awry through a series of mistakes, illusions and human failings. Anne Bronte's genius was to create a realistic portrait of the shifting emotions engendered by this all-too-human predicament.

Masterpiece Theatre "The Tenant of Wildfell Hall," a co-production of BBC and WGBH/Boston, is closed captioned for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

#### Get acquainted days

Our Lady of the Way Hospital and Wheelwright Senior Citizens Center will host "Let's Get Acquainted" days on October 17 and November 24, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free health screenings. Refreshments available. Call 285-5181, ext. 301 or 452-2179 for more information.

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**Card of Thanks**

The family of Sharon Fitzpatrick Chaffins would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to Brother Danny Bragg, Sister Jamie Martin and Brother Danny Terry for their special singing; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

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## Calendar (Continued from page ten)

- Revival**  
 A revival will be held at the Goodloe Church on October 24-26, beginning at 7 p.m., with Levern Arnett and The Humble Sisters singing.
- 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.
- Date changed for SFHS open house**  
 The date has been changed for an open house at South Floyd High School from October 30 to November 3. Student performances are planned and information tables will be set up in the lobby. Refreshments served. The open house will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Auxier Elementary site-based meeting**  
 A site-based meeting will be held at Auxier Elementary on Wednesday, October 22, at 4 p.m.
- Spectacular!**  
 The First Baptist Church on First Avenue (down the street from Billy Ray's) holds a Spectacular after each home football game. Free food, fun and music. Bring a friend. The next home game will be October 24.
- Open house**  
 Betsy Layne High School will hold an open house October 28, from 4-7 p.m. Report cards will be handed out at this time.
- Halloween carnival**  
 The annual PTA Halloween carnival at Auxier Elementary will be held October 25, at 6 p.m. Lots of family fun. Auxier students will be admitted free.
- Diabetes class**  
 The free Living Well with Diabetes class will be held October 23, at 6 p.m. in the Martin Room. The speaker will be Jenny Dearden, director of Kinesiology and Health Promotions at PCC. The topic will be exercise and diabetes. This will be the last meeting of the year.
- Halls of Horror IV**  
 A haunted house will be held Saturday, October 25, at Auxier Elementary, beginning at dark. Admission is \$2. One night only.
- Osborne council to meet**  
 The W.D. Osborne Elementary school site-based council meeting will be held October 29, at 6 p.m. Open to the public.

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# Mended Hearts group holds meet

Mended Hearts Chapter 220 met Tuesday, October 14, at 6 p.m. in a conference room of Highlands Medical Offices Building. The meeting was called to order by President William Hughes. Minutes for the meeting were read by Mosalette Patton, secretary.

Program chairman Ray Prater introduced Jeff Akers, who is a clinical pharmacist at Pikeville Methodist Hospital and also faculty member of the University of Kentucky. Zoe Akers and Ginger Blevins, drug representatives, accompanied Jeff Akers and assisted with the program on Sleep Disorders. Akers distributed informational booklets. He talked primarily on factors associated with insomnia and the drugs and medical

conditions that can cause insomnia. He stated that insomnia is not a disease; however, it usually is a symptom of a disease. He stressed that a doctor or pharmacist should always be consulted before starting any new medication.

Members also welcomed Abe Preston to the meeting and Hughes asked him to share with the group details about his convalescence from recent surgery. Preston has done remarkably well; however, he did have questions which he asked members who had undergone a similar surgical procedure. He stated that it was reassuring to learn that some others had experienced the same concerns and that he was hopeful of a full recovery.

Visiting chairperson Danese

Amburgey gave the following reported that the group had visited 13 patients and made 25 home visits in September.

Danese reported that 650 Lights of Life brochures have been addressed. Some members took additional brochures to give to family members, friends and their local churches. The tree lighting ceremony will be held Monday, December 1, at the entrance of HRMC. Final arrangements will be made at the November meeting, which will be held on November 11 at 6 p.m. in the Highlands Medical Office Building.

President Hughes announced that Mended Hearts, in cooperation with the American Heart Association, will provide support and information to heart disease patients and families through referrals from an 800 number. The 800 number will be phased into bypass

and heart attack brochures published by the AHA. Hughes asked Mosalette Patton to serve as the 800 Line coordinator to respond to referral calls. The 800 line coordinator shall serve as an Ad Hoc Committee under the direction of the chapter visiting chairperson, who will include the statistics from phone calls in the visiting statistics for Chapter 220. The visiting chairperson will also keep a record of the total number of calls over the fiscal year.

Those present were Dean Adams, Danese Amburgey, Garnett Fairchild, Zina Goble, James E. and Marie Goble, Nathan and Kara Goble, Gregg S. Hall, Calvin Herrick, William Hughes, George and Mosalette Patton, Ray Prater, Abe Preston, Walter and Arnita Snively.

The topic for the next meeting in November will be about depression.



Four Floyd Countians are among the six spelling bee winners who represented OLM, Friday, at the Apple Festival competition. From left, are: Justin Chafin of Hager Hill, John Absher of Prestonsburg, Morgan Caldwell of Prestonsburg, Kevin Vogelsang of Wittensville, Alex Hieronymus of Prestonsburg and Lakita Lykins of Auxier.

## OLM spelling winners

Twenty-one students represented Our Lady of the Mountains School in art, penmanship, spelling and adding competitions on Friday, October 3, in front of the Johnson County courthouse. Five students — Sherlynn Poindexter of Van Lear, Shantha Param of Paintsville, Kevin Vogelsang of Wittensville, and Lauren Damron and Morgan Caldwell, Prestonsburg — will compete in two events.

The representatives are first and second-place winners in OLM's art, penmanship, spelling and adding competitions. All OLM students practiced and competed in the events with their classmates. The winners are:

Art/Coloring: Sarah Fraim and Katie Hutchison (kindergarten)  
Art/Drawing: Jonathan Blair (grade 2), Ashleigh Workman

(Grade 1), Dionna Blair (grade 4), Alanna Greene (grade 4), Sherlynn Poindexter (grade 6), Lauren Damron (grade 5), Morgan Caldwell (grade 8), and Ann Higgins (grade 7).

Penmanship: Sherlynn Poindexter (grade 6), Lauren Damron (grade 5), Shantha Param (grade 7), and Robert Chaffin (grade 7).

Spelling Bee: Justin Chafin (Grade 4), Alex Hieronymus (Grade 4), Kevin Vogelsang (Grade 5), Lakita Lykins (grade 5), Morgan Caldwell (grade 8) and John Absher (grade 8).

Old Fashion Adding Match: Alex Hieronymus (Grade 4), Marie Dennison (grade 4), Jennifer Chafin (Grade 6), Kevin Vogelsang (grade 5), Shantha Param (grade 7) and Molli Blair (grade 7).

## National Mammography Day was held October 19

What should you look for in a mammography center?

Breast cancer is the estimated leading cause of cancer, and the second leading cause of cancer death in women. All women are at risk, which increases with age. Eighty percent of women who develop breast cancer have no family history of the disease, and an estimated 189,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in 1997.

These are alarming statistics; however, there is good news. Much progress is being made in breast cancer detection, diagnosis and treatment. Early detection is key.

Mammography is the most effective means of detecting early breast disease. October 19 is National Mammography Day, and at Norton Hospital, The Women's Pavilion Breast Center offers advice in selecting a mammography center.

Two important issues to consider in selecting a facility for your mammogram are quality and cost. One measure of quality is the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) mandatory accreditation program for mammography facilities. Other questions you should consider:

1. Is the radiologist reading the mammogram specially trained?

Radiologists interpreting your mammogram should be board certified with special training in mammography.

2. Does the facility provide mammograms as part of its regular practice?

The American College of Radiology suggests choosing a facility that performs at least 10 mammograms weekly.

3. Is the mammography equipment calibrated at least once a year?

The machine should be checked against a standard to be sure that its measurements and doses are correct and adjustments made if necessary.

At Norton Hospital, The Women's Pavilion Breast Center is

accredited by the FDA, and provides many services, including screening mammography, diagnostic mammography, breast ultrasound, ductogram, tumor localization, stereotactic breast biopsy, cyst aspiration and fine needle aspiration biopsy. The center utilizes only the newest dedicated mammography equipment, maintained and calibrated by certified service technicians to meet FDA standards. The center has two Louisville locations: downtown in The Women's Pavilion Health & Resource Center, 315 E. Broadway, and on the east end at Dorsey Plaza, located in the Immediate Care Center of Alliant Health System, 10284 Shelbyville Road.

Testing at the center is conducted by a staff of experienced mammography certified technologists—women who are sensitive to your needs and concerns. The center is directed by a board-certified radiologist with special mammography and other breast-study training who interprets the tests. The Breast Center staff works closely with a woman's personal physician to make sure necessary examinations are provided.

For more information on breast mammography or a free card showing the proper way to perform a breast self-exam, call (502) 629-7000 or (800) 852-1770. For information on breast cancer, call Norton Hospital Cancer Help-Link®.

## Floyd County student is RA at Morehead

A Floyd County student is among 85 resident advisers (RA) selected for the 1997-98 school year at Morehead State University.

Selected was Glynnetta Shepherd, the daughter of Glenn and Loretta Shepherd of Hueysville, a senior biology major. She is a member of Gamma Beta Phi honor society and serves on the committee to promote the Moonlight School.

The role of the RA is to provide information about the campus and residence halls as well as to assist students in adjusting to college life. A RA works with students in building a community atmosphere and a feeling of togetherness by organizing residence hall programs and activities.

The RA plays a key role in making the residence hall and campus life a positive experience, according to Dennis McKay, residence hall area coordinator.

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## Decorating class at Maytown Methodist

On Wednesday, October 15, Marie Stephens Patrick conducted a "hands-on" cake decorating class at the Maytown United Methodist Church.

This was another Leisure Ministries activity enjoyed by the church's outreach mission.

Several persons participated in the activity and expressed a desire to further develop the techniques learned at this session. Marie, who operated Marie's Bakery in Floyd County for several years, has recently returned to baking only birthday cakes. She was widely known for catered weddings, anniversary parties, etc., until her retirement due to her husband's health. These sessions are open to the public.

## Charges levied for indecency

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

A Floyd County man is facing two charges of indecent exposure for allegedly exposing himself in public twice within four days.

On Saturday, Gary Risner, 40, of Dixie Apartments, allegedly walked into Sheila's Grocery Store at Goble Roberts on Friday and "exposed his genitals" to a store clerk.

On Monday, Risner is charged with exposing himself to a Prestonsburg Community College employee. Risner was arrested in Prestonsburg around 4:30 p.m. by sergeant Gerald Clark.

During his arraignment Monday, trial commissioner Jack Hyden set a \$300 cash bond on the charge related to the incident at the grocery store.

A November 18 arraignment is set for Risner regarding the incident at the community college.

## Miller graduates Eastern Kentucky

David Todd Miller of Little Paint recently graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in manufacturing technology, with emphasis in computer assisted design.

With this degree, Mr. Miller can pursue employment in many aspects of manufacturing, e.g. design, industrial, production and process engineering.

He encourages others in Eastern Kentucky to pursue a degree in this field.

Mr. Miller is the son of David and LaDonna Miller, the grandson of Lloyd and Loretta Blackburn, Bill and Doris Miller, and the brother of Tara Lynn Miller. He currently resides in Richmond, Kentucky.

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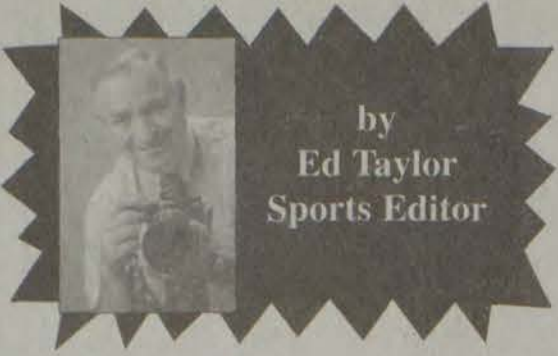
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by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

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# Sports

## A Look At Sports

### High school football runs course in two weeks; then playoffs

The weather is just now turning to football weather, and in two weeks we will say goodbye to the 1997 regular season and hello to the state playoffs.

How quick the first eight weeks have went by, and still we are waiting to see how the playoffs will stack up. In Floyd County, Prestonsburg is a sure bet for a second place finish behind Breathitt County in Class 2A, Region IV, District 2. Coach John Derossett's ballclub had little trouble with Leslie County last Friday night, and barring a miracle, should finish their district season with a win and a 6-1 record. Their only loss came to the Breathitt County Bobcats.

South Floyd is still having to wait, and probably will, until the final game of the regular season to see how they will place in the playoffs. Currently, Elkhorn City is in second place with one district loss, but must host powerhouse Hazard this Friday night. The Raiders will step out of the district to host Louisville Beth Haven before closing out at home against the Cougars.

A loss to Hazard would give the Cougars only their second district loss (they lost to Pikeville earlier) and a tie for second place in the standings heading into the final week, with Pikeville and South Floyd.

Pikeville, Elkhorn City and South Floyd could be tied for second place with identical 4-2 district records. That would put the pressure on both South Floyd and Elkhorn City, with Pikeville playing Allen Central in their final district game this Friday night. The Panthers are sure to finish 5-2, while either Elkhorn City or South Floyd finishing 5-2 as well and the loser 4-3. If the Cougars win, second place would go to Pikeville by virtue of a win over Elkhorn City in the regular season. Should South Floyd prevail, then the Raiders would be the number two seed with a win over Pikeville earlier.

The fourth place team, South Floyd or Elkhorn City, will have to face either Middlesboro or Harlan in a first round playoff game.

Betsy Layne and Allen Central will

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## Second half defense sends Blackcats over Leslie Co.

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Junior running back John Ortega reached a milestone in his high school football career when he totaled 157 yards rushing against Leslie County this past Friday night in a 44-12 pasting of the Eagles in district football play at the Prestonsburg Stadium.

Ortega has 2,200 career rushing yardage for his two-plus seasons, and went past the 1,000-yard mark for the season, and that in a season where he has been hurting physically!

With the win Prestonsburg put the final touch on a season that has been, as many predicted, an outstanding one. Even though the Cats have two games remaining in the regular season, the win locked up second place in the district for them and only Shelby Valley (1-7) remains on the district schedule before the Blackcats close their season against Class A Pikeville in two weeks.

Leslie County stayed close to the Cats in the first half, but it was all Prestonsburg in the second half of the game as the defense stopped the Eagles

"stone-cold."

"I thought our defense adjusted well at half time," said Prestonsburg coach John Derossett. "We came out and stopped Leslie County stone-cold in the third and fourth quarters."

Prestonsburg had grabbed a 16-0 lead in the first half, only to see the Eagles soar back and make it a 16-12 game. Brooks Stumbo took the opening kickoff and returned in 58 yards to set up the first Blackcat score. Three strong carries by Bill Willis, who just gets better at the fullback position, picked up 14 yards on three carries before Grant Castle scored from 6-yards out and Ortega ran the two-point conversion for an 8-0 game.

With 11:53 to play in the second quarter, Ortega crossed the goal line from 12-yards out and also ran the conversion for an 16-0 game.

Led by John Lash, Leslie County put together a drive that covered 62 yards on seven plays, and scored on a 1-yard run

by Tim Sizemore. An illegal motion flag nullified the PAT.

With 6:33 to play in the half, Daryl Woods came up with a Prestonsburg fumble, and raced into the end zone from 32 yards out, and pulled the Eagles to within 16-12 of the Blackcats. From that point, the Prestonsburg defense went about their business and showed why they get the respect they do. Coach Derossett said the game was won before the season even began.

"Overall, this game was won before the season even began."

"This is the same package we played against Breathitt County," said Leslie County coach Jerry Butcher. "We play only one true down-lineman in the set, and give up a little on the run. But we went in to stop the pass and that's what we stuck with."

Leslie County tried to put a wrinkle in the Blackcat defense in the first half, and did not throw the football that much, moving the ball on the ground. Whitaker lined up out of the shot-gun but used that

"I want to thank Nathan for stepping in and playing offensive tackle when Mike got hurt only minutes before the

kickoff," said Coach Derossett. "He came to me and volunteered, and that says a lot about the type of player Nathan Leslie is for the Blackcats."

Just how strong was the Blackcat defense? They held the state's fourth best quarterback to just four completions for the entire game. Leslie County signal caller, Floyd Whitaker, had passed for just under 1,500 yards entering the game, and 13 touchdowns.

Consider this. The Blackcat defense also held one of the state's leading receivers, Vernon Morgan, to two catches for the game.

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## Shelby Valley snaps streak in 28-8 win over Bobcats

Dusty Hall had 247 all-purpose yards in leading the Shelby Valley Wildcats to a 28-8 win over the Betsy Layne Bobcats, who lost their fifth consecutive game and dropped to 2-6 on the season.

For Shelby Valley it was a moment worthy of celebration as they snapped a 12 game losing streak, and, at the expense of the Bobcats. Neither team had won a district game this season. Betsy Layne was 2-5 going into the contest with the Wildcats winless.

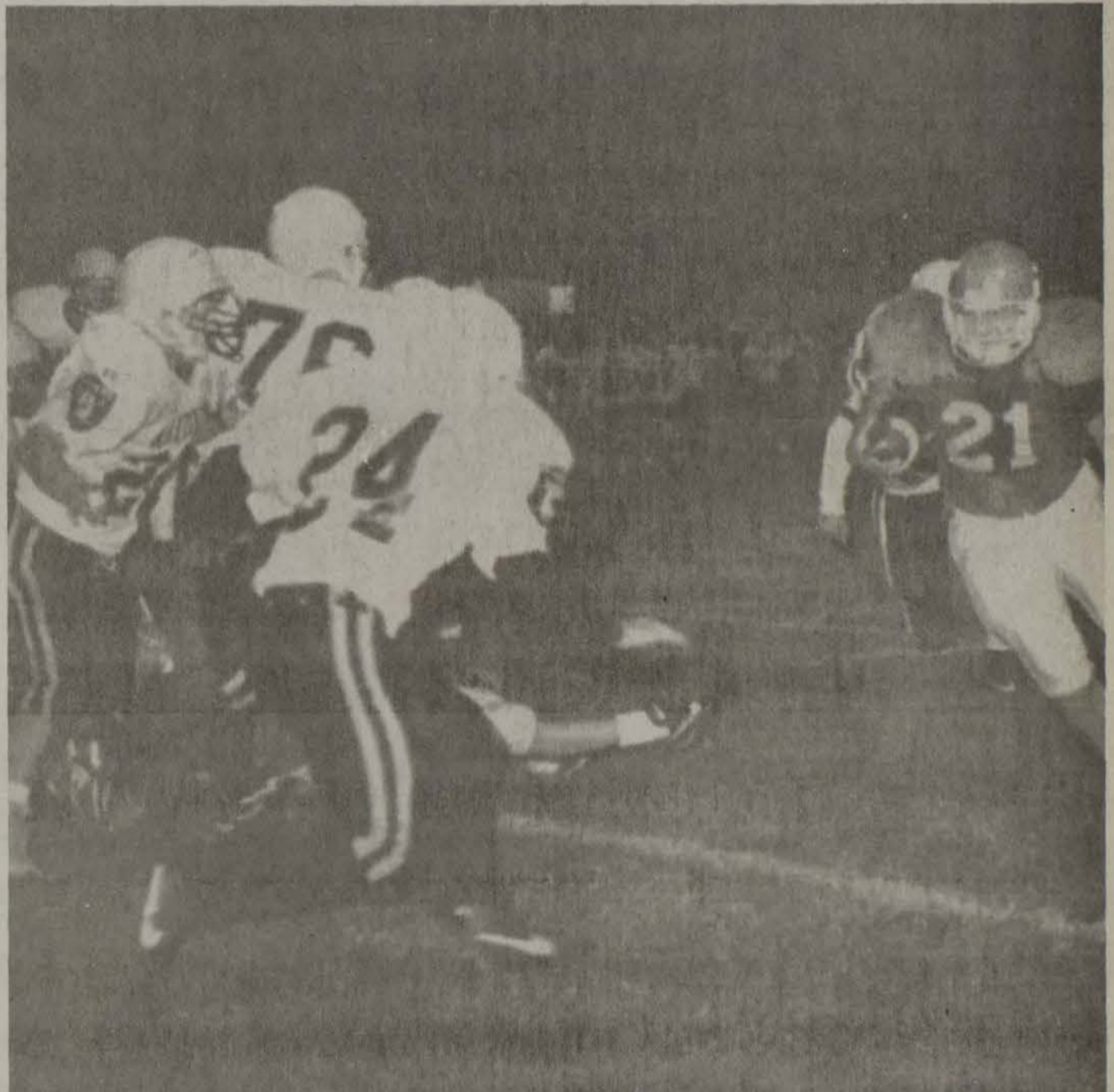
Hall put the Wildcats on the scoreboard in the first quarter with a 74 yard punt return, and the two-point conversion made it 8-0. The lead held up through the first half, until Sterlin Isaac scored in the third period with 9:40 left, on a 5-yard run, and he added the two-point conversion for a 16-0 lead.

Hall had a 38 yard punt return after both teams went three downs and out on three possessions before Hall's return. Newsome then hit Hall in the end zone for a 26 yard pass completion, and a 33-0 lead with 6:54 left in the first quarter. Betsy Layne got on the scoreboard in the fourth period with 11:01 left in the game. Billy Mitchell scored from 5-yards out, and Tyler Puckett added the two-point conversion for a 22-8 game.

Lonnie Scott put the Wildcats' final score on the board on a 1-yard run at the 3:35 mark in the 28-8 game.

Sterlin Isaac carried the football 18 times for 102 yards, scored a touchdown and ran two conversions. Hall had 35 yards rushing, 108 yards in returns, while he sported 61 yards receiving. He had a 43 yard interception return on defense.

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### Injured!

Allen Central fullback Rodney Bentley had a strong beginning against South Floyd last Friday night in the Red, White and Blue Bowl, but he suffered an injury in the second quarter and was lost for the rest of the game. Allen Central dropped a 40-12 loss to the Raiders and will play at Pikeville this Friday night before closing out their season on the road against Paintsville in two weeks. (photo by Ed Taylor)

### Red, White and Blue Bowl...

## Compton passes for 203 yards in 40-12 win over Allen Central

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

South Floyd senior quarterback Nick Compton passed for 203 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Raiders to a 40-12 win over an improved Allen Central football team in a district match up the Raiders had to have.

The two teams met in the Red, White and Blue Bowl at Allen Central Friday night.

Wide receiver Justin Holbrook continues to reap the benefits of the accuracy of Compton, hauling in five catches for 116 yards receiving with one touchdown. Timmy Butler had two catches for 55 yards and two TD's. Ketrin Mays caught three Compton passes for 32 yards. Two came off screen passes.

Mays was a terror on the ground, rushing for 157 yards on 16 carries. He scored two touchdowns and a conversion. The Raiders had 196 yards on the ground to go with Compton's 203 for 399 total yards on

offense.

Sophomore Mark Howard had a touchdown run for the Rebels, and rushed for 62 yards to lead the ground game for Allen Central. Gary Hunter was on the receiving end when freshman quarterback Jonathan Ellis hit him in the end zone for a 21-yard touchdown pass. Ellis, pressed behind center with Allen Central's one and two quarterbacks out, completed three of five passes for 62 yards.

Allen Central totaled 194 yards on offense, 132 coming on the ground.

Fullback Rodney Bentley was playing well, as were all the Rebels, when he had to go out with an injury early in the second quarter. Bentley touched the football five times for 14 yards, Senior halfback, Jim Branham, rushed for 31 yards on seven carries.

Compton put South Floyd on the scoreboard at the 8:48 mark on the Raider's first possession in the first quarter. Compton hit Butler with a 4-yard completion for the 6-0 lead.

Allen Central put together a strong drive on their series of plays, but had the drive end when they fumbled the ball away at the South Floyd 14 yard line.

Ellis looked like a seasoned quarterback, handing off to Bentley and Mark Dunfee as Allen Central picked up three first downs. On a third and one at the 18 yard line, Bentley lost the football on the ground with South Floyd falling on the ball.

On the Raider's second possession, Compton hit Holbrook for a 36 yard pick up, and then connected with the receiver for a 24 yard touchdown pass with Mays running the two-point conversion for a 14-0 lead.

Allen Central was three downs and out on their second possession of the game, but the Rebel defense held the Raiders on a fourth and six play, taking over the football on downs at mid-field. Ellis guided the Rebels deep into Raider territory, but

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**Good yardage**  
South Floyd's Nick Compton passed for over 200 yards in leading the Raiders to a 40-12 win over Allen Central in the Red, White, and Blue Bowl last Friday night at Allen Central. The Raiders will host Louisville Beth Haven in a homecoming game this Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. (Photo by Ed Taylor)



# Sports

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conclude their season in two weeks, and both schools had first year coaches and I feel both did a commendable job.

Allen Central will return some very impressive sophomores and freshmen to next year's team, and should be a very much-improved ballclub. The team will need to hit the weight room heavy this winter. The numbers should increase for the Rebels in '98.

Rodney Bentley, Mark Dunfee and Mark Howard will return to fill out the backfield for the Rebels. Also, add junior Jesse Hall to that list, as well as freshman Brandon Sizemore, Jonathan Ellis, and sophomore Eric Combs.

Betsy Layne will have some good young runners in the thick of things next season. Tyler Puckett will return at quarterback, and you have to like the play of sophomore Chad Bryant.

• While the football season is coming to a close, the high school basketball season is just getting the nod. Practice has begun at all 15th Region schools, and the season promises to be an interesting one. Of course, we must endure all the panoramas that will be played at the end of November. The regular season tips off December 1.

• The grade school football season closes on November 1 with their annual grid-o-rama and this year the event will be held at Warfield.

While the grade school basketball season is a week from officially beginning (that's just practice), still the Adams Middle School basketball panorama will be held this Saturday, October 25 at the Adams Middle School

gym. (See story this sports section).

• Former Leslie County quarterback, Tim Couch, continues to set new career highs at the University of Kentucky. Couch is leading the nation with 29 touchdown passes and 2,506 yards passing.

With all the national exposure Couch has brought the University of Kentucky, what would have happen if UK had won the game at Mississippi State and South Carolina two weeks ago? Their only SEC loss would have been to, then, number one Florida. The Cats would have gotten some recognition in the national polls as well.

Football is still a game of defense. You can have all the offense, but no defense. That is the problem with the Wildcats.

• Coach Matt Ballard's Morehead State University Eagles are soaring high, and are 4-2 on the season.

• Could they become the Virginia Reds? That is a possibility when the Cincinnati Reds look at other cities to relocate their team. The Reds are unhappy with the way city officials are dragging their feet in building the Reds a new baseball-only stadium. Several Kentucky cities have been named as possible sites for the Reds. But, if you hold your breath 'till it happens you may not be here to enjoy the '98 season.

The Reds are not going anywhere, for no one can afford to support them. Why play games with the City of Cincinnati? Be happy with Cinergy Field but change the name, I don't like it.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports.



Hit hard

Mark Dunfee of Allen Central picked up short yardage on this carry against South Floyd last Friday night before he was brought down by Landon Frazier (84) and Eric Blankenship (68). (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Compton

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had their drive stall at the South 21-yard line where the Raiders took over.

A 42-yard completion to Holbrook put the ball at the Allen Central 14-yard line. A screen pass to Mays moved it to the two, where Mays scored with 21 seconds to play to give the Raiders a 20-0 lead.

On a bizarre happening just before the first half ended, the Rebels got a break on a penalty on the Raiders and turned it into a touchdown. Ellis looked for Hunter in the end zone with just tenths of a second left on the clock. The ball fell incomplete. But a penalty on the Raiders gave the ball back to the Rebels with virtually no time remaining. Ellis, this time, found Hunter for the touchdown and a 20-6 half time score.

South Floyd got the TD back in their opening drive of the third quarter on a 1-yard plunge by Mays. An unsportsmanlike and facemask penalty each on Allen Central helped the Raider drive.

Compton showed senior leadership when the Rebels were facing a first-and-15 situation from their own 49 yard line. Compton got good protection from his line, and found Butler down field for a 51

yard completion and a 32-6 game.

Unsportsmanlike penalties continued to pile up on the Rebels, as senior Brian Jones was ejected from the game for such a call. South Floyd made it a 40-6 margin when Darren Newsome scored on a 1-yard run and caught the two-point conversion pass.

Allen Central had the football from the 1:21 mark of the third quarter, until 4:25 remained in the game where they scored on a 3-yard run by Howard for the final 40-12 count.

Allen Central had two turnovers in the game and was flagged six times for 80 yards in penalties.

South Floyd did turn the ball over and was penalized 55 yards on seven flags.

South Floyd improved to 5-3 on the season, and went to 4-2 in district play. The Raiders will step of their district and host Louisville Beth Haven this Saturday at Brackett Field for homecoming.

## Blackcats

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on the draw play where Lash and Sizemore picked up first half yardage.

Prestonsburg was not just a defensive team Friday night, but the offense was glimmering as well. Three backs rushed for over 100 yards giving the Cats 485 rushing yards for the night.

"That is a tribute to our offensive line," said the Prestonsburg mentor. "Also earlier in the week, Coach (Jackie) Crisp talked to our backs about our YAC (yards after contact) and our backs all ran extremely hard."

Coach Derossett said the biggest factor offensively was his team getting so many revs.

"Anytime you get over 55 plays

in a game, 55-65 offensive snaps in high school, you can almost guarantee victory," he said.

Ortega led with his 157 yards, while Grant Castle finished with 127 yards on 11 carries, and Willis totaled 107 yards on 12 carries. Castle's yardage gave him over 500 for the season.

Castle, Stumbo and Ortega were the reasons for the poor passing night for Whitaker. Down field coverage was excellent out of the Prestonsburg secondary. Stumbo had eight tackles, one interception and a fumble recovery for the night. Senior Dennis Lafferty was outstanding on defense with 12 tackles. Mark Branham had 10 tackles and Leslie finished with eight.

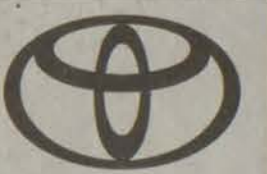
Seth Crisp rushed for 41 yards on five carries, and Hank Mullins had 31 yards on five carries.

Ortega is sixth in the state in scoring with 23 touchdowns for 152 points. He has scored 20 TD's rushing and caught three passes for touchdowns. Brooks Stumbo leads the Blackcat's receiving corp with 18 catches for 268 yards and four touchdowns. Adam Hall has completed 50 of 80 pass attempts for 695 yards this season.

The Blackcats improved to 6-2 on the season, and 4-1 in the district. They will entertain the Shelby Valley Wildcats, who snapped a 12 game losing streak last week, this Friday night.



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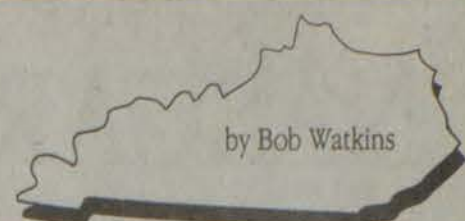
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# SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



## Why is UK football 'moving on up' on CBS?

### BOBO VS. COUCH MARQUEE

Just wondering.  
 ✓ How far has UK football come in one season? This far: CBS-TV moved Saturday's Kentucky-Georgia game from the under-card 12:30 starting time to 3:30 main event. Why? Bobo versus Couch marquee makes good television.

✓ Considering so many UK fans named their newborns Kyle and Rex in the 1980s, wonder if we will see Bamidele (Ali) in the millennium? BAM-ee...DEL-ee.

✓ Anyone else weary of the media herd's fascination with Tim Couch's 'numbers'? It's a team game. Who cares? Why not bundle up the UK quarterback's stats and ask Babe Parilli to hand them to him at the football banquet?

✓ The numbers that should be getting more attention are those that begin with "Today's attendance..." and an answer to: "What's the going ticket scalp price for the LSU game?"

✓ Anybody think we will grow weary of hearing UK Network's Tom Leach scream "Touchdown wwwwwwwww Kentucky!"? Probably not.

✓ Meanwhile, basketball Tubby Smith's most quotable lines from Midnight Madness: "Move the ball! Move the ball! You're standing around!"

✓ Anyone else get a bad taste when a so-called fan does a check-book loyalty thing — offer to buy out a school's contract with one of its coaches, i.e. UofL and Ron Cooper? Does it make you want to cheer like crazy for Cooper and staff and team to get on a roll?

### UK FOOTBALL AT MID-TERM

Sports traditions do not surrender easily in Kentucky. Last Saturday was Midnight Madness for basketball loonies hereabouts, but with a twist. A Tim Couch twist. As another promising basketball campaign draws near, UK has a football team

not only with a 4-3 record, but with a chance every time out. So, autumn things are not so easily filed away.

Mid-term grade for the grid Wildcats? Based on goal-post replacements, attendance at Commonwealth Stadium, coffee shop talk, and prospects for a recruiting season to remember, UK rates a C-plus at midseason 1997.

Offense: Has not only generated points, but has been innovative, entertaining and a motto: 'better not go to the concession stand 'til half-time.' Surprise: Offensive line play has been superb. Quarterback/leadership has been good and even exceptional; running attack has been average. Weak spot? The passing game lacks a deep threat dimension which still limits short passing game and rushing attack.

Defense: Has been good considering its lack of speed and depth. Surprise: Linebacker Jeff Snedegar. And no, Bamidele Ali's play has not been a surprise. Surprise II: As much as anything, the defense was responsible for the Alabama upset.

Kicking game/special teams: Spotty. Average to below average, but disaster has been kept to a minimum and there is promise.

Bottom line: C-plus. With so many fans singing praises to coach Hal Mumme, says here UK could well be 5-2 instead of 4-3. At least in part because of the rookie coach, UK could have been at least 1-and-1 instead of 0-2 versus Mississippi State and South Carolina.

### HOOPS CRYSTAL-BALL GAZING

Kentucky will be an at-large entry in the '98 NCAA Tournament; Louisville will win Conference USA and both will advance to the Sweet 16; Western Kentucky coach Matt Kilcullen is on the hot seat; and Murray State will take another OVC title, tenth in 11 years.

These views brought to you by college basketball bibles now on newsstands — Street&Smith and The Sporting News College Basketball. Cover boy for both mag-

azines, regionally, is UK point guard Wayne Turner. Wayne Turner?

✓ South Carolina will win the SEC Tournament and receive the automatic bid, says Street&Smith. And UK and UofL will reach the NCAA's Sweet 16.

✓ UK is ranked 10th and Louisville 33rd by TSN. Kentucky is 12th and UofL 14th, says S&S.

### WILDCATS QUERIES

Can Tubby Smith operate without being affected by the killer Ps? Pressure and Pitino and Playing time (...what about mine, coach?)

Can Wayne Turner be consistent, make better decisions and hit free throws? Can preseason All-SEC pick Scott Padgett play as effectively without All-American Ron Mercer and Anthony Epps? Without Jamal Mashburn, Jared Prickett was never the same. Can Jeff Sheppard pick up where he left off despite a year away from game competition? Can Nazr Mohammed stay out of foul trouble? Will Jamaal Magloire have a shot? Where does Cameron Mills fit? Will Heshimu Evans and Myron Anthony step into the mix effectively? And, can Allen Edwards be a leader?

### CARDINALS QUESTIONS

What effect will Denny Crum's contract renewal buzz have on the team facing arguably the most difficult schedule in college basketball? With DeJuan Wheat and B.J. Flynn gone who's going to run this outfit? How will the cloud of NCAA investigation/probation weigh on the Cardinals?

### DIS 'N DATA

✓ Best sidebar in UK football's success this season? Put me down for Craig Yeast. Not only is the little receiver leading the SEC in pass catching categories and scoring lots of touchdowns, the best part is on Sundays when he drives home to Harrodsburg and goes to church with Mom.

✓ Worth Repeating Dept.: On his book tour to Kentucky last week, Minnesota basketball coach Clem

Haskins told The Courier-Journal, "(College sports) is a business. It's a big-time business, and that's one thing a lot of university presidents don't want to admit."

Comment: Name one. Presumably, a college president is consulted before his school sells out to a shoe company.

✓ Worth Repeating Dept.: Native of Taylor County, Haskins says when he retires from coaching, he and his wife will return to their farm near Campbellsville, to be near family and friends.

Comment: In the end, what else is there?

✓ Any reason to believe Dean Smith and 'Dean's boys' at North Carolina, won't be a repeat scenario of Paul 'Bear' Bryant at Alabama? That is, nobody satisfactory to Tar Heel fans and media will be able to replace 'Coach.'

✓ Has anyone considered what our world will be like if Rick Pitino is not successful with the Boston Celtics?

✓ Crunch numbers however you want and some have tried, but 8,000 empty seats in Rupp Arena for Rick Pitino's ballyhooed 'homecoming' last week says something about Bluegrass state basketball fans' lack of enthusiasm for professional basketball.

✓ Randy Marsh, northern Kentucky native, is one of the umpires chosen to work the Cleveland Indians-Florida Marlins World Series.

### WHY JOHNSON, OTHERS 'HOLD OUT'

Star high school footballers Dennis Johnson and Julius Yeast of Harrodsburg and others hold out, wait to announce their college choices, because they want to be certain about their choice, right? Maybe. Following campus visits, most youngsters know where they fit in best.

1. Typically, 18-year-olds enjoy the attention. Why would a teenager forfeit his option to visit, say, Southern Cal and be wine and

dined, maybe taken to Disneyland?

2. Media-wise youngsters today care less about signing early "so others might follow their lead," than they are concerned about their college (and NFL) prospects.

3. As long as media people speculate in print, on radio and television about where a young man will sign why would he pick one without so much as a press conference, and squelch all the accolades? Particularly if he is a Mr. Football candidate.

### HIGH SCHOOL HIGH MARKS

✓ While most of the hype has gone to quarterbacks Kyle Moore at Breathitt County, Ben Meighan of Dunbar and Gabe Stone at Nelson County, Estill County QB Jeremy Niece was at the top of the pass yards leader board through six games. Averaging 309 yards a game, Niece had 13 touchdowns and was completing 67 percent of his throws. Teammate Mike Tate was first in receiving yards, with a whopping 147.7 a game.

✓ Jeremy Britt of Warren East was in position for a double-double.

In six games the junior running back led the state in rushing, with 263 yards a game, and was seventh in scoring, averaging three touchdowns an outing.

### MILESTONES

When the high school basketball season begins Metcalfe County's J.P. Blevins will be the top 'active' scorer on the Sports In Ky's 2,000 Points Scored Club. Unofficially, UK-bound Blevins has 2,077 points which places him 106th on the 129-name list. If Blevins scored say, 909 points this season it would put him in a tie for 21st place all-time, with a fellow named Tim Couch.

And so it goes.  
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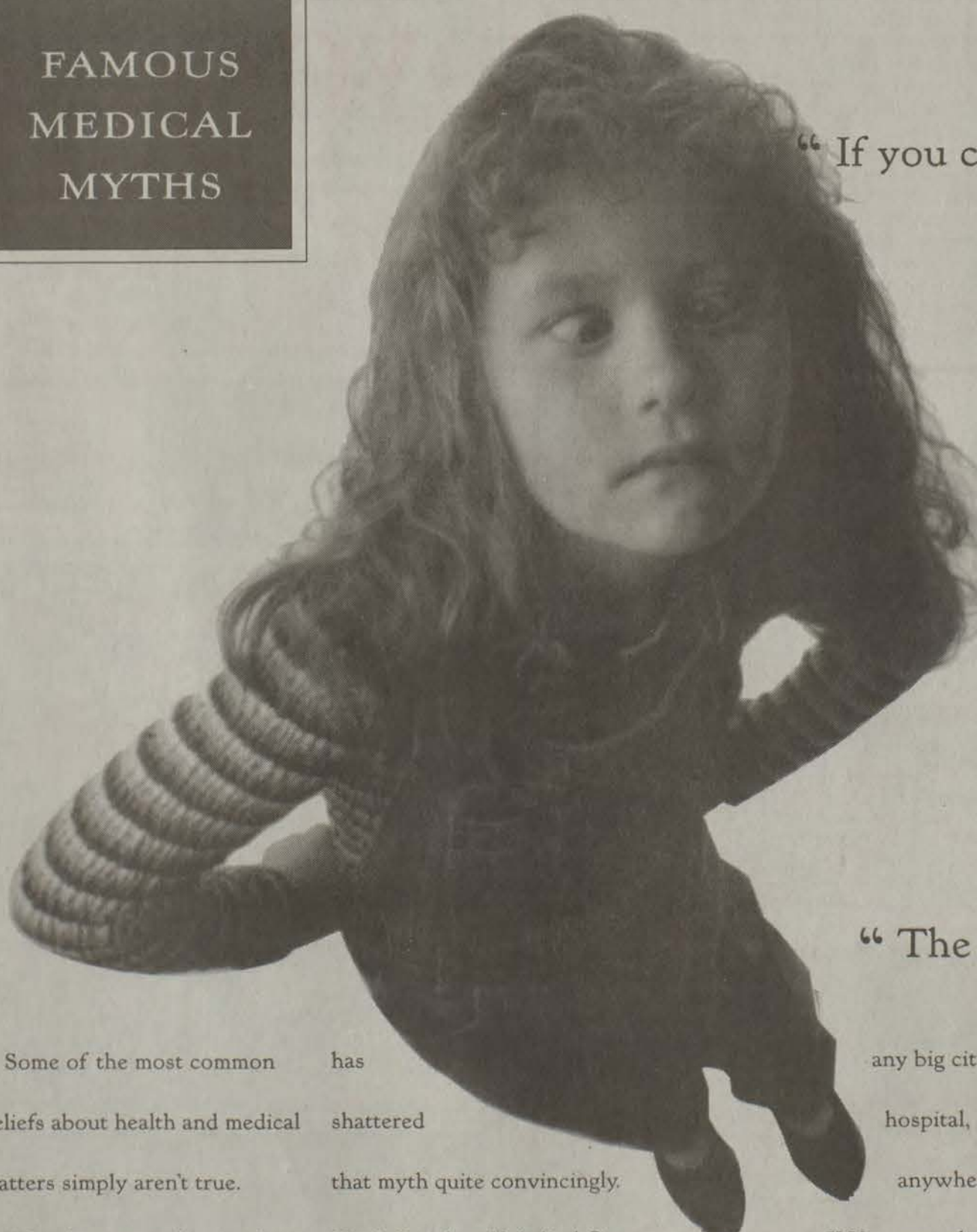
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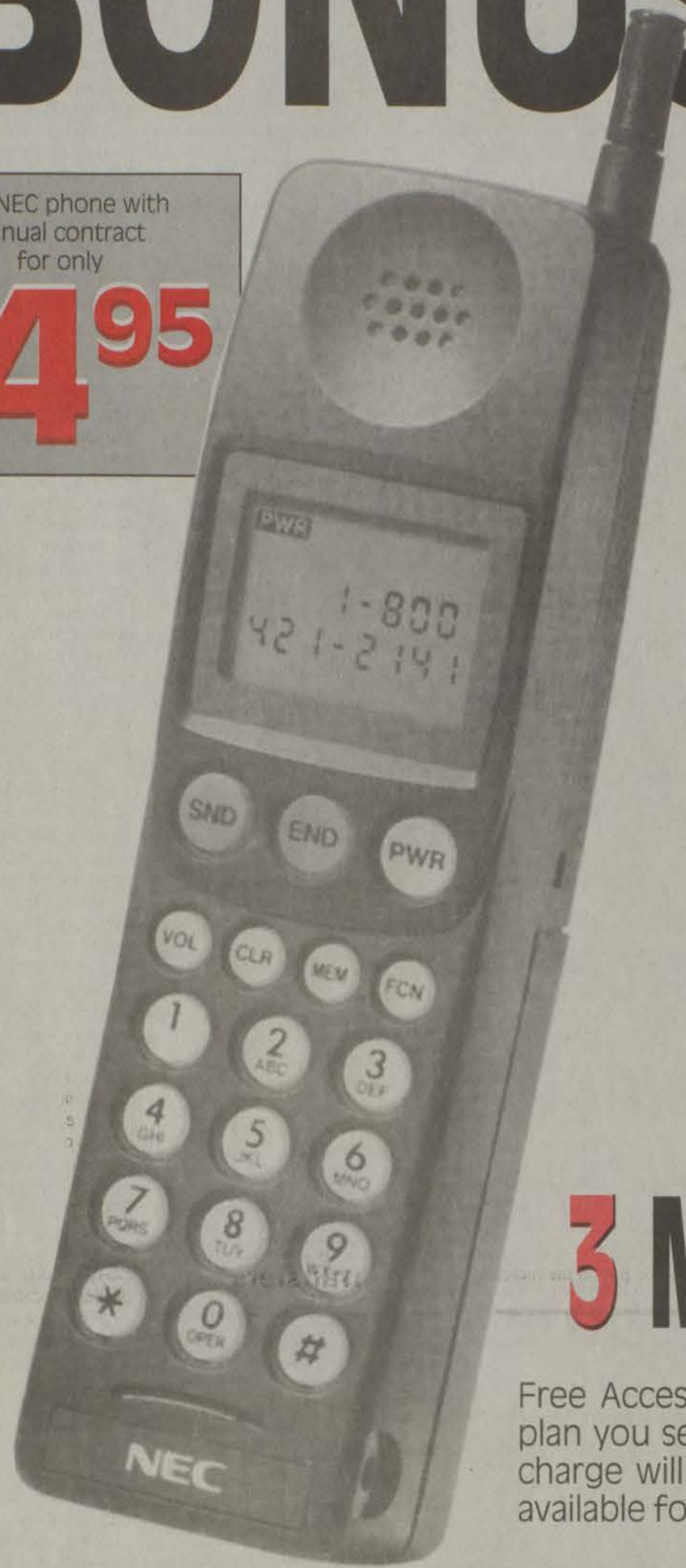
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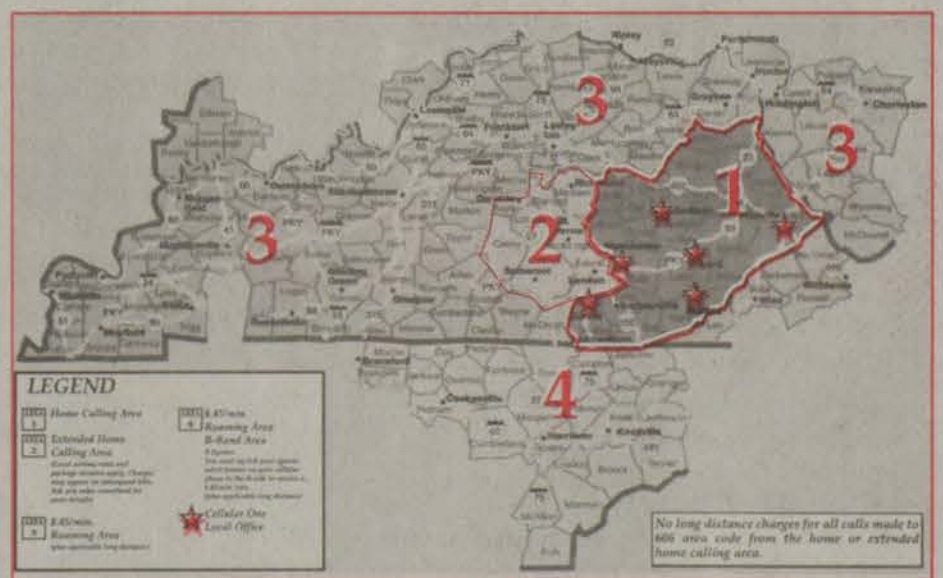
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# COMMUNITY ENCOURAGER

## Teens active in health care task force

by Katie Newsome

The Community Health Council presented recommendations for changes in the health care system to local health care providers. One of the major concerns was that a health clinic be initiated in local high schools to focus on issues relating to our youth.

A community task force has been formed to offer suggestions and possible ways to help address the variety of health related issues that are affecting our youth. During the previous year, interviews and surveys revealed that 87 percent of the residents living in the service area (Southern Floyd County, parts of Knott and Pike county) were affected by youth/teen problems. Most of these problems centered around teen pregnancies and drug/alcohol abuse. There also was a need for counseling services available to teens concerning mental and emotional changes in their lives. Physical abuse, too, surfaced as an issue that needed to be addressed.

On September 25, the Task Force on Youth/Teen issues met and

discussed these possible changes on a local level:

- Information toll free Hot Line
- Youth/teen centers (to give kids something to do and somewhere to go)
- Big Brother/Big Sister program
- Teen Awareness project (health related)
- TV talk show (teen issues)
- Incentives for youth to be involved in community activities
- Mother/daughter and father/son program: parent involvement

The Task Forces on Health Care in the area are sponsored by the McDowell ARH. Persons attending the meeting were Audrey Campbell, Allen; Kacey Craft, student at Allen Central High School; Clara Johnson, Resource Center director, McDowell; Cindy Vanover and Olivia Stewart, both students at South Floyd High School.

The next meeting of the Youth/Teen Task Force will be held October 23, 1997, 5:30 p.m. at the McDowell ARH, cafeteria. If you would like to make suggestions, comments or be a member of this

Task Force, contact any of the members listed above, or call Katie Newsome, Community Outreach Coordinator at 358-9763.



Task force member

Katie Newsome, welcomed Nyoka Slone to the task force on youth and teen issues.

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# AG NEWS

by Patricia G. Spicer

Floyd County  
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Wood cut this fall has too much moisture in it. Much of the energy in the wood is used up to evaporate

the water instead of heat the house. Wood cut this year will burn much hotter if it's seasoned (allowed to dry naturally) a year before burning.

There are a few tricks to letting firewood season properly. For example, if firewood is allowed to stand in the rain, the moisture content will be higher than if a cover is placed over it. A shed is nice but not necessary. Boards or a plastic sheet can be placed over the stack of wood. Make sure the sides aren't covered as this will prevent proper air ventilation.

Firewood should be stored in an area of good air flow—that means not up against a building as many people do. Place the wood in an area where the sun can reach it—on the south side of the house, but not up against it.

People who use firewood also should know that the species of wood is just as important as how seasoned the wood is. Some species as hickory, black locust, oak and beech have much higher Btu heat content than other species such as willow, white pine or yellow-poplar.

The key to getting your money's worth from firewood is to buy a proper species and then let it season for a year before using.

So what do you do if you didn't buy wood last year to season for this winter? Buy two cords of wood at a time and let one season for next winter. You really will get more for your money in the long run.

If you would like more information on buying firewood, contact Pat Spicer at the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service at 886-2668 or stop by the office at 670 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg.

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**EXTENSION NEWS**

*Play it safe on Halloween*



**50th anniversary**

Claude and Madeline Clark of Honaker celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 4 in the Smokey Mountains and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. They are the parents of three children. They also have six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The holiday season usually begins with Halloween. It's a festive time, looked upon with excitement by young and old alike, but safety issues should be at the top of everyone's list. Issues of safety cover both food safety and personal safety.

When selecting children's clothing and costumes, keep the following tips in mind for a happier, safe Halloween.

Costumes should fit properly. Allow enough room underneath to wear outerwear in case the weather is cool. However, costumes that are too long can cause tripping and injuries.

Partial mask or makeup should be used so sight or breathing will not be hindered. Test makeup first on the inside of the child's arm to determine any allergic reaction (usually within one hour). If the child is not allergic to the makeup, apply cold cream base under the make up to make removal easier. If a mask is used, make sure that it fits securely and has eye holes large enough to allow full vision.

Make costumes light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists. For greater visibility, costumes can be decorated or trimmed

with reflective tape that glows in the beam of a car's headlights. Bags or sacks should also be light-colored and decorated with reflective tape. Reflective tape can usually be found in hardware stores, fabric shops, bicycle or sporting goods stores. Neon colors can also be used to make the child more visible.

Trick-or-treaters should carry a flashlight, and obey all traffic rules. Likewise, cars should slow down and be on the look out for jay walkers. Young children should be accompanied by an adult.

Look for costumes, masks, beards and wigs labeled "flame resistant". Although this does not mean these items won't catch fire, such labeling indicates they will resist burning and should extinguish quickly once removed from the ignition source. Avoid flimsy fabric and outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts to minimize the risk of contact with candles or other sources of ignition. Such garments could also cause falls or be caught on other objects.

Children should wear sturdy, well-fitting shoes. Oversized shoes or high heels are not good for safe walk-

ing. Hats and scarfs should be tied securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.

Small children should always be accompanied by an older, responsible person. It is safer to stay on the sidewalk rather than walk in the street. Children should be cautioned against running from between parked cars, or across lawns and yards where ornaments, furniture, or clothes lines present danger.

Allow children to go only to homes where residents have outside lights on as a sign of welcome. They should not enter homes or apartments if they do not know the occupants well.

Attach a small purse or pocket into your child's costume so he/she can carry some identification. Those people receiving trick-or-treaters should remove anything that could be an obstacle from steps, lawns, and porches.

Candlelit jack-o-lanterns should be kept away from landings and door steps where costumes could brush against the flame. If jack-o-lanterns are kept indoors, they should be kept away from curtains, decorations, or

other furnishings that could be ignited.

When trick or treating, follow these food safety options:

Only visit neighbors you know. Discard opened packages of prewrapped snacks.

Parents should examine all treats before allowing children to eat them.

Wash all fruit, if uncertain about the safety—throw it out!

If you're making homemade goodies, give food items that don't require refrigeration.

Individually-wrap goodies to preserve freshness and prevent contamination.

If you are having a Halloween Block Party, here are some favorite snack ideas. Fresh and Dried Fruit: Apples, oranges or tangerines, raisins in a box, fruit leather, dried apple slices, pineapple or banana slices. Trail Mixes: Dried fruits, nuts, chocolate chips and dry cereal. Crispy Rice and Marshmallow Treats: Cut in funny shapes. Fig bars, animal crackers, gingersnaps, popcorn balls and decorated vanilla wafers. Have a fun and safe Halloween.

**WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENTS**



Ruby Howard and Bryan Clark

**Howard-Clark to wed**

Ruby Lynn Howard of Prestonsburg and Bryan Keith Clark of Van Lear announce their forthcoming marriage.

Howard is the daughter of Elizabeth Blackburn and Offutt Howard Jr. of Van Lear. She is a 1992 graduate of Johnson Central High School and a 1995 graduate of Lees College.

Howard is currently employed as a registered nurse at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Clark is a 1989 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. He is the son of Charles Clark of Brandon, Florida, and Wanda Sue Clark of Van Lear.

Clark is employed at Western Trucking as a truck driver.

The wedding will be held November 1, at the Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church. An open wedding will be observed.

The couple will reside in Prestonsburg.



Matney and Spencer to wed

Mr. Billy Matney of Feds Creek and Mrs. Patricia White of Ironton, Ohio, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amanda Dawn, to Alex Shawn Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Spencer of Pikeville. The wedding will take place at 1:30 in the afternoon, Saturday, October 25, at the First Assembly of God Church in Martin. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the fellowship hall of the church. All family and friends are invited to attend.

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## OLOW awarded \$75,000 grant for prevention of overweight/obesity and teen pregnancy

Our Lady of the Way Hospital has been awarded a \$75,000 grant to support the special establishment of a new program for prevention of overweight/obesity and teen pregnancy or the enhancement of services for a special nutrition project and respect program. This grant was provided through a special fund established in 1996 by Our Lady of the Way Hospital's parent organization, Catholic Health Initiatives, to promote innovative programs and activities which improve the health status of communities where its member facilities are located.

With this funding, Our Lady of the Way Hospital will strive to decrease overweight/obesity and teen pregnancy in the youth of Floyd County, building a healthier community for tomorrow. The prevention programs will be facilitated by the Community Health Education Department.

In the first year since the Mission and Ministry Fund was established, 73 proposals from member health care facilities across the country were submitted to Catholic Health Initiatives for consideration. Eighteen projects, totaling approximately \$1.28 million were selected for funding including the prevention of overweight/obesity and teen pregnancy project at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

"The purpose of the Mission and Ministry Fund is to support

Catholic Health Initiatives' commitment to nurture the healing ministry of the church by bringing it new life, energy and viability into the next century," said Patricia A. Cahill, president and chief executive officer. "To accomplish this, Catholic Health Initiatives is working to reshape that ministry to create systemic change in our communities."

The awards were announced at a special reception hosted by Catholic Health Initiatives on Sunday, June 8, as part of the 82nd Catholic Health Assembly meeting in Chicago. Lowell Jones, chief executive officer, accepted the award on behalf of Our Lady of the Way Hospital. The award funds were available to Our Lady of the Way Hospital on June 30.

The prevention programs in the areas of overweight/obesity and teen pregnancy of Our Lady of the Way Hospital is an example of innovations by member facilities throughout the Catholic Health Initiatives organizations that are creating new models of health care delivery with a commitment to collaboration and partnerships with community groups, social service agencies and other health care providers.

Our Lady of the Way Hospital is a 39-bed (26 acute care and 13 subacute) health care facility serving the communities of Eastern Kentucky.

Catholic Health Initiatives is a national health care organization

which represents the ministries of multiple religious congregations, spans 20 states, 65 rural and urban communities and encompass 60 hospitals, more than 50 long term care facilities and numerous elder care and housing services. Catholic Health Initiatives represents more than 45,000 employees and combined annual revenues of \$4.5 billion.

With national offices in Denver and Cincinnati, Catholic Health Initiatives is composed of five regions across the United States. They are:

- Eastern: Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania
- Upper Midwest: Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin
- Central Midwest: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska
- Mountain: Colorado and New Mexico
- Western: California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington



Sister Maryanna Coyle, S.C. (left) Chairperson, board of stewardship Trustees, and Patricia Ann Cahill, (right) president and CEO Catholic Health Initiative presented an award to Lowell Jones, president and CEO of Our Lady of the Way.

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Ask the CIS is produced by the Region 9 Cancer Information Service (CIS), which serves Kentucky, Arkansas, and Tennessee. The CIS is a program of the National Cancer Institute. Call the CIS between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. local time at 1-800-4-CANCER.



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# Dorothy Harris: 'You can do anything you want'

Dorothy Burchett Harris, Broker  
Century 21/American Way Realty

by Rhonda Kretzer  
General Manger

It took Dorothy Harris more than 20 years to find her niche in the business world. Once she did, her career spiraled upward. Her real estate company, Century 21/American Way Realty, has offices in four cities.

Real estate is a business that Dorothy loves, but it took her awhile to get into that career field.

After graduating from Betsy Layne High School, Dorothy attended Pikeville College where she received an associate degree in Elementary Education. She taught for only a few months — she says she never enjoyed teaching — before marrying Robert Harris and moving to Michigan where he was working.

Dorothy and Robert lived in Michigan for eight years. During that time, their daughters, Ellen and Suzanne, were born. The family returned to Floyd County and Dorothy worked as a substitute teacher. She never intended to make it her career, but it was available work.

Dorothy was always interested in real estate and tried to find classes in the subject to help her make good decisions regarding her own investments. She was disappointed that there were no real estate classes offered nearby.

Around the time her oldest daughter, Ellen, went away to college, Dorothy opened a fabric shop in Allen, but in 1977, she finally got an opportunity to study real estate, and took night classes at PCC. She became a licensed sales associate and worked as an apprentice for another real estate company. She continued to take classes, and after two years, obtained her brokers' license.

Even though she was in a career she liked, she wasn't content.

"It got to the point where I was going nowhere," Dorothy said. "I decided that I had three choices. I could go home and baby-sit; go to another firm; or open my own company."

She took the advice of a good friend and mentor who suggested she should go into business for herself. In 1984, she established her own company and called it American Way Realty. (The name simply refers to home ownership as being the key element in living the American Dream.) She worked alone until her daughter, Ellen, got her license in 1985. Ellen has worked with her ever since.

By 1989, competition was getting tougher and Dorothy decided to buy the Century 21 franchise. Each franchise is independently owned. With the help of Century 21's worldwide name recognition and strong marketing support, her company grew bigger and became the leader in area real estate sales. Dorothy still owns the Prestonsburg office entirely but, to expand, established a partnership with Jim Gambill in 1991. Together they opened offices in Paintsville, Pikeville, and Morehead and now have about 35 agents working in the four offices.

Dorothy was in her early forties when she got into the real estate business, but that wasn't too late for her to build a successful business.

"I wanted to accomplish something myself," she said. "I didn't feel as though I had

any real identity. I liked being Bob's wife, my children's mother, a Sunday School teacher and all the rest, but I wanted to be something, give something, leave something and have an identity of my own.

"You can do anything you want, any time you want. Women tend to limit themselves especially in this area. Many

**"If I were a man running this company, I would have had a lot more doors opened voluntarily. As it is, every opportunity has been hard-earned. It may be changing somewhat but not a great deal."**

are raised to be housewives and mothers and submissive to other people. I was lucky to have a good role model. My mother (Edith Burchett) was a school teacher with a can-do attitude. Even now, at 84, she's still active. She recently

Realty are helping making entry into the real estate field easier for others. They regularly offer classes that help people decide if the real estate field is the right career move.

About 60 percent of the agents working for Harris are women, but she says she has no gender preference at all. She says more women can work on a commission-only pay structure because there's usually a husband in the picture who's bringing home a regular paycheck.

"It requires a lot of discipline to live on commissions not knowing what to expect," she says.

Dorothy evidently has developed that discipline because she is leading the way in the real estate business.



Dorothy Harris said she had three choices: stay home and baby-sit, go to another firm or open her own business. She took a friend's advice and decided to open her own business. It was the right choice. She has real estate offices in Prestonsburg, Morehead, Paintsville, and Pikeville. (photo by Tim Howell)

bought some real estate herself just as an investment."

When asked about the biggest challenge she faced, Dorothy said, "Being a woman and not getting respect. If I were a man running this company, I would have had a lot more doors opened voluntarily. As it is, every opportunity has been hard-earned. It may be changing somewhat but not a great deal."

Dorothy said women in business need strong support of their families.

"My husband, Robert, is now and has always been very supportive," Dorothy said. "That hasn't always been easy. The business has been demanding and has taken up so much of my time. I think he is very proud of me."

Dorothy encourages other women to pursue their ambitions and not limit themselves because of age, circumstance, or the expectations of other people.

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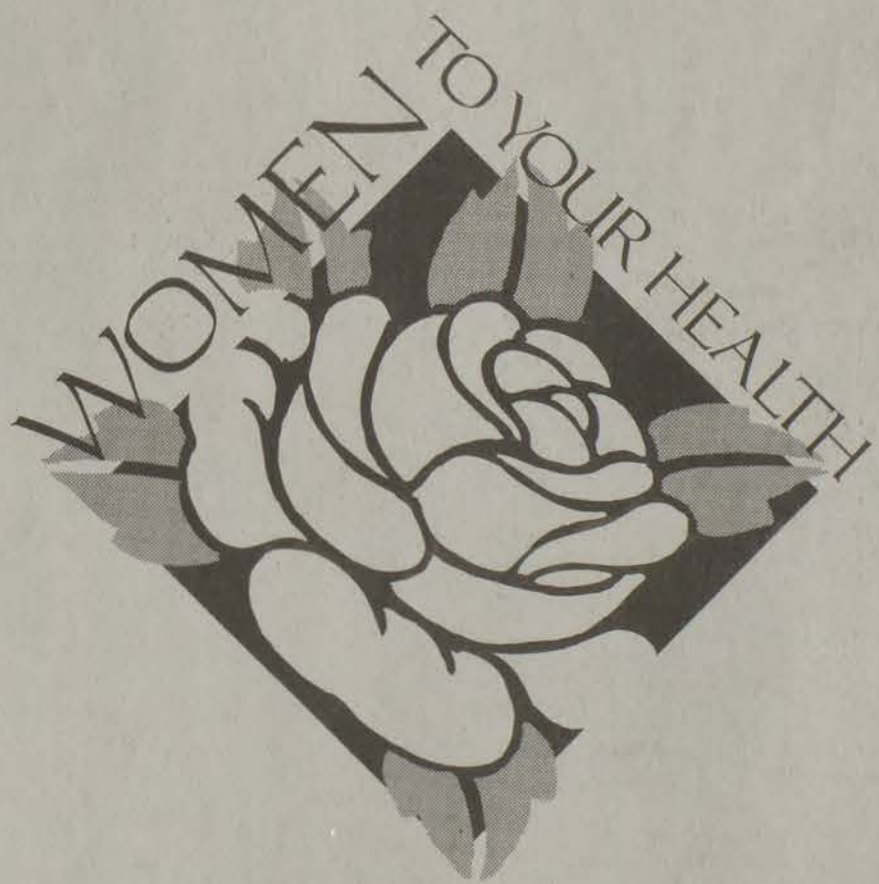
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by Rhonda Kretzer  
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Nora Arriaga got fired from her first job for lying about her age. She was fifteen at the time and was working for Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Nora is a first generation American. Both her parents were born in Mexico. She attended Willowbrook High School near her home in a Chicago suburb.

"The school was so big they had open classes," Nora said. "I started my classes at 7 a.m. so I could get them all in by lunch time and go to work. The people at my high school never thought I would make it through. They considered me most unlikely to succeed. My parents brought me up saying 'you can do anything you want. Don't let anyone tell you — you can!'"

What these people may not have understood was that Nora zipped through classes and was out of there because she felt driven to rush off to work.

"I scooped ice cream at Baskins Robbins so long ago they only had 28 flavors!" she said. "I worked at a day care for a short time, just until I could turn 16 and do something I liked. Then I got a job at Henrices Coffee Shop as a waitress."

Nora completed high school on schedule. She earned a two-year degree in Food Services at the College of DuPage in Chicago. She then enrolled at Florida International University in Miami.

"I met Jack (Absher) the first day of school there in September of 1978. I asked him for a cigarette and I didn't even smoke!"

While they were dating, Nora and Jack decided to establish a submarine sandwich business for Super Bowl XIII in Miami.

"Our first business went bust. We still think we were on to something, even though it didn't work out. Sub sandwiches really took off later but we were too early. Anyway, we learned more from that experience than we learned in all our classes."

Nora received a bachelor's degree in Restaurant Management, and Jack got a master's degree in Hotel, Food and Travel. They were married in Chicago on January 3, 1981, and came to Prestonsburg to manage the Prestonsburg Drive-In Theater for Jack's father.

"I always wanted to be in the restaurant business," Nora said. "So we started selling ribs and tacos out of the drive-in. People started coming just to buy the food, not even staying for the show. They were carrying out \$100 orders of ribs. I knew then we were ready."

Nora and Jack's first Sam an Tonios Restaurant was at the Plantation Motel. The next was at Betsy Layne, then another in Pikeville.

"Our fourth one was in Ashland but that was too hard for us to manage at that time. Our kids were getting older and becoming involved in so many things we couldn't keep driving back and forth so we leased out that property to another restaurant." When their lease ran out at the Plantation, Nora and Jack built the new restaurant in Prestonsburg. Nora has plans in motion for another one.

"This new Prestonsburg restaurant was the most exciting," Nora said. "This was the first time we got to start from the ground up. At the other locations, we had to remodel existing facilities and make do with what was there. This time I got to design what we wanted."

As if the restaurant business isn't enough to keep them busy, Nora and Jack have five children. Another son, Michael James, died from heart problems when he was seven weeks old. The family's grief was overwhelming.

"I would get depressed and go back to the UK hospital where I had been with him last. I just felt close to him there."

One day, while visiting at the UK hospital, Nora saw a campaign board where people could sign up to help fund the children's unit through the Children's Miracle Network. Nora signed up. The first Children's Miracle Network telethon was in June of 1988.

"We started out with little things like selling balloons. I was speaking with a lady on the phone telling her how much money we had raised. I said \$1,217. Then I repeated twelve seventeen, twelve seventeen. The significance of those numbers hit me. That was the date of Michael's death, December 17. It was like a sign that the Lord meant for us to be involved in this work. Since then we've raised over \$80,000 for the Children's Miracle Network."

"I entered the triathlon last year to help raise money. When people said I couldn't do it, I said 'Betcha \$20.' I raised \$1,800 that way and gave it to the David School. Anyway, when my son John saw me at the beginning, he got so excited he jumped into the boat with me. That added ninety pounds! I got through it, but I'll never do that again."

Nora is very proud that her children are also active



Nora often can be found in the kitchens of her restaurants, preparing food orders.

in fundraising. Jack is fifteen; John is thirteen. Robert is eleven. James Michael (named after the baby they lost) is eight and Laura is six. All of them except Jack attend Our Lady of the Mountains School where Nora teaches Spanish classes one day a week.

"When the kids were small, it wasn't hard to get a baby-sitter to come to our home to help care for them," Nora said. "Now that we have five kids that have to be in three different places every night, I've had to adjust my schedule. Jack pretty much runs the restaurants now so that no matter what I'm doing or where I am, I can go home at exactly 2 p.m. I have dinner on the table by 3:30 p.m. when the kids get home from school, and the kitchen cleaned up by 4:30. Then it's off to soccer, gymnastics, football or whatever is in season. I feel real lucky to have the flexibility to do that."

"The very best part of being in business is the opportunity it provides to help people. We are blessed with wonderful employees. I'm very close to many of them. Sometimes I think I open new restaurants because I have employees ready to grow, to move up from waiting on tables or whatever."

"If someone who works for us doesn't have a high school diploma, we offer them a hundred dollars to get their GED. I like to give people a chance and, even if it means leaving, I encourage them to better themselves."

"I think everything happens for a reason. Even if something hurts me, I think there's a reason for it. Losing my child brought me so much closer to God. I truly believe that everything I have is what God has given me. He's put me in a position to be able to help people, and I thank God that I've been given these opportunities."

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## Judy Goble: 'The last thing I want is a career behind a desk'

After graduating from Garrett High School in 1969, Judy Goble got a summer job in housekeeping at Jenny Wiley State Park. She planned to attend Morehead State University in the fall.

At Morehead, though, she changed her mind about college and her career.

"One semester (at college) and I was homesick and back home," Judy said.

Back home, Judy decided to accept another job at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, this time in the gift shop. That choice turned out to be one of those life-changing decisions.

"One of the girls I worked with fixed me up with a blind date with a guy named Mike Goble from Auxier, just back from Viet Nam," Judy recalled.

After a four-month-long whirlwind romance, they were married. "It all happened so quickly," Judy said. "Every now and then I would think, 'What am I doing? I don't even know this man! We were, and still are, total opposites. He's quiet and conservative. He keeps me sane.'"

Mike's quietness in the center of a storm comes from his job experience. He is a blasting foreman at the Martin County Coal Company.

Judy's job in the gift shop didn't last long. Her abilities caught the attention of management. After only two weeks, the park manager asked Judy to move to the business office.

"I said OK, but the last thing I want is a career behind a desk," Judy said.

Six years later she was still there. "I worked right up until our baby was due," Judy remembered. "In fact, on the evening of January 30, I went into labor there in the business office. There was no one else who could finish up the reports I was working on so I kept right on working."

Her son, Michael, was born the next morning.

Judy changed her career after her son was born. She became a stay-at-home Mom. In 1981, when Michael was in kindergarten, she returned to work.

"Danny Brown, the park manager, called to see if I would be interested in coming back to work. I said, 'NO' After four more phone calls, and an offer I couldn't refuse, I agreed to work just until he could find somebody else — no longer than six months. Danny's been gone for years and I'm still here."

"At first I did all the office work, such as payroll, payables and receivables, and daily operations. In the seventies, there wasn't a big demand for group business but, when I came back in 1981, that area was starting to grow really fast. I spent more and more time doing group sales and catering," Judy said.

In 1991 when the conference center was opened, Judy became responsible for that, too. All that proved to be too much for one per-



son to handle. Someone else was assigned to the office work so that Judy could devote full time to sales and catering and oversee the advertising and marketing operations of the park.

Her commitment and dedication to her job earned her a merit award. In nominating her, former park manager Jim Kennedy called her "Mrs. Jenny Wiley State Park." He credited the park's success with keeping its schedule full during seasonal down times to Goble's abilities and cheerful attitude.

Although Judy seems to enjoy her job, she enjoys being with her grandson and spends time with him every chance she gets. She has another grandchild due in April, and she's very excited about that.

She and her husband also enjoy woodworking. They like to buy and renovate older homes to sell. Her experience in sales has led to her success in her private hobby as well. She says the biggest challenge in her work is knowing that she has to sell her customers on her abilities before she can sell anything.

"If customers believe in me, they have confidence in what I say," she said.

The group sales figures at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park prove that Judy has faced the challenge, and succeeded.

## Lane Dutton : 'I do all of my contracts and agreements myself'

Lane H. Dutton is a self-taught business woman. She has learned through hands-on experience.

Before she became a business owner, Dutton started out with a high school education and 19 years experience as a legal assistant in Birmingham, Alabama and Prestonsburg.

Now, she and her husband, Johnny M. Dutton, have three businesses: Big Sandy Two-Way Communications, Inc., Appalachian Paging, Inc., and D & L Towers.

Lane Dutton not only co-manages the businesses, but she also does the bookkeeping.

"I did not know how to keep books (at first). I am self-taught. I'm sure I could have done a better job; however, I did it alone for many years prior to the computer age — and now with the help of a computer. We use only professional help at year-end when it comes time for tax returns."

Lane also handles the legal work for her companies.

"I'm afraid that because of my years working in law offices, I do all of my contracts and agreements myself. Whether that is good or bad, that is the way I handle things," she said.

Her biggest challenge at work has been dealing with her male counterparts.

"Not because they treated me badly," she explained, "but because at times I felt intimidated, partly because of my lack of education and partly because of the fact that I am a woman."

She also encountered difficulties, at first, in the change from the business climate in Alabama to the business climate in Eastern Kentucky.

"We moved here from Alabama, which made doing business hard because we did not know anyone," she said. "But Eastern Kentucky embraced us and customers came to us in large numbers for which we will always be grateful." Dutton likes being in constant contact with people, but dealing with the public can often be difficult.

"With a couple of our businesses, I deal strictly with other companies; however, with the paging service, we deal with the general public as well. Sometimes frustration is the name of the game, but for the most part, people are easy to deal with if you treat them well."

Dutton's Appalachian Paging, Inc., is associated with an organization called Southernet Association of Paging, Inc, which is made up of approximately 26 paging companies, throughout the southeast. That association gives the company the capability of paging in at least nine other states.

Dutton's leadership abilities are evident and have been recognized by her peers. She was elected secretary of the Southernet Association of Paging, Inc. in May 1995.

She has been selected twice as president — the first woman to hold that position — of the Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club, but her other commitments drew her away from that office.

"I will always feel I failed it. I tried, along with the other members, to reestablish that club as a strong civic voice in our community; however, because of my other commitments, I had to drop out."

At home, her other interests include yardwork, sewing, collecting antiques and collectibles, reading, and collecting stamps. She also likes to travel.

"My husband and I love to make road trips, but we don't have much time for that," she said.

With three businesses to oversee, active community involvement, and her numerous hobbies, Dutton has a full schedule and is making her mark in the business world.



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The students a visitor encounters during a stroll across the PCC campus today are very different from those who would have been encountered 10 to 15 years ago. With a student body that is 70 percent female, many of whom must juggle the demands of their studies with family and/or work responsibilities, the faculty and administration of PCC is devoting considerable time and energy to tailoring instructional programs to meet those students' unique needs.

And, during the tenure of current PCC President Deborah L. Floyd, the face of the college's faculty and administration has evolved to better reflect the composition of its student body.

All of this progress is, in part, attributable to a philosophy imparted to Floyd during her childhood in East Texas. "My mother taught me that education is the key to success," Floyd said. "With education, you can be free and independent, and achieve whatever you want to achieve."

When she came to Prestonsburg in 1991, Floyd was the first female president in the University of Kentucky Community College System. Since her arrival, the number of females in leadership positions has increased by nearly 45 percent. The percentage of females among full-time faculty has also increased, from about 42 percent to nearly 49.

And students receive personalized attention due to a low faculty-student ratio of one faculty member for every 24 students. "I really like the fact that classes are small and students receive a lot of individual attention from their instructors," said Anita Williams, Mouthcard sophomore, who plans to pursue a career in law.

In addition, PCC offers a wide variety of courses of interest to students, both male and female, who are interested in careers in business. Patricia Goodman, a Prestonsburg sophomore majoring in business technology, said, "among the classes I've had here that I thought were of greatest value to me are courses in accounting, management, applied math, English composition, communications, computer science and marketing."

It is worth noting that PCC's two most popular technical career programs are in nursing and dental hygiene — fields traditionally dominated by females. Eighty-eight percent of students currently enrolled in PCC's Associate Degree Nursing program are female. Currently, all 24 dental hygiene students enrolled in two separate classes are female.

The college also has excellent support facilities to assist students with their studies outside the classroom, among them being the PCC library. Sandra Robertson, director of library services at PCC, said "Our library has its own collection that supports the curriculum of the college with a computerized card catalog that also provides students access to the holdings of the University of Kentucky library system as well as the other community colleges all over the state." PCC's library also features an Alternative Learning Center, an interdisciplinary computer laboratory which provides access to the World Wide Web to students, faculty, and the general public.

The computers in the library are among nearly 300 computers distributed among the ALC and eight other instructional laboratories on both the Prestonsburg and Pikeville campuses. These include developmental labs for students who need remedial work in basic courses, such as English, reading and math.

In fact, said Etta Cantrell, professor of reading and acting chair of the division of biological sciences and related technology. "We offer GED and developmental programs for students who did not finish high school, have been out of school for an extended period, or who need assistance with reading, writing, math or study skills."

PCC's developmental and remedial programs are of particular value to homemakers, single mothers and other non-traditional students, as is the college's counseling center. Sandra Kaikumba, dean of student affairs said, "Our counseling center is staffed with very capable personnel and offers a full range of career counseling and college transfer information to help ensure students' success."

Course scheduling is also employed by PCC to make returning to school as convenient as possible for parents, homemakers and other students who must schedule their studies around family and work responsibilities. "Evening classes, flex track courses and distance learning technology are among the devices

we use in an attempt to ensure that all of our students can take the courses they need at a time that is convenient for them," said Dr. Joan Lucas, dean of academic affairs.

One of the most ambitious programs available at PCC to benefit students who must work or who have family responsibilities is the Homemaker & Single Parent Program. This program helps student establish a clear-career path, select the appropriate educational or training program, and provides them with a support structure to help them remain on their chosen path. "The focus of this program" said Jean Rosenberg, the program's coordinator, "is on helping parents and homemakers with the least resources, regardless of gender, develop career plans after considering the widest possible range of occupational choices, and to provide them with the support necessary to keep them on their path."

In an effort to help lift another burden from the backs of students who are also parents and homemakers, plans have been made for a childhood development center which would provide day care services for students with children. This facility, to be included in a new building to be constructed on the PCC campus, has been part of PCC's strategic plan since early in the tenure of the current president, but lacks funding.

The progress that has been made in recent years, as well as the promise of the future, is a source of great pride for everyone associated with PCC, including its supporters in the community.

Paul R. Gearheart, chairman of the PCC Board of Directors, recently said, "We take great pride in PCC's visionary, transformational and progressive leadership and the aggressive plans which are clearly being implemented with much success. We believe the college president, leadership, faculty and staff are to be commended for their dedication and work to create a climate for innovation and learning which is clearly focusing on a vision and a plan."

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**Never too late to try**

"Our workforce of tomorrow is just our workforce of today grown older," says Ron Crouch, director of the Kentucky State Data Center.

With only a 1.1 percent growth in population predicted for ages 18-39 in Kentucky and a 70.2 percent growth in ages 65+, businesses will have to rely on its older citizens by the year 2020.

"We will have to slow people down as they become mature workers, but we cannot afford to throw them away for periods that may equal their working years in length. We are going to have to tell people the truth — if you live longer, you will have to work longer," Crouch said.

Women are a major part of that workforce in Floyd County. Of the 13,197 people working in 1995 in Floyd County, 5,493 were women. Many of those women are in leadership roles or own their own businesses.

Pluma Branham is a business owner. Branham owns and operates Kentucky Carpet at Allen. Margaret Lewis heads Morehead State University's Big Sandy Campus in Prestonsburg. Donna Johnson is administrative assistant at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Rebecca Derosssett oversees a major promotional component of the Kentucky Park System.

All are also leaders outside their business interests and are members of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce. Johnson is also taking her skills into her community to establish a gathering place for teenagers in the McDowell area.

These women have what it takes to run major organizations, and they are the ones who will continue to take leadership roles and point the way for a younger generation.

As Kentucky's workforce ages, businesses are discovering a valuable asset in their older employees. A new emphasis has been placed on discovering, linking, and recombining ideas as a source of expanding wealth and the source of those ideas will come from the older workers, according to Richard S. Belous, vice president and chief economist of the National Planning Association.

"Older workers have the institutional memory, knowledge, and experience to be valuable assets in the information age. Thus, casting out older workers at age 65, or some other 'magic' age, may prove entirely dysfunctional and destructive to the competitiveness of an economy," Belous said in a bulletin published by the National Council On Aging.

Opportunities are also available for older workers to put their ideas to work for themselves and establish their own businesses.

"There is no difference between older and younger people starting a business," says Marsha Bailey, executive director of Women's Economic Ventures (WEV), a program that teaches women how to make it in the business world.

Becoming successful in the business world depends on technical proficiencies, management abilities, and utilizing the know-how of others through mentoring programs, says Helen Kerschner, who headed a research project for the American Association for International Aging to study senior enterprise projects.

Help is available for women who want to start their own business. The Small Business Administration (SBA) gives money to private nonprofit organizations that can borrow up to \$25,000 per small business. A "Directory of US Microenterprise Programs lists programs that provide technical assistance, training and small loans available.

The Kentucky Investment Capital Network (ICN), a service managed by the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, introduces entrepreneurs to individual investors and investment firms.

ICN maintains a database of investment opportunity profiles submitted by entrepreneurs and investment interest profiles submitted by investors. Matching takes place in two steps: investors are given investment opportunity profiles which meet their screening criteria; if interested, the investor may then ask to be introduced to the entrepreneur. Both parties remain anonymous until the introduction stage.

For more information about ICN, contact Norris Christian, program coordinator, in Frankfort, at 1-800-626-2930 or 502-564-2064.

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce can also point women in the right direction to take that first step toward owning their own business. Contact Carla Coburn at 886-0364.

**At the helm**

Kentucky women aren't just making cameo appearances in the state's job-market picture. More than ever before they are running the shows.

The number of women-owned businesses in Kentucky reached 74,280 in 1992, the last time a survey was taken by the state Cabinet for Economic Development. That number reflects nearly a third of all Kentucky firms and parallels the national average of 34 percent.

In the five-year period between 1987 and 1992, Kentucky firms owned by women increased by 39 percent and the management abilities of female bosses were defined by statistics showing that revenues of women-owned firms more than doubled during that time frame.

More than 50 percent of Kentucky's women-owned companies are in the service sector. Retail trade comprised the second highest number, at 22 percent, followed by finance, insurance, real estate, construction, transportation and public utilities, agriculture, forestry, fishing, mining, manufacturing and wholesale trade.

Following a national trend, most women-owned businesses in Kentucky are single-employee companies, but more than 14 percent of the total have multiple employees. Those firms account for 74,000 jobs statewide, or 22 percent of all the people employed by state businesses.

Average receipts for women-owned businesses in Kentucky were \$91,053 for single-employee companies and \$546,756 for those firms with paid employees.

In the Big Sandy Region, which includes Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Magoffin and Martin counties, a total of 2,537 companies were owned by women in 1992, generating sales revenues in excess of \$224 million.

Of the total number of businesses owned by women in the Big Sandy region, 426 have paid employees.

KENTUCKY WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS: 1992

INDUSTRY	ALL FIRMS	SALES & RECEIPTS (\$000)	EMPLOYEE FIRMS	SALES & RECEIPTS (\$000)	EMPLOYEES
• TOTAL	74,280	6,763,383	10,648	5,821,853	74,204
• AG. SERV., FORESTRY FISHING AND MINING	1,639	293,497	269	275,115	2,192
• CONSTRUCTION	2,709	644,010	813	573,616	5,511
• MANUFACTURING	1,545	832,160	456	816,112	8,198
• TRANSPORTATION, PUB. UTIL.	1,989	221,522	481	186,923	2,662
• WHOLESALE TRADE	1,526	1,185,577	525	1,138,956	4,377
• RETAIL TRADE	16,219	2,131,662	3,643	1,879,571	25,561
• F.I.R.E.	6,049	299,934	543	162,255	1,648
• SERVICES	37,727	1,078,748	3,804	763,488	23,647
• NOT CLASSIFIED	4,876	76,274	113	25,815	408

KENTUCKY COUNTIES WITH 100 OR MORE WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS: 1992

COUNTY	ALL FIRMS	SALES & RECEIPTS (\$000)	EMPLOYEE FIRMS
• ADAIR	314	11,390	52
• ALLEN	228	8,887	21
• ANDERSON	297	8,256	33
• BALLARD	190	8,553	25
• BARREN	761	41,730	130
• BATH	178	D	25
• BELL	341	130,244	65
• BOONE	1,392	137,374	220
• BOURBON	341	122,401	67
• BOYD	1,012	116,150	206
• BOYLE	653	188,578	92
• BRACKEN	152	D	18
• BREATHIT	209	10,997	37
• BRECKINRIDGE	319	21,615	60
• BULLITT	1,199	41,046	120
• BUTLER	214	D	17
• CALDWELL	253	10,018	37
• CALLOWAY	697	D	99
• CABELL	1,551	D	198
• CARLISLE	113	9,945	20
• CARROLL	209	D	30
• CARTER	475	D	59
• CASEY	252	D	34
• CHRISTIAN	1,010	123,596	150
• CLARK	618	45,596	106
• CLAY	217	14,061	34
• CLINTON	168	8,405	20
• CRITTENDEN	181	4,684	18
• CUMBERLAND	115	8,799	17
• DAVIESS	2,006	248,365	275
• EDMONSON	115	10,147	9
• ESTILL	239	D	42
• FAYETTE	6,135	657,344	916
• FLEMING	256	D	43
• FLOYD	636	34,810	102
• FRANKLIN	1,074	D	158
• FULTON	136	9,192	27
• GALLATIN	102	D	11
• GARRARD	263	10,079	33
• GRANT	307	D	45
• GRAVES	742	29,543	71
• GRAYSON	478	32,444	51
• GREEN	222	D	27
• GREENUP	564	D	75
• HANCOCK	144	D	22

**A dream realized**

By Alicia Carmichael

In less than a year, the Mountain Arts Center has exceeded Billie Jean Osborne's dream of providing a successful performing arts center for the people of Eastern Kentucky.

Through the hard work that has brought musicians such as Kathy Mattea, Goose Creek Symphony, The Little River Band and gospel artist Steve Green to Eastern Kentucky, the center has given more than

60,000 patrons the opportunity to see acts they would otherwise have to travel from the region or state to enjoy.

"It's very exciting," Osborne said. "It's gone far beyond our expectations, but we feel the best is yet to come."

Last weekend, the MAC celebrated its first anniversary with two nights of music from its own Kentucky Opry and Junior Pros on Friday night, and a Saturday night show from country music star Ricky Skaggs. But the center has more to celebrate than bringing in big-name acts.

With the opening of Mountain Arts Center Recording — the center's 24-track, all-digital recording studio — another market is now available to MAC patrons.

According to Keith Caudill, manager of the recording studio, the Mountain Arts Center is the only facility in the state which can record directly from the stage.

The bluegrass-gospel group Illrd Tyme Out has already made use of the on-the-stage recording and Caudill said other groups have expressed interest in the technology as well.

But like so many other amenities the MAC has to offer, the recording technology will also be put to other uses.

"As far as the studio, it's not only going to be for recording live concerts, we also hope to use the studio as a teaching facility," Caudill said. "We're not here to compete, we're here to promote."



Billy Jean Osborne

### KENTUCKY COUNTIES WITH 100 OR MORE WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS: 1992

COUNTY	ALL FIRMS	SALES & RECEIPTS (\$000)	EMPLOYEE FIRMS
• OWEN	113	8,329	16
• PENDLETON	223	D	33
• PERRY	504	43,067	80
• PIKE	1,192	109,258	203
• POWELL	175	D	22
• PULASKI	1,036	90,613	190
• ROCKCASTLE	236	23,836	27
• ROWAN	385	29,627	47
• RUSSELL	326	13,432	37
• SCOTT	502	40,285	85
• SHELBY	576	35,594	62
• SIMPSON	299	25,390	32
• SPENCER	157	D	21
• TAYLOR	434	32,054	79
• TODD	203	6,948	25
• TRIGG	206	10,057	26
• TRIMBLE	160	2,906	6
• UNION	300	16,501	38
• WARREN	1,971	137,522	249
• WASHINGTON	182	25,777	28
• WAYNE	270	17,321	33
• WEBSTER	300	12,557	37
• WHITLEY	778	73,852	110
• WOLFE	108	4,007	9
• WOODFORD	570	24,859	70

### KENTUCKY COUNTIES WITH 100 OR MORE WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS: 1992

COUNTY	ALL FIRMS	SALES & RECEIPTS (\$000)	EMPLOYEE FIRMS
• HARDIN	1,754	101,272	223
• HARIAN	393	46,901	89
• HARRISON	282	D	37
• HART	245	7,029	25
• HENDERSON	923	57,199	123
• HENRY	265	37,848	35
• HOPKINS	872	77,542	88
• JACKSON	189	7,923	20
• JEFFERSON	14,506	1,451,916	2,262
• JESSAMINE	759	41,653	87
• JOHNSON	365	69,401	72
• KENTON	2,428	483,774	309
• KNOTT	185	15,656	29
• KNOX	300	D	39
• LARUE	261	7,133	34
• LAUREL	730	53,148	87
• LAWRENCE	238	D	32
• LESLIE	195	D	29
• LETCHER	337	D	38
• LEWIS	193	D	14
• LINCOLN	401	27,183	39
• LIVINGSTON	210	10,606	20
• LOGAN	458	18,413	70
• LYON	142	D	18
• MADISON	1,122	61,120	147
• MAGOFFIN	177	D	18
• MARION	246	8,454	21
• MARSHALL	626	D	60
• MARTIN	167	10,665	31
• MASON	369	19,324	70
• McCRACKEN	1,434	201,603	252
• McCREARY	165	12,655	19
• McLEAN	239	D	20
• MEADE	262	D	38
• MENIFEE	105	3,128	12
• MERCER	446	31,704	53
• METCALFE	167	6,197	16
• MONROE	278	D	46
• MONTGOMERY	413	29,988	63
• MORGAN	169	6,206	22
• MUHLENBERG	531	90,272	91
• NELSON	672	47,447	101
• NICHOLAS	130	6,237	12
• OHIO	325	D	55
• OLDHAM	924	77,468	143

### Quality in craftsmanship

Custom framing adds value and turns a print, photo, or other special item into a permanent keepsake. At Hall of Frames in Prestonsburg, owner Tammy Moore offers creative touches like handcarving on mats or quotes in calligraphy to make the customer's art more original.

"More importantly," Tammy said, "I try to offer quality in craftsmanship, as if I'm doing the work for my own home. Many of my customers allow me to express my own creativity with their work."

Tammy said that bookkeeping work such as preparing her taxes on time is more of a challenge that the framing she enjoys.

Tammy opened Hall of Frames in 1989. The majority of her training came from hands-on experience but she's learned a lot from trade shows and trade magazines. She also worked with artist, Johnny Stumbo.

Tammy has two children, 9-year old Kate and 4-year old Vincent. She is expecting another baby the end of this month. She and her husband, Chris, recently purchased a 100-year-old Victorian home which they are slowly remodeling.

*"I try to offer quality in craftsmanship, as if I'm doing the work for my own home."*

### Women in Business



Tammy Moore (Right Side)  
Owner,  
Hall of Frames

### Women in Business

### It's hard to juggle everything

Wendy Chafin was a stay-at-home mom with an goal — someday she wanted to own a children's clothing store. That day came about seven weeks ago when Little Rascals, a children's clothing store located in downtown Prestonsburg, went up for sale.

Although she thought her dream of business ownership was years away, she checked out the opportunity and was hooked.

"It happened all of a sudden," Wendy said. "I had been thinking of doing that for the past few years. I always thought it was something I would enjoy doing."

The store had a play area for children, and that meant Wendy could bring her 18-month old daughter Hillary to work. She said the play area made her snap up the business opportunity.

"It would have been difficult to leave her. If it had been a case that I had to leave her, I wouldn't have taken it," she added.

"It's nice for a young mother. It's something you're interested in, as well."

The job is everything and more than Wendy thought it would be. She said she loves dealing with her customers and with their children.

"I love to help people pick out gifts for showers and special occasions. It's nice to set up a shower. I get to know them (when they're pregnant). They bring in their babies — it's fun to see the new babies," she said.

Wendy said her biggest challenge as a business owner has been to keep new styles in stock because "they're always changing. I welcome any new ideas and try to get what the customer need."

In order to keep up with the new styles, Wendy attends style shows. Her husband and daughter come along and, although children aren't allowed to attend the purchase section of the show, there's a play area nearby so Wendy's husband supervises their daughter while Wendy orders the merchandise.

Wendy is finding the adjustment from stay-at-home mom to new business owner a little difficult.

"Before I bought the store, I had plenty of time to do grocery shopping and clean house. It's really difficult now. I get home late in the evening. It's hard to juggle everything," she said. Her daughter, Hillary, though, is having no trouble adjusting to the switch. "She enjoys playing with the children (who come into the store)," Wendy said.

Hillary also enjoys spending time in the store window and waving a people who pass by. Next time you see a toddler in the store window at Little Rascals, take time to wave back.



Wendy Chafin  
Owner  
Little Rascals

### Women in Business

That philosophy of sharing entertainment through education is one of the many reasons the facility was built.

As a retired Betsy Layne High School teacher, Osborne wanted a place where area young people could come to learn about and showcase the arts without having to leave home.

Through the Kentucky Opry, the Kentucky Junior Pros and the U.S. 23 Talent Showcase, area youths and adults are given that opportunity, while lessons in acting, singing, piano and stringed instruments are also available at the center.

According to MAC Marketing Director Fred James, the center will also soon be able to share two-way interactive video

teleconferencing with the public thanks to an agreement between the MAC and the Rural Development Center in Somerset.

"We'll be able to tailor it for the business community and educational programs," James said of the Center program. "It's just another service for the region."

MAC Executive Director Bob Meyer said the center is also serving the region in terms of economic impact.

"We have over a million dollar annual budget that's being generated back into this area," Meyer said. "And many of the people who come to shows are eating in local restaurants and staying in local hotels."

The building of a Comfort Suites

next to the MAC and the increasing hotel/motel tax in Prestonsburg are just a couple of examples of the impact the Mountain Arts Center has had in Prestonsburg.

But Prestonsburg isn't the only area community that is benefiting from all the MAC has to offer, Meyer said. Plays and concerts held specifically for students during the school day have already given nearly 14,000 students in 13 Eastern Kentucky counties the chance to be entertained and educated by MAC programs.

And the broadcasting of the U.S. 23 Talent Showcase on WKY FM radio and on WYMT-TV every month allows those who don't get to attend the center have the opportunity to enjoy the showcase.

These kinds of regional opportunities are the kinds of ideas the MAC will continue to stress.

"Everywhere I go I preach it's not a Floyd County facility," Meyer said. "The center is being embraced by the whole region."

For more information regarding the MAC call 886-2623. For ticket information call 888/MACARTS.

*"It's gone far beyond our expectations, but we feel the best is yet to come."*

Highlands Breast Center

Denise Queen

A desire to help

When the term "Super Mom" is mentioned, if you know Denise Queen you automatically think about her.

Denise is probably one of the busiest women in Floyd County. She is the department manager for the Highland's Breast Center, which means her credentials are exceptional. She received an associate degree in nursing from PCC, then went on to Morehead State University to get her bachelor's. Somewhere in there, she managed to fit in her husband, Wetzel, and her daughter, Nikki, as well as those 12-hour shifts at the hospital.

"I've worked everywhere," she said. "I've always had a desire to help other people, but I could not have done it without such a supportive husband. You know, I used to be a good housekeeper," she laughed, "with the emphasis on used to be."

Denise is quite the pioneer. She is one of the first two RNs that worked in Highlands Regional Medical Centers' Intensive Coronary Care Unit, a place that had four patient beds, and, as she comments, "I did my nursing skills, as well as those of housekeeping, and everything else that goes along with it."

She also sports a pedigree from the Central Kentucky Blood Center, a local dialysis unit, as well as doctors' offices.

Denise has managed to become this successful and also stay close to her hometown of Maytown. Community is a very personal thing to Denise, as she travels and does presentations on breast cancer awareness and detection throughout the area. And, in the manner that is simply Denise's own, she is not content to simply deal with this already fast-paced lifestyle. Her daughter, now at college, probably thinks nothing of her mom's student-mindedness. Denise is about to graduate in December with her master's degree, which will put her in the prestigious rank of clinical nurse specialist.

She conducts a breast cancer support group every second Thurs-

day of each month. On Tuesdays, "Super Mom" is "Super Student" at Hazard where UK has a center for rural health. She is classified as a full-time student.

"When I get to the point of insanity, I think, 'Can I change this?' If I answer no., then I just try to find what's most important, and the rest can go with the flow," she commented.

"We have such a great bunch of people to work with here. I credit Sandy Goble and Coleen Cornett, my two part-time employees, with keeping me in line. They tell me where I'm supposed to be next. They truly are my right-hand."

She says that men as well as women come into the center for health care. "We've probably done ten or twelve mammograms in the past year on men. Men do get breast cancer."

Denise winds down with interests in hand-made crafts which she gives as Christmas presents, crocheting, and working in her yard in the flower beds.

She maintains that she actually has a biggest challenge, and it is completing her education while working and taking care of the house and being a mother and wife. She often takes work home with her some evenings.

For this 23-year veteran nurse, challenges just seem to be steps up in her life. If Denise has an obstacle, it probably just runs away from her. There doesn't seem to be anything this woman can't do.



Denise Queen

Chandra Varia, M.D., PSCA

A change in focus

Dr. Chandra Varia has more than 4,000 children. That's how many babies she has delivered as an obstetrician from 1979 to 1993. She feels such a close affinity to those babies that she and Our Lady of the Way Hospital have hosted a reunion between the obstetrician and those children.

Dr. Chandra has established an education fund at the University of Kentucky for children she has delivered.

Dr. Chandra Varia was in the baby business until 1993 when she discontinued her obstetrics practice. Now, she's devoting her skills to gynecology. That change in focus has added a new dimension to Dr. Varia's practice.

"When I ended my OB practice, I really thought I would miss it," she said. "I do not miss it at all because I have found it very rewarding to be able to concentrate on helping women who are past their child bearing age."

"I have seen many older women who have never seen a doctor before. Many patients appreciate that I have time to spend with them talking to them and explaining issues to them. I never expected this," she added. "It is very rewarding when you can relieve the pain of a 70-year-old woman." The gynecologist says the biggest challenges she has faced are patients with major complications, but she has faced with them with confidence in her ability to do what is best

for her patients.

"You must make very crucial decisions in a split second," she said. "But this is also very exciting. Fortunately, I have never lost a patient... Every patient is different. It is very fulfilling to make your patient's life better."

Dr. Chandra is board certified by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is board certified in India. She has practiced at Our Lady of the Way Hospital since 1979. Her office is located across the street from the hospital at Martin, and she can be contacted at 285-9221 or 285-9222.

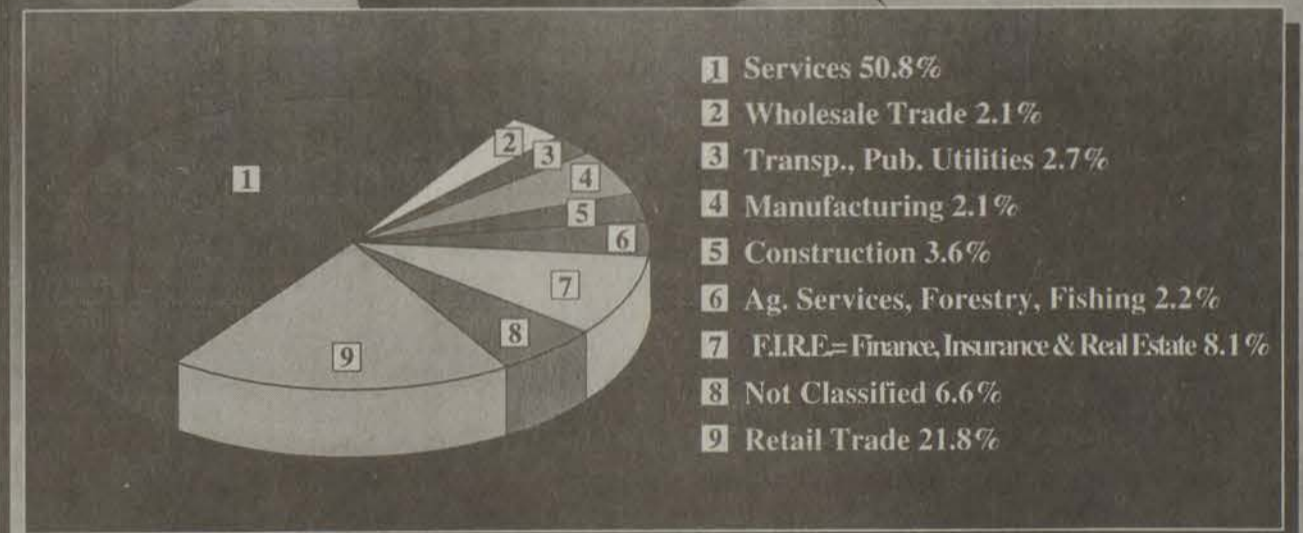
The physician helps her community in more ways than making them well physically. She has extended a helping hand to women less fortunate through major donations to Prestonsburg Community College's Single Parent Homemaker Program. She has donated approximately \$140,000 to this program to date. She also opens her home to prayer sessions to people of all faiths.

Something new that Dr. Chandra will be doing to help the community is a free clinic. The clinic will provide complete physical and provide lot of preventive measures, such as pap smears, basic blood tests, cancer screenings, breast exams, nutrition, exercise, etc.

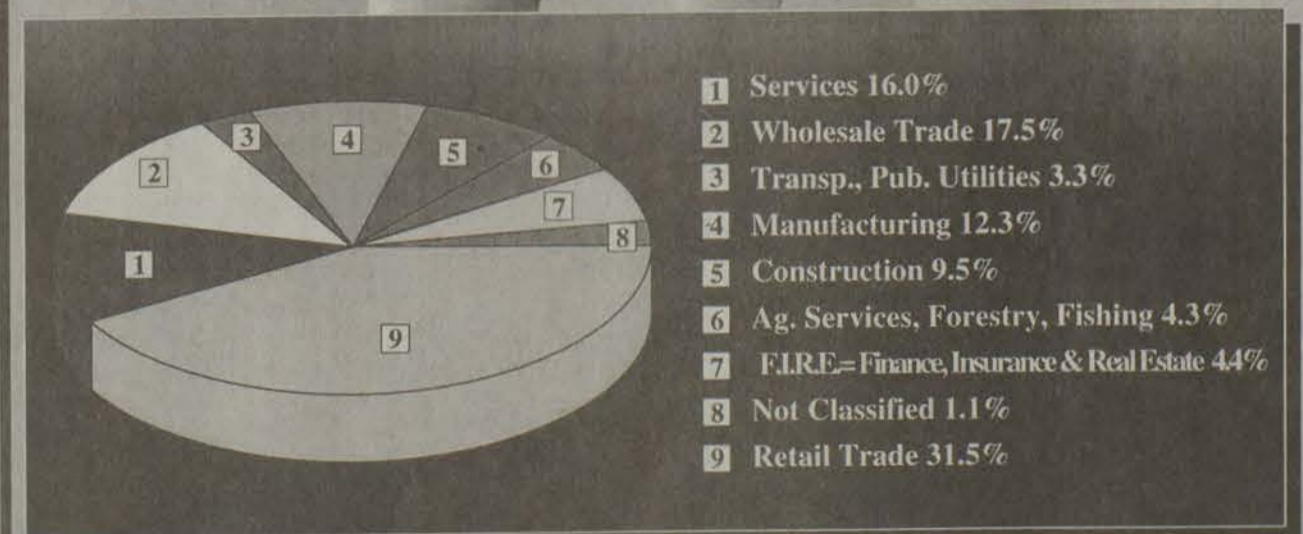
The first clinic will be held November 4 and a second clinic will be held on December 2. Fifteen to twenty patients will be accepted. Dr. Chandra will provide a free exam. The Community Health Education Department at Our Lady of the Way Hospi-



Percent Distribution of Women-Owned KY Firms by Industry Division: 1992



Percent Distribution of Women-Owned KY Firms by Sales: 1992



Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, 1992 Economics Census, Women-Owned Businesses

tal will provide free education on breast self-examination, osteoporosis, and nutrition. Other discounted services will be offered by the hospital to patients seen in the free clinic. Call the office for an appointment.

Dr. Chandra's husband, Mhendra R. Varia, is also in the field of making his patients better. He is a veterinarian and his practice is located in the Varia's home at Martin.

Many patients appreciate that I have time to spend with them talking to them and explaining issues to them.



Chandra Varia, M.D., PSC

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**Vickie Ewen :**

# 'It was a long road to get here...'

In a relatively short span of time, Vickie Ewen went from desk clerk to park manager. At the age of 38, Vickie Ewen is senior resort park manager at Jenny Wiley State Park and oversees a staff of 125 workers. She replaced Jim Kennedy, who was promoted and went to Frankfort last month.

Ewen began her career with Kentucky State Resort Parks in 1978 as a desk clerk at Natural Bridge. She worked her way through college while she was there, earning a degree in business and finance from Eastern Kentucky University. She was promoted to supervisor in 1984.

In 1990, Vickie joined the ranks of business managers. She relocated to Rough River State Resort Park to head the business operations, and then transferred to Carter Caves in 1993.

In 1995, she became the resort park manager at Greenbo Lake, the only female resort park manager in the state at that time. Last month she was promoted again, this time to the position of Senior

Resort Park Manager at Jenny Wiley.

"It was a long road to get here," Vickie said. "You have to be willing to relocate in this job."

Her biggest challenges as she's moved up through the ranks have been in improving facilities and keeping staff motivated.

"I look at the big picture. I think I'm more hesitant to make a rash decision," she said.

The move to Jenny Wiley State Park means that she has worked, in one capacity or another, at one-third of the state parks in Kentucky. Even though she's only been at Jenny Wiley one month — October 15 marked her first month anniversary — she has discovered she likes the area and the working environment at the park.

"I have close family ties (near-

by). My folks are from the Natural Bridge area, so this isn't exactly away from home," she said. "I've been received very warmly here. The staff was great. I felt I was coming home."

She added that she has especially enjoyed the opportunity to

meet many people in the different areas where she has worked and she looks forward to working with the community here. She plans to become involved with the organizations that promote tourism.



Although she is a new face at Jenny Wiley State Park, Vickie Ewen is no stranger to park management. She became the first woman to become a resort park manager in Kentucky in 1995.



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**Becky Kuss:**

# 'If I need a mountain moved, I help move it.'



Becky Kuss began working in retail at the age of 13. She now is co-owner of several businesses. (photo by Tim Howell)

Becky Kuss lives in a world where there are no gray areas. "There are no maybes with me," she said, "it's either yes or no, and if I don't know, I'll tell you to let me sleep on it and I'll get back to you tomorrow. I won't ask you to do anything for me I won't do myself. If I need a mountain moved, I help move it."

She and her husband Ed are co-owners of the Trader's World/Hock Shop in Prestonsburg. Together, they have built a family and a successful business after coming here from the central part of the state, where she was a cosmetology instructor and he was her student.

Ed had several unsuccessful attempts at getting Becky to go out with him, but finally a state competition in hair styling and makeup came up, and she needed him to assist her with getting eight other students ready for the show. Later that night, Becky walked away with three of four trophies they had competed for — first place, naturally — and a relationship born out of mutual interest and hard work with Ed.

"I'm not exactly a woman's lib person," she confessed, "but I see things as more of independence, we all need independence. Before we married, we were two persons, then we became one, but I'm not a half-person," she is quick to add.

After two years of college spread between Midway, Ky. and EKU, Becky started teaching cosmetology in 1966 at Cincinnati.

It wasn't her first job. At age six, she milked cows on the family dairy farm each day. By age 13, Becky worked holidays and Saturdays in retail. When she graduated high school, she already had an active bank account and farm. "My family can be credited with the strong work ethic I have. They were the type that said 'If you fall down, get up and get back to it. Don't expect us to bail you out every time,' and since I was the oldest of five children, I had to help out a lot at home. When I was a high school senior, I drove home every day and helped out at the farm because my mom was pregnant at the time."

Becky still retains her cosmetology license today, but isn't actively working in a salon. Today, she and her husband work at helping others.

"When people have financial difficulties, we try and help. God has blessed me, and without him, I would be nothing."

Their son, now eleven, "would rather be at the store than school," she laughs. "He knows everybody on Court Street."

The business began in the old Sandy Valley Motel Building across from what is now SuperAmerica, in an eight-by-ten

room. For some reason, it grew, even though Ed was sick for awhile and Becky had to go it alone for a time. The reason it grew was probably Becky, who says her other interests are church, watching her son grow and play in his sports, and "watching the stars and clouds."

One has to question her last statement. Becky Kuss seems to have her feet planted quite firmly on the ground.

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Janice Porter does her research thoroughly when she prepares a case to go to court. (photo by Tim Howell)

## Janice Porter : A reputation for toughness

Janice Porter  
Attorney at law

Janice Porter is an attorney at law. She has been an attorney for ten years or more. Porter has established her own law office at her home.

She has a BA from the University of Kentucky's math education program; a J.D. UK law degree; and a LLM University of Miami, Florida law degree.

Porter said being an attorney is challenging work.

"Each case is different. (I have to look at) what the client needs and the best way to accomplish it."

Porter's success in the courtroom is evidenced by the amount of paperwork she carts around from home, to courtroom, to home again.

She's also got a reputation in the courtroom and among her fellow attorneys for her tenacious outlook on her cases. She is an attorney who won't let go until she's obtained the best interests of her client.

Porter encourages other women to enter the business world and sends her praise out to all working women.

Her outside interests include woodworking, quilting, cross stitching, gardening, and taking care of her numerous cats and dogs.

## Valerie Crace: 'Helping people feel better about themselves, that's it...'

Valerie Crace is the owner of the Merle Norman Cosmetics Salon in Paintsville, where she started in 1985, Salyersville, in 1994, and Pikeville, which opened this year.

Her work is quite important, taking backseat only to that of her husband Lloyd and son Gerald.

"Helping people feel better about themselves, that's it," she said. "Skincare and color cosmetics, in this business, you have to gain your customers' trust and the real key is service and genuine concern. I want to bring joy to others, and I've found my niche in sales. I love people."

Besides family and work, Valerie enjoys, and actually manages to find time for, her church and all that goes with it, and also cooking. Cooking is her outlet from the outside world.

"The high point in my career, I think, was being awarded the 1997 Outstanding Achievement Award at the Merle Norman National Convention in Chicago, last May. Of course, that would be after getting married and having my son.

"Believe it or not, I used to be an auto parts store manager for NAPA," she confessed, "it's like I went from auto paint to face paint," she laughed.

Valerie worked for twelve years without the assistance of her husband, but these days, she considers him to be something of a backbone to her. "We work hand-in-hand. I think I'm very fortunate to be able to bring happiness to people by helping them feel good about themselves and their appearances, and, I'm getting to work with my husband as well. Working in what you enjoy and being able to help others — that's what life is all about for me. I just want to make a difference"

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Stop in for a makeover with Valerie. You will come away looking and feeling better about yourself, and have a new friend, as well.



Valerie Crace, owner of Merle Norman Studios in Paintsville, Salyersville, and Pikeville, consults with Camille Blair on colors for the fall season. (photo by Tim Howell)



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# Janie Curry : You have to know how to be a sort of a counselor, definitely a good listener'

Janie Curry, owner of the Styl-Rite Beauty Shop/Merle Norman Studio of Prestonsburg, says she is lucky enough to be one of the few people who can honestly say that she enjoys getting up and going to work every morning.

"It's a challenge," she admits, "but we aren't your typical mall-type beauty salon. In that atmosphere, they cut your hair and don't really care if it looks good or not because they won't see you again. Here, we care...we're going to see you walking down the street two weeks after we're through with you, and we want you to look GOOD," she emphasizes.

A graduate of the Fugazzi Business School, Janie obviously didn't start out as a cosmetologist. She was an executive secretary for the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, working in outpatient billing.

Somehow, she found herself returning to her mountain roots as she took cosmetology training at the Mayo State Vocational School, graduating from there in 1980.

Meanwhile, the original owners of the business she now has owned for the past two years put in a call to Mayo and asked for a student who could take on the job of managing and working at the shop.

Her instructor immediately recommended Janie for the job.

And why not? Just how many businesses in this field can boast a gold medalist from VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America).

Now this just wasn't any old local competition, she captured the gold for the entire state of Kentucky, and went on to represent the state

in the national competition in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The movie "Steel Magnolias" has a very special place in Janie's heart. "We could have been in that film," she said. "We can put a face to every character in that movie. In this business, you have to know how to do hair and makeup, of course, but you also give a personal touch to the clients. We go through marriages, births, and deaths with them. You

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have to know how to be a sort of counselor, definitely a good listener. If you do it right, you're like a family almost. Our clients are now third generation clients. We've worked with the grand-

mothers, mothers, and the daughters."

Janie has practiced her trade for 23 years, and has probably seen it all. "I've done hair by candlelight when the power went off on us, why, once when the water went off in the middle of a perm, I had to go next door and carry water from the dentist's office to rinse that one," she laughed. "AND, she came back," she said.

Janie's shop offers total family hair care, so women and men alike can patronize the shop.

As if her business isn't enough, Janie also serves as Grand Esther in the Eastern Star, as well as having held various other positions in the order.

She also finds the time for cross-stitching and reading, "but you have to try and keep up with all the changes that come in this business.

You are constantly having to go to training for both hair and makeup," she laments, "but you know, I just can't imagine working anywhere in the world but here."



Janie Curry takes special care of her customers at Styl-Rite Beauty Shop. (photo by Tim Howell)

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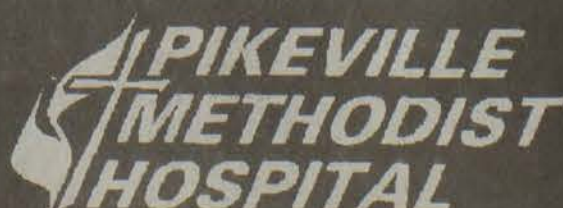
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