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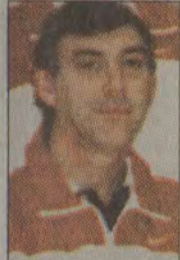
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Pack is dismissed from PHS positions

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

In a surprise announcement at Tuesday night's board of education meeting, interim superintendent Mike King informed those present that Prestonsburg head basketball coach Jack Pack had been dismissed from his duties at Prestonsburg High School, and would not return to the school.

King made the announcement during the "personnel action" segment where he revealed the retirement of one teacher and Pack's dismissal. No reasons for the dismissal were given by King to those gathered.



Pack

Phone calls to King's office and to school principal Thomas Tackett were not returned. State officials would neither confirm nor deny an ongoing investigation into the situation.

The Floyd County Times has filed an open records request with the board, seeking information on Pack's dismissal. Board attorney Mike Schmitt said he would review the request and issue a response by Monday.

According to reports, King met with Pack in his office about 1:15 Tuesday afternoon and informed the Prestonsburg coach his employment had been terminated.

In the five seasons as a coach in Floyd County, Pack compiled a 67-64 record at both Wheelwright and Prestonsburg. He was 50-39 at Prestonsburg in a three-year stint.

Coach Pack has been one of the most consistent bench coaches since coming into the 15th Region

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Benefit at the MAC to aid injured girl

by Cindy Yates
Editorial Assistant

A benefit concert will be held for Mandy May, an Allen Elementary student who was partially paralyzed in an automobile accident last winter on the Mountain Parkway, at the Mountain Arts Center on Sunday, April 26.

From 3-6 p.m., those who attend will be treated to the musical stylings of four country groups: The Boys From Middle Creek, West Wind, Gone Country, and David Martin and Country Persuasion. The MC's for the event will be Boman from WSIP, and Worthless Willie.

Trish Hall, coordinator for the

(See Benefit, page five)



The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad and volunteers with the American Red Cross delivered food and other necessities Wednesday to Stratton Branch residents. Those residents have been stranded in their homes since Dewey Lake waters overflowed and covered many low-lying roads around the lake. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Flood damages continue to add up as relief effort starts

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Though flood waters have receded in most areas, several Floyd County residents remained trapped in their homes Thursday due to the overflow of Dewey Lake.

The inconvenience of not having access to and from their homes escalated into a serious situation Tuesday when a Brushy Fork resident began having chest pains and medical personnel could not get to the patient.

Traffic in many residential areas near Dewey Lake continue to have problems related to the weekend's flash flood, with low-lying areas of the lake's roadway under water.

An area ambulance service at-

tempted to respond to the patient's residence, but was unable to do so because of the water-covered roads.

The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad was dispatched to the scene to transport the patient by boat to the ambulance, which was located at Buffalo Run.

On Wednesday, the rescue squad, sheriff's department and volunteers with the American Red Cross offered relief to about eight families in the Stratton Branch area.

Those residents were also stranded by the lake's overflow and were reportedly running low on food supplies, according to Floyd Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson.

Food and other necessities were delivered to those residents by one of the Floyd County Emergency

and Rescue Squad's boats.

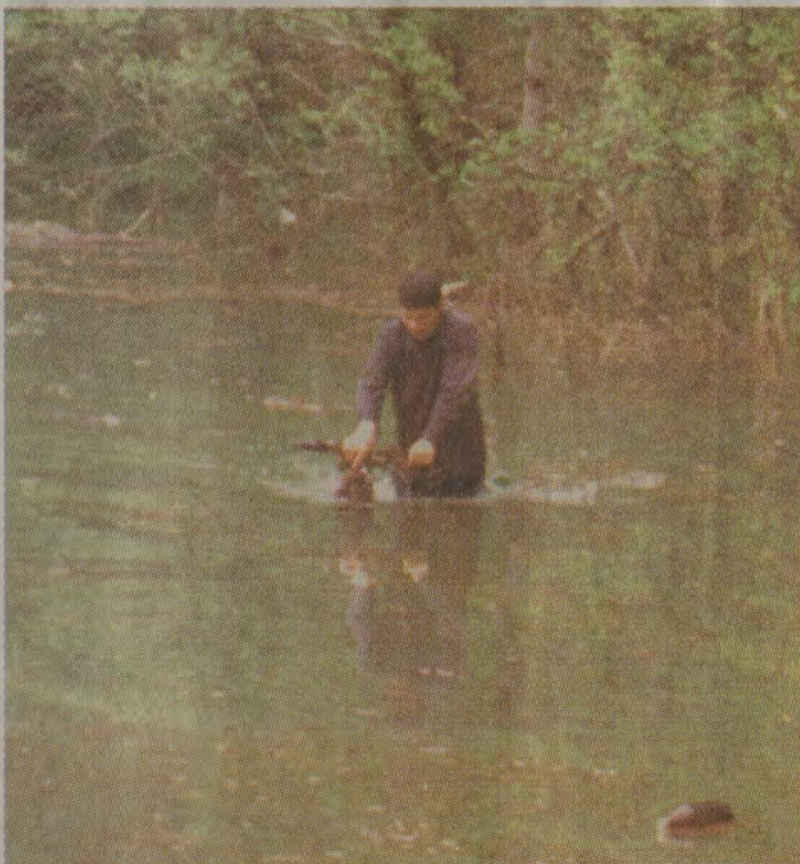
The extent of the flood damage to those residences has not been determined due to the lack of access to the area.

Although high lake waters also created a predicament for the May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Park, guests continued to check into the lodge.

Workers with the state park transported guests and other workers to and from the lodge by utilizing a pontoon boat and hauling them in the back of a truck.

The workers also assisted the rescue squad with delivering the food items to the Stratton Branch residents.

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Water-covered roads were not enough to prevent a Stratton Branch resident from getting out of the area Wednesday. The resident and his neighbors have been stranded in their homes because of the water level around Dewey Lake. The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad picked up the resident and transported him by boat to dry land. (photo by Chris McDavid)

School duo baffled by lack of trust

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Years of mistrust between Floyd County school leaders and the system's employees apparently are straining relationships with new leadership, and a plea was issued Tuesday to mend those fences.

At Tuesday's regular board meeting, board member Johnnie Ross brought up a concern raised by a teacher that employees were being asked to falsify employment records.

Ross' inquiry sparked a discussion related to proper procedures for school personnel to report such allegations before bringing them to the attention of the board.

Board chairman Terry Dotson commented that the matter should have been discussed with interim superintendent Mike King or state manager Woodrow Carter before being brought to the board.

"I'm sure the subject is important but it is an absolute waste of time of this board when you have an employee that can walk across the hall and ask Mr. King or Mr. Carter about it," Dotson said.

King agreed. "Why can't they talk to me or Mr. Carter?" King asked. "That's the same behavior we've been dealing with for the last seven weeks."

Board member Carol Stumbo offered an explanation that employees may be hesitant to approach King or Carter because they don't know them.

Dotson said it's time for employees "to walk across the hall," and ask questions of the interim superintendent and state manager.

Stumbo told King "you haven't lived here," in reference to a long

history of mistrust between employees, administrators and the community related to the school system.

King commented that he has been living in the county and that employees should come to him with questions.

"I've lived here seven weeks and it feels like a year," King said. "That's my job and I promise I'll take care of it."

Stumbo asked King to under-

(See Trust, page two)

Veteran Q95 broadcaster Jim Ed Allen collapses, dies

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Veteran sportscaster, Jim Ed Allen, 50, died Thursday afternoon after collapsing at John Gray Chevrolet in Paintsville while doing a live remote. The WCIV broadcaster was rushed to the Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville, where doctors worked to revive him. He was pronounced dead around noon.

Allen had been one of the top sportscasters in the state and drew the praise of many for his work behind the microphone during basketball and football games.

Allen often recalled his rookie beginnings as a sportscaster, working with the legendary "C" Ollie Robinson, who pioneered the broadcasting of sporting events in the county. Allen worked with Robinson as color commentator for several years before taking the lead behind the mike. He spoke of the direction that Robinson provided him and the influence the former broadcaster had on him.

His clarity of speech and knowledge of the game made him a natural for the position of sportscaster. He often talked of the importance of sports in his life, and his face beamed with happiness when he spoke of his two sons, Jeff and Philip, as athletes.

He departed from behind the microphone and doing sporting events for the past three years, but worked for the station in other areas, such as a morning show host, doing commercials and live remotes.

Allen teamed with different workers in doing athletic events and earned the respect of all that sat in the broadcast booth with him. His ability to ask the right questions during interviews set him apart from other sportscasters.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time.

Board unsatisfied with plan progress

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Floyd County's board members were unhappy with a progress report given at Tuesday's meeting outlining actions to be taken on numerous problems noted in a state management audit.

Administrator Jody Sword, who is spearheading the oversight of implementing corrective actions to be taken in response to the audit, had prepared a presentation for board members Tuesday, which included having nine persons address specific areas of improvements.

After three presenters—Patricia Watson, Patty Maynard and Thomas Tackett—read their two to three page handouts for the board, a recess was called. The presentation did not begin until almost 10 p.m.

When the board reconvened, chairman Terry Dotson asked if there was any way to speed up the report and asked that the board be

given documentation prior to the board meeting.

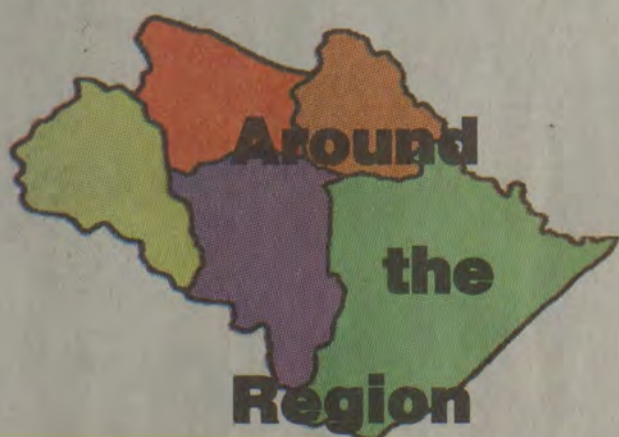
Sword apologized for handing out the material just prior to making the report, saying the work had been delayed due to recent flooding and school closings in the county. He asked the board for direction on how they wanted the information.

"Our intent is to keep you informed," Sword said. "Let us know what you want; how you want it; and we will present it."

Board member Carol Stumbo said she was not satisfied with the report and added that the improvement plan was to be expanded and refined.

"What disturbs me is the reports on actions (only) say, 'I've done this, this and this,'" Stumbo said. "This is not satisfactory. In the long run this will be a dry run. We won't know what we've accomplished. When it's re-written in an objec-

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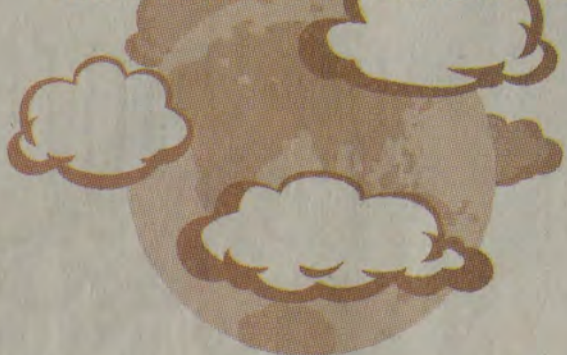


Around the Region

Phelps convicted of murder

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Weather Watch



Weekend Weather

Saturday Partly sunny

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Sunday Clouds, sun, pleasant

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Dr. Francisco Rivera

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Progress

tive form, I want the report. I think you're wasting your time."

Stumbo said the plan and report lacked any way to measure the progress made toward correcting the problems noted in the audit.

Sword said principals and central office staff were to receive training on Wednesday to learn how to write objectives in such a way that progress toward those goals can be measured.

Dotson told Stumbo that the board needed some starting point to address the audit, and that there had to be some way to record "step by step movement" to meet the objectives.

Stumbo didn't totally disagree with Dotson, but she said it was important to first have a "good" plan to work from, one that isn't "flawed."

State manager Woodrow Carter, who appeared somewhat taken aback by Stumbo's comments, said he felt the district had developed a "good" plan and it had been approved by state officials. He added the project was an "evolutionary process," as is developing "definable objectives."

"I'm not sure you (have) gotten to the root of the problem," Stumbo said about various areas in the improvement plan.

Carter said staff meets every second Tuesday to discuss the improvement plan, and that he expects the document to be refined over the next three months.

Sword, who admitted he was somewhat "disturbed," issued a challenge to the board to come up with a measurable objective for a hypothetical situation.

"This board is in complete disarray with no sense of direction," Sword proposed. "How are you going to write a measurable objective?"

Stumbo said she didn't understand Sword's proposal.

"I'd like to see you write a measurable objective. . . to use as an example to work by."

Stumbo said she felt the state's management audit was a good tool to use. She added that she understood staff was "put in a high pressure" situation to develop a plan, but she wanted the plan expanded and refined.

"It is good work and remarkable," Stumbo said of the improvement plan. "But, now is the time to put together a good plan to help the students, instead of simply reporting on activities."

Board member Johnnie Ross agreed with Stumbo, saying he didn't see a lot of "concrete things" in the progress reports.

"I'd like to see realistic objectives," Ross said.

Carter said the plan could be revamped in 90 days.

The board was satisfied with Carter's timeline and directed that the plan be revised.

Also Tuesday, the board held a lengthy discussion on holding meetings out in the community for residents to meet the board and King and Carter.

The discussion came in response to comments from Left Beaver residents Roger Johnson and Lowell Parker.

Johnson and Parker addressed the board about reports that the old Wheelwright gym is to be sold. Johnson said the gym is used by students at Osborne and Melvin elementaries, and it would severely impact the athletic programs at those schools if the building is sold.

Parker urged the board to keep the facility or give it to the community as a means to preserve the city's history.

Board members explained there has been no discussion or decision made about what to do with the building, but if one is made, the community will be involved in the process.

Carol Stumbo said she felt people were deliberately spreading false information about closing the gym to cause a panic in the Wheelwright community.

Stumbo and Ross said it is imperative to hold community meetings in order to let people in the county know what the board's plans are, and to let people have an opportunity to talk with the new leaders.

Woodrow Carter, first, advised against holding such meetings, saying there are some issues the board is not prepared to discuss and, any talks regarding school facilities could interfere with work to be done by the district's Local Planning Committee.

"There have been some misunderstandings and we are ill-prepared to address that," Carter said.

Just letting people know that there is some erroneous information being given out would be a step in the right direction, Stumbo said.

Ross said it is important for the community to hear from board members on issues that can be talked about and that it would be a good opportunity for the public to meet King and Carter.

Carter did not oppose holding meetings to discuss things the board could discuss.

King said he had no problem with attending such meetings and said he would schedule the number

of meetings the board felt were needed.

Terry Dotson said it seemed like the county's "rumor mill" worked better than A T & T or Bell South. He added he was willing "to do almost anything" to work toward resolving many of the problems in the school district.

King is to come up with a schedule for community meetings.

In other action Tuesday:

- Finance director Matt Wireman gave a report on the district's financial picture. Wireman said financial settlements arising from lawsuits against the district are expected to add to a projected budget deficit at the end of the school year. Wireman was hesitant to give the board a year-end budget figure because he has been working in the district for just three weeks. A more detailed financial report is expected at the May meeting.

- A motion to raise the price of school lunches and breakfasts by 25 cents failed for lack of a second. Food service director Sharon Jarvis said she was recommending the

increase based on findings in the state management audit. Board members Stumbo and Ross said they opposed the increase and asked that other ways of generating revenue be explored. Stumbo wanted to know what savings would come to the department when other improvement areas noted in the audit were addressed. Jarvis said she didn't know. Dotson said since prices haven't been raised in four years, the increase seemed to be in line with inflation. Proposed prices were 75 cents for breakfast and \$1.25 for lunch.

- The board created two school psychologist positions; an occupational therapist position for the special education department; and a media technician for Allen Central High School.

- Students Monica Lee Hopson and Les Fugate were honored for first place state awards in speech competition. Joshua and Marcus Allen were recognized for their honors in state math competitions.

All members were present at Tuesday's meeting.

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Trust

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stand that, for people living in the county for "10-15 years," such behavior becomes "habitual."

King said that was one of the big problems in the school system.

"That's the whole problem," King said. "The perception in the community is that nobody trusts anybody. . . part of the problem is that we have people who work very hard to undo what's been done. . . Every day it's a new challenge. every day another rock is turned over and stuff oozes out, but we're taking care of it. . . My first concern is for the children of Floyd County and I'll talk it and I'll walk it. . . We will go for making good changes for boys and girls in this community. . . That's our pledge and come, hell or high water, we will carry it out. It's not a game with us."

King expressed frustration that he has been unable to get out more in the community and schools to "see the troops."

Carter said if teachers or employees have any concerns about actions they are asked to take, the matters should be reported to King or himself.

"We have given strict guidance that (no one should) do anything illegal or immoral. . .," Carter said.

Ross said he didn't know why the issue was brought to his attention, but that he did not want employees to be directed to lie about anything.

"I don't know the reasons, but if it's important to them, it's important to me."

Personnel director Eugene Blackburn said teachers were not being asked to lie on employment forms, only to list their date of employment in the system.

During a management audit last year, state officials noted that many personnel files in the central office were empty, and that no records of employment existed for numerous people.

Blackburn said he had been employed in the system for over 20 years and that his personnel file was empty. He said he did not know what happened to those records.

Dotson said he felt that bringing the matter to be board was "wrong" and it was not fair to King or Carter, who should have the chance to resolve the problems.

Correction

In Wednesday's edition of the Times, we inadvertently published marriage license information on two couples that was incorrect. It should have read: Shirley Keen, 24, of Pikeville, and Michael Rose, 39, of Elkhorn City; Misty Rose, 19, of Prestonsburg, and Timothy Ferguson, 18, of Prestonsburg. We regret any inconveniences this may have caused.

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Pack

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from St. Catherine's College, where he spent two seasons. Pack won three consecutive district championships at Prestonsburg, and two conference titles in turning the Prestonsburg program around.

But the vocal and fiery coach will be better known for the success he found and brought to Wheelwright in the two seasons he coached before consolidation closed the Left Beaver school.

During the 1992-93 season, Pack's first at Wheelwright, he guided the Trojans to a 13-8 overall record, and their first conference championship in several seasons. Pack's team finished 5-1 in conference play as he won the heart of the Wheelwright faithful. T-shirts were common in the area

with "Jack's Pack" on the back. Wheelwright alumni felt that Pack should have been the choice of the board of education and site-base council for the South Floyd job when the new school opened up in '94. However, Pack was passed over and the job went to Jim Rose, who currently coaches at Breathitt County.

Pack was placed at Allen Central during the 1994-95 season, where he worked as an assistant to coach Johnny Martin. Pack did not start the basketball season, choosing not to coach that year.

Gordon Parido was the head coach at Prestonsburg, where he had guided the Blackcats to their only state tournament appearance in 1989. Parido stepped down after the '94-'95 season to the surprise

of many sports fans.

The search began for a replacement, and although there were many applicants there was really only one choice when it came to getting a replacement -- Jack Pack.

The returning players and the up-tempo style of play of Pack seemed like a perfect marriage. The team had youth, experience, speed, and height, but lacked on defense. Coach Pack was a stickler for playing defense, and soon developed one of the best defensive teams in the region.

Coach Pack immediately put his program in gear, but his team struggled out of the gate, losing their first ten games of the season. The Blackcats finished 9-15 that season but a strong 4-2 in the conference. But it was in the district

tournament that the fruits of Pack's hard work showed.

Prestonsburg went unchallenged in the district tournament during the 1996-97 season as he guided his team to the 15th Region finals to face eventual champion Paintsville. The Cats won another conference and district titles en route to the championship game. Prestonsburg finished 18-11 overall, and 5-1 in the district.

This past season Prestonsburg

won a third straight district championship under Coach Pack, and were labeled possible heirs to the Paintsville throne when the season unfolded. They had a very strong nucleus returning, led by 6-7 Andy Jarvis. The experts already had the Blackcats and Tigers penciled in as regional finalists, with the nod going to Prestonsburg. But the Blackcats ran into a fired-up Pikeville team and fell in the first round.

Flood

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County officials and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) representatives surveyed the county Thursday to begin accessing damages related to the flash flood.

A preliminary assessment indicates the flash flood damaged approximately 230 residences. Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale said Thursday that more homes were damaged by the flood waters this week than were affected during last year's flood.

Floyd County qualified for federal assistance last year, but FEMA officials said Thursday that they could not advise if the county would be eligible for the same

assistance.

FEMA officials indicated a preliminary disaster assessment would be completed by Friday (today) and that the governor will have to determine whether to send the report to the president.

Floyd Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) director Lon May said county officials should know within the next few weeks whether the county qualifies for federal assistance.

Groups and organizations have already come into the area, helping flood victims to cope with the aftermath of the high waters.

Volunteers with the Southern Baptist Convention Disaster

Relief Organization began assisting with clean-up efforts Tuesday by steam cleaning damaged residences.

The American Red Cross has been at Allen Central High School this week providing flood victims with food and clothing vouchers and cleaning supplies.

Heavenly Helpers, a London-based organization which offers relief to victims, began distributing mattresses, box springs and food items to area residents on Thursday.

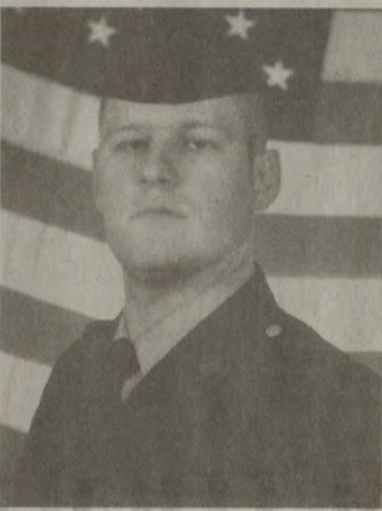
Prisoners with Otter Creek Correctional Center began assisting residents and officials at McDowell Elementary with clean-up efforts. The school has been closed all week due to the high water and flood damages.

Meeks graduates boot camp

Homer Alan Walker Meeks has graduated from boot camp at Ft. Knox. He is now at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

He is the son of Edith Mae Walker Meeks of Staffordsville. He is the father of Christopher Ryan King Meeks and Christian Ashley Nicole King Meeks, and the husband of Delilah Faye King Meeks, all of Staffordsville.

His brothers are Martin J. and Jerry Allen, both of Indiana, and Jamie Meeks of Prestonsburg.



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Editorial

Time to remake a golden oldie

"When you're alone, and life is making you lonely, you can always go... downtown."
—Petula Clark

by Scott Perry

Having lived in small town Kentucky during the pre-mega mart days, when Main Street was the center of activity and mom and pop stores separated the G.C. Murphy store from the Western Auto, and folks congregated at the drug store fountain or the barber shop to exchange news and gossip, we tend to get a bit depressed by the loss of personality in our downtown business districts. It bothers us that for the sake of convenience and the economies of scale, we've sat still while our once-bustling centers of economic activity have given up the ghost to store-front churches and lawyers' offices.

It's not that we object to those types of activities, it's just that they don't really lend themselves to a sense of community.

Ironically, many of our downtowns are the victims of progress.

New roads have taken Main Street off the beaten path, and our demands for a faster-paced lifestyle have required the business community to respond. It's all relative to supply and demand, the Golden Rule of economics.

But, there is hope. Even for cynical old nostalgics like us.

Downtowns all across Eastern Kentucky are in a process of rebirth.

Nowhere is that more obvious than in downtown Prestonsburg, where merchants, landowners and city government are teaming up to renovate and reinvigorate the city business district.

And, a masterful job they've done, so far, to make everything old look so new again. Looks aren't everything, though, and the good news is that downtown business operators know it.

The city's Main Street program has been revived (we are its self-appointed cheerleader), and the discussions of that panel are encouraging.

Merchants aren't complaining about competing with the big guys, they are discussing ways to complement them...to fill the unmet needs of area consumers and give them reasons to give downtown another try.

Members of this group are driven; they are determined; but they must have the support and the encouragement of all their neighbors.

Every downtown in Floyd County can benefit from this project or they can all lose.

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Other Voices

Teach children respect, not rage

by Kimberlee K. Kovach, chair of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution, and Jack Hanna, director of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution

We are a busy nation. We scurry around with our over-committed schedules, and too often dispense with civility in our attempt to save time. We cut one another off in traffic. We bump into one another on the street. We pursue our personal and business agendas without the slightest regard for other people. Our children see that we care little for our fellow Americans.

Similarly, our politicians play scorched earth games with one another and generally demonstrate a supreme disregard for civil or reasoned discourse. There is no limit to what our leaders will say about one another. And guess what—there are children listening and watching!

The average child entering fifth grade has seen hundreds of thousands of acts of violence on television. This barrage of violence continues throughout their school years, and many psychologists believe that it desensitizes youth to witnessing violence.

When this omnipresent violence is coupled with the demonstrated incivility among adults and the easy availability of guns in our nation, tragedy can result. The tragic incident in the Arkansas schoolyard provides us an excellent opportunity to reflect on what we can do, as a society, to lower the decibel level and encourage constructive discourse and problem solving.

We must move toward a more civil society. We need to turn down the volume on our voices,

remove the hate from our speech, and begin to teach a radical concept to our children—that each human being has value, and that such value deserves respect.

Peer mediation programs in schools can help. They teach students how to listen to one another, how to solve conflict without violence, how to manage anger, communication skills, self respect, trust, and how to express feelings in a constructive manner. The American Bar Association is doing its small share to promote peer mediation—volunteer lawyers in 21 cities are working to bring peer mediation to schools that cannot afford to hire a private organization to implement a program, or that do not have volunteer programs available in their communities. Skills learned through peer mediation can be used not only in the schools, but in the students' neighborhoods and throughout their lives.

Peer mediation programs alone won't end school violence. But they can go a long way toward returning us to the more respectful approach to human interaction we seem to have lost. Until we increase the positives in the sum of influences on our children, we will be left with only the negatives—lack of civility in everyday interaction, media violence, gutter politics, and the ready availability of guns.

The ABA encourages community leaders to start mediation programs in their schools, and to make training in conflict resolution available to parents.

Editor's Note: Writers for the Other Voices column do not necessarily reflect the views of the Floyd County Times.

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Quote of the week...

"When the head aches, all the members partake of the pain."

—Cervantes

Mine Worker, Still Gettin' Worked Over

This is part one of a two-part article, to be continued next week

Consider these facts (and then answer the question that follows): A fifty-five-year-old man has worked as a coal miner for thirty-three years. He has black lung and is totally disabled. He has smoked cigarettes since he was a teenager. One doctor says both smoking and coal dust caused the man's disability.

A second doctor says that smoking probably caused most of his disability; but does not rule out coal dust as a small contributing cause. A third doctor says that both smoking and coal dust caused the disability, but he cannot "apportion the amount due to each." A final doctor is unable to draw any conclusions as to the cause of the man's disability.

Has the man's disability been caused "at least in part" by black lung?

The *Courier-Journal* ran a series last week called "Dust, Deception and Death." The articles were a well-researched, well-written, startling reminder of the problems that result from placing society's need for coal above the need for costly regulations to protect a coal miner's health.

Examining the federal system that requires dust samples to be sent from coal mines, one article in the series said, "Most of the nation's underground coal mines routinely send the government air samples so clean that experts—including the nation's top mine-safety official—contend they can't possibly be accurate."

"Samples are supposed to be taken in a mine's dustiest areas, but many contain just 0.1 mg. of dust per cubic meter of air. That's the equivalent of two teaspoons of dust spread across a warehouse the size of a football field and the height of the goalposts. The air around a typical city street corner has about that much dust."

After noting that 234 miners had confessed to the newspaper that mines cheat on the dust samples, the article went on to quote the head of the Mine Safety and Health Administrators who said in an interview that such samples are "inaccurate," "unfathomable" and "statistically impossible."

Yet the *Courier-Journal* was able to find a mining expert and professor of public health to say that the dust sample readings were possible: "Well, in science almost anything is possible. If all the molecules happen to move at once, skyscrapers could hop... This is sort of like skyscrapers hopping."

And these quotes in the article from people in the mining industry pounded home the point: "They (dust tests) are not done right. (Miners) hang them up at the power box most of the time or at the dinner hole. They are advised to do that. The foreman usually takes care of that. Everyone knows about it."

"You can't run coal and pass those dust tests...and make a profit. You can't. All these men that work in these mines, they realize it...If a few years on down the road they can't breathe, that's just tough."

Powerful words but, unfortunately, the articles came about six months too late for Kentucky lawmakers to be pressured into increasing protection of the miner by a sudden wave of public concern (and a guilty conscience).

The Frankfort lawmaking shop is closed down until the year 2000, and the state's worker's compensation system is still in the same sad condition it was when Governor Patton had it overhauled in 1996—the miner's health has to be virtually ruined before he can limp out of the mine and ask for state benefits.

And receiving federal Black Lung Benefits is not much easier.

A miner seeking benefits under the Federal Black Lung Benefits Act has the difficult burden of proving that, more likely than not, he has black lung, the disease came from working in the mines, and he is totally disabled due, at least in part, to the disease.

The fifty-five year old miner who smoked, mentioned earlier, was not considered by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals to have shown that his disability was due "at least in part" to black lung. Did you disagree?

Only six percent of those who apply for federal black lung benefits end up receiving benefits. And all applicants are subjected to the confusing federal system that has caused even the US Supreme Court to note the "Byzantine character of these regulations."

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Closure closer for Floyd County landfill

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

"never moved on it because it was so expensive."

Vance said there has been some controversy over the issue of closing the landfill. "The county couldn't afford to do the closure because of the way they wanted it done," he said.

The Department of Waste Management initially wanted the landfill "crowned" with a synthetic liner and a layer of clay. But, Vance indicated this week that method would have cost the county a lot more than the proposed plan.

"It would have just been a lot more expensive," he said.

The proposed plan eliminates the purchase of the synthetic liner

and the layer of clay. The plan indicates the landfill will be covered with a minimum of 30 inches of vegetative topsoil.

The closure will also include effective crowning with slopes and drainage; seven methane vents; and suitable roadways to the wells and seeding of all areas around the landfill.

In March, the fiscal court authorized Kenvrons to begin design work and preparing a bid package for the project, which is scheduled to begin in July after the court approves a company to do the work.

The project is scheduled to be complete in the year 2000 after two years of ground water and surface

water monitoring is conducted and the site work is finished in November.

"We're going to try to stick with this schedule," Vance said.

Barbara Cornett, with the Enforcement Branch of the Division of Waste Management, also verbally approved the proposed plan, Vance said, adding that the work cannot begin until formal approval is received.

He indicated county officials could have that approval as early as Friday (today).

In regular business during the fiscal court meeting:

- several roads were adopted in the county's road system;
- Tyron Martin and Arnold Lowe

were re-appointed to the Floyd County Extension District Board;

- the Big Sandy Area Juvenile Detention Center received \$4,657.57 education grant from the Justice Cabinet;
- the 1998-99 proposed jail fund

budget was incorporated with the county budget; and

- the fiscal court paid Polley & Trent Construction \$23,955.57 for work conducted at the Route 23 Industrial Site out of a Community Development Block Grant.

PMH to establish open heart surgery program

April 15 was an historic occasion for Pikeville Methodist Hospital and the people of Eastern Kentucky.

"Pikeville Methodist Hospital is honored and excited to announce that we have been approved for a Certificate of Need to establish an Open Heart Surgery Program," said Walter E. May, president of the hospital's board of directors. "This is a giant step toward providing comprehensive healthcare services for the people of this region."

"The hospital submitted its application for a Certificate of Need (CON) to add open heart surgery in November 1997. The state Certificate of Need Board ruled that Pikeville Methodist Hospital meets the state health plan criteria and will soon begin performing open heart surgical procedures," he explained. "This means that Pikeville Methodist Hospital will have the only open heart surgery program east of I-64 and I-75."

Open heart surgical suites will be built in the new hospital building that is currently under construction. Performing open heart surgeries will require the purchase of additional equipment, extensive staff training and additional medical support staff.

"Intensive staff training will begin immediately," said Martha O'Regan Chill, PMH Administrator/CEO. "An open heart surgery program affects all patient care departments within the hospital."

That means additional training for staff members from Laboratory, Radiology, Pharmacy, Nursing, Rehabilitation Services,

Benefit

(Continued from page one)

concert, set her mind to do the benefit for Mandy and has given her time and hard work to help the family because she remembers seeing the girl walking down the Allen Elementary School corridors with her little brother, hand-in-hand, "and I knew in my heart that there are ways that one person can make a difference."

Mandy continues to recuperate at home. She works hard on physical therapy with her mother, Denise. Next week could bring about a new challenge for Mandy - returning to school.

"She has been ready for almost a month, now, but she will need a guide to assist her with her wheelchair. We have a meeting with the board of education next week, so we hope she will get to go back to be with her friends soon," her mom said.

The costs continue to mount for the rehabilitation and travel expenses the family incurs while she is on the road to recovery. Mandy can move her arms, and has had some

Cardiopulmonary, Social Services and Nutritional Services. It takes a total team approach to ensure the highest quality care for open heart surgery patients and their families."

She added that "a lot of people leave the region and go to Lexington for open heart surgery. We are proud to bring this critical service to the people of the mountains. We have worked with Dr. Siby P. Saha and Dr. Anthony Rogers and Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington for many years. Now, these fine physicians will be working with Pikeville Methodist Hospital to develop the open heart surgery program here."

Both May and Chill said that they deeply appreciate the people of this region and their overwhelming support of the hospital's CON application. "We appreciate the doctors, board members, community leaders, former heart patients, and citizens who wrote letters to the CON Board endorsing our endeavor. Your letters were vital in obtaining approval for this program."

One of the many goals in applying to provide open heart surgery care is to enable patients to receive more timely treatment of heart problems.

"The medical staff at Pikeville Methodist Hospital is delighted that our proposal was approved," Alex Poulos, M.D., President of the medical staff, said. "Not only will patients have at their disposal sophisticated diagnosis and treatment for heart ailments, but they will be able to remain close to home where their primary care physician, family, and friends can readily offer them support."

movement in one leg.

"Two years - that's what they told us with spinal cord injuries. Two years it may take to see just how far Mandy will be able to go toward walking again," Denise said.

If you would like to attend the concert, ticket prices have been altered to fit the budget for those who have children. Prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 12 and under, and children under the age of five are admitted free of charge.

If you cannot attend the concert but would like to contribute to the Mandy May Fund, you can contact Robert Allen at the First Commonwealth Bank. A trust has been established in Mandy's name and all proceeds from the concert and any donations will go directly to the family.

"Prayers, those are important too," said one of Mandy's aunts. "We know Mandy will walk again, and with everyone's prayers on our side, she will."

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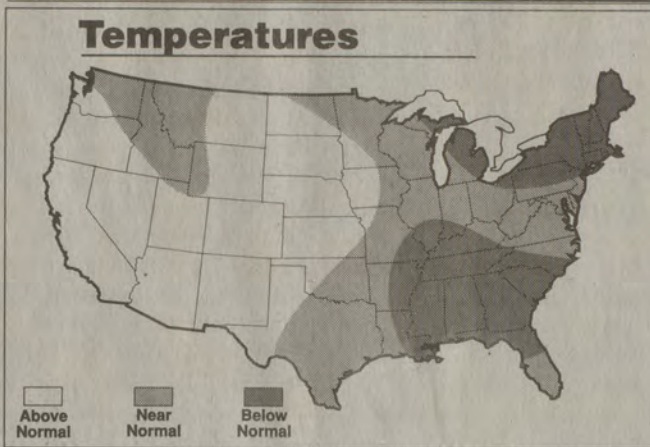
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Sunny and pleasant. 71	Partly cloudy and cold. 44	Partly sunny. 70/49	Clouds and sun; pleasant. 75/52	A few t-storms. 73/51	Clouds and sun. 69/45	Mostly sunny and cold. 61/40	Partly sunny and cold. 64/41

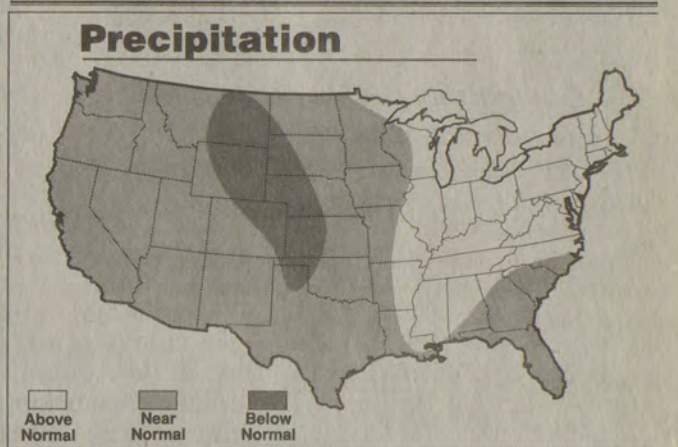
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Warm weather will cover the western half of the nation next week. Temperatures are expected to average 10 to 20 degrees above normal across portions of the Southwest, West Coast and central Plains. Meanwhile, cool and wet weather will spread over the eastern third of the nation. A slow-moving storm system will bring rain to the Great Lakes and Northeast.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today		Saturday		Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Atlanta	73	49	74	53	77	56	75	55	76	53
Boston	51	42	59	41	61	44	64	49	66	49
Chicago	72	48	65	48	68	49	66	45	62	40
Cleveland	64	42	63	45	66	49	67	49	64	41
Denver	78	42	63	36	58	36	65	40	69	43
Des Moines	78	49	71	49	65	47	66	43	63	42
Detroit	70	42	64	45	67	49	67	48	64	40
Houston	84	60	77	61	76	60	80	61	81	61
Indianapolis	74	46	69	49	69	50	69	48	65	42
Kansas City	80	53	70	50	65	51	66	45	68	47
Los Angeles	68	52	75	50	80	53	84	55	82	56
Miami	78	60	80	66	83	70	85	72	85	71
Minn.-St. Paul	72	47	67	48	66	47	64	41	58	39
New Orleans	80	53	77	59	77	62	78	60	79	59
New York City	64	48	64	47	65	51	68	53	68	52
Omaha	83	52	71	47	66	45	69	43	69	43
Phoenix	84	56	77	54	83	58	89	63	93	65
San Francisco	62	47	64	48	68	50	72	51	71	52
Seattle	58	40	58	43	57	44	63	45	65	47
Washington	68	48	71	50	73	54	72	55	71	51

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Fri.	6:44 a.m.	8:15 p.m.
Sat.	6:43 a.m.	8:15 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri.	5:44 a.m.	6:17 p.m.
Sat.	6:24 a.m.	7:30 p.m.

Moon Phases

Phase	Day
New	Apr 26
First	May 3
Full	May 11
Last	May 19

Weather (W):
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy,
sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain,
sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today		Saturday		Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Amsterdam	63	52	64	54	61	42	59	39	52	38
Berlin	71	52	71	57	71	53	72	50	63	44
Buenos Aires	68	50	65	50	67	48	67	50	69	50
Cairo	89	63	95	70	90	59	85	56	80	54
Jerusalem	69	47	76	59	78	55	76	50	69	46
Johannesburg	81	54	81	54	80	56	80	56	78	55
London	61	56	59	41	57	38	54	37	54	42
Madrid	71	51	77	52	72	42	68	42	68	47
Mexico City	81	54	80	55	81	55	81	52	78	50
Moscow	48	39	48	30	52	34	53	41	62	50
Paris	63	53	66	52	64	41	59	38	54	41
Rio de Janeiro	85	73	81	71	76	65	77	65	76	66
Rome	69	48	70	51	74	56	73	52	68	50
San Juan	89	75	85	77	90	77	88	74	87	75
Seoul	76	57	62	47	68	50	72	54	72	54
Sydney	72	63	73	53	73	62	75	64	75	62
Toronto	60	32	64	36	70	47	65	49	63	33
Tokyo	78	76	79	70	78	61	69	60	67	55
Winnipeg	62	42	66	42	62	34	51	21	46	25
Zurich	66	47	69	53	71	51	68	45	59	43

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Celebrate 57th Anniversary

Roger and Olvie Reed, of Hueysville, celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, April 22. Best wishes from all your family and friends.

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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.

MS Walk

The Multiple Sclerosis Society will conduct a MS Walk on May 3 at Prestonsburg Community College. Registration begins at 1 p.m., and the walk begins at 2 p.m. Call 886-3633 or 1-800-628-5645 for more information.

10th Annual Airborne Affair in Ohio

The 10th annual General M.B. Ridgeway Airborne Affair will be held April 24 and 25 in Dayton, Ohio. Many veterans of the 11th, 13th, 17th, 101st plus the special forces will join the 82nd airborne for the reunion. For complete details and membership: Call: Shirley Gossett or write Airborne of Ohio, 937-898-5977, 5459 Northcutt Pl., Dayton, Oh. 45414-3742.

PCC Community Chorus in concert at MAC

The PCC Community Chorus will give a concert at the Mountain Arts Center May 3 at 3 p.m. and will provide a program of varied selections. The concert is free and open to the public.

Kindergarten registration at May Valley

May Valley Elementary will be having their kindergarten registration May 8 from 9-12 noon. Please bring the following records with you: verification of a TB skin test, immunization certificate, birth cer-

tificate, and physical exam results.

Harris Family Reunion

The Harris family will be having their reunion May 2 at the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church Annex beginning at 11 a.m. for the descendants of William Harris, James Harris, John Q. Harris, Buena Vista Harris, California Harris, and Newton Perry Harris. Each relative is asked to bring a covered dish, salad or dessert. For more information, call 874-0555, 886-8652, or 874-2632.

Fall kindergarten registration at PES

There will be a registration for kindergarten classes for Prestonsburg Elementary May 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the school.

Benefit Gospel Sing at Trinity Chapel Revival

There will be a revival at the Trinity Chapel in Martin April 23-26, with the Rev. Earl Miller as the speaker. Services will begin at 7 p.m. nightly. Everyone welcome.

HRMC holds "Living Well with Diabetes"

Take the DIE out of DIET by planning ahead. The "Living Well with Diabetes" class will plan one week of menus and make a grocery list to show participants how it's done with fun. The meeting will be held in the Medical Office Building, Meeting Room B, at HRMC from 5-6 p.m. April 30.

ACHS SBDM council elections

The Allen Central Site Based Decision Making Council will be having their parent member elections May 5 at 6 p.m. in the school library. Nominations must be submitted in writing to the principal's office no later than 3 p.m. April 27.

SFHS to be site of annual Masonic meeting

District No. 38 of the Grand Lodge of the Kentucky Masonic

Fraternity will be held at South Floyd High School April 24. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. for fraternity members and their families. The meeting will convene afterward, and a program will be provided for family members at this time.

Newsome-Newsom reunion

There will be a Newsome-Newsom reunion Saturday, May 23 at the G.F. Johnson Elementary School beginning around 9:30 a.m. Please bring a covered dish. This is for all Newsome's and Newsom's.

Lunch/business meeting

The John Graham Regent Eleanor Horn, and the Big Sandy Chapter SAR president, Dr. Larry Leslie, announce a joint luncheon/business meeting to be held April 25, at noon, at May Lodge.

Free Screenings Speech, Vision, Hearing

Free screenings for children ages 3-5 will be administered on: April 24 at Auxier, Prater and Harold Elementaries; May 1 at Melvin, Osborne, and McDowell; May 8 at Duff and May Valley; May 15 at Allen, Clark and Prestonsburg; and May 22 at Stumbo and Betsy Layne. All screenings will be held from 9 a.m. until noon. Call Vivian McGarey at 886-1986, or Jennifer Martin at 886-2354.

Applications for the 1998-999 school year for Head Start and Preschool will also be taken on those dates listed above.

McDowell High Class of 1973 reunion plans

The 1973 class of McDowell High School will be making plans for the 1998 reunion. A meeting will be held April 28 at 7 p.m. at the grade school. For more information, call Cheryl Hall at 377-6398.

Meeting of VFW

There will be a District 13 meeting of the V.F.W. at the Veteran's Referral Center. Lunch will be at 1 p.m. and the meeting will be held at

2 p.m. All members are welcome.

Retired teachers to meet

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association will meet in regular session Thursday, May 7, at May Lodge of Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Registration begins at 10 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 10:30. George Archer will be the guest speaker. All Floyd County retired teachers are urged to attend.

ACHS parent elections

The Allen Central High School SBDM council parent elections will be held Tuesday, May 5, at 6 p.m. in the school library. Parent nominations must be submitted in writing to the principal's office no later than 3 p.m. on April 27.

Walk-A-Thon for

Child Abuse Prevention

On April 29 the fourth Annual Walk-A-Thon will take place at the Prestonsburg Community College walking track, sponsored by the Department for Social Services. It will begin at 11 a.m. and end with a candlelight ceremony to honor all those who are, and have been, victims of child abuse. For more information, call 886-8192.

Benefit for Mandy May at the MAC

There will be a benefit concert for Mandy May, an Allen Elementary student partially paralyzed in an automobile accident, on Saturday, April 26 from 3-6 p.m. at the MAC. Scheduled to perform are the Boys From Middle Creek, Gone Country, West Wind, and David Martin and Country Persuasion. The MCs will be WSIP's Boman and Worthless Willie. Proceeds will go to the family to help defray medical costs. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and children 5 and under are admitted free. Tickets may be purchased at Messer's, the MAC, Colorama, Allen Elementary and Trish's Beauty Salon.

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COMMERCE CORNER

by **Carla S. Coburn**
Executive director
Floyd County
Chamber of Commerce

On Monday the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce showcased our area to the Kentucky Center for Public Issues. We send thanks to Highlands Regional Medical Center for hosting the meeting, and thank Councilman Trent Nairn and the City of Prestonsburg for their assistance in the planning of the event. We also thank all the businesses that hosted the group for the morning tour, and the community leaders that attended the luncheon.

The Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for the Annual Awards Banquet, to take place on May 21 at the Wilkinson Stumbo Convention Center of Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. The Awards/Nominating

Committee is still deliberating on who this year's award recipients will be. The event is sure to be an exciting one with Cawood Ledford as the keynote speaker.

The Chamber sends thanks this week to Justin Hall of Southeast Telephone, who represented our organization

at the Floyd/Pike Special Olympics annual event. Justin, an artist himself, enjoyed being the judge of the art contest. We appreciate his participation, and dedication to the youth of our region.



Carla Coburn

Last week our executive director, Carla S. Coburn, attended the Route 23 Corridor Project planning meeting at the Mountain Arts Center. The meeting was an effort by the Kentucky Arts Council to get local counties geared up for a project to capitalize on the U.S. 23 Country Music Highway as a tourist attraction. The council is planning a regional meeting at the MAC on Thursday, April 23, from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. interested parties are encouraged to attend.

This week we welcome Mountain Computers to our list of members. Our business organization is growing, and if your business would like to take advantage of our membership services, contact your Chamber of Commerce today at (606) 886-0364.

Herbie Deskins says farewell

by **Geoff Belcher**
Appalachian News-Express

"The first day I came into this chamber (back in 1976), I brought in my parents, my wife Kathy and our three small children ..." state Rep. Herbie Deskins told the Kentucky General Assembly Wednesday. "My wife, she's been home for the last 23 years trying to raise three kids, and I've been here for 23 years trying to raise a little hell."

"The gentleman from Pike," as Deskins, D-Pikeville, is referred to by his colleagues, was nearly overwhelmed by emotion last Wednesday as he bid farewell to his fellow legislators in the assembly's last regular session of the year — the last regular session of his career.

Deskins, the 94th legislative district's representative to the legislature for the last 23 years, announced last October he would be retiring from the assembly in order to spend more time with his family and pursue other avenues of public service. He was leaving the same way he

started, he told legislators "...Wearing a bright sportcoat and a big boutonniere and ... carrying high the banner of the New Frontier and the Great Society."

His career is an anthem of service in and for Eastern Kentucky, from his days as Pike's youngest-ever county attorney to his introduction of bills, such as those that required reclamation of Kentucky coal mines and the return of coal severance tax monies back to coal-producing counties.

After voting on the final issue of the session Wednesday, Deskins' colleagues paid him tribute.

"When I came here in 1993, the gentleman from Pike 94 was one of the first persons I met," Rep. Frank Nesler, D-Mayfield, said. "I will never forget that handshake and him looking me straight in the eye, saying 'Nice to meet you — look forward to serving with you — if there is anything I can do for you, you let me know.'"

"It didn't take long for me to find out that the gentleman from Pike 94 was just that — a gentleman ... Gentleman from Pike 94, that is the way your colleagues know you, and that is the way they will remember you."

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REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Martin County

David Osborne, 53, of Warfield, died April 17. Funeral services were April 20, at the Phelps & Son Funeral Home Chapel at Inez.

Ruth Ann Demilo Scott, 62, of Inez, died April 18. Funeral services were April 21, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Pike County

Jesse "James" Taylor, 67, of Feds Creek, died April 14. He was a retired coal miner, formerly employed by Pittston Coal Company, and also a black smith. He is survived by his wife, Emogene "Jean" Elswick. Funeral services were April 17, at the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home Chapel.

Elizabeth Smith, 67, of Sidney, died April 14. She was a retired teacher, formerly employed in the Pike County School System. She was preceded in death by her husband, Homer Smith Jr. Funeral services were April 17, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Tracy Eldridge, 65, of Phelps, died April 15. Funeral services were April 18, at the Phelps Funeral Home Chapel.

Nelson Ciphers, 80, of Pikeville, died April 14. He was a retired coal miner. Funeral services were April 17, at the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home Chapel.

Irene Ellis Epling, 76, of Rockhouse, died April 15. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elzie J. Epling. Funeral services were April 19, at the Unity Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Draxier Marie Hall, 77, of Virgie, died April 16. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben Hall. Funeral services were April 19, at the R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Vancie Bishop, 80, of Steele, died April 17. She was preceded in death by her husband, Eulon Bishop. Funeral services were April 20, at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel.

Henry Fornash, 72, of Raccoon, died April 19. He was a retired heavy equipment operator and a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in World War II. He was preceded in death by his wife, Roberta Fornash. Funeral services were April 22, at the Grace Baptist Church, under the direction of

Justice Funeral Services.

Loretta Rose, 51, of Regina, died April 21. She is survived by her husband, Danny Rose. Funeral services were April 24, at the Morris Chapel of Justice Funeral Services.

Vivian Bingham, 53, of Long Fork of Virgie, died April 19, the result of injuries received in an automobile accident. She is survived by her husband, Olva Little Tackett. Funeral services were April 22, at the R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Pauline Roberts, 69, of Pikeville, died April 20. She was a retired waitress, formerly employed by the Holiday Inn in Akron, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Everett Roberts. Funeral services were April 22, at the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home Chapel.

Vincent "Shay" Pinion, 46, of Hardy, died April 19. He was a retired coal miner. He is survived by his mother, Emma Jean Thompson Blackburn of Hardy and his stepfather, Bob Blackburn. Funeral services were April 21, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Johnson County

Helen Hager, 77, of Paintsville, died April 11. Funeral services were April 13, at the Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

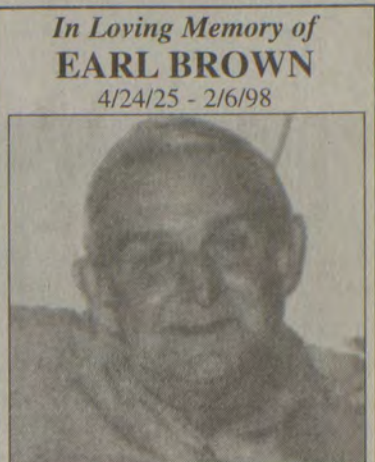
Millard Preston, 83, of Boons Camp, died April 16. He is was a retired coal miner. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Butcher Preston. Funeral services were April 19, at his home, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Polly J. Conley, 81, of Flatgap, died April 17. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ova Conley. Funeral services were April 20, at the Cold Springs United Baptist Church, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Teresa Goble, 40, of West Van Lear, died April 7. She was a retired bookkeeper for Dick Sign Company. She is survived by her husband, Sheldon Goble. Funeral services were April 11, at the Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Maxie Cantrell, 87, of Van Lear, died April 15. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Cantrell. Funeral services were April 17, at Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Ova Marie Castle Lowe, 61, of



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The family of Avanelle Hale would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation to everyone who helped during the loss of our loved one, those who sent flowers, food, their prayers and words of kindness. We want to thank the Old Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words. The members of Cold Springs Church and all who helped prepare the dinner at the church for us, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and special thanks to Elder Jason Lowery and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their kindness and professional service.

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OBITUARIES

Ballard E. Hall

Ballard E. Hall, 79, of Banner, died Tuesday, April 21, 1998, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville, following an extended illness.

Born November 6, 1918 at Banner, he was the son of the late Greenberry and Rebecca Elizabeth Collins Hall. He was a retired construction worker.

Survivors include his wife, Vernie J. Patrick Hall; three sons, David Lee Hall of Prestonsburg, and Dennis R. Hall and Gary L. Hall, both of Banner; two daughters, Mary Elizabeth Moore of Pikeville, and Julia Mae Clark of Harold; and ten grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, April 24, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home Chapel, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Hall Family Cemetery at Banner, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

DAV funeral services will be conducted by the Betsy Layne Chapter No. 169 of the DAV.

John Franklin Ramey Sr.

John Franklin Ramey Sr., 78, of Mansfield, Ohio, died Monday, April 20, 1998, at his home, following a long illness.

Born March 16, 1920, at Thealka, he was the son of the late Russell and Virginia McKenzie Ramey.

He was an ordained minister of the First Church of God at Glo. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, and a member and former chaplain of American Legion Post No. 295 at Garrett. He retired from Martin County Coal Corporation, and was a certified electrical engineer.

He attended the North Woodbury Alliance Church.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Boyd Ramey; three sons, Jim Ramey of Lexington, Dan L. Ramey of Frankfort and John F. Ramey Jr. of Mansfield, Ohio; one daughter, Carolyn S. Turner of Mansfield, Ohio; four brothers, Russell Ramey Jr. of Baltimore, Maryland, James Ramey of Paintsville, Melvin Ramey of Lexington, and David Ramey of Paintsville; two sisters, Mary Slone of Paintsville and Hazel Hartege of Shelby, Ohio; nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 24, at the 11 a.m., at the Snyder Funeral Home, with Rev. Brian E. Burbin officiating.

Burial will be in the Oak Grove Memorial Park, where the Richland County Joint Veterans Council will hold graveside military honors.

Logan Tackett

Logan Tackett, 76, of Clearfield, formerly of Printer, died Wednesday, April 22, 1998 at the Saint Claire Medical Center in Morehead.

Born January 1, 1922, he was the son of the late Henry and Cordillia McClanhan Tackett. He was a retired coal miner and member of UMWA, DAV, and the Sutton Baptist Church at Shelbyana.

He was preceded in death by a son, Herman Tackett, and one sister, Rhoda Jones.

He is survived by his wife, Florida Parsons Tackett; one son, Chester Tackett of Lexington; one daughter, Rhonda F. Smith of Gentry, Arkansas; two brothers, Andrew Tackett of Camargo, and Tommy Tackett of Salyersville; four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 25 at 11 a.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin with Scott Tackett officiating.

Visitation will be after 5 p.m. Thursday, April 23 at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Alta Moore

Alta Moore, 82, of Goose Creek Road at Eastern, passed away April 23, 1998 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gomer Moore.

Funeral services will be Sunday, April 26 at 11 a.m. at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel.

Visitation will be after 5 p.m. today, Friday, at the chapel.

Burial will be made at the Moore Cemetery at Printer.

Cost-share sought

The Floyd County Soil Conservation District is accepting requests for cost-share, a new program, funded by the district, starting May 1.

Practices eligible for cost-share: streambank protection, if landowner owns both sides of stream; covercrop; liming, after soil test; pasture and hayland seeding, to include seed, fertilizer and lime. (All fertilizer and lime to be applied according to soil test and must be pastured);

Also, erosion control devices, such as drop structures, grass waterways and diversion ditches; critical area seeding; and special projects.

For more information, contact the Conservation District office, located South Central Avenue, Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The phone number is 886-9545.



John M. Stumbo's Math Bowl Team are bringing home the honors for their school. They placed second in competition at Prestonsburg Community College in January.

John M. Stumbo Math Bowl Team places second at PCC

John M. Stumbo Elementary's Math Bowl Team placed second in area competition January 17, at Prestonsburg Community College.

Marcus Allen received special recognition for his individual problem solving scores. The five member team were Joshua Allen, Marcus Allen, Heather Evans, Trenton Tackett, and Brandi

Johnson. Michael Johnson was their proud coach.

When the team advanced on to state level competition January 31, at Kentucky State University, they came in fifth on team problem solving. Joshua Allen received special recognition for his individual problem solving scores.

Art exhibition is 'Serenity and Sanity' at PCC gallery

"Serenity and Sanity" is the title of an art exhibition by artist-students at the PCC Art Gallery from April 27-May 13. A reception with artists present will be held April 27, from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Themes and subjects in the painting show range from the peaceful landscape to other worldly abstraction. "Students learn technique, but not technique alone. Expression and direction are experienced by each artist that helps find one's own serenity and sanity," says Professor Whitaker.

Painting, drawing and collage

make up the exhibition.

Color explodes here and then pulls itself back together again. All are encouraged to share "Serenity and Sanity." Some, no doubt, will experience the opposite.

For additional information, call Brenda Miller, 606-886-3863, ext. 280.

Benefit for Mandy May

A benefit concert for Mandy May, will be held April 26 from 3-6 p.m. at the MAC. Tickets may be purchased at Messer's, the MAC, Colorama, Allen Elementary and Trish's Beauty Salon.

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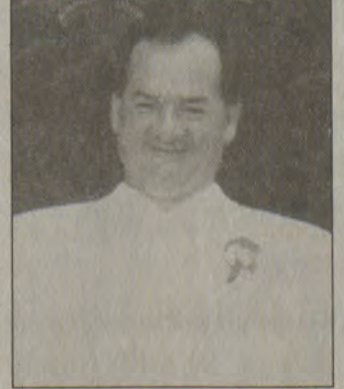
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In a split second he was taken away from us. From that day on we have mourned our loss, and have been left to fight our own personal sorrow. With each passing day we strive to continue on as we struggle with the emptiness that can never be filled, because of his absence.

We would like to take this moment so that you can also remember our beloved "Levi."

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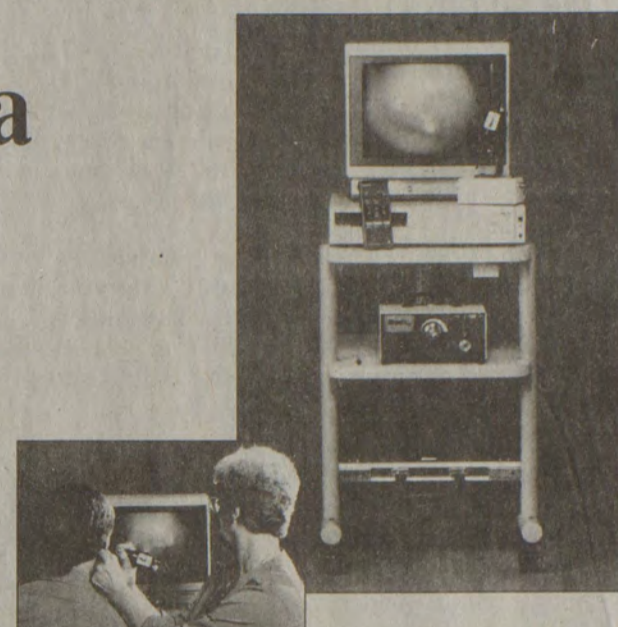
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A Look At Sports

Where will the search committee look for basketball coach

One has to wonder where the efforts of the search committee, who will be assigned the task of finding a new head basketball coach at Prestonsburg High School, will take them. Will it be to Magoffin County? How about as close as South Floyd? Or, will it be in-house?

The Blackcats will have a new coach next season after it was reported that Jack Pack, who has guided the Blackcats the past three seasons, will not return.

Several rumors are making the rounds as to who might be a serious contender for the job. One rumor has it that Magoffin County's Danny Adams has made known an interest

in the position. Others have pointed up Left Beaver to South Floyd, with the pointer landing on Harold Tackett, who has said all along that he wanted a boys' head coaching job.

What about in-house? Well, I think they have a jewel in their own ranks in Jackie Day Crisp. Crisp did an excellent job with the girls program last year, and is more suited to coaching the boys' game.

But then, Bobby Hackworth has been a capable assistant these past three seasons.

Of course, when the final word comes down, it will be from school principal Thomas Tackett, who seems to find himself in this situation quite often. Since taking the principalship at Prestonsburg, he had to go out and hire Coach Pack, football coach John Derossset, Coach Crisp and now must find a replacement for Coach Pack.

The route in finding a new coach may take the same one that previous ones have taken. Applications will be taken, then will go to the site-base committee for their recommendations. Tackett then will make the recommendation to the board of education. Well, that's the way the search went before.

Let's take a look at what we have heard in such a short time. Remember, it is all rumor as to who the new coach will be:



Jackie Pack

• Danny Adams. Can any other school pry him away from Magoffin County where he has become an institution? I think not, even the Prestonsburg job, as attractive as it is. However, should Adams make the switch, he would be an ideal coach for the players coming back. In fact, if that were to happen, I would predict a regional championship right now for Prestonsburg.

• Harold Tackett. Once the head coach of the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats. Did an excellent job the school before resigning. Harold has said repeatedly that he would like to have a boys' coaching job. He is a disciplinarian and very demanding on the court. Has a good knowledge of the game.

• Jackie Day Crisp. I have known Coach Crisp for a long time. I have learned to respect him, no matter what he coaches, even marbles. He gets the job done. He puts a lot into the job, and in the end gets a lot out of the players. The way his team started last season it didn't look good but he had them ready when it was needed.

• Johnny Ray Turner. How about the former McDowell coach who can coach the game? Coach Turner currently coaches at Johnson Central. He may want to stay there, also. Who knows!

If the job is open and applications taken, it will be very interesting as to who will apply for the job. I am sure there will be a lot of state-wide interest. Here is a program that does not have to settle for just anyone, but can pick whom they might want.

About Coach Pack. Whatever the problems may have been, he will be known as one of the best bench coaches to coach the game. He has proven he can coach. There is no denying, and I'm sure no one will, what he has accomplished since coming to Floyd County.

I was very vocal about his hiring at Wheelwright. I was right, he did a great job and deserved the job. When the South Floyd



Ed Taylor Sports Editor

In answer to Title IX,

Girls' volleyball could be the answer

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

When fall football practice begins August 15, you will not find any girls looking to play the sport that is dominated by the male gender. That leaves no fall sport for women athletes, and that could also be a violation of Title IX, which was enacted in Kentucky in 1972.

Title IX is a federal law that requires school districts to provide equal educational and athletic opportunities for girls. Concern over women's athletics taking a back seat to men's sports has prompted the state to take a long hard look at how districts are doing in trying to solve the problem of equality in their districts.

"We will have to do something," said Pete Grigsby, Jr., Floyd County athletic director. "Some are concerned that the boys are getting the prime time

games, while women's sports are having to play at lesser times."

Across the state the rage has been that men's sports gets to showcase on Friday and Saturday nights, while the women have to play during the weekdays. Of course the basketball season is the main concern. In Floyd County, the women have been playing their games on Monday and Thursday nights while men hold their games on Tuesday and Friday nights. Saturdays are open to both genders,

and some girls' games are played on Saturday evenings.

Grigsby said the board is looking for a way to solve the problem.

"We are going back to the doubleheaders in basketball next season," said Grigsby. "That means that all four Floyd County high schools will play a girls'/boys' doubleheader when we play conference games."

While some county high school coaches (men's) have objected to the change, Grigsby said that would be the way it is.

"I have contacted all the coaches involved and they know the ruling," he said. "I have spoken with the school principals as well. We are wanting to head off any difficulty that might come up over this."

What happens if a district does not comply with the federal ruling? According to Grigsby, federal funding could be lost or violators could be banned from sports

(See Volleyball, page two)



Slone whiffs 18 batters in 13-3 Prestonsburg win

Nunnery has two hits two RBI's in victory

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

They were waving at them outside, high and even on the ground but the Betsy Layne-Lady Cats could not catch up with the fastball of Brandi "B.B." Slone as she struck out 18 batters en route to a 13-3 win over Betsy Layne in conference softball play at Allen Tuesday night.

Slone, one of the brightest-looking college prospects to come to Floyd County since fast pitch softball began, fanned the side in the first, second and third innings.

Second baseman Kimi Nunnery did it all at the plate as well as in the field in making a great over-the-shoulder catch in short right field with her back to the infield. Centerfielder Brooke Coleman ran down two long drives in robbing the Lady Cats of extra bases.

Margaret Damron had a hot bat, collecting three hits for the evening. Nunnery had two hits and two RBI's in the game. She doubled in the sixth inning.

While Heather Hamilton did not have the speed of Slone, she had the Lady Blackcats off stride at the plate and her team in contention until the fifth inning. She allowed just three runs through the first three innings as the Lady Blackcats were beating the off-speed pitches on the ground. Shortstop Devon Reynolds and third baseman Denise Jones were like vacuums at their positions. Mindy Robinette showed why she is one of

(See Slone, page two)



Fireballer

Prestonsburg's Brandi Slone is a hard-throwing lefthander and chalked up 18 strikeouts when she faced Betsy Layne last Tuesday in softball play at Allen. Prestonsburg posted a 13-3 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Holbrook leads IHRA points standings Finished second in Winter Nationals

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Eastern's Eddie Holbrook was runner-up in the

Super Rod class of the International Hot Rod Association (IHRA) Winter Nationals in Brandenton, Florida the weekend of March 27-29.

Holbrook and with his wife Marie run the IHRA circuit with their 1968 Camaro, representing Holbrook Racing. Holbrook currently leads the Winter Nationals Super Rod points race with 2,210 points.

The Holbrooks travel the United States in their trailer, and make all the stops on the circuit. In August of this year, they will run their Camaro at the Mountain Parkway Motorplex in Clay City. The next stop for the racing couple will be in Dunn, NC at the Dunn-Benson Dragway in the IHRA Snap-On World Championship Series.

Holbrook finished fourth in the points standings last season. The Holbrooks built the car from scratch to make it the championship dragster it is.

"It looked awful when we first got it," said Marie. "But we worked on it and got it ready to run. I'm really the crew chief. He takes care of getting the car ready and I do all the other things."

The '68 Camaro is the only race car the Holbrooks have. While they enjoyed success in their first year of drag racing, they have higher goals this season.

"We finished fourth last year but our goal is a first place finish this year," said Marie.

Before last season, the Holbrooks ran in the IHRA at Clay City and Bristol, Tennessee only.

"Then we decided we wanted to make the circuit in the IHRA last season," said Marie.

Under the IHRA points standings, a driver is awarded 100 points for entry and the winner receives an extra 405 points while the runner-up is awarded 225 points. A driver will run six points races in both the Nationals and World Championship Series. They then can claim the top six of the 12 for points.

The Holbrooks plan to run in the Championship Series in the Charleston, West Virginia Kanawha Valley Dragway on June 20-21. The IHRA World Finals is scheduled for October 16-18 in Shreveport, LA.



Hot rod

Eddie Holbrook and crew were all smiles after he placed second in the Winter Nationals in Brandenton, Florida. Holbrook and his wife, Marie, have been making the rounds on the International Hot Rod Association circuit. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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KENTUCKY AFIELD

HUNTER EDUCATION YOUTH COMPETITION COMES TO KENTUCKY

Kentucky youth ages 9-19 can soon challenge their skills in shooting, orienteering, wildlife identification and other outdoor pursuits. This summer, Kentucky is hosting its first Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC). The competition will take place June 5-7, at the 4-H camp in Jabez, near Lake Cumberland. Teams of outdoors-skilled kids will be there to make the most of it.

The Kentucky YHEC is modeled after the International YHEC, a program sponsored by the National Rifle Association and International Hunter Education Association. Teams of five youths will compete in a series of four outdoor skills events and four shooting events designed to simulate actual hunting situations.

Outdoor skills categories include hunter responsibility exam, safety trail challenge, orienteering and wildlife identification. The shooting events include muzzle-loader, rifle, archery and shotgun. Hunter education cards are required for each participant, and each team must have a coach.

Teams will be divided in to two classes: youth, ages 9-14, and senior, ages 15-19. The winning teams in both the youth and senior classes will go on to represent Kentucky at the week-long national competition in Raton, New Mexico.

Any local, regional or state sportsmen's club can get involved in Kentucky's YHEC by sponsoring a team, entering their own team with a coach, or offering financial support to send the winning Kentucky teams to national competition. If

your sportsmen's club would like to get involved in YHEC, contact Dwight Crum with the University of Kentucky. Crum can be reached by writing UK 4-H Youth Development Programs, 212 Scovell Hall, Lexington, KY 40546-0064, or by calling (606)257-5961.

The deadline to apply for Kentucky YHEC is May 18. Registration is \$40 per person and includes registration, meals and lodging.

Registration fees and a list of team members,

including name, age, coach's name and team's class (junior or senior), should be sent to Kentucky Friends of 4-H, Attn: Marcia Porter, 149 Richmond Road, Irvine, KY 40336. For further details and an entry form, contact Marcia Porter at (606)723-5912.

RECORD FISH CAUGHT

It looks like 1998 may be another banner year for catching record-sized fish in Kentucky. Spring has just begun, and three new records have already been set. Even more noteworthy is that all three records were set by the same angler.

Larry S. Salchli of Stanton, KY, now holds a total of four Kentucky records. Salchli first got his name on the record list last spring when his 27.31-pound grass carp beat the previous record of 25 pounds.

On March 1, Salchli sank another record when he caught a 3:53-pound golden redhorse in the North Fork of Red River. The previous record was 2.17 pounds. The record golden redhorse measured 203/4

inches in length and 121/2 inches in girth.

A couple weeks later, on March 16, Salchli caught a 4.84-pound river redhorse and submitted a record fish application. Since this was the first application received for this species, a new category was added to the record list. This fish was caught in Slate Creek in Bath County and measured 23 inches long, with a girth of 13 1/2 inches.

Just three days later, Salchli established another new category on the list with a 1.63-pound white sucker he caught in Slate Creek, Montgomery County. This catch measured 14 1/2 inches long and had a girth of 10 1/2 inches.

For all three of his latest catches, Salchli was fishing with red worms. After having a fisheries biologist verify the catch, Salchli sent his applications to the Frankfort office of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

If you think you have caught a Kentucky state record fish, you must file an application with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) to be considered for a record. State record fish must have been caught by rod and reel or on a pole and line. This fish must be weighed on a scale certified legal for trade, and the weighing must be witnessed by at least three persons whose signatures must appear on the application or on an attached sheet of paper. The final stipulation is that the catch must be verified in person by a KDFWR fisheries biologist to be eligible for the record program.

Applications are available from district fisheries biologists or by writing the KDFWR Record Fish Program, #1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, KY 40601; telephone 1-800-858-1549.

Games, fun and excitement to highlight Kids Day in the Park

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Hurry, hurry, hurry, right this way for a fun filled day at Archer Park.

The fifth annual Kids Day in the Park has become one of the biggest events to kick off the spring season, and the city park in Prestonsburg will be the place for all kids ages nine and under to be.

The annual fun-filled day will get underway on Saturday, May 2 beginning at 11 a.m. Seven sporting events will welcome kids from all over the area as they converge on the park in a day that will be more than just good competition.

Some of the favorite kids characters will be walking around the park and there will be free refreshments for all those who take part in the games. Prizes will be given away throughout the day.

Some of the event includes the popular big wheel race. Parents are the fun ones to watch on this one as

they urge their kids onto the finish line. Some of the parents would make good subjects for America's Funniest Videos.

But there is more, much more. How about the sack races? What a fun event. Every kid competes against their own age group, and the sack races are a favorite of many.

But the kids like to see it-they might be the next up-and-coming UK quarterback as they take their turn at the football toss, a skill game of tossing a football through a hanging tire. Some show a lot of possibilities.

Prestonsburg holds off Belfry to win invitational

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Coach Bridgette Clay and the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats took home the championship trophy after

McDowell AAU wins regional; state next

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Again, the McDowell girls' AAU team are regional champions. But that is something they have done over the past three seasons, and coach Dickie Skeans credits the success of the program to unselfish play.

"This team has been successful because of that," he said. "Also, for being very athletic and versatile."

Winning the East Kentucky Regional title gives the McDowell team an automatic bid to the state tournament, which will be held in Bardstown on May 15, 16, and 17.

The Lady Daredevils were a

perfect 8-0 during the regular season games and won all three games in tournament play. McDowell won the 11 games by a winning margin of 28 points, which is remarkable.

"Our defense held the opposition to an average of 16 points per game," said Skeans. "Our good team play and balanced scoring gave us an average of 44 points per game."

Members of the championship team are: Stephanie Skeans, Megan Ousley, Leigh Ann Tuttle, Ashley Johnson, Rhonda Newsome, Miranda Gregory, Sharee Hopkins, Mary Bentley, Erica Howell, and Tabatha Tackett.

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job opened and coach Johnny Ray Turner had moved on to Johnson Central, I thought he was the likely choice to settle in at the new school.

When the news came out that an opening existed at Prestonsburg, I was asked who I thought should be recommended. My vote went to Coach Pack. He did an excellent job, on the court, in building a winning program for the Blackcats. No one can deny that fact.

How soon the vacancy will be filled, no one knows. The time frame lies in the hands of Mr. Tackett.

A call was put into his office, but never returned. Hopefully, we can find out more as quickly as possible.

With the summer camps on the horizon, one would think a replacement could be fast in coming. But you never know.

Volleyball

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events.

In a recent show of support for the Title IX program, which celebrated its 25th year, much attention has been brought to the forefront over the lack of district initiatives in solving the problem of inequalities in women's athletics.

"Volleyball is a great sport and would be ideal for women athletes during the football season," said Grigsby. "We have the facilities and it would be an expensive sport to start."

Volleyball practice officially opens on July 15, with the regular season beginning in late August and running through the middle part of October.

There was some concern that the volleyball season would hinder the basketball practice time, as both sports would run together.

"That would be a problem for a while," said Betsy Layne Athletic Director Shawn Ousley. "But it would only be for about two weeks."

Grigsby said it was urgent that a meeting of county AD's be held as quickly as possible to get certain athletic items settled. If a school is

to field a volleyball team during the coming school year, they must advise the Kentucky High School Athletic Association of their intentions by June 1.

A coach would have to be found, and schools may have to look in-house for some help.

"That is where we have to get all our coaches, in-house," said Ousley. "Use to be people stood in line for a coaches opening; now you can't find anyone who is interested."

The state will require districts to file annual reports on their compliance on Title IX, according to Grigsby.

This past fall, it was thought that county schools would drop some of their athletic programs because of the high rise of costs in bus transportation.

"I notified Louis Stout (KHSAA Commissioner) of our plans and he told me that it had better not be women's sports," said Grigsby. "This is not just something in our county but across the state."

Grigsby is looking for recommendations on what to do and is

urging all athletic directors and school principals to get ready for any changes to be made.

"We have to prepare for it now," he said. "We are looking for any recommendations from our principals and AD's."

While each district may conclude that the ruling will cause financial concern, still the law requires compliance. On Wednesday, April 8, the state board of education passed a requirement that all school districts are to make annual reports on how well they meet the demands of Title IX.

Brigid DeVries, associate commissioner of KHSAA and gender-equity expert, believes the Title IX ruling has been ignored over the past years and sees the state now taking a long look at the school districts and how they comply with the law.

"People get a little bit complacent after a few changes and they never were too interested in it (the law)," she said.

Grigsby said he believed that a fall sport for girls in Floyd County would be in place this fall.

Yates shuts down Pikeville to end long winning streak

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Tish Yates may not throw the softball like a bullet, but she is in control when she mounts the mound and that was evident this past Monday night when she handcuffed the Lady Panthers on two hits in a 6-1 regional victory for coach Anthony Moore's ballclub.

The win improved the Lady Rebels to 8-4 on the season, while Pikeville fell to 10-5.

For Pikeville, it meant the end of a 68-game winning streak against regional teams.

Yates gave up a lead-off single to Trimble in the third inning after retiring the first six batters she faced. She then followed the single by walking Sunny Philips, but got the next three batters on ground outs.

The Lady Rebels took a 2-0 lead in the top of the third inning against Philips, who started for Pikeville. Karen Wallen doubled to open the inning and scored on Yates' triple. Yates came home on Vylinda Turner's sacrifice fly to center.

Yates got Pikeville in order in the fourth inning, but gave up a one-out walk to Trimble and a two-out single to Philips to start the fifth. Trimble was nailed trying to move to third on a throw from Turner behind the plate.

Philips later scored the Lady Panthers' lone run to make it a 2-1 game. Yates walked Boyd, but Pikeville left two runners stranded as Yates pitched out of trouble.

Allen Central added three runs in the sixth inning to make it a 5-1 affair. Shawna Howell walked with one out and scored on Misty Scott's double. Scott scored on freshman Shannon Sizemore's RBI single.

She scored when Natalie Cooley's grounder was mishandled at short.

Allen Central added their final run in the top of the sixth on a lead-off walk to Yates and Howell's run-scoring single.

Yates did not strike out a batter but had Pikeville hitting the ball on the ground where the infield took

Slone

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the region's top outfielders, catching up with Conley's long drive in the third.

Prestonsburg broke the game open in the sixth inning when they scored four times after plating two runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

Angela Howell gave Prestonsburg a 1-0 lead by leading off with a walk, stealing second and coming home on Amelia Conley's ground out.

Betsy Layne tied the game in the bottom of the inning on a bunt single by Hamilton and a throwing error. Damron and Kristy Johnson collected back-to-back singles to start the second inning, and Johnson scored on a passed ball to give Prestonsburg a 2-1 lead.

The Lady Blackcats made it a 3-1 game in the top of the third on a walk to Howell, who stole second and scored on Nunnery's RBI single.

Betsy Layne was having trouble getting runners on base against Slone. Reynolds reached her for a single in the third, but was left stranded. Sheena Akers had solid double to right center, but could not score in the fourth inning.

Johnson lined into a double play on a hit-and-run play in the Prestonsburg fourth but the Lady Blackcats still pushed home two

care of 12 ground balls. Yates retired six of the last seven she faced.

Philips fanned six batters while allowing six runs on six hits.

Allen Central will face Prestonsburg in a conference showdown this Tuesday at the Allen Park.

Staci Goble had a two-out single and scored on an error to right field off the bat of Brooks Coleman. Coleman circled the bases as Betsy Layne had trouble fielding the ball.

Damron collected her third consecutive hit with a fifth inning single. Nunnery walked and Conley lined a base hit to start the fifth. Both runners came home to score to make it 7-1.

Coleman ripped a RBI triple at the onset of the sixth inning when Prestonsburg scored four times. Howell singled home a run and Nunnery doubled in Howell. She scored on Conley's sacrifice fly to center.

Betsy Layne made it a 13-3 game with two runs in the seventh inning. Jones walked and scored on Robinette's RBI double off Slone. Robinette scored on a wild pitch.

Slone allowed but four hits in striking out 18 batters. She issued but three walks in scattering four hits.

Hamilton allowed 13 runs on 10 hits. She fanned three and walked seven.

Prestonsburg will meet Allen Central in a top conference game this Tuesday at Archer Park. Betsy Layne plays at Perry Central tonight.

Dairy Queen of Prestonsburg SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK



If you are the sports fan circled here...it's your lucky day!

Bring this photo to the Floyd County Times office at 112 South Central Avenue (down the street from the courthouse) to claim your **Gift Certificate**, which will entitle you to a free 8-inch ice cream cake of your choice, redeemable at **Dairy Queen of Prestonsburg**, and a **Sports Fan of the Week T-Shirt**.

NASCAR

This Week

On TV

All times Eastern

- Winston Cup Qualifying
4 p.m. • Friday • ESPN2
- Busch GN, Talladega
4 p.m. • Saturday • ABC
- Winston Cup, DieHard 500
1 p.m. • Sunday • ABC



POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Rusty Wallace, 1,036.	1. D. Earnhardt Jr., 1,138.	1. Jack Sprague, 330.
2. Jeremy Mayfield, 1,012.	2. Matt Kenseth, 1,107.	2. Ron Hornaday, 322.
3. Terry Labonte, 1,001.	3. Elliott Sadler, 1,092.	3. Greg Biffle, 315.
4. Mark Martin, 979.	4. M. McLaughlin, 1,053.	4. Jay Sauter, 311.
5. Jeff Gordon, 938.	5. Randy LaJoie, 996.	5. Bob Keselowski, 288.
6. Bill Elliott, 927.	6. Hermie Sadler, 970.	6. Joe Ruttman, 267.
7. Dale Jarrett, 920.	7. Buckshot Jones, 965.	7. Rick Crawford, 256.
8. Jeff Burton, 875.	8. Mike Dillon, 922.	8. Ron Barfield, 252.
9. Dale Earnhardt, 860.	9. Jason Keller, 911.	9. Mike Bliss, 248.
10. Johnny Benson, 843.	10. Mike Green, 907.	10. Rich Bickle, 246.

FROM LAST WEEK

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Ron Hornaday, the 1996 national champion, broke the heart of his 1997 successor, Jack Sprague, in the Chevy Dealers 200 at Phoenix International Raceway.

A pair of rookies, Stacy Compton from Virginia and Andy Houston from North Carolina, started on the front row, but Sprague moved to the front early and dominated most

of the race.

Two drivers with prominent positions took hits in the early stages. Greg Biffle, driving a Jack Roush-owned Ford, crashed in the opening laps, and Dodge driver Bob Keselowski suffered early mechanical failure.

Hornaday appeared on Sprague's rear bumper with 12 laps to go and slipped past him into the lead with five to go.

TOP TEN

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

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| 1. Jeff Gordon (2)
An ace everywhere | 6. Jeff Burton (6)
Quietly competitive |
| 2. Mark Martin (1)
Keeps on plugging | 7. Jeremy Mayfield (7)
Still lurking |
| 3. Rusty Wallace (3)
Suddenly consistent | 8. Johnny Benson (8)
Crowding Mayfield |
| 4. Dale Jarrett (4)
Needs luck to change | 9. Bobby Labonte (10)
The man from Pontiac |
| 5. Terry Labonte (5)
Mystery at Martinsville | 10. Dale Earnhardt (9)
Rolling downhill |

ON THE SCHEDULE

Date	Race	1997 Winner	Pole
April 26	DieHard 500, Talladega, Ala.	Martin	Andretti
May 3	California 500, Fontana, Calif.	J. Gordon	Nemechek
May 16	The Winston, Concord, N.C.*	J. Gordon	Elliott
May 24	Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.	J. Gordon	J. Gordon
May 31	Miller 500, Dover, Del.	Rudd	B. Labonte
June 6	Pontiac 400, Richmond, Va.	R. Wallace	T. Labonte
June 14	Miller 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	Irvan	Jarrett
June 21	Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.	J. Gordon	Hamilton
June 28	Save Mart 300, Sonoma, Calif.	Martin	Martin
July 4	Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.	Andretti	Skinner
July 12	Jiffy Lube 300, Loudon, N.H.	J. Burton	Schrader
July 26	Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.	Jarrett	Nemechek
Aug. 1	Brickyard 400, Speedway, Ind.	Rudd	Irvan
Aug. 9	Bud at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.	J. Gordon	T. Bodine
Aug. 16	DeVilbiss 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	Martin	Benson
Aug. 22	Goody's 500, Bristol, Tenn.	Jarrett	K. Wallace
Aug. 30	CMT 300, Loudon, N.H.	J. Gordon	Schrader
Sept. 6	Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.	J. Gordon	B. Labonte
Sept. 12	Exide 400, Richmond, Va.	Jarrett	Elliott
Sept. 20	MBNA 400, Dover, Del.	Martin	Martin
Sept. 27	Hanes 500, Martinsville, Va.	J. Burton	W. Burton
Oct. 4	UAW-GM 500, Concord, N.C.	Jarrett	G. Bodine
Oct. 11	Winston 500, Talladega, Ala.	T. Labonte	Irvan
Oct. 25	Dura-Lube 500, Avondale, Ariz.	Jarrett	Hamilton
Nov. 1	AC-Delco 400, Rockingham, N.C.	Hamilton	B. Labonte
Nov. 8	NAPA 500, Concord, N.C.	B. Labonte	G. Bodine

*All-star event

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Ron Hornaday vs. Jack Sprague

The two Chevrolet drivers exchanged paint throughout the Craftsman Truck Series race at Phoenix International Raceway. Sprague, who had dominated events at the mile track, led most of the way, but it was a clean pass that gave Hornaday the victory this time around.

NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "Both drivers have reputations for pulling no punches. Both drivers are ex-Truck Series champions. Both drivers want the distinction as the series' biggest star. Will the rough driving continue? Almost surely. Stay tuned."

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

The rich history of NASCAR

In an earlier trivia question, we incorrectly identified Myrtle Beach Speedway as the only site where all three generations of Winston Cup racing Pettys — Lee, Richard and Kyle — competed in races. As many readers correctly pointed out, there were a number of tracks where all three Pettys raced. Myrtle Beach was the only track where all three generations raced without ever winning.

Despite Daytona win, Earnhardt no better than last year

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — When Dale Earnhardt won the Daytona 500 on Feb. 15, forecasts of a record eighth Winston Cup championship were in the air.

The championship charge has not materialized. At least not yet.

Basically, since Daytona, it has been the same Earnhardt who went winless for the first time in 16 years in 1997. A considerable body of evidence is mounting that suggests Earnhardt, his Richard Childress-owned Chevrolet team and crew chief Larry McReynolds are faring no better than a year ago.

THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

COMING UP: DieHard 500
WHERE: Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway
WHEN: Sunday, April 26
DEFENDING CHAMPION: Mark Martin
EVENT QUALIFYING RECORD: Bill Elliott, Ford, 212.809 mph, April 30, 1987.
RACE RECORD: Mark Martin, Ford, 188.354 mph, May 10, 1997.
OTHER FORMER WINNERS: The spring race at Talladega has been won three times each by Davey Allison, David Pearson, Buddy Baker and Bobby Allison.

Martin

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ALMOST HOME COOKING

No one should pass up a trip to Dreamland Ribs, near the campus of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The fare is simple: pork ribs, loaf bread and potato chips, if you'd like. But you'll never taste a better plate of ribs.

NOTABLE: The spring race at Talladega has had its sponsorship changed. Since the 1971, the spring race had been known as the Winston 500, but the October race will now be known by that name so that it can serve as the conclusion of the tobacco company's No Bull Five program. The DieHard 500 will be the name of the spring race for the first time this year.

THE BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL DIVISION

COMING UP: Touchstone Energy 300
WHERE: Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway
WHEN: Saturday, April 25
DEFENDING CHAMPION: Mark Martin
EVENT QUALIFYING RECORD: Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 193.517 mph, April 24, 1997.
RACE RECORD: Mark Martin, Ford, 168.937 mph, April 26, 1997.
OTHER FORMER WINNERS: No one has been able to win this race twice since its inception in 1992. Ernie Irvan, Dale Earnhardt, Ken Schrader, Chad Little and Greg Sacks join Martin among the list of winners for this race.
NOTABLE: Chevrolet holds a 4-2 edge over Ford in Talladega BGN wins. ... Jeff Purvis and Nemechek have each won the pole twice.

PROFILE

Wally Dallenbach Jr.



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Wally Dallenbach Jr. is determined to earn victories at the Winston Cup level.

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

A road racer of international renown, Wally Dallenbach Jr. is determined to match his previous success with victories at the Winston Cup level.

Once a back-to-back champion of the Sports Car Club of America's TransAm Series and a winner of the Rolex 24 at Daytona, Dallenbach has been racing stock cars since 1992.

As a NASCAR driver, Dallenbach is best known for his performances on road courses.

AGE: 34
WIFE: Robin
CHILDREN: Jacob (8), Wyatt (6), Kate (1).
CAR: No. 46 First Union Chevrolet Monte Carlo,

owned by Felix Sabates.
CAREER RECORD: 141 starts, 0 wins, 0 poles, 5 top-five finishes, 13 top 10s, career earnings of more than \$2.5 million.

WHAT WAS IT LIKE AS A KID WATCHING YOUR FATHER COMPETE IN THE INDIANAPOLIS 500?

"I thought it was pretty cool watching my dad drive 200 miles an hour. Dad won a few races in the 1970s, but for us, it was just like any other kid having his or her dad as a carpenter or plumber. Ours just happened to drive a race car."

A YEAR AGO YOU RAN A LIMITED SCHEDULE. WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO CHANGE?

"Running a limited schedule last year really handi-

capped the First Union team from reaching its full potential. Because we weren't in the thick of the points race, we were always one of the last teams through the NASCAR technical inspection. As a result, we were always one of the last cars to get on the track to practice. And since we were running a limited schedule and not on the track every week, we needed all the practice laps we could get."

WHEN DID YOU ACTUALLY START RUNNING ALL OF THE RACES?

"Once we committed to finishing out most of the remaining schedule, last year, our on-track performance elevated the team morale to a new level."

YOUR TURN

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week, I have a comment concerning the fact I cannot see and enjoy the car races since I gave up cable TV. All I have now is air.

Why are the races tied up with cable? Don't we buy the products that are sold by the advertising shown throughout the race, or does cable pay more to have all rights?

Charles H. Mayer
Avon Park, Fla.

Dear Charles, Currently there are more NASCAR broadcasts on network television than at any time in history. One must recognize that cable TV is partly responsible for the increase in the sport's popularity, and beginning in the early 1980s, cable channels were willing to produce live flag-to-flag coverage of Winston Cup when the networks, for the most part, were not.

Dear NASCAR This Week, My family has been a fan of NASCAR for eight years. To us it's the only sport on TV worth watching or going to. Those guys do a great job. After Richard Petty retired, our favorites became Jeff Gordon and Kyle Petty.

We've noticed that Jeff always thanks the good Lord above after winning a race. That's why he became our favorite... I just had to pass along this joke to you:

A driver died and went to heaven. St. Peter was showing him around. He saw Alan Kulwicki's No. 7 and Davey Allison's No. 28, and all other drivers' cars that had gone before him. When they went around a corner, he saw the DuPont No. 24 and said, "Oh no, don't tell me Jeff Gordon has died, too." St. Peter said, "No, he's fine. That's God's car. Jeff just drives it on Sundays."

Kody Taylor, 13
Bowling Green, Ky.

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

CREW OF THE WEEK

The Kodak Chevrolet team, led by crew chief Robert Larkins, helped Bobby Hamilton win Chevrolet's first pole of the season at Martinsville Speedway in qualifying for the Goody's 500.

ON THE MARKET

Peter Golenbock is back with "The Last Lap," a 50th-anniversary homage to NASCAR with an interesting theme. Golenbock concentrates on the sport's great stars who were not around to see NASCAR reach its greatest heights. Available in most major bookstores for \$24.95.

Who's not hot... Who's not

WHO'S HOT? Johnny Benson came to Martinsville with five straight top 5s.

WHO'S NOT? Mike Skinner, before being injured, had finished 28th or worse in every race since an eighth at Daytona.

TRIVIA

- What driver got his big break driving movie cars for the filming of "Days of Thunder"?
- What current Winston Cup driver is married to the daughter of ex-driver Donnie Allison?

ANSWERS
1. Bobby Hamilton
2. Hut Stricklin

AROUND THE GARAGE

Daytona (entering Martinsville): 17, 8, 13, 12, 22, 35.

WHAT THE STATS SAY: Who has improved more than any other driver during the 1998 season? Jeremy Mayfield? No. Rusty Wallace? No.

By comparing the points accumulated by drivers after the first seven races of 1997 with current standings after the same number of races, the most improved award goes to... Jimmy Spencer, who had 305 more points (entering Martinsville) this year (836) than last (531).

Next was Mayfield at plus-266 (1,012-746). Others with an improvement of 100 points or

more were Robert Pressley (258), Chad Little (254), Wallace (214), Steve Grissom (169), Dick Trickle (158), Kenny Schrader (133), Johnny Benson (131) and Mark Martin (115).

Leading the list of sliders was Ricky Rudd, who had dropped 346 points to 511 after being at 857 at this point in 1997. Others who dropped 100 or more points were Hut Stricklin (262), Darrell Waltrip (256), Dale Jarrett (234), Sterling Marlin (219), Geoff Bodine (190) and Mike Skinner (106).

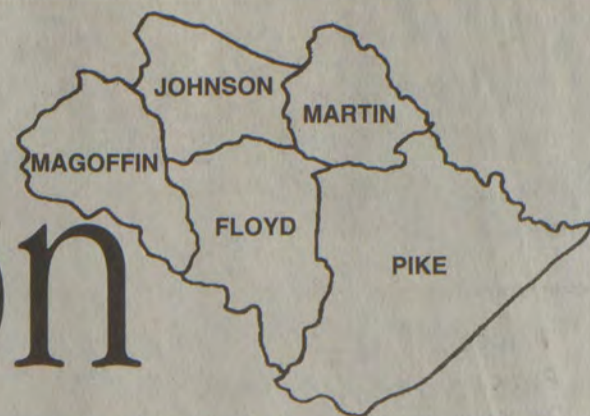
Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon was 52 off his pace; Daytona 500 winner Dale Earnhardt had improved by only seven.

RACING ON THE WEB

Stockton's John Andretti Page
ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/cecil_stockton

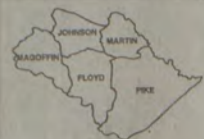
Strong points: One fan's tribute to his favorite driver, complete with photos, the story of how the author of the page became a fan of NASCAR and Andretti, and personal reflections on Andretti's first Winston Cup win at Daytona in 1997.

Weak points: Unapologetically opinionated, facts are sparse here.



Around The Region

Regional Events



Grant writing

Anyone who is interested in receiving grant writing training will have an opportunity to do so in Paintsville. Coming the third week in May, a team from one of the country's most well-known grant writing institutes will be flying in from California to provide Eastern Kentuckians the chance to gain some grant-writing.

This opportunity is not free, but scholarships are available.

Call the Johnson County Extension Service at 606-789-8108 for a brochure. Deadline for registration is the last week of April.

MSU concert

"A Music Theatre Revue" will be presented by Morehead State University's OperaWorks on Tuesday, April 28, at 8 p.m., in Duncan Recital Hall on campus.

The concert, which is free and open to the public, will feature scenes from the classics "Brigadoon," by Lerner and Loewe and "Guys and Dolls," by Frank Loesser.

Students performing during the evening include Scott Bradley, Prestonsburg, senior, as Tommy.

Pikeville College Science and Math Day Camp 1998

It's time to start looking ahead to Pikeville College's annual Science and Math Day Camp. This year's camp will be held from July 27-July 31, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. daily (with the exception of the Friday field trip). Registration is open to students who will be enrolled in the fifth-eighth grade in the upcoming 1998-99 school year.

The application forms will be available for pick-up at 8 a.m. on May 7. No applications will be mailed or released until that time.

For more information, contact Robert Arts, director of the Pikeville College Math/Science Resource Center, at (606) 437-3417.

Pikeville College hosts physics petting zoo

Pikeville College will host a physics petting zoo May 11-May 15 in the Armington Science-Learning Center. The physics petting zoo will be open to the public from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. daily.

The physics petting zoo is a collection of more than 30 hands-on physics displays.

These displays allow students, teachers, and community members to interact with real equipment, while at the same time learning physics principles. Generally, it takes an hour for each group to interact with all the displays.

This time varies based on group size and participants' particular interest in understanding the displays.

In addition, a scaled-down version of the zoo is available for set-up at local schools.

The Math/Science Center is willing to make arrangements with interested schools and groups to accommodate the zoo displays.

With an on-site set-up, some restrictions do apply, however, including space and running time.

For group reservation information, further information on the displays, or to make arrangements for an on-site set-up, contact Robert Arts, director of the Pikeville College Math/Science Resource Center, at (606) 437-3417.

Phelps man found guilty of murder

by David Gross
Appalachian News-Express

Jurors needed less than two hours Tuesday to convict a Phelps man of fatally shooting his ex-wife last year at the drug store where she worked.

A Pike Circuit Court jury found Steven Estep, 32, guilty of capital murder for the death of Kathy Bowling, 23, who was a clerk at the Citizens Valu-Rite Drug Store at Phelps. Prosecutors said Estep entered the store last January, shot Bowling eight times and then engaged in a stand-off with police while she died.

The state is seeking the death penalty in the case.

"I don't know what else I can tell you on this except the obvious," Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Elizabeth Graham told jurors during her closing arguments. "You know that Steven Estep did it."

"It's all here. It's all together. No one is trying to fool you here," she said. "It's a very clear application of the law."

The sentencing phase of the trial began Wednesday at 9 a.m. in Pike Circuit Judge Eddy Coleman's courtroom. Jurors can recommend one of three sentences for the murder charge: 20 years to life in prison, life in prison without probation or parole for 25 years, or the death penalty.

Estep could be the first person to be sentenced to death in Pike County since David "Little Britches" Smith in 1983.

Estep was also convicted of kidnapping, first-degree wanton endangerment and burglary. He remained emotionless and did not speak while the verdicts were read.

Mitch Bowling, the victim's father, who has sat at the prosecution table throughout the proceedings, declined to comment. Frank Estep, Steven Estep's father, also declined to comment.

The defense's case included only eight witnesses and lasted just two hours during a two-day period. Prosecutors concluded their case Monday afternoon after more than four days of testimony from 26 witnesses.

State to probe fiscal court's gravel easements

by Lily Adkins
Martin County-Sun

With so much controversy into the issue of whether gravel is being distributed illegally, the Kentucky State Police Special Investigations unit is conducting an investigation.

Several Martin County residents have admitted to signing easements for gravel, and District 4 Magistrate John Harmon also stated that 99 percent of all easements were for gravel.

The law says easements must be 30 feet in width and the road must be an established and opened public roadway having been used and occupied by the general public as a roadway without interruption for a period in excess of five years.

An easement for Dollie-Ellen Lane, a driveway at Pilgrim that was accepted into the county road plan, was in effect for less than a month, during which one load of #57 gravel was brought to the property by the county.

In a taped interview, Willis Hatfield, of Dollie-Ellen Lane, said he thought he was signing for gravel.

"The way the paper (SUN) said it, that the easement was for 30 ft. x 100 ft., would be almost everything I owned," Hatfield said. "I only own 45 ft. x 11.5 ft. I was scared to death that the flood project coming up there wouldn't buy us out because the county already had my place."

Gladys Stacy, who signed an easement for Rebecca Street, another driveway located at Blacklog near SCHS, said that she had signed for gravel, but after learning that she gave control of her property to the county, Stacy took the easement back.

Property belonging to Arnold Reed on Lower Carter Branch recently received two loads of gravel for his property as well.

There are two graves on the hillside above Reed's home; however, there is no road leading to the site, and only one home exists at the end of the road.

The gravel was dumped all the way to the area where the couple park their vehicles.

"We have a graveyard back there, and that is why they (the county) brought us gravel," Reed said.

Since September 1997, there have been more than 350 easements added, with more than half of them this year. Since January 5, the county has spent more than \$15,000 on gravel.

nesses.

Defense attorney Harolyn Howard made a motion for a mistrial Monday on the basis that Judge Coleman showed prejudice by not allowing the defense to use a medical witness to rebut statements made by prosecution witnesses.

"That is so prejudicial to Steven Estep

"... He didn't intend to commit any crime," she said. "He was not there to hurt Kathy Bowling, but he did. He killed her."
—Harolyn Howard

that there is no way the jury can make a fair decision," Howard said Monday.

Prosecutors had called police who said Estep appeared calm after the shooting. Defense attorneys, who said the prosecution might link the apparent calmness to an intent by Estep to commit the crimes, wanted to call a doctor who would testify that Estep was calm by nature because of a personality disorder they say he suffers from.

Coleman had previously ruled that any

evidence of emotional distress would not be admissible during the trial's guilt phase, but can be used during the penalty phase. He overruled the motion for a mistrial.

Howard has said she will appeal the case.

Prosecutors said Estep arrived at the Phelps drug store about 4:10 p.m. last

minutes after the shooting from blood loss caused by multiple gunshot wounds to the head and chest, he said.

Defense witnesses were primarily limited to Estep's family members, who testified about his numerous suicide threats and attempts. He once tried to overdose on prescription pills, his sister said, and another time he jumped from a 70-foot railroad crossing.

Howard said during closing arguments that Estep returned to the drug store not with the intent to harm Bowling, but to threaten suicide in an attempt to win her back.

"What Steven Estep has done is horrible, and cannot be excused," she said to jurors. "But what you don't know is why. You don't know the circumstances that led to him being there that day. You don't know what he was thinking or what his intent was."

"... He didn't intend to commit any crime," she said. "He was not there to hurt Kathy Bowling, but he did. He killed her."

Yatesville Lake Marina opens

Governor Paul Patton cut the yellow ribbon on the grounds of a newly-constructed \$2 million marina at Yatesville Lake State Park in Louisa. The April 6th event marked the first phase of an extended development of the lake area.

Patton told a crowd of approximately 300 that an 80-site campground now under construction is projected for completion by fall 1998. He announced funding for a \$6 million 18-hole golf course for the park, stating that an aggressive legislative agenda during the recent general assembly session had secured funding for a number of projects, which, he said, will improve the quality of life for Kentuckians.

Patton commended Representative Rocky Adkins, Sandy Hook, and Senator Walter Blevins, West Liberty, for their commitment to the Yatesville Lake improvements.

The new 140-slip marina offers annual rentals on covered and open slips. A small grocery store has bait, fishing supplies and snacks. A pump-out station, gas, phones and restrooms are conveniently located on site.

"Someday this chain of lakes—Greenbo, Grayson, Yatesville, and Dewey Lake at Jenny Wiley—will be as important to Eastern Kentucky tourism as the Land Between the Lakes is to Western Kentucky," declared Secretary of Tourism Ann Latta, adding that tourism is a \$7.2 billion industry in the state, contributing \$660 million in state taxes and \$123 million in local taxes in 1996.

Reviewing some of the hard work which brought about the Yatesville funding, Rocky

Adkins quoted his father, "The things you work for the hardest are the things that mean the most to you." Adkins said tourism is a part of the puzzle that produces economic development and ventured a guess that Lawrence County is "ready to explode."

Senator Blevins added that Eastern Kentuckians are impatient, wanting to be able to compete with anyone in the country. He praised the strength and character of mountain people as adequate to get the job done.

Governor Patton acknowledged the presence of local students, stating that he also was educated in the public schools of Lawrence County.

The governor then welcomed young Tyler Childers, 6, to the podium and commissioned him a Kentucky Colonel. The boy is a son of Timothy and Geneva Childers of Lawrence County.

For more information on the marina, call Mark Reeder, park manager, at (606) 686-2361.



Left to right, Secretary of Tourism Ann Latta, (left) Senator Walter Blevins, West Liberty, Governor Paul Patton; Judi Patton; and Representative Rocky Adkins of Sandy Hook cut the ribbon to officially open a \$2 million marina at Yatesville Lake.

Juvenile escapee nabbed in Levisa Fork of Big Sandy

A juvenile escapee of a Jefferson County correctional facility was rescued from the swollen waters of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy Wednesday after he attempted to flee from Pikeville police officers.

The police department received a complaint about the juvenile, who was hitching on U.S. 23 near the Island Creek Bridge. Around 3:20 p.m., officer Joey Morris spotted the juvenile near the entrance of Whayne Supply.

When questioned, the juvenile gave a false name and said his mother was on her way to pick him up, according to police reports.

The Pikeville dispatch office contacted the 17-year-old's parents, who said their son was an escapee from Jefferson County. Dispatch advised another officer on the scene, Sgt. Woody Pruitt about the situation. When Pruitt told Morris to get more information from the juvenile so they could check the National Crime Information Center (N.C.I.C.) for wanted or missing persons, the juvenile overheard the conversation and panicked, records show. The teen-ager ran over an embankment leading to the river.

Pruitt and Morris conducted a search of the brush area on the riverbank when a call came into dispatch that a youth was spotted in the river yelling that he could not swim.

The Pikeville Fire Department and the Pike County Rescue Squad was sent to the scene to assist in the rescue attempt. The fire department set up posts near the Island Creek Bridge, and fire chief Tommy Hall set up a post at the raw water intake. Pruitt went to the other side of the river where the

juvenile was last seen and searched the brush area.

From his post, fire chief Hall spotted the teenager holding on to a large tree. The youth was rescued by the fire department. He was taken to the Pikeville Methodist Hospital by Pikeville EMS units, and was treated for hypothermia.

The juvenile is listed on the N.C.I.C. as a missing person and escapee from the Jefferson County area and is being held in Pike County pending transport to Jefferson County.

Officer Morris and Sgt. Pruitt were assisted by Wally Justice, Paul Maynard and Thomas Ray.

Sycamore citizens ask court for own place

by Geoff Belcher
Appalachian News-Express

The Sycamore and Elkhorn Creek Concerned Citizens have petitioned he Pike Fiscal Court for a place of their own.

"Since our community school has been taken over by a private juvenile facility, our people have been left without a public meeting place," Letha Justice, spokeswoman for the Concerned Citizens, told fiscal court members at their regular meeting Monday.

The Pike County Board of Education sold Sycamore Elementary at auction last year to a coal operator, who in turn sold the property for the same price to Pike County School Superintendent Reo Johns' son, Barry Johns, and Caleb Cooley.

The property is now owned by Youth Opportunities Unlimited, a for-profit company owned by real estate developer Marvin Hensley, a partner with Anita

Johnson in another, unrelated business. Kentucky Youth Academy leases the property from Hensley.

The land deal is still under investigation by the FBI, the state Office of Education Accountability and a federal grand jury at Ashland.

Pike County Judge-Executive Donna Damron told Justice at Monday's meeting that fiscal court was already trying to acquire a place for the citizens of Sycamore and Elkhorn Creek, and has located at least two sites that would be adequate for the citizens' needs.

In addition, Damron said, the state has already approved funding for development when a proper site is selected.

In the meantime, Damron said, the citizens were welcome to use county senior citizens centers and fire departments for public meetings.

"We'd like to get something for the people just as quickly as we can," Justice said.

Big Sandy Briefs

The Numbers Game

Wednesday's Results	April 22, 1998
LOTTO KENTUCKY 04-06-21-23-35-40 Next Estimated Jackpot \$1 million	POWERBALL 04-13-29-31-49 (04) Next Estimated Jackpot \$39 million

Annexation of portion of Ramey Park avoided in sewer plant work

The possibility that the Licking River would have to be widened and annex a portion of the local recreational park as part of the Water Treatment Plant Project, created concern and opposition with city officials and local residents.

The current plant, which is located across the river from the Ramey Memorial Park, is scheduled for an expansion project that will lift the moratorium (tap-on ban) that has plagued the City of Salyersville for a number of years.

In order to avoid flooding, representatives of the United States Army Corp of Engineers proposed that the banks of The Licking River be cut to enlarge the berm around the plant.

"From an engineer's point of view, this plan does not fit the bill," said Paul Nesbitt of Nesbitt Engineering, the consultants in charge of the sewer plant renovation and enlargement project.—*The Salyersville Independent*

Fruit and veggie growers will have way to market products

Local growers of fruits and vegetables will have the opportunity to market those products locally in a new project announced by a county civic organization.

Magoffin County WORKS will also help low-

income people supplement their incomes with assistance in growing and marketing garden produce.

"We recognize that everyone does not have the equipment they need to grow a garden," said WORKS member Lois Dunn. "Not everyone has access to land."

According to Dunn and others the group's agricultural project consists of several components: a farmer's market to be operated in the summer and fall, community garden plots, assistance with plowing or tilling gardens for the elderly or low-income, help with obtaining seed or fertilizer, and information and training on gardening and pest control.—*The Salyersville Independent*

Matt Wireman takes job with state; his local post abolished

Members of the Magoffin County Board of Education voted Thursday to abolish the position of Finance Director for the remainder of the current school year.

The action was taken following the resignation of Matthew Wireman, who had previously filled the post. Wireman recently accepted a position with the Kentucky State Department of Education in Frankfort.

Assigned to the Division of Management Assistance, Wireman will be traveling to various school districts that are deemed as being in crisis and working to firm their financial standing.—*The Salyersville Independent*

Road slides into Tug Fork River

About 15 Buskirk families found themselves stranded for most of the day Sunday after a section of River Road gave way and slid into the Tug Fork River, officials said.

Heavy rainfall, combined with the lapping waters of yet another swollen Tug River, caused a 100-foot section of the road to break away and fall into the rising current, leaving nearly 75 people with no safe passage out of the low-lying, flood-prone area.

Once the threat of broken power lines from a pole that had been uprooted by the slide was removed, county workers graded and filled an adjacent ditch with truckloads of rock and gravel. One lane of traffic was open by early evening.—*Appalachian News-Express*

Elkhorn council, mayor clash over new employee

Mayor Richard "Hank" Salyer and members of the city council are again pitted against each other in a controversy, this one over whether Salyer violated state law with the recent appointment of a city employee.

City preps for second invasion

Don't look now but the red coats have arrived and will be in full swing crowding the streets of Paintsville by mid-way Wednesday.

If you are wondering who all the coats belong to they're the students of the VICA annual state-wide competition being held at different locations around Johnson County.

Members of the Vocational Industrial Club of America convene each year in each state to compete for national competition in their respected fields of study.

This year, nationals will be held the third week of June in Kansas City.

Held last year for the first time in forty years, the four-day event went over well, say those in charge of coordinating the event. Paintsville was host to over one thousand competitors and judges combined.—*The Paintsville Herald*

Pitcher's wife finds big leagues not all glam and glitz

For a small-town Kentucky girl, Billie Griffith Plunk sure hit the big time when she married Eric Plunk, relief pitcher for the Cleveland Indians major league baseball team, signing a contract in 1996 for \$7.8 million until the year 2000.

At issue is Salyer's appointment of Greg Moore, the son of ex-Elkhorn City Mayor John Moore, to a position officials have dubbed codes enforcement officer. Salyer says the position has existed for several years, and that he was within his legal authority to make the appointment.

But city council members Steve Ruth and Johnny Stewart disagree, and contend it is a new position that must be approved by the council before it can be created.—*Appalachian News-Express*

Patton okays \$22 million in Pike County projects

When Governor Paul Patton signed the state's executive branch budget into law, \$22 million for Pike projects were included.

The \$22 million the county will receive is in addition to more than \$282 million for road and bridge construction projects proposed by Patton and approved by the legislature recently. That means more than \$304 million of state and federal funds are now in place to be spent on Pike County roads, bridges, public facilities and programs.

Included in the projects is a \$12.5 million civic center, a domestic violence shelter, and a family court system.—*Appalachian News-Express*

Billie says the hectic schedule of both her children and her husband is sometimes almost more than she can bear. Rising at 6 a.m., Billie works as many as 20 hours a day to run her home smoothly.

With her husband gone playing baseball from roughly February until October, the family lives in a rented home in Cleveland.

When in the minor league, Eric's salary was a mere \$1000 a month; Billie had to take a job waitressing to supplement their income to make sure the bills were paid.

Now that her husband has hit the big time, Billie said "baseball life is kind of like military life. You kind of have to take the good with the bad, but I think in the end we will have realized that it's all been worth the sacrifice," she said.—*The Paintsville Herald*

Castle named to board

Interested in becoming the next city school board member, fifteen-year resident Cindy Castle said she applied for the position because she has two children, one of which attends Paintsville Elementary.

Castle replaced Jim Carroll as the board's newest member where she will remain until the end of the year.

At the end of the year she says "it's more than likely" she will enter the elections to maintain her seat.—*The Paintsville Herald*

Judge sends accused child molester back to jail

Robert Denzil Newsome, 40, of Setzer Branch, appeared Tuesday for his day in court for a trial by jury, concerning charges of first degree rape, incest, and first degree sexual assault, for which he was indicted on March 13, 1995. Mr. Newsome has been free on bond after his arraignment in 1996, when his bond of \$50,000, cash or property was reduced.

Newsome's court appointed attorney, Mary Lou Chandler, filed a sworn affidavit saying that Newsome had been "unavailable for consultation" for the past two years, resulting in Circuit Judge Stephen Nick Frazier setting aside Newsome's bail bond for failure to cooperate in his defense.

Newsome is being held at the Big Sandy Detention Center with no bond until his trial date, which is scheduled for October 15. If convicted on all charges, Newsome faces up to a total of 35 years, and \$30,000 in

fines.—*The Martin County Sun*

Political race is hot, hot, hot!

When 34-year-old political newcomer Jeff Hinkle first signed up to run for Martin County Attorney against veteran politician Drewie Muncy a few months ago, many political watchers thought the youthful lawyer, who is a partner at John Kirk Law Offices, was wasting his time. "Muncy is too slick," they said.

But Hinkle has rolled up his sleeves and mounted a house-to-house campaign asking voters what they have to show for all the money the county has received since Muncy took over more than twenty years ago.

And judging by the poll results and Muncy's reaction to Hinkle's advertisements, the race is becoming too close to call with just over five weeks to go before the May 26 Primary Election.—*The Martin County Sun*

gun license revoked by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

Michael T. Evangelista, 38, owner of the Louisa Pawn Shop on Pike Street was arrested and charged with the crime on March 26 after police conducted a search warrant of the business.

Police confiscated 29 long guns such as rifles and shotguns and seven handguns. Louisa Police Chief K.T. Adkins said when the shop opened in January, the license to buy and sell guns was issued under Evangelista's wife's name.

Evangelista was convicted on a felony count of aggravated trafficking in 1980 in Ohio. Under Kentucky law, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to possess or deal in firearms.

Since the shop's gun license was revoked, all of the guns in pawn were placed with local authorized dealer Paul Chandler. Anyone who had a gun in pawn at the Louisa Pawn Shop can pick it up at Chandler's business, Video Warehouse, by bringing proof of ownership.

Evangelista was scheduled to be arraigned before the Lawrence District Court Wednesday.—*The Big Sandy News*

Sandy Hook, said at the end of the 1998 session of the General Assembly, which concluded last week, that funds allocated by both houses for Morgan County projects remained intact in the final version of the state biennial budget.

Blevins, who presided over the senate during the last day of the session, said the budget conference committee included \$6 million for a new 50,000 sq. ft. building to house Morehead State University's Extended Campus Center in West Liberty. That money has been included in the House budget bill at the urging of Rep. John Stacy, D-West Liberty, chairman of the House Education Budget Subcommittee and was retained in the Senate.—*The Licking Valley Courier*

Humane society is organized; group offers to drop suit

A local humane society has been organized here and property on Ky. 172 near West Liberty has been pledged for the purpose of building and operating an approved animal shelter, according to Pamela Stakelin, president of the new organization.

Stakelin, who is a plaintiff in a lawsuit filed against Morgan Fiscal Court on grounds that the county has failed to abide by state animal-control laws, and articles of incorporation for the new organization, to be named the Morgan County Humane Society, are currently being drawn up.—*The Licking Valley Courier*

ground area and shut off electricity. By Sunday, the campground had almost completely disappeared, with only the peaks of the shelter rooftops visible above the water.

Judge-executive Homer Sawyer declared a state of emergency in the county. Early estimates compiled by county government on Friday set damage at that point already over \$300,000.—*Troublesome Creek Times*

Henry drops by Knott County

Lieutenant Governor Steve Henry, a candidate for the U.S. Senate, visited Knott County late Friday evening. Henry was en route to Pikeville to attend Hillbilly Days when he stopped in Hindman.—*Troublesome Creek Times*

Flooding shuts down schools, area roads

Spring break for Lawrence County High School students lasted a little longer than expected as heavy rains over the weekend flooded several roads in the county.

Instead of returning from last week's spring break, schools in Lawrence County were closed on Monday due to the flooding, which mainly affected areas along the Tug and Levisa rivers in Eastern and Southern Lawrence County.

Lawrence County Disaster and Emergency Services Director Kenny Pickerell said other than roads being blocked, there were no reports of damages or homes being flooded.

"I'm sure that once it's over you'll hear some," Pickerell said. "As for the road damage, we won't know until the water goes down."—*The Big Sandy News*

ATF revokes pawn shop's gun license

A pawn shop owner who faces charges of possession of firearms by a convicted felon will have his shop's

Morgan men indicted on cocaine charges

A federal grand jury meeting in Lexington on Wednesday of last week indicted two Morgan County men on drug trafficking charges.

Robert Earl "Bobby" Litteral, 58, and Lawrence C. Helton, 60, who were taken into custody in Morgan County two days earlier by officers of the Kentucky State Police Special Investigations Unit and the FBI, were each indicted on three counts of possessing and distributing cocaine.

According to the U.S. District Court Clerk's Office in Ashland, no bond has been set and Litteral and Helton remain in federal custody following a detention hearing last Thursday in U.S. District Court in Ashland.

According to the indictment, Litteral and Helton conspired with others to possess with intent to distribute cocaine on January 1, January 23, and April 13 of this year.

A small amount of cocaine was recovered at the time of their arrest at a game-chicken farm operated by the two men, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Lexington.—*The Licking Valley Courier*

Funds for important Morgan projects survive intact

Senate President Pro Tem Walter "Doc" Blevins, D-

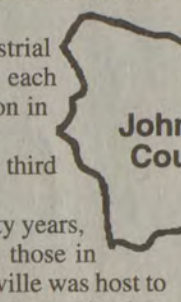
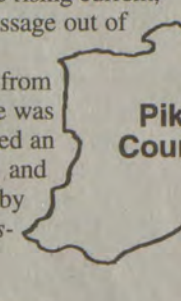
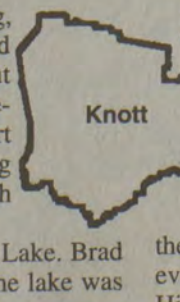
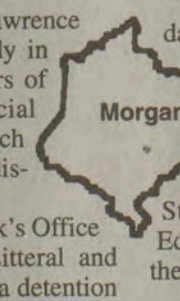
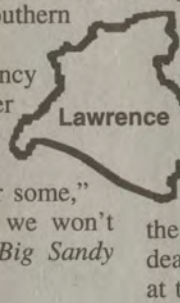
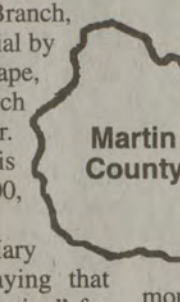
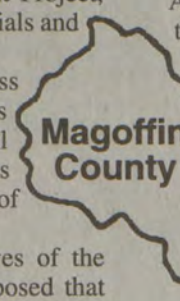
Flash floods sweep county

Four days of heavy rains and flash flooding last week left Knott Countians assessing damage and beginning to dig out, clean up and repair.

Flooding began last Thursday evening, with creeks spilling out of their banks and onto roadways in many places throughout the county, washing out bridges and pavement. In downtown Hindman, a culvert behind the courthouse overflowed, pushing mud and water into Main Street and through the back door of Cody Hardware.

It was the flood of record at Carr Creek Lake. Brad Goodrich of the Corps of Engineers, said the lake was the highest since it had been built.

Corps employees evacuated the Litt Carr camp-



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THE WEEKEND EXTRA



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Sara Hopson

California, here we come

I'm not a good air traveler. But the flight to San Francisco was uneventful until we landed. That's when Anna, and the two gentlemen I was seated between during the five hour flight, pried me loose and attempted to bring me out of my catatonic state.

"Ma'am, who's the president of the United States?"

"Nixon," I replied.

"She's okay," Anna said, relieved.

"Lady," the man protested, "Clinton is the president."

"Sara always says Nixon, She's in denial."

The two men looked at each other and rolled their eyes.

"Come on, Sara," Anna coaxed. "Get up and let's get moving. Wasn't that a relaxing trip?"

"Nixon," I replied.

By the time we arrived at the hotel I had almost completely revived until I saw the crushed velvet purple couches in the lobby.

"Anna," I said sardonically. "We've traveled 2500 miles to get to Hades!"

"Oh, Sara. Don't be silly. This place is fine. Why just look at that couple standing over there. And look at that family at the counter."

"The couple is handcuffed," I said.

"Sara, you're overreacting. Let's get to our room and look over the itinerary for the conference."

Anna had more faith in waking up after a night in this place than I did. And she was right. That's why it seemed more important than usual to attend church the following morning. As we arrived at Grace Cathedral, we admired the architecture and the beauty of the stained glass windows. Inside, we were awestruck by the murals and the intricate designs on the walls and ceilings.

It was idyllic until we took communion.

"They're going to pass the juice and bread," I said.

"Nope, we have to go up and get it."

As our aisle was directed toward the back of the cathedral, I didn't notice that the reverend was holding a communal communion cup until the silver chalice was placed to my lips.

I thought to myself, lordy mercy. Who were the 150 people before me and where had their mouths been?

I never eat or drink after anyone, but I came all the way to San Francisco to drink out of the same cup a million others drank from.

I stood back and watched as Anna politely dipped her wafer into the cup.

Why didn't I think of that? No. I had to press my lips to a nasty cup and smile while I did it.

When we got back to our seats, I turned to Anna and said, "The Lord takes care of fools doesn't He?"

"Need you ask?" she queried.

Let's just say He's taken good care of me. Now, if I'd just quit doing stupid things.

Stay tuned next week when Anna says, "Sara, we look so ugly in these mirrors."

by Chuck Shepherd

News of the Weird

— In March, two Missouri legislators proposed a law to have the state give \$1,000 to any married couple over age 21 who do not have sexually transmitted diseases, who have no children prior to the marriage, who have not aborted a fetus, and who were not previously married. The law would establish official Missouri policies of chastity and faithfulness.

— In March, Rogers, Ark., software developer Rick Bray introduced his TVGuardian sound monitor, which silences offensive words in television dialogue and prints tamer substitutes as captions on the screen. Bray expanded George Carlin's "seven words you can't say" to about 100, and says his device can analyze surrounding dialogue so that, for example, "God" will be muted only when used irreverently. (An earlier version of the software captioned "Dick Van Dyke" as "jerk Van gay.")

— Serious Grudges: In Sissonville, W.Va., in March, Darrell Carpenter drove a front-end loader through his two-story house, flattening it, rather than honor a court order to sell the house and split the profits with his estranged wife. The next day, in Sayville, N.Y., Richard Hellenschmidt, 45, who owed the title to his 35-foot boat to a bail bond company, blew the boat up by igniting propane fumes, rather than surrender it.

"International Balance of Cats" Deficit

— Two more houses were revealed in March to be public health problems because owners had allowed cat-breeding to get out of hand. Fifty-four cats were found in a house in a neighborhood of semi-luxury homes in Tarpon Springs, Fla., and 34 were found in an Edmonton, Alberta, house whose owner insisted, "There is no smell. The neighbors are simply

The Isaacs to perform at MAC

Southern Gospel music is coming to the Mountain Arts Center on Thursday, April 30. The concert will feature the Isaacs with special guests the Down East Boys.

"The Isaacs" are a family group that have actually been singing gospel music for 23 years. Joe Isaacs, manager of the group and father, comes from a background of Bluegrass music. In his younger days, he had a career as a secular bluegrass musician and had played with many well-known artists, such as Larry Sparks, The Stanley Brothers and Frank Wakefield. After becoming a Christian in 1971, he turned all of his talents toward the gospel ministry. Joe plays the banjo, guitar, sings and writes a lot of the material for the family.

Lily Isaacs is the secretary for the group as well as mother. Lily Fishman Isaacs was born in Germany after WW II. Her parents are Jewish survivors of the holocaust. Lily, being raised Jewish, was a non-believer of Jesus as Messiah all her life until she and Joe were married in 1970 and got saved in 1971.

Lily also has a strong, musical background. She's been singing all her life and got involved in show-business at a very young age. She had a folk album released on Columbia Records in 1968, and was also involved in Off-Broadway Theater. As well as Joe, when she became a Christian in 1971, she devoted all of her talents to the gospel.

To this couple was born three children: Ben, now age 22, Sonya, age 20, and Rebecca, age 19. Ben, the oldest of the children and only son, plays the bass and sings, as well as writes for the Isaacs. He drives the bus and runs the sound equipment.

Sonya is the mandolin player for the group. She is

also a very talented singer and songwriter. She has been nominated as Young Artist of the Year in the top 5 category of the Singing News for 1992. She won Horizon Individual for 1993. Sonya is a college student as well and is on the dean's list at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee. She is majoring in accounting.

Rebecca is the youngest child of the Isaacs. Rebecca became the wife of John R. Bowman on June 4, 1994, and attends Collins School of Cosmetology in Middlesboro. She is guitarist for the group. Rebecca plays the piano, dobro, banjo, and about any instrument she touches. She also writes songs and is a great vocalist.

All three of the Isaacs were saved at a very young age and have been in the gospel music field all their

The Isaacs travel extensively and record exclusively for Horizon Records out of Asheville, North Carolina. They've enjoyed the success of several top 20 songs, and in the past have had two songs reach the top five. They've had two songs in the top ten, back-to-back for several months, as well and celebrated their first No. one song in 1993, "From the Depths of my Heart," written by Ben and Sonya Isaacs.

The Isaacs were awarded the ICGMA Gospel Bluegrass group of the year for 1994 out of Ft. Worth Texas and Joe and Lily were inducted into the ICGMA Hall of Fame. They've also been honored to appear as guests on the "Grand Ole Opry." The Isaacs book through Harper and Associates out of Nashville, but they reside in LaFollette, Tennessee.

Sharing the spotlight with the Isaacs will be the Down East Boys. One wise gentleman once stated that in order to truly know what lies ahead for the future, one must know his own past. No doubt, if history is known to repeat itself Down East can expect much success in the upcoming years. The great success of Down East has been from the beginning a mixture of style and substance and the unwavering desire to share the gospel. With over 15 years of ministry, Down East has traveled throughout the United States and Canada and gained widespread acceptance from peers and Christian music lovers alike.

The past decade and a half has brought much success to this talented trio. Numerous popular radio releases and award nominations are tangible accolades they have enjoyed. In 1991, the group was voted recipients of the Horizon Group of the Year Award by the subscribers of The Singing News Magazine, Southern Gospel Music's leading fan and trade publication. During the past three years, this trio has been honored to conduct crusades in a number of states throughout the nation with Dr. Jim Wilson, Dr. Ralph Bell and Franklin Graham, affiliates of the Billy Graham association. Other evangelists include Kelly Green, Rick Stanley, and Jay Strack. Also given, was the opportunity to lead musical worship in several state evangelism conferences as well as the chapel service sponsored by Motor Racing Outreach at the 1994 Atlanta 500 NASCAR Race. Yet, beyond the many honors Down East has achieved, lies a group with desires and goals, to spread God's message of life everlasting. This desire is the premise on which their ministry was founded over a decade ago.

On the surface, the youthfulness of Down East may be somewhat deceiving; however, with more than 20 years of experience combined, the group shares a rich music heritage. Each individual shares a common goal to be the best they can possibly be to glorify and honor the Lord, presenting the Gospel in song with quality and excellence. Group manager, Ricky Carden states, "We strive to present a program that will be pleasing to everyone and truly uplifts the Kingdom of God."

Like many musical ministries, Down East has encountered many challenges, yet the group's commitment has remained constant. Evidence of this commitment can be heard within the confines of their latest recording, "Walking the Way," produced by noted producer and arranger Lari Gross. This project includes several songs written by group member, Phil Robinson, including the title cut, "Walking The Way." Energy and excitement abound throughout the entire recording as it proclaims a message of hope for the hurting, challenging the Christian and convicting the lost.

An energetic display of quality gospel music is an appropriate description of the musical ministry offered to audiences across the country. "We feel a deep responsibility for the people who are part of the concerts and services where we perform," Carden relates. If we do not convey the eternal message of salvation, we have failed in our responsibility as music ministers, but more importantly, we have failed in our responsibility as Christians."

Showtime for Down East/Isaac's concert at the MAC is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this performance are \$10. For more info about the concert, call 889-9125.

The Isaacs with special guest The Down East Boys will be performing at the Mountain Arts Center April 30, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this performance will be \$10.



The Isaacs

neurotic." Meanwhile, authorities in Vietnam said they are being overrun with rats (despite having exterminated 55 million last year) and blame the problem on the number of cats being taken out of circulation as food delicacies bound for China.

Tough Job

— Movie producer Warren Weideman announced in February that his company would make a crime-and-intrigue adventure film for the Showtime cable channel based on the work of U.S. Postal Service inspectors and said he hopes it will improve the Postal Service's reputation. Several years ago, Weideman worked for USPS scanning movie scripts, trying to find places to insert positive images of the Postal Service and admitted there were "not that many."

Why Coin Thieves Have to Be Careful

— In February, police in Corpus Christi, Texas, said they planned to charge a 34-year-old man in a spree of gumball machine thefts. They were tipped by the suspect's landlord, who said the man paid his weekly rent in quarters and that when he went to collect one week, he saw a huge pile of Jawbreakers on the floor. And Charles James Harding, 31, was arrested in January in Bountiful, Utah, and charged with stealing as much as \$250,000 a year from vending machines (including some in the lobbies of police departments). Police had gone to a house seeking another man on a drug charge, but Harding was there, too, along with a large box of quarters whose existence neither man could adequately explain.

The Only Thing O.J. Didn't Try

The Sleepwalking Defense to homicide finally made its way to the United States in February after having achieved success in a famous case in Canada 10 years ago. Phoenix inventor Scott Louis Falater said he was sound asleep during the time he stabbed his wife 44 times and during the time neighbors watched him hold his wife's head underwater in a backyard swimming pool. Just as the Canadian defendant had supposedly driven 14

miles to his mother-in-law's home while asleep and beat her with a tire iron, Falater managed to put on gloves, kill the woman, bandage a cut, and dispose of his bloody clothes, all while asleep. Not impossible, said an expert on sleep disorders.

Government in Action

— In October, the town of Morris, Ala., came within a few days of having the IRS commandeer its assets to satisfy a \$60,000 back-tax bill, but it came up with the money by mortgaging City Hall. To solve a similar problem, Mayor Zenon Chica of El Palme, Peru, proposed in March to auction off City Hall altogether and had lined up four bidders willing to start at about \$350,000.

— In November, Oregon State University physics professor John Gardner had a federal grant application rejected, apparently solely because it was not typed doublespaced. (Gardner, himself, is blind; he was applying to work on technology for the disabled.) And in December, the Georgia Court of Appeals turned down, irrevocably, an appeal by the state in a \$2.7 million personal-injury case because the state's paperwork was submitted in New Times Roman typeface instead of the required Courier.

— The Horror of Barking Fish: The new pet nuisance code adopted in January by the city council of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., permits a maximum of four pets, except that five is permissible if none weighs more than 10 pounds, and 10 is permissible if none weighs more than one pound, and 25 is permissible (no more) if they are all fish.

— In Pittsburgh in September, Francis Glancy, 41, with a blood-alcohol reading more than three times the legal limit, fell off his bike, knocking himself out, and was charged with DUI under a 1993 ruling that makes a bicycle a "vehicle." However, the statute permits first offenders to avoid a conviction if they get counseling and agree to a 30-day driver's license suspension. Glancy had no driver's license so the judge told him to apply for one, then allow it to be suspended for 30 days so he could get the conviction erased.

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SOAP UPDATES

by
Seli
Groves

ALL MY CHILDREN: Brooke told Phoebe she shot Jim. Jake told Dimitri Edmund had a serious infection. Erica let Mike stay overnight. Later, he made a mysterious call requesting "backup." Jack asked Keith to check on isotopes found in Jim's blood. Allie made a decision after overhearing Brooke say it's important not to live a lie. Mateo learned he had more than one brain "incident" during his coma. **Wait To See:** Camille vows to make Adam pay.

ANOTHER WORLD: Jake asked Vicky for a divorce. Concerned about Carl's behavior, Rachel asked Cass for the name of a doctor. Later, Rachel told Carl she's ready to move away from Bay City with him if that's what he wants. Lila's doctor said it's possible Shane is not the father of her baby.

Cass and Felicia suspected Carl of being behind the "Embers" incidents. **Wait To See:** Carl makes another "questionable" move.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Julia rescued Jack from the barroom brawl, and later called for help when he collapsed. Hal rejected Barbara's advice and decided to get Carly's side of the story. Meanwhile, John suggested Carly have the insemination done that night to protect her marriage and also her money. David tried to persuade Emily to believe he really loves her. James tried to woo Lucinda with a steamy kiss. **Wait To See:** Hal makes an unsettling discovery.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Ridge decided to come to dinner at Brooke's place for Rick's sake. But he made clear to Brooke

that although he recognized Rick and Bridget needed him, he had chosen to stay with Taylor and their son, Thomas. Later, Katie urged a devastated Brooke to fight for Ridge. **Wait To See:** Macy is upset to see Darla flirting with Thorne.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Nicole quit her job at the cafe to pursue her new modeling career. Hope saw Billie about to take a drink. Kristen set a deadly trap for Marlana. A panicked Kate realized Stefano now owned 49% of Titan stock. Meanwhile, Vivian planned to start her own company and destroy Kate in the process. Stefano began to piece together Vivian's relationship to Jonesy. Susan's message leaves Kristen horrified. **Wait To See:** Eric saves a young woman.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Helena pressured Alexis into taking

Tony's case, although Alexis feared it would cause problems for her and Ned. Lucky spotted Luke's listening device on Helena's yacht. After seeing the closeness between Robin and Nikolas, Jason told Luke of his concern about Robin's involvement with the Cassadines. Despite warnings from Bobbie and Jason, Carly blurted out to Lucas that she's his sister. **Wait To See:** Liz finds a clue to her rapist's identity.

GUIDING LIGHT: Lillian blamed Harley for causing the problems leading up to Carl's murder. As Sean urged Reva not to leave the island, Reva's clone tried to seduce Josh. Buzz wondered why "Reva" (actually the clone) somehow seemed different. Beth told Phillip she knows they'll be together again. Abby told Rick she wants to bring her friend, Serena, home with her.

Wait To See: Beth and Phillip react to Lillian's admission.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Kelly and Blair clashed over Cassie's decision to put Dorian on life-support. Todd followed Sam's advice to offer Tea the divorce she wants, while Viki urged him not to give up on her. Georgie took a mysterious phone call and later turned up at Bo's birthday party with a special delivery for some of the guests. Later, Nora saw one of Georgie's incriminating photos and raced to find what she believed were Georgie and Bo in a compromising position. **Wait To See:** In hell, Dorian faces her biggest fear.

PORT CHARLES: Julie was upset when Frank brought Lark home. Bennett sued Kevin for libel. Bennett later threatened to deny Chris the Quartermaine Fellowship. Lucy discovered a disoriented Victor covered in blood. Bennett gave Eve a black eye after she slapped him when he threatened to expose her past as a call-girl if she didn't drop her sexual harassment suit. Later, Kevin learned the model for his fictional murder victim had been stabbed with a fountain pen through the heart, just as the book described. Lark told Frank she stole some formula from the lab. **Wait To**

See: Matt reaches a shocking conclusion.

SUNSET BEACH: Vanessa was devastated when her test for Martin's Syndrome proved positive. Ben tried to get Eddie to release him from the warehouse. Later, Eddie confronted Derek about Ben. Derek was unnerved to learn Tim was coming out of his coma. Gregory walked in as Caitlin was telling Sean their parents must never learn the truth about her baby. Vanessa went to see Lena at the hospital and found Virginia there. **Wait To See:** Derek plans to use Eddie to get the passwords from Ben.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: Jill refused to go back to Keith and instead accepted Kay's invitation to stay at the Chancellor mansion. Daniel upset Phyllis by telling her of Chris's plan to live with him and Danny. An angry Nick told Sharon his family must never learn Cassie is her daughter. Victor upset Diane when he asked for more time with Nikki. Miguel and Veronica struck up a conversation at the Mexican diner. Ashley said yes to Cole's proposal. **Wait To See:** Diane has an unsettling (to say the least) visit with Nikki.

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NATASHA'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's certainly a good week for socializing, although there could be some concern over a domestic matter. Luck is with you, but remember to exercise initiative. Your ideas and intuition are good.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Financial negotiations could get bogged down. Don't let anyone take unfair advantage. With business partners, it's a question of give and take this week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A family member doesn't particularly care for a friend of yours. It's not the best week for household guests. However, socializing is accented by week's end. Get out and about.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Happiness comes through romance.

Despite one pressing family obligation, it's a favorable week for you. Enjoy the companionship of friends and loved ones over the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your attitude toward money fluctuates. Try to avoid the extremes of extravagance and stinginess. Business and pleasure mix to your advantage this weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Do what you have to do for your career, but don't argue about it. Although company could drop by, you needn't change your plans for going out somewhere special this weekend. In fact, socializing is a plus.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A last-minute idea is a good one career-wise. Partners

agree about the joint use of funds. Family is uppermost in your thoughts as the week comes to a close.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Entertainment is accented, but toward the weekend, your interest turns to career endeavors. Don't squabble with a loved one over money. It's just not worth causing hard feelings.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) There's nothing wrong with the way you express your ideas, but some people aren't listening. Your time is best spent with people you can relate to on an intellectual level in order to avoid frustration.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Keep your financial,

plans to yourself. The less others know about your business, the better. Tact and diplomacy are necessary qualities this week.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Concentrate on making money rather than spending it. You could come up with some good profit-making ideas. Fad-like purchases should be avoided over the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The beginning of the week is best for continuing with that work project or for making business calls. Guard against unnecessary expenditures. Something comes up at home this weekend that requires your attention.

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CRITIC'S CORNER

by
Mickey
Greene

GREASE: Yes, I know the movie's 20 years old, but apropos of its re-release and boffo box-office numbers, I thought we could revisit this old favorite.

A young, slim **John Travolta** stars as Danny Zuko, the quintessential 1950s greaser, complete with slicked back hair and skin-tight black clothes. There's even the requisite pack of cigarettes rolled up in the t-shirt sleeve. **Olivia Newton-John**, as Sandy, is the kewpie-doll innocent who falls in love with Danny. She's new to Rydell High, and an endless source

of amusement to the Pink Ladies led by the street-smart, far-from-innocent **Rizzo (Stockard Channing)**. **Didi Conn** does a delightful turn as Frenchy, the beauty-school dropout.

Sandy is struggling to fit in with this crowd, but her appearance at a Pink Ladies pajama party is a bust. She doesn't smoke or swear, she doesn't "rat her hair." In short, she's just a complete square — dullsville — nowhere! This is the scene where Sandy sings the plaintive, "Hopelessly Devoted to You," specially written for the movie and not

part of the stage version.

Danny swaggers in and out of Sandy's life, but we know in his heart of hearts, he really does like her. The problem is, she just won't "put out." During a date at a drive-in, Danny gets fresh with Sandy after giving her his ring. She tearfully throws the ring in his face and leaves him "stranded" at the drive-in.

Dateless on prom night, Sandy decides she's had enough of her goody two-shoes image and calls Frenchy to come over and make her over. And boy! What a makeover.

Fans will recall the end of the movie with a sexy Newton-John clad in black leather, wiggling her hips and enticing the lusty Travolta. And there we have the happy ending.

While the message of the movie stinks (Sandy doesn't remain true to herself), the flick still works. It's a wonderful slice of nostalgia and shouldn't be missed — even if you've seen it more than once! Beholding it on the big screen again is a delight.

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TUNING IN

by
Sally
Stone

Jamie Lee Curtis and **Alan Bates** star in "Nicholas' Gift," airing on CBS May 3. The film is the story of Maggie and Reginald Green, a California couple whose young son was killed by bandits as the family drove through Italy. Long-time admirers of the Italian culture and people, the Greens donated the organs of their son, Nicholas, to Italians in need of them.

Up to that point, Italy had one

of the lowest organ donation rates in Europe.

The Greens' selfless act galvanized the country into passing laws that have since made organ donation mandatory for Italians over the age of 16.

Everything you thought you probably never really wanted to know about iguanas, tortoises and assorted wildlife of the Galapagos Islands turns into fascinating fare, indeed, on NBC's "National

Geographic Special: The Dragons of Galapagos," airing May 1.

The Sci-Fi Channel just completed a deal with MGM World Wide Television Group that will allow the channel to air three popular series: "Stargate SG-1," starring **Richard Dean Anderson**, which debuted on SHOWTIME in June, 1997; "The Outer Limits," and "Poltergeist: The Legacy," starring, among others, **Helen Shaver** and **Robbie Chong**.

Liam Neeson, whose films include "Schindler's List," "Rob Roy," and "Michael Collins," and who has starred in such TV shows as "Ellis Island" and "A Woman of Substance," can be seen in Broadway's "The Judas Kiss" at the Broadhurst Theater on West 44 Street. Neeson plays **Oscar Wilde** who was broken by the betrayal of his lover, Lord Alfred, and his subsequent imprisonment in England and, later, his self-imposed exile in Europe.

Neeson, who just wrapped his newest film, "Les Miserables," is rumored to be considering a television series for American TV that could be produced in his native

Ireland. WNET's "American Master" series presents "Lou Reed: Rock and Roll Heart" which will air on PBS April 29. The film about the famous rock innovator features interviews with **David Bowie**, **David Byrne**, **Patti Smith**, **Philip Glass**, **Czech President Vaclav Havel**, and others.

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Weird

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Recurring Themes

— The Beat Goes On in Texas: Donald Wayne Martin killed his wife, two stepchildren and himself in January. Michael Wayne Hall and another white supremacist were arrested in February in the killing of a woman. And faring better was Wesley Wayne Miller, who was finally approved for imminent parole after serving 16 years for the murder of a woman.

— The latest man to shock mourners by walking in to his own funeral, according to a March

Reuters report from Bahia Blanca, Argentina, was Robinson Gonzalez, 21. (His mother had mistakenly identified a shooting victim as her son.) Unlike in at least one of the previous instances, in which the mother of the "deceased" died of shock upon seeing that her offspring was still alive, Mrs. Gonzalez merely suffered an anxiety attack.

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

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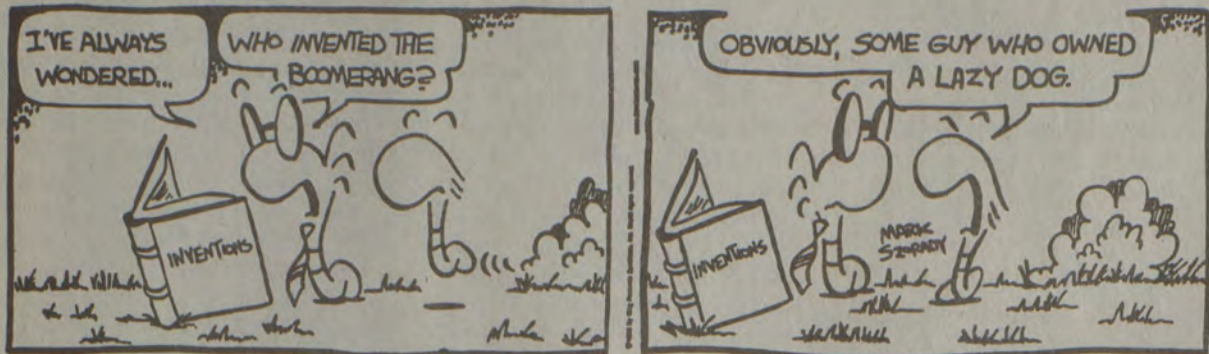
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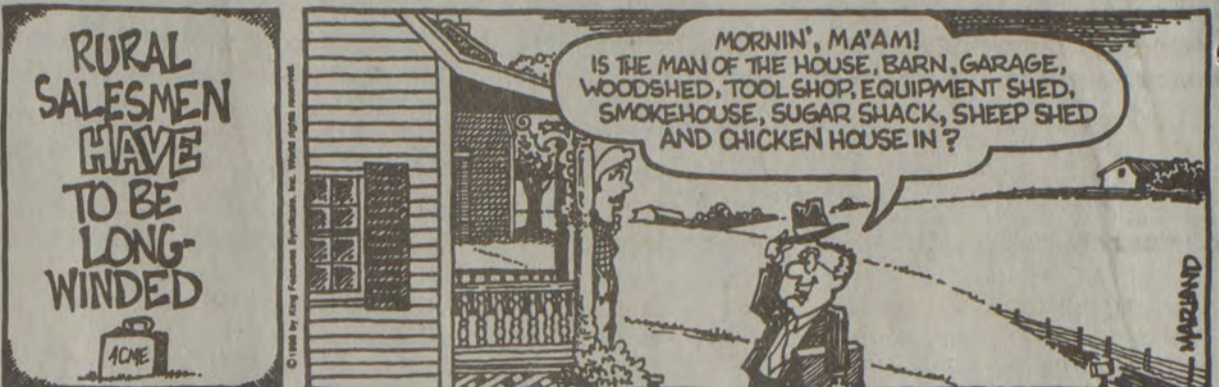
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BRINGING UP FATHER



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| ACROSS | 1 Tito, before he got famous | 5 Stoppage | 10 Go out on a limb? | 15 Israel diplomat | 19 Trademark design | 20 Similar | 21 Nobelist Root | 22 Part of TLC | 23 European capital | 24 Trio of trios | 25 High-tech missile | 26 Jocular Jay | 27 Hit for Chubby Checker | 29 Party hearty | 31 Wonder Woman, for one | 33 Without | 34 Bacon or Rabbit | 35 Baht man? | 36 Anchored | 39 Texas river | 40 '60s jewelry fad | 44 Dark | 45 Deals with a donut | 46 Tea type | 47 Never, in Nuremberg | 48 Barnyard butter? | 49 Pride of lions? | 50 See 7 Down | 51 Yemeni seaport | 52 Gore and Yankovic | 53 Flick | 54 Bridge expert Charles | 55 Choose | 56 '80s entertainment fad | 58 Erroneous | 59 Pops a pec | 60 Midwest college town | 61 Defier | 62 It's really tacky | 63 Unctuous | 66 Newspaper type | 67 '90s communication fad | 71 Take inventory | 72 Rossini's "Le Ory" | 73 Considerably | 74 Actor Chaney | 75 "Rigoletto" rendition | 76 Abandons | 77 Composer Jean Baptiste | 78 Track sound | 79 Spare part? | 80 What the nose knows | 81 Church members | 82 Juan — de Leon | 83 '50s auto fad | 85 Breakers | 86 Mull over | 87 Roof part | 88 Jeweler's weight | 89 Elwes of "The Princess Bride" | 90 "Watch out!" | 93 Birth-related | 94 '50s hair fad | 98 Composer Satie | 99 Persona | 101 String king? | 103 Square measure | 104 Scrabble piece | 105 Gunpowder component | 106 "Our — Havana" ('60 film) | 107 "If — a Hammer" | 108 Rooney of "60 Minutes" | 109 Bedtime reading | 110 Nero's instrument | 111 Singer Home DOWN | 1 Blemish | 2 — Hashanah | 3 inspect too closely? | 4 '40s fashion fad | 5 Turner of "Northern Exposure" | 6 At — for words | 7 With 50 Across, bourbon cocktail | 8 Luau instrument | 9 '70s fun fad | 10 Vexes | 11 Funny Fudd | 12 Mideast bread? | 13 Tel — (martial art) | 14 '50s toy fad | 15 Napoleon's cousin | 16 Dylan colleague | 17 New Yorker cartoonist | 18 Light material | 28 Kermit's beauty spot? | 30 Corporate clashers | 32 Put together | 34 Richards of tennis | 35 Symbol | 36 It makes candy dandy | 37 " — Gay" | 38 Bracelet feature | 39 Carthaginian | 40 Free-for-all | 41 Appendix's neighbor | 42 Caroline, to Ethel | 43 Fellows | 45 Confederate president | 46 Prize money | 49 Amble along | 50 Like St. Nick | 51 Old Testament character | 53 Man of the cloth? | 54 Building feature | 55 Take the honey and run. | 57 Actress Gibbs | 58 — accomplis (done deals) | 59 "North Dallas —" ('79 movie) | 61 Buccaneers' headquarters | 62 With merriment | 63 Get cracking | 64 Newswoman Shriver | 65 Cover story? | 66 Condemns | 67 Extremist groups | 68 Chan portrayer | 69 For the — (presently) | 70 Computer key | 72 Beldam | 73 Peace's partner | 76 '50s theater fad | 77 Lighting fad | 78 '50s hair fad | 80 Out of range | 81 Zhivago's love | 82 Butcher's offering | 84 Anthropologist Louis | 85 Diluted | 86 "Scent of a Woman" star | 88 Michael Jordan, for one | 89 Interrupt | 90 — carotene | 91 Gray or Moran | 92 Unrestrained | 93 16-nation org. | 94 Actress Wynter | 95 Exercise aftermath | 96 Neighbor of Pakistan | 97 Mythical mother of twins | 100 Cambridge univ. | 102 Zetterling of "The Witches" |
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MAGIC MAZE

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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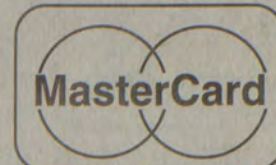


FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS. Differences: 1. Pillow is smaller; 2. Sign is different; 3. Drumstick is shorter; 4. Bow is missing; 5. Signpost are added; 6. Drum is different

Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page B7.

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1991 14 X 58 two bedroom home. Partially furnished. Price negotiable. Call 606-874-6775 late evenings. Please leave message.

THREE BEDROOM TWO BATH Doublewide. Located on Prater Creek. \$400/month plus utilities. Deposit required. 874-0309.

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FOR RENT: Nice trailer located on Cow Creek. \$375/month includes natural gas. Call 874-2802 J. Davis.

FOR RENT: 2-bedroom mobile home. Total electric. Stove and refrigerator, in good condition. Between Prestonsburg and Paintsville on old US. 23. Call 886-9007.

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

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KNOTT COUNTY PIPPA PASSES: Caney Creek Water and Sewer District is looking for a person with the following qualifications: Class 2 water treatment license. Class 1 waste treatment license. For more information contact Danny Kimball at Alice Lloyd College 606-368-2101 ext. 7503 or 606-368-2820.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS NEEDED!!

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Masters Degree in Business Administration with recent Public Health experience or related field with minimum of three year of management experience.

Chief Financial Officer plans, organizes, and controls managerial aspects of the fiscal operation. Requires accounting degree, CPA preferred.

Director of Operations requires RN with three years management experience or degree in related health care field with management experience.

Applicants should send resume with salary requirements to: Search Committee, 1709 KY Route 321, Suite 3, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

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Mountain Christian Academy is now taking applications for the position of Administrative Assistant. Interested applicants please submit resume immediately. Computer skills are required. Please call 606-285-5141 for more information.

POSITION AVAILABLE The City of Wheelwright will be taking applications for a City Police Officer until May 2, 1998. Interested parties should contact the City Clerk between 8 AM and 12 noon, Mon.-Fri. Phone 452-4202. Applicants must be 21 years of age and have a high school diploma or the equivalent. Dept. of Criminal Justice Training Preferred. An Equal Opportunity Employer. David Sammons, Mayor.

RETAIL MERCHANDISER Master Jewelry Accessories Service Company seeks part-time rep. for the Paintsville/Prestonsburg areas. Duties include: in store merchandising, inventory control, and ordering retail experience a plus. No nights or weekends. Please call our voicemail between April 27-30 at 1-800-283-3090 ext. 6503.

THE CARL D. PERKINS JOB CORPS CENTER in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, has an opening for a Health Occupations instructor (Certified Nurse's Aide Program). Instructor must be a Registered Nurse and have two years experience (one year in long term care) , and will instruct young adults (ages 16-21). Salary is negotiable (based on experience). If interested, please mail your resume to: Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, 363 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, Attention: Human Resources Department. The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center is an EOE.

MANUFACTURING SUPERVISOR An Eastern Kentucky manufacturing Company has an immediate opening for an experienced supervisor in mechanical operations for one of its manufacturing operations. Qualifications include 3 to 5 years of supervisory experience in a manufacturing operations or 1 to 2 years experience with a college degree. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package. Send resume to: PO Box 391, Floyd County Times, ATT: Jen Kendrick, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Reference Job# 6780-A. EEO.

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HELP WANTED: Someone to stay with elderly lady in her home. Must be willing to do light house work and cook. References required. Non smoker. Phone: 886-8000 day 886-8347 night.

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LOOKING FOR WORK: Tree trimming of any kind, also gutter and hill side cleaning, light hauling. Please call 886-8350.

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Pets & Supplies

FOR SALE: Collie Pups, AKC Registered. 3 male, 3 female. \$125 each. 452-9317 or 452-2649.

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RUMMAGE AND YARD SALES

Rummage & Yard Sales

GARAGE SALE: Starting March 5th. Will be open Thur., Fri., Sat. each week until we clear everything. 8 Am till 4 PM. Closed March 12. In case of sickness will have a closed sign on garage door. Old House No. 526. New No. 497 Riverside Dr. Prestonsburg.

YARD SALE: Sat. April 25th and Mon. April 27th. Weather Permitting. 9:00 AM. 449 N. Arnold Ave. Two blocks from high school.

FIVE FAMILY GIANT INDOOR. YARD SALE: Wed., Thurs., Fri., and Sat. in brick building across from Shoe Time in Allen.

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Found

TWO MALE CATS: One yellow Tabby with white chest and feet. One pure black. Found near right Fork of Bull Creek. 874-1993.

Reward Offered

\$100 REWARD OFFERED FOR INFORMATION OR NAME OF PERSON or persons that stole the stereo out of Jack Slone's Ford Van at Jack's Carry Out. 285-0899.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Cooley Medical Equipment, Inc. on May 18th, 19th and 20th, 1998, to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards.

Anyone believing that they have pertinent and valid information about quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representative at the time of the survey. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing to the Joint Commission no later than

five working days before the survey begins, and must indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to: Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, Home Care Service Team, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181.

The interviewee will be notified of the date, time and place of the meeting.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 860-5159

Operator Revision
In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., HC 82 Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, Kentucky 41828 intends to revise Permit No. 860-5159 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Dave's Branch Coal Co., Inc., General Delivery, KY Rt. 7, Kite, Kentucky 41828. The new operator will be 3-D Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 1021, Gilbert, WV 25621.

The operation is located 2.0 miles northeast of

Hall in Knott County. The operation is located on Mudlick Branch of Arnold Fork 0.20 mile northeast of KY Highway 1498. The operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The latitude is 37° 17' 48" and the longitude is 82° 44' 28."

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Pursuant to Permit No. 636-5057

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350, notice is hereby given that Mitch Coal Co., Inc., P.O. Box 10, Minnie, KY 41651 intends to apply for Phase III bond release on permit num-

ber 636-5057, which was last issued on July 8, 1993. The application covers an area of approximately 5.36 surface acres and 851.39 underground acres for a total permit area of 856.76 acres, located 1 mile southwest of Grethel in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1 mile west of State Route 979's junction with Frasure Branch Road and located 0.1 mile north of Frasure's Branch. The latitude is 37 degrees, 28 minutes, 48 seconds North. The longitude is 82 degrees, 39 minutes, 56 seconds West.

The total bond now in effect is \$3,900 (letters of credit and certificate of deposit) of which approximately 100% will be released.

Reclamation work performed to date includes backfilling and grading, revegetation and supplemental revegetation, completed as of September, 1994.

Written comments, objections, or requests for a conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

A public hearing on the application has been

scheduled for June 15, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Ste 6, Prestonsburg, KY. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by June 12, 1998.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission

Sealed bids for one HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR will be received by the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission, located at 2560 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, until 2:00 p.m. local time May 4, 1998, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The machine shall be compatible with Case 9010 B, Caterpillar 312 B, Hitachi ExSuper 110-V, John Deere 120, Kobelco SK115DZLC, Komatsu PC 120-6, and Samsung 130-LC-2.

The machine shall have the following options:

Factory installed air conditioning; Factory installed plumbing for hydraulic hammer, One

18" bucket for Severe Service with Ripper Tooth, One 24" bucket for Severe Service with Ripper Tooth, Stick 9' +/-, 6 month rental-purchase with total rental to be 100% applied toward purchase.

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. A bid bond in an amount of not less than five (5) percent of the bid must accompany each bid. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Bids and bid bonds shall be in a sealed envelope bearing the bidder's identification, addressed to Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission, 2560 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, and labeled in the lower left-hand corner: "Bid for Hydraulic Excavator."

Seldon D. Horne, Superintendent
Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, TRANSPORTATION CABINET, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS. Sealed bids will be received by the Department of Highways in the Division

of Contract Procurement and/or the Auditorium located on the 1st Floor of the State Office Building, Frankfort, Kentucky, until 10:00 a.m., EASTERN DAY-LIGHT TIME on the 08 day of MAY, 1998 at which time bids will be publicly opened and read for the improvement of: **FLOYD COUNTY, FD05 036 1428 015-017:** The Prestonsburg-Auxier Road (KY 1428) from KY 114 (MP 15.555) extending 0.014 mile north of KY 321 (MP 16.105) a distance of 0.805 kilometer. Asphalt Surface. Bid proposals for all projects will be available until 9:00 a.m., EASTERN DAY-LIGHT TIME, FRIDAY, MAY 08, 1998, at the Division of Contract Procurement. Bid proposals for all projects will be available at a cost of \$10 each and remittance payable to the State Treasurer of Kentucky must accompany request for proposals (NON-REFUNDABLE). BID PROPOSALS ARE ISSUED ONLY TO PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS. Specimen proposals for all projects will be available to all interested parties at a cost of \$10 each (NON-REFUNDABLE). Specimen proposals cannot be used for bidding.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CORN FORK
Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday

worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Roger Music.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Little Paint First Church of God, East Point, 671 Little Paint Road; Sunday School, 9:45; Morning worship, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 6:00; Youth Fellowship, Sunday 6:00; Wednesday Night, 7:00; Kings Class (Children Ministry) Wednesday 7:00; Pastor, A Wayne Burch.

EMMA
Emma United Methodist, Emma, Ky.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.; Paul Aiken, Pastor.

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

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

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

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

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

Garrett Community Christian Church, Route 550, Garrett, Ky.; Service Sunday

evening at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting 2nd Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Come and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Donnie Hackworth.

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

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

GRETHEL
Grethel Baptist Church, State Route 3379, (Branham's Creek Road), telephone 587-2043; Junior Church and Morning worship at 11:00; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth meeting Wednesday night 6:30 p.m.; Prayer meeting and bible study at 6:30.

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

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

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

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

HUEYSVILLE
Hueysville Church of Christ, Sunday School, 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11 a.m., Wednesday service, 7 p.m., Sunday evening, 7 p.m., Minister, Jeff Prater.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Lancer-Water gap Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 6 p.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday programs available for children; Pastor, Mark Tackett.

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

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

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Sunday; Relief Society/Priesthood/Primary 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Meeting 11:40 a.m.; Wednesday: Seminary 6:00 p.m.; Young Women/Young Men/Scouting 7:00 p.m.; Family History, Tuesday 12-8:00 p.m. and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Full Gospel Community; Main Street, Martin, Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Bible Study; Pastor, Lorraine Lafferty.

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

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

MIDDLE CREEK
Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church, 2656 West Mt. Parkway Prestonsburg, (across from Clark Elem. School); Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Jennings West.

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

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

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal Church, Located at the Floyd and Magoffin County line. Sunday night, 6:30; Wednesday night, 7:00. A worship Center for everyone. Pastor, Mike D. Caldwell welcomes all.

PRESTONSBURG
Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above WorldWide Equipment. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00; Midweek, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Randy Hagens.

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

St. Martha Church, Water Gap; Saturday

evening mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Religious Education Classes, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 a.m.; Adult Class, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Pastor: Father John Moriarty.

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

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

First Christian Church, 560 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg. No Wednesday evening or Sunday evening services at present. Bible study, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Minister, Kevin G. Jett.

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

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

Praise Assembly, 1 mile South of Prestonsburg, intersection of route 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Praise & Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; nursery provided. Pastor, J.M. Sloce.

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

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

First United Methodist Church, 138 S. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:45; Morning Worship, 10:55; Evening Worship, 7:00; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00. Pastor, Reverend David Fultz.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School,

10; Morning Worship, 11; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor Clifford Austin.

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

PAINTSVILLE
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; WKLW (600 a.m.) "Chapel Window", 12:05 p.m. every Sunday; Pastor Rev. Rolland Benstrup.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youth Fellowship Center; Youth Meeting, Mon.-Tues., 6:00; Thursday Night Bible study, 7:00 p.m..

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

Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Friday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Louis Sanlan; Rev. David Pike, assistant pastor.

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

WEST PRESTONSBURG
Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Don Shepherd.

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

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

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

WAYLAND
Zion Deliverance Church, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Saturday Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Ada Mosley.

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

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A FLOYD COUNTY TIMES SPECIAL

Primary



People

MEET THE MAY PRIMARY CANDIDATES

Editor's Note: Candidates for all local offices and for the office of state representative were mailed questionnaires seeking brief background information and opinions about government in an effort to educate the voting public. The candidates' responses have been edited for brevity and clarity.

FLOYD COUNTY COMMISSIONER

DISTRICT No. 1



David Lee Burchett

David Lee Burchett, 38, has worked at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg for over 16 years where he is employed as a licensed practical nurse.

He is married to JoAnn Dollarhide of Van Lear, and has one son Michael David. He is a 1978 graduate of Prestonsburg High School, and attended P.C.C. for 2 1/2 years. He is a 1982 graduate of Mayo State Vocational-Technical School.

Burchett is running for county commissioner for District 1.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

I feel the fiscal court, for over the past 20 years now, has not spent the tax monies as they should have. I feel a lot of money has been wasted, and I don't believe Floyd County can keep or, should I say, afford to keep spending and wasting our tax money.

I'm tired of certain people getting favors from the fiscal court—(you know what I mean)—I believe the fiscal court should be for all the citizens of the county. I believe they should separate and spend the tax monies equally and with fairness. The court should do what is best for all of the county—not just certain parts.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

This is one difference I believe I can make. I'm trustworthy, honest and truthful. I'm hard-working and responsible. I would be fair with all the tax money. I would be accountable for your tax money. I would let you know how and where your tax dollars are spent and why. I would do what I felt was good for the county as a whole. If you had questions you could feel free to call me. I would really be a friend in the courthouse and out in the county. I would take time to listen to your problems, and discuss what are the options. I know I could help bring respect and trust back in the courthouse.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

• 911 is a problem — this is an area where Floyd Countians have really lost trust—look at the years we paid into this and what do we have? Nothing. And, you know this being an election year, we will probably get 911, but I don't think it will be the kind of 911 we want or need. Why can't Floyd County and the City of Prestonsburg work out a 911 system that would help the county as a whole?

Why does a dispatcher in Pikeville have to take over 911 calls? Look at a map and try to figure out what hollow in Floyd County you live on, and who to dispatch. This will be much more time consuming. Do you think this is the kind of 911 we need? Will this get you the medical treatment you need quicker? If elected I would give this situation much thought. I would do my best to try to work out a better system. Being employed in the medical field, I know time in a medical emergency is very important.

• I believe jobs and housing are problems. There just doesn't seem to be enough jobs to go around. Why do our young people have to leave this area to find good paying jobs? Can the county judge and the commissioners work with the state? Can we do more to attract industry to our area?

Why is there such poor housing in the area? The fiscal court, along with the housing authority and the

state and federal government, can they work together to provide better housing? I know there is a lot of "red tape" involved; that is why we need to elect people we can trust, people who will be responsible. If elected I would honestly do my best in trying to help solve this problem.

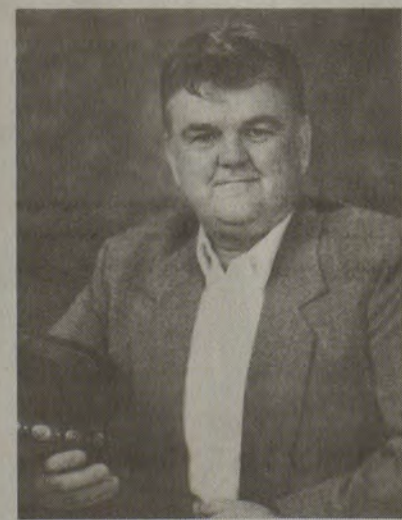
• Roads and bridges are also problems. I know I deserve to have better roads to drive on. It is time we elect someone who will take care of our roads. We don't need crater-sized pot holes in our roads. Many more guardrails need to be put up. Better signs need to be erected, as well as more lighting installed in some areas. Our roads need to be safer!! What about the closing of the Town Branch bridge? I know the state did this; they have their regulations, but could not the fiscal court look ahead and see that this could happen? Could not some money be put back in an account for these kinds of emergencies? I feel for the people who live on Town Branch. If elected I would do my best to maintain the roads and help make Floyd County a safer place to drive.

• Water is a problem. More people than you think do not have safe, clean drinking water. This needs to be addressed. There is no excuse for this! The fiscal court, together with various other agencies and the state, can solve this problem. If elected this is a priority.

• Our county parks and playgrounds need to be maintained better. Our young people need more activities. They need safer places to play. Surely the county can do more for its young people, more for its teens. Let's make this a priority. We need to help our youngsters anyway we can. If elected, I would make sure that a portion of our tax dollars went toward the children. I would make sure the playgrounds are maintained.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

I believe I'm the best candidate for the office because I'm honest. You can trust me. I know the area, I know the people, and I love Floyd County. I'm glad I live here. I really believe now is the time for change; however, let's make Floyd County better. Let's really have trust in our elected officials. I believe I can make a difference.



Floyd Skeans

Floyd Skeans, 55, has filed as an independent candidate for the office of Floyd County Commissioner, District 1. He is self-employed.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

The priorities of our government are completely out of touch with what the people of Floyd County want. I want to be a voice for the people in the creeks and hollows and all of Floyd County.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

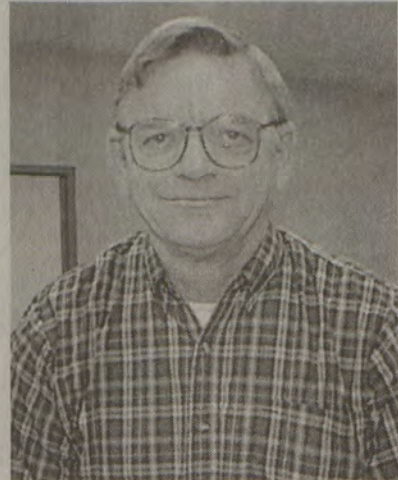
Slowly and surely, with your help, we will effect a change and, by having a voice for the people, change the priorities of the government.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

• Basic needs.
• Equal government.
• Cost-effective government.
• Keeping county government out of our Floyd County Schools.
• Political campaign to restore honor and respect with the government itself by bringing our people all together.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for the office?

I have a lifetime of experience working in the private business community and a heart full of love for all Floyd Countians all the way from one side of Floyd County to the other.



Roger Rowe

Roger Rowe, 53, is a candidate for commissioner of District 1. He is a building contractor. He is married to Carolynne Wills Rowe and has three children: Rocky, Rebecca and Chuck. He also has two grandchildren: Cody and Zachary.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

With an opportunity, I am sure I can make a difference. I have visions and goals for District 1 and Floyd County as a whole, visions of utilizing our own natural resources to build industries and create jobs for our families. I have the experience, knowledge, common sense and the ambition to bring my goals to light. The year 2000 is nearing and all of our people don't have clean water; safe, well-maintained roads; good paying jobs; or a 911 system. I have a genuine desire to work for the people.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

I would impress on the fiscal court to provide each commissioner

(See Rowe, page three)

ELECT

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Elect Judee "Martin" Hale

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I am Judee "Martin" Hale, candidate for Floyd County Clerk.

I would like to introduce myself and my family to you, the voters of Floyd County.

I have 2 daughters, Andrea Moore Brandon and Theresa Moore Clark, both of Ann Arbor, Mi. and one granddaughter, Brooke Brandon.

I was raised at Drift, Ky., the daughter of Sherman and Jacqueline Akers Martin.

I have one sister, Jean Martin Allen of Drift, Ky. and three brothers and their wives, Sherman Jr. and Linda Conn Martin of Louisville, Ky., John and Sherry Jackson Martin of Drift, Ky and Sheridan and Lisa Lafferty Martin of Prestonsburg, Ky.

My paternal grandparents were the late H. D. (Manhoss) and Monnie Patton Martin of Drift, Ky.

I have three Aunts, Topsy Butler of Drift, Ky., Nelma Martin Hall of Mason Ohio, and Norma Martin Bone of Louisville, Ky. and two Uncles, McClellan Martin of Bedford, Ky., and the late Sheridan Martin of Drift, Ky.

Make the clerks office once again, accountable to the people!

Make your vote count!

I RESPECTFULLY SEEK YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT ON MAY 26, 1998.

Pd. for Judee Martin Hale, P.O. Box 508, Prestonsburg, Ky.

My maternal grandparents were the late Paul and Pricie Damron Akers of Louisa, Ky.

I have one Uncle and his wife, Wayne and Tootsie Hayes Akers of Printer, Ky. and one Aunt, Wanda Akers Isaac and her husband Jack of Louisa, Ky.

My husband Clarence and I live at Stephens Branch at Martin. He has three daughters. Michelle Hale Thompson of Prestonsburg, Ky., Edwinnna Hale Blair and husband Alan of Watergap, Ky., and Clarissa Hale of Auxier, Ky., and two grandchildren, Justin Thompson of Prestonsburg, Ky and Bobbie Lynn Blair of Watergap, Ky.

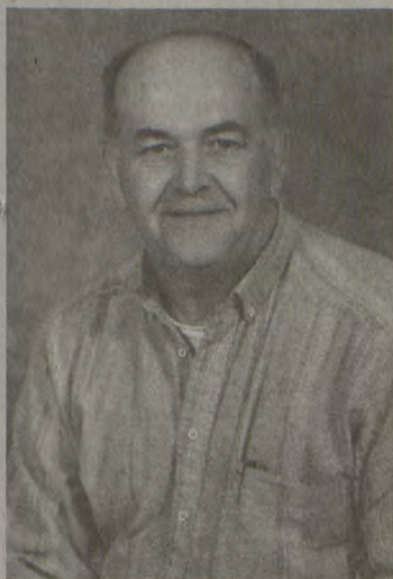
Clarence is the son of Clyde and Avanelle Ratliff Hale of Stephens Branch.

He has two brothers, Roy Hale and the late Herschell Hale both of Stephens Branch. He also has one Uncle, Lawrence Hale of Prestonsburg, Ky.

Also, there are numerous nieces, nephews and cousins that are very important!

FLOYD COUNTY COMMISSIONER

DISTRICT No. 2



Larry F. Stumbo

you can make in the way county government operates?

The difference I believe I can make in Floyd County is equal treatment for all the people, not just a few.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

The biggest issues facing the county are: roads, bridges, drains, clean drinking water and sewage systems. If elected, I will do everything possible to not only address these issues but to correct them.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

I have worked with, and for, the people of District 2 for 14 years keeping their water maintained night and day. I have a Class IID water certification and I have 14 years experience with heavy equipment.

Larry Foster Stumbo, 54, is a candidate for county commissioner in District #2 and is currently employed as school bus driver at McDowell Elementary and South Floyd High School for the Floyd County Board of Education.

He also owned and operated Stumbo's Gulf and Grocery in McDowell for more than 20 years. His wife is Chris Griffith-Stumbo, and he has three children: Kelli Stumbo-Hall; Larry Stumbo Jr., and Amanda Stumbo. He has two grandchildren: Emily Ann and Seth Douglas Hall.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

The people of Floyd County in District 2 need someone to come forward and bring leadership, responsibility, and honesty to their District. I am seeking the office of county commissioner to accept this challenge to provide quality representation for everyone in District 2, not just a select few.

What differences do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

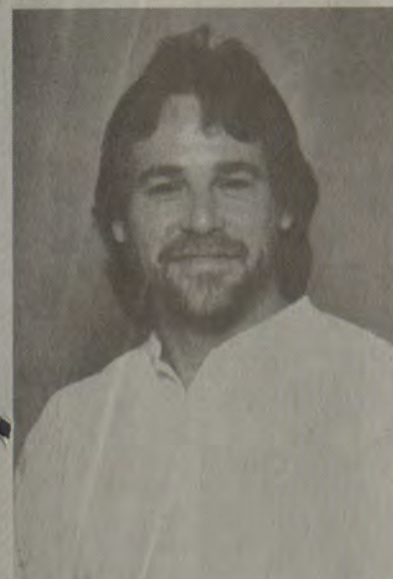
I can begin by working with the fiscal court to cut the red tape that holds back needed changes in the way county government operates. I will make county government responsible to the people.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

The main concerns of people in District 2 are safe drinking water, sewage, flood control, cemetery roads, garbage, and jobs because our young people need to stay in our county and work here where they were born and raised. Also, parks and recreation are a concern for our county's youth.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

I have worked for the Floyd County Board of Education for the past 11 years where people have trusted me with their children, so I feel they can trust me with their tax dollars. Prior, I ran a service station for 23 years. During this time, I listened to the needs of the people about roads, ditch lines, drain pipes, and most of all I learned to listen and help people with their problems. I have always had the respect of people around me. They have always trusted me to be there when I was needed. I have always treated people with the dignity they deserve. I feel I'm a new voice for District 2, and the responsible choice.



Doug Allen

Doug Allen, 34, is the foreman of Beaver Elkhorn Water District. He is seeking the office of commissioner of District 2.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

To serve the needs of all the people concerning their roads and drain problems, and also getting city water for all rural areas and sewage systems for cleaner streams and creeks in Floyd County.

What difference do you believe



Bobby Whitaker

Bobby Whitaker, 43, is running for the office of commissioner of District 2. He is married to Sheila Spencer, and the couple have two children, Brett 13 and Kelsey 5. He is a 1972 graduate of Garrett High School and a graduate of Pikeville College Mining Technology. He has worked in the coal mines for 17 years and is employed by Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

I'm seeking the office of commissioner because I'm concerned about the lack of progress, honesty, and fairness to all of Floyd County, instead of a select few.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

I think I can make a difference in the way county government operates because a strong public opinion can be persuasive, and I intend to

keep in close touch with the voters of my district by having community meetings to get all the people in the district involved.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

1.) The people of Floyd County deserve quality paying jobs, instead of minimum wage jobs. I would like to give the county industry tax breaks to help create more jobs, instead of giving out-of-state industry tax breaks, when they are only coming in for minimum wage and staying about two years.

2.) There is, also, the issue of providing clean and safe parks for all of Floyd County. I think the parks should be upgraded with better seating, picnic areas, and restroom facilities.

3.) The county needs to provide clean and safe water to all Floyd Countians, regardless of income or who you are. A small monthly hook-up fee could be charged, instead of a one time sum of \$400-\$600.

4.) We must clean up Floyd County: roadways, ditch lines, and creek beds.

This will help prevent some of our flooding problems, which we have recently noticed. Laws need to be enforced on illegal dumping of trash and other items.

5.) I would check on the 911 situation (that we don't have yet), to find out why it's not in use and where all the money for it is.

I will work very diligently with our county judge and other officials to address these problems (not necessarily in that order) and to solve as many of them as possible.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

I feel like my honesty, hard-working ability, being involved in community activities for our kids, and a sincere desire to make a difference in our county politics qualifies me for this job.



Jackie Owens

Jackie Edford Owens, 44, is seeking the office of commissioner

of District 2. He graduated from Allen Central High School in 1973 and attended Hazard Vocational School where he received a degree in heavy equipment operation and a degree in diesel mechanics. He worked for Wayne Supply as a diesel mechanic field serviceman. He also worked 16 years for Island Creek Coal Company, which became Wheelwright Mining, at Price as a heavy equipment operator and diesel mechanic and seven years for Addington Enterprise as a heavy equipment operator and foreman.

He is married to Hattie "Cooley" Owens. He has two sons: Jackie Owens II and Christopher Owens.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

I am seeking this office because there's a lot of people who live in these rural areas up these hollows that I believe wouldn't get help if it wasn't for someone like me standing up and raising cane for them in getting their bridges and roads fixed. I have blacktopped roads as magistrate that were three miles long and at that time probably didn't have 15 houses on it. These people deserve blacktop, too. I believe the people of this county want someone that will stand up for them and not be a "yes" man or controlled by another politician.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

I have been magistrate in District 2 for over 12 years. We have gotten a lot of blacktop and city water to a lot of people in District 2, and I want to continue to fight for the people of District 2. District 2 is a lot larger now than it ever has been. As commissioner, I will continue to vote against what I think is wrong and will stand up and fight for what's right.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

• City Water — We have laid several miles of city water through our district or furnished pipe so it could be laid, and I plan to continue using county workers, county equipment, and county money to work with the water companies to lay more lines to more people in the head of these hollows.

• Roads — When I took office as magistrate 12 years ago, most all roads in my district were dirt — especially the hollows. Now most all the roads are blacktopped in my district, but they will need repairs and regular maintenance. I will continue to blacktop these roads

until every road in my district is blacktopped — then I will blacktop the cemetery roads.

• Parks — The fiscal court has done a lot to improve the park system in Floyd County in the last 12 years since I've been magistrate. We added a nine-hole golf course to the Allen Park. We have two baseball fields, a basketball court, a tennis court, a walking track, a new picnic shelter, a swimming pool, a convention center, a grandstand, and a new concession stand with bathrooms. This is at the Allen Park alone.

At the Minnie Park, the fiscal court has added a new fence, lights, a concession stand, and a blacktopped walking track. Plus the fiscal court leased, cleaned up, and fixed the J.W. Turner baseball field at Drift. This is where South Floyd High School plays their home games. The Garrett Little League field is also a county park.

These baseball fields have to be fixed every spring. We also have a new park under construction at Garrett where the old Garrett High School used to be. This park will consist of a baseball field for Allen Central High School, a black-topped walking track, picnic shelter, and a basketball court. This is just a part of the "county" park system in Floyd County. I plan to continue to work hard to add to the park system in Floyd County. In the future, I hope to get a park in the Wayland area.

• Bringing Jobs to This County — The Floyd County Fiscal Court needs to work hard to bring jobs to this county that are not coal related — something that will work — such as a cabinet factory or a company that makes hardwood floors for houses that use hard wood that is really plentiful in

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an agenda of the issues to be voted on in the upcoming meeting at least one week in advance. I would personally research and study the issues; then, ask the people how they feel about them and how they feel I should vote. After all, I would be representing each person in fiscal court. I would not support any fly-by-night ventures. I would only support what would benefit the people. It's their dollars we're spending.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

• 911 System — I would put the 911 system as a main priority (after all, it could mean life or death to some of our people). We've paid on it. I say "find the money," if that is the problem, or help the people who are re-mapping and get it implemented.

• Jobs — From past experiences the number one topic during a campaign is jobs, but do you ever hear a candidate present their ideas? I want to be different in my campaign and speak out before the election as I will after elected. We could use one of our natural resources, such as timber, to solicit industries to our region to open a wood finishing plant and utilize our lumber material and local people to manufacture building supplies, instead of shipping our logs to out-of-county plants; then, in return, us paying top dollar back for them as a finished product.

• Water and sewage — I would work with the fiscal court to secure federal and/or state grants to pro-

vide water and sewage to the rural area.

• Drug-free county — I would like to work with our local law enforcement agencies, school officials, civic organizations and community involvement to set up our own local war on drugs.

• Roads and clean roadsides — Work with the fiscal court to blacktop all secondary roads rather than graveling year after year. Spread enough blacktop so it doesn't have to be patched each spring. Work diligently with our ecology officer to clean our roadsides then enforce a litter law.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

There are no great qualifications required to be a commissioner except be at least 24 years of age, a resident of the county for two years preceding the election, be a Kentucky citizen, live in the particular district at least one year prior to election and continue to live in that district while serving. I possess all the above qualifications. Also being a building contractor, I work with people on a daily basis, making sure they get the most for their dollars when building a dream home, remodeling or building onto an existing home. I love Eastern Kentucky, Floyd County and District 1, and I would like to have the opportunity to do what I can to help our children and grandchildren be able to stay in these hills, work and raise their families and be proud to say, "I'm from Eastern Kentucky."

Tommy Hall... Past... Present... Future...

Democrat for

Floyd County Coroner

PAST...FAMILY HISTORY

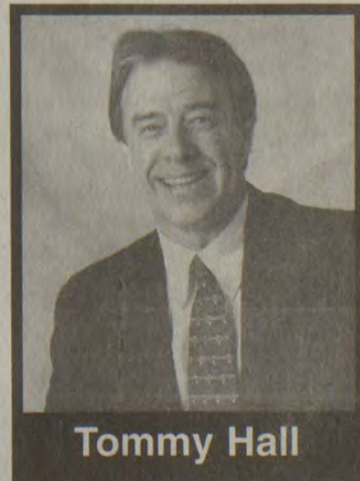
I am the son of Kathryn Osborne Hall and the late John C. Hall of Martin. My Paternal Grandparents are the Late Milford Hall and Puss Martin Hall of McDowell. My Maternal Grandparents are the late Bert Osborne and Irene Chalmers Osborne. My one brother and business partner is John C. Hall, Jr., who resides in Martin with his wife, Gloria Newsome Hall, and two daughters, Kara and Blair Hall. I have one sister, Kimberly Ann Hall. I am married to Dr. Burnetta Hall, DMD, whose practice is located in Harold.

Present...exceptional Qualifications

- Graduate of Martin High School.
- Bachelor of Science Degree from Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky.
- Bachelor of Science Degree from Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Licensed Pharmacist in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- Licensed Kentucky Funeral Director.
- President of the Kentucky Funeral Directors Association (1995-1996).
- Co-owner and operator of Hall Funeral Home in Martin, Kentucky.

FUTURE...New and Simple Ideas Never Before Tried

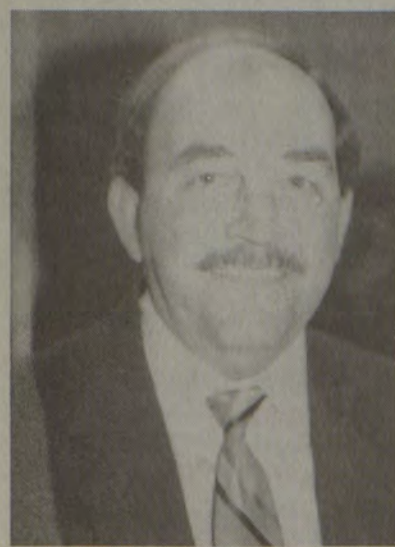
Soon after being elected as the next Floyd County Coroner, I will approach the Floyd County Fiscal Court for a centralized county morgue, which is available to the Coroner of each county, but has never been utilized in this county. A county morgue will benefit all Floyd Countians. Once established, confusion regarding the whereabouts of one's family members will be eliminated. This simple idea has never been requested in the past 16 years.



Tommy Hall

FLOYD COUNTY COMMISSIONER

DISTRICT No. 3



Larry C. Roberts

Larry C. Roberts, 50, of Banner is a Republican candidate for commissioner of District 3. He is married to Sandra Conn Roberts and has two teenage daughters, Ashley and Amber.

Roberts is a member of the Church of Christ. He is a Vietnam veteran and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans. He has served as a state service officer in the EKOC-Veterans Outpatient Clinic in Prestonsburg.

His work experience is varied. He has worked as a utility contractor of South Central Bell. He has worked briefly in coal mining and in heating and cooling. He is employed with the Floyd County Board of Education in the Department of Facilities support. He is an active volunteer and donates his time and energy to church activities, DAV ser-

vices, and school events.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

I seek the office of commissioner of District 3 because I want this opportunity to serve the people for I believe that I can make a positive change in the government of Floyd County.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

I will work not only to solve the present issues that face the county, but also work to develop long-range plans for the future. Also, I will strive to build cooperative working relationships with communities and cities within the county. Too, I would further seek a cooperative working relationship with other counties within the Big Sandy Region.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

From listening to widespread concerns of the people throughout the communities and from those in business and public office, I've concluded that the five biggest issues that face Floyd County are the following:

- Economic development — private business, factories, tourism-recreational facilities, and cultural facilities and programs;
- Environmental needs — garbage, pollution of streams, conservation ...;
- Drugs/crime;
- Roadways; and
- Education — level of educational standards, management, and

school safety.

If elected commissioner, I would address these issues through an evaluative, decision-making approach that includes learning the status of the issues; determining the needs to be addressed; deciding what resources and revenues are needed for the solution; developing a plan of action; and then acting upon that decision.

I can help with the educational issues by always attending P.T.O. meetings and school board meetings to learn what the needs are. Then, I can volunteer my services — and encourage others to do the same — at the local school level or at the county level to help teachers and administrators with the issues they face.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

I believe that I am the best candidate for the office of county commissioner for the following reasons: ample education; knowledge of the commissioner's duties; knowledge of the issues that face Floyd County; and the know-how to act — the right attitude; the right approach to facing the issues; and the open mind to new ideas.

I also have the will to establish cooperative working relationships with communities and cities within Floyd County and with other counties in the Big Sandy Region; Christian values — fairness, honesty, loyalty, dependability and love and respect for my fellow man; and a commitment to making Floyd County a better place.



A Message To The People Of Floyd County From Roger Webb, Your Floyd County Jailer

First, I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to serve you for the past 4 1/2 years. Since I took office in October, 1993, the jail has gone through a transition from the old lock and key-type jail to a new, high-tech computerized Detention Center. During my term, I have put the Deputy Jailers in uniform, and each one of them has had extensive corrections training. I negotiated a contract with an inmate phone service to install a computer system in the jail, Free of Cost, at no expense to the taxpayers of the county. Through the Class D and State Inmate programs, and the hard work of all the employees of the jail, we are bringing approximately \$950,000 a year into the county's general fund.

I have organized a community service work program with the Class D inmates. Through this program, thousands of hours of volunteer work have been performed all over the county, cleaning public cemeteries and roadways, working with city and county government to help with maintenance and beautification of our city and county.

Once again, I am asking for your help to re-elect me as your Floyd County Jailer so that I may continue to do the work I am doing, and continue to serve the people of Floyd County.

**I Stand On My Record —
Proven Leadership**

Paid for by Roger Webb, 172 Sally Stevens Branch, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

FLOYD COUNTY CONSTABLE

DISTRICT No. 1



Homer D. Neeley

Homer D. Neeley, 66, of Abbott, is a Democratic candidate seeking

the office of constable for District 1. Neeley is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, and he attended Morehead State University and Law Enforcement training at Richmond. He is employed as a detective with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

I have always in my life had the desire to continue my career in law enforcement. I want the people of this county to know that I am here to protect and to serve them to the best of my abilities. My goals are high and if elected as the District #1 constable, I hope to bring the office to a position of prestige within the area of law enforcement and one of a responsive nature to the needs of Floyd County residents.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

I would establish an office where people would be treated with respect, dignity and courtesy. I will work very hard for the people in protecting them to the highest level of the law, and assure Floyd Countians every effort would be made in serving their legal documents in an efficient and timely manner.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

- Drug trafficking (particularly in the schools);
- Thefts and burglaries;
- Traffic violations presumably by large vehicles;
- The lack of unified, joint

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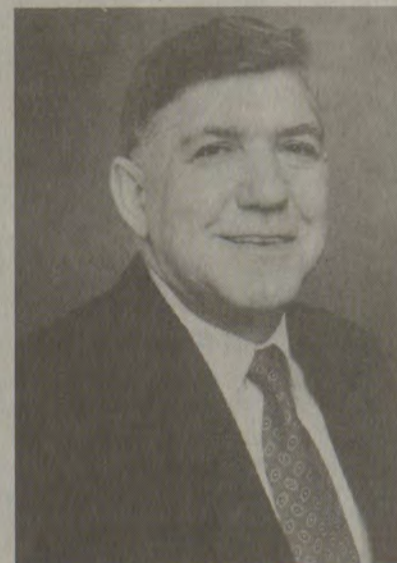
this area; or, a small factory that builds components for the auto industry such as Toyota of Georgetown or the Saturn plant in Tennessee. These kind of businesses will work and stay here.

• **Managing the Money** — Managing the money, setting the budget, and making sure the Floyd County Fiscal Court carries money over at the end of each fiscal year. As magistrate, I have helped set 12 budgets and we have had money left over at the end of each fiscal year. For 12 years, we have always been in the black — not in the red.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

I've been magistrate for the last 12 years. The commissioner's job is basically the same. This year's budget is over \$11 million. I helped set up and distribute this \$11 million budget as we have for the last 12 years. We have always had money left over at the end of each year — 12 years in a row. Last year we had around \$2 million left over. Plus, I'm a heavy equipment operator and diesel mechanic. I can run and operate any piece of equipment that the county owns. I've been there during the snows and floods for the people of my district. The most important thing of all — there is no one who controls me at the fiscal court meetings. I can vote for the people and what they want because I have never had the "courthouse click" behind me to get me elected. I've always had the "click" against me. The people are the ones who have elected be for three terms. They are

the only ones I owe.



Jimmy Dye

Jimmy Dye, 53, is seeking the office of commissioner of District 2. He is married to Thelma Tackett Dye and has two children: Matthew Dye and Melissa Dye Stumbo. He also has a grandson, Blake Stumbo.

Jimmy Dye has been a coal miner for 30 years. He is a Democrat.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

I am running for commissioner in District 2 to prove to the people that there is honesty left in Floyd County. I will work for all of the people. I want to make a better Floyd County for the children who are our future.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

I believe I can make a difference in the county government by working for the people — making sure that everyone is represented, not just a select few. I want to restore honesty and pride to the county government.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

I believe the five biggest issues facing Floyd County are jobs, safe drinking water, equal government for the people, parks for the children and roads.

If elected, I will work to bring industry into Floyd County. I will work on projects to bring economic development sites into the county so people can find jobs at home. I will work on cleaning up streams and the water supply from litter and raw sewage so we all can have safer water to drink.

As for the equal government for the people, I will make sure that all people receive the benefits that county government provides. I will work on building new parks and recreational facilities and improving the ones that already exist.

I will work to get a YMCA created for the youth in District 2 — which is the center of the county. I will also work to improve and repair all county roads. I will attempt to blacktop all roads in District 2 that need it.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

I believe I would be best for commissioner in District 2 because I am a hard-working man, and I am a born-again Christian who has a love all the people in Floyd County.

RE-ELECT ROGER NELSON



FLOYD COUNTY CORONER

#1 ON BALLOT

Paid by Sandra Nelson, Treasurer, P.O. Box 147, Dwale, Ky. 41621

FLOYD COUNTY CONSTABLE

DISTRICT No. 2



Bob Hackworth

Bob Hackworth, age 53, is employed at Beaver Elkhorn Water District where he has worked for

the past 18 years. He is seeking re-election for constable District 2.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

I have held this office for 24 years. I feel I can help enforce the laws, serve the people, maintain DUI laws, fight drug trafficking, and serve court processes.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

The office of constable is to serve court processes, execute warrants, summons, subpoenas, orders of the court in criminal, penal, and civil cases. A constable also has the power to arrest and investigate.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

The five largest issues facing the county are drinking and driving, drugs, speeding, domestics and bur-

glaries. To address these issues, I will continue to enforce the law.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

The best qualification is experience. I have served as constable for 24 years in District 2. I know most of the people, and I am familiar with most locations making my response time efficient.

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efforts of law enforcement agencies; and

• The lack of follow-ups by officers in regard to prosecutions of felony cases.

In addressing these issues, I will coordinate a strong effort in developing ways of protecting the communities from these and other violations against the citizens of Floyd County.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

I have 37 years experience in management of safety and seven years in law enforcement. I served two years as a road officer, four as a court room bailiff and approximately one year as a detective for the sheriff's department.

I am a very responsible, efficient and honest person. I strongly believe that the people of Floyd County are entitled to protection regardless of social and economic stature. I feel that my background and experience will enable me to serve all the people of Floyd County.

FLOYD COUNTY CONSTABLE

DISTRICT No. 3



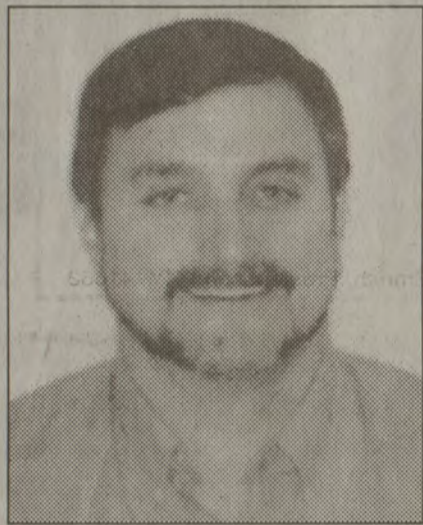
Gary E. Blankenship

Gary E. Blankenship, 31, is seeking the office of constable in District 3. He is married to Elizabeth McKinney Blankenship and has one daughter, Kendra.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

I have been an active auxiliary deputy for the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for six years and a Floyd County detective for

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**VOTE
JACKIE EDFORD
OWENS
COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 2**

NUMBER 6 ON THE BALLOT

I have been your Magistrate in District 2 for the last 12 years. I have worked hard for the people of my district---whether it be during the floods with the bridges and roads washed out, OR when a 30" snow in 1 degree weather hits our area, OR standing up for you on a matter at the Fiscal Court---I WAS THERE FOR YOU!

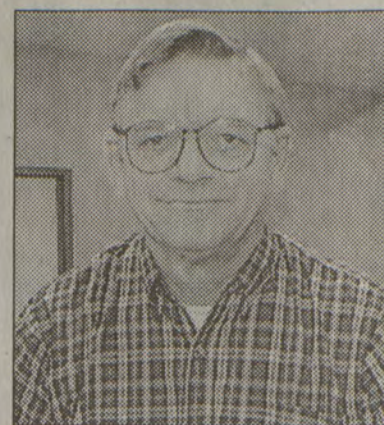
For the people that don't know me or my family, I'd like to introduce them to you. I am the son of MOLLY OWENS and the late RALPH OWENS of Langley, Ky. I have 5 brothers and sisters---LEMA BRADLEY, who is married to BOBBY BRADLEY of Langley; PRISCILLA "PAT" MARTIN, who is married to DENNIS MARTIN of Eastern; JOE OWENS, who is married to TERESA "CONLEY" OWENS of Garrett; INA ROBINSON, who is married to TIM ROBINSON of Langley; and DOUGLAS OWENS, who is deceased.

I am married to HATTIE "COOLEY" OWENS--the daughter of the late GORMAN AND EDNA PRATER COOLEY. Hattie is the granddaughter of the late JOHN WESS AND HATTIE ALLEN PRATER of Prater Fork and the late OAK AND ROSE OSBORNE COOLEY of Brush Creek. We have 2 sons---JACKIE EDFORD OWENS II and CHRIS OWENS of Hueysville. Hattie has 8 brothers and sisters---CLETTIS HOWARD, who is married to EUGENE HOWARD of Hueysville; DONALD COOLEY, who is married to LAURA COOLEY of Reilly, Ohio; MARY AGNES WOODS, who is married to CLARENCE "BUDDY" WOODS, JR. of Hippo; HAROLD COOLEY of Hueysville; LOU CAMPBELL, who is married to ART CAMPBELL of Hippo; JANET WEBB, who is married to CLAUDIE WEBB of Langley; GLEMA HICKS, who is married to KEITH HICKS of David; and CARL COOLEY, who is married to JENNIFER (GINGER) COOLEY of Hueysville.

I want to take this time to ask ALL MY FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND SUPPORTERS that have supported me in the past for your VOTE and SUPPORT once again. Also, I would like to ask ALL THE VOTERS of the new area which consists of the following precincts---ARKANSAS, MARTIN, HALBERT, DRIFT, JOHN ANT/FRASURE'S CREEK, AND GEARHEART---for your VOTE and SUPPORT.

There is no need to make big promises---I'LL WORK HARD FOR YOU ALL. This is a big district, now. IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH---I WILL STAND UP AND FIGHT FOR MY DISTRICT!

PD. FOR BY JACKIE OWENS, HUEYSVILLE, KY.



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ROGER ROWE
Commissioner, Dist. 1

Do you remember back in '93, I said, "Enough is Enough!" You didn't think so then. Well, have you finally had enough with promises of better things? Are things really better?

Now, think back to '95 when we had the "Caravan Against Floyd County Corruption"---we took a stand and let the politicians know we were on to them---then in '97 we took another stand and voted in a new form of government that told the politicians we wanted a change.

Well, if you've had enough, it is time to take another important stand and vote the only logical person for your first Commissioner in District 1---

ROGER ROWE
COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

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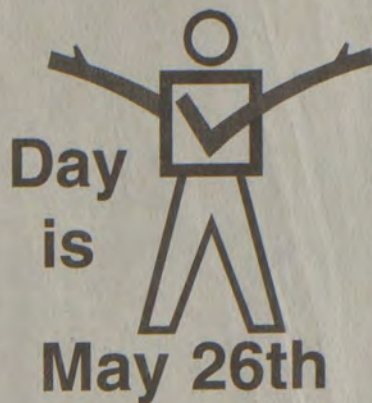
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FLOYD COUNTY COURT CLERK

Election



Bonnie Shepherd

Bonnie Horne Shepherd, 53, of West Prestonsburg is seeking the office of Floyd County Court Clerk.

She is married to Pastor Donnie Shepherd.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

I would like to hold the office of Floyd County Court Clerk, so I can help to better the people of Floyd County in all areas possible, and to keep the integrity and trust of Floyd County upheld and serve Floyd Countians to the best of my ability.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way the county government operates?

The difference I believe I can make in the way the county government operates is to hold the office of Floyd County Court Clerk to the highest degree of achievement and dedication possible. By doing so, we can set goals for ourselves and accomplish them throughout the county proving the strength that Floyd Countians possess.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the state? How will you address those issues if elected?

I believe the five biggest issues that our county is faced with today is as follows:

- Poverty
- Job Development
- Education Reform
- Unemployment Issues
- Youth Activities

If elected I will address these problems to my fellow Floyd Countians and staff. After addressing these topics and realizing the seriousness of each one, we can set up fund-raisers and community activities to help better Floyd County and all its communities.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

Having been raised in Floyd County, the wife to a very dedicated pastor, and church secretary for over 15 years, I can say that I have experienced much about the Floyd County political system, and all of the requirements a person running for office must obtain. I feel that I am more than qualified for this position.

Judee Martin Hale graduated from Martin High School in 1964. She earned an associates degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. She has been employed with Ford Motor Company where she was the first female elected as UAW representative, a position she held for ten years. She was a business owner in Floyd County and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. She is employed by the law office of Sheridan Martin. She is seeking the office of Floyd County Clerk.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

As a former union representative for Ford Motor Company, I have first-hand knowledge of the need for our elected officials to be honest and forthright. In an elected position, any public official has to be accountable to the people. In seeking the office of Floyd County Clerk, I want to make a positive change for the people of Floyd County and their children. I possess the knowledge and ability to make the Floyd County Clerk's office an office of service and accountability for the people of Floyd County.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

For too long, our elected officials have been under scrutiny causing us to have little trust in our leaders. I will see to it that the people of Floyd County have a better understanding of the business operations of the county clerk's office and how their tax dollars are spent. I will be an honest, courteous, and effective county clerk.

I believe that the most important duty of the county clerk is to handle the taxpayer's money properly and to provide a service that the people of Floyd County can be proud of. Therefore, I will help make the county government more responsive to the needs of the people in an efficient manner.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

The five primary issues that I see facing this county are:

- 1) Lower taxes;
- 2) More jobs;
- 3) Safe schools;
- 4) Clean drinking water; and,
- 5) Better roads.

These are the issues that have to be addressed to establish an infrastructure in which our county can economically and socially develop.

As Floyd County Clerk, I would be responsible for seeing that the fees and taxes of the county are handled honestly and efficiently. By bringing accountability and efficiency to the office of Floyd County Clerk, the taxpayer's money can be used for the improvement of our needed services. Additionally, I will fight to see that the auto tax is reduced as well as any other fees not necessary for the welfare of the people of Floyd County. Far too long the taxes in our county have overburdened the working people and the disabled. It is time that our taxes are used for the services of the citizens.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

I held a position of trust with Ford Motor Company and represented its employees as UAW representative for over ten years. I have been a business owner and am well aware that the tax structure in Floyd County is in need of severe reform.

Having grown up in Floyd County, been a business owner and taxpayer, I want to see honest and accountable government. Too long our money has been misused and wasted. It is time that the taxes we pay are used to pay for better roads, clean water, safe schools, and more jobs.



Carla Boyd

Carla "Robinson" Boyd is seeking re-election to the office of Floyd County Court Clerk. She is married to Greg Crum. She has two sons, Steven Edward and Patrick O'Neil Boyd.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

I would like to continue to work for the people of Floyd County as their county clerk to keep progress growing for the benefit of all.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

Every aspect of the county clerk's office is controlled by Kentucky's laws. I feel that with the working knowledge and experience I have in the clerk's office, I can better serve the county. If I don't already know the answers to your questions, I know who to call to get the answers. I have continued to keep my staff abreast of all the changing laws. I continue to enhance your clerk's office with modern technology.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

• Currently, the biggest issue facing the county clerk's office is the problem of office space. I am now to the ceiling in the record room. All of these records must stay available to the public; therefore, they cannot be moved to storage. My plan, if re-elected, is to work with the county judge/executive to secure more space to safely store records such as deeds, marriage licenses, wills, mortgages, court orders and other records. Space must be accurately provided to prevent the loss of any record due to fire, theft or water damage.

• Continuing education is not only a priority for the county clerk's office but should be throughout all county offices. I plan to keep providing continuing education for all county clerk office personnel in the latest methods and procedures related to their individual duties.

• Using the latest technology. I plan to continue to use the latest in technology such as document imaging, scanning, e-mail and the use of the Internet to keep the Floyd County Clerk's Office moving into the 21st Century.

• I plan to continue to stress the importance of educating young and old in the voting process. I will continue to make a strong effort to educate young people in the importance of voting by going to the schools (high schools and the David School) with voting machines and teaching not only how to use the machine but the reason to vote. I will continue to provide the ballots and voting machines for the schools to hold their own school elections.

• Public trust. I plan to work with the commissioners, county judge/executive and other elected officials to ensure the public's trust in local government.

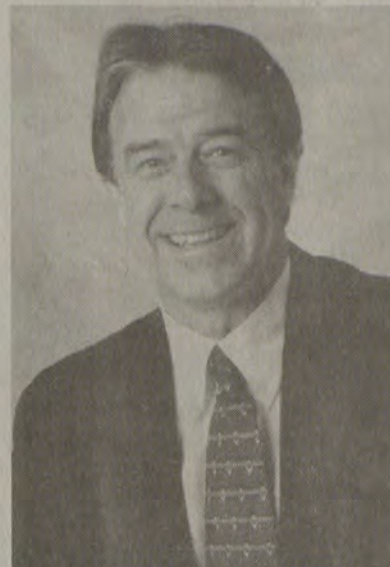
What qualifications do you possess that you feel makes you the best candidate for that office?

As with any specialties field, the

county clerk's office demands the need to stay abreast of the ever-changing laws and regulations adopted not by only our county government but also the state legislature. With 11 years as deputy clerk and 14 years as an elected county clerk, I have acquired the experience that it requires to run the office on a daily basis. By upgrad-

ing my education and skills through classes at the University of Kentucky's Prestonsburg Community College and our own Morehead State University Extended Campus, I have the current knowledge and abilities to relate with attorneys, real estate agents and my peers throughout the state.

FLOYD COUNTY CORONER



Tommy Hall

Tommy Hall, 46, is co-owner of the Hall Funeral Home at Martin. He is a licensed funeral director and a registered pharmacist.

Hall is a graduate of Martin High School and Eastern Kentucky University. He is past president of the Kentucky Funeral Director's Association. He is seeking the office of coroner.

Why do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

I want to establish a centralized county morgue for the benefit of all Floyd Countians.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

I plan to promote a policy that will lend itself to fair and equitable treatment of all people who are affected by a coroner-investigated death.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county?

How will you address those issues if elected?

Does not apply to this particular office.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

My education and business background will result in a professional and objective nature that the office currently lacks.

He has received more than 400 college classroom hours on death scene investigation and 650 hours working with scene reconstruction experts.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

I want to help prevent deaths by prosecuting people for wrongful deaths and special investigations of the wrongful death of a child.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

I can make a difference by keeping honesty in the office and showing no favoritism.

What do I feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

The issue I feel that faces the county are drug-related and, if re-elected, I will continue to work with state and federal authorities to combat this problem.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

My qualifications are: I have worked 3,200 cases. I have more than 500 college hours in forensic death scene investigation; 650 hours working with scene reconstruction experts; 27 years as embalmer; graduate of mortuary college; two four-year terms as one of five commissioners appointed by the governor for setting of training for the betterment of coroners across the state; Kentucky Coroners Association was recognized as a model M.E. and coroner program by the FBI and is now being adopted by several other states, including the extensive training program Kentucky offers its coroners.



Roger Gene Nelson

Roger Gene Nelson, 48, is the current Floyd County coroner. He has been coroner since 1982. He has also been a licensed funeral director and embalmer since 1974. He is the owner of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Nelson is past president of the Kentucky Coroner's Association.

I am Mark V. Hicks of McDowell, Ky., the thirty-year-old son of Odis and Thelma Hicks of McDowell; the grandson of Euka Turner Hicks and Burgis Mullins Cook, both of Minnie; and the late Estill Hicks and Shade Cook.

I have seven years of law enforcement experience; two years of auxiliary deputy for Floyd County, and five years in corrections, working for U.S. Corrections Corporation at Otter Creek Correctional Center at Wheelwright, Ky. I have received over 500 hours of training from the Ky. State Department of Corrections on dealing with male adult and juvenile offenders. I have become intimately involved with the American Correctional Association which is considered the utmost authority on proper correctional operations and protocol in the country. I am very familiar with the State of Kentucky's Policy and Procedures on Corrections. Dealing with convicted criminals effectively requires more than a "Mom and Pop" approach during this day and time. Although many people don't realize it, Eastern Kentucky, as well as other rural areas in the state are constantly becoming more affected by criminal influences of the more urban areas, such as Lexington and Louisville.

The criminal mentality of the urban streets is seeping its way into our area. I



am experienced in dealing with this mentality and mind frame, and have seen potential problems before they happened. My experience in the field has also taught me, however, that there are positive contributions that can be obtained from certain classifications of prisoners.

I have coordinated and implemented literally thousands of prisoner community service hours in Floyd County, utilizing inmate labor to clean up our roads, parks and natural scenery. If elected, I pledge to make this a priority with county inmates.

In the past three months I have had the opportunity to meet and speak with many residents of Floyd County and have asked for their vote and support. Yet, as large as this county is, I will, unfortunately, not be able to meet and speak to everyone. So if you would take a few minutes of your time and consider me as your next Floyd County Jailer, I would be most thankful to you, and perhaps in the next month, I will have the privilege to meet with you personally.

Finally, I would like to promise to each and every one that, if elected, I will assure you that a clean, safe, and professional county jail will be operated in your county.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at my home, 377-6729.

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Democratic Candidate for
FLOYD COUNTY JAILER
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two years. I would like the opportunity to serve the people in my district because safety in our community is one of my top priorities.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way state government operates?

As constable in District 3, I will be accessible to the public day or night. I will patrol ballgames and any other school activities, and I will serve court papers at no cost.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the state? How will you address those issues if elected?

• More protection for children at

school — I will attend ballgames and any other school activities to ensure that our children are protected.

• Drugs — I will do all that I can to slow down any drug activity around our schools and community and to keep the DARE program in all Floyd County schools.

• Elderly citizens — I will be a constable that the elderly citizens can rely upon to patrol their neighborhood and be there at their time of need.

• Funerals — I will escort any funerals needed and assist the sheriff's office when needed.

• Favoritism — I feel that anyone holding a public office should not show favoritism to a select group of individuals; everyone should be treated the same and none should be neglected.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

I feel that I am qualified for this office because I have eight years experience in law enforcement, and I enjoy this type of work very much. I am very familiar with police procedures and would never treat anyone in an unjust manner.

FLOYD COUNTY JAILER



Mark Hicks

Mark V. Hicks of McDowell is a Democratic candidate for Floyd County Jailer. He is a 1985 graduate of McDowell High School.

Hicks has been an auxiliary deputy in Floyd County for two years. He is currently employed with the U.S. Corrections Corporation as an operations lieutenant at the Otter Creek Corrections Center. He has been employed with Otter Creek since September 1993.

He is a former employee of a discount auto parts service center in Minnie. He also has several years of employment in the coal mining industry at various locations.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

With five years of correctional experience, I have successfully supervised 60 employees and 400+ inmates. I have 500+ hours of training through the Department of Corrections of Kentucky.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

I fully understand the operational aspect of a correctional detention center, thus saving the taxpayers/county money by aggressively overseeing or reviewing all operational issues, which will ensure a safer/improved jail.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

- Repeat juvenile offenders — By working with the county judge-executive and the Big Sandy Area Juvenile Detention Center, I will be able to implement a boot camp for

juvenile offenders. This would allow them to learn discipline and help them reach a level of self-confidence.

- Gang Relation Awareness — Gangs are slowly, but surely becoming a realistic problem in today's society. With my past training on gang issues, I will assist the sheriff's department with a gang training course. I will also be available to address these problems to local schools and functions and, hopefully, decrease the desire of any gang affiliation of our younger generation before it begins.

- Community Service — Having the county benefit from community service inmates by issuing assignments on a daily basis instead of sporadically. The crew would clean up trash from your roadways, paint, clean, and help reconstruct our parks. All towns/cities would benefit from this service and not just a select few. The community service crew will be scheduled countywide.

- Fair Treatment — I will make certain all individuals are treated fairly. I will not allow myself or the staff to disrespect someone due to family size or financial situations. My door will be open to all Floyd County residents and not just a selected few.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel makes you the best candidate for that office?

(Candidate responded to this question in first answer.)



Roger L. Webb

Roger L. Webb, 48, currently

holds the office of Floyd County Jailer. He is a candidate for re-election to that office. He attended Eastern Kentucky University where he majored in law-enforcement. He is a former Kentucky State Police trooper and a former sales representative and blasting technician for an explosives company.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

The office of jailer is a very important office. The jailer has the responsibility of the care and well-being of many people. I feel that I have proven that I have the qualifications and capabilities to run this office in a competent and professional manner.

I want to hold this office so that I can continue to do good things for the people of Floyd County.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

The difference I have made in county government is that I am operating the jail in such a manner that I am bringing approximately \$950,000 a year into the county's general fund. This enables county government to have surplus money to use for things such as blacktop and gravel for our roads, water lines and whatever the needs of the people might be. I will continue to work diligently for the people of Floyd County.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

The five biggest issues facing the county are:

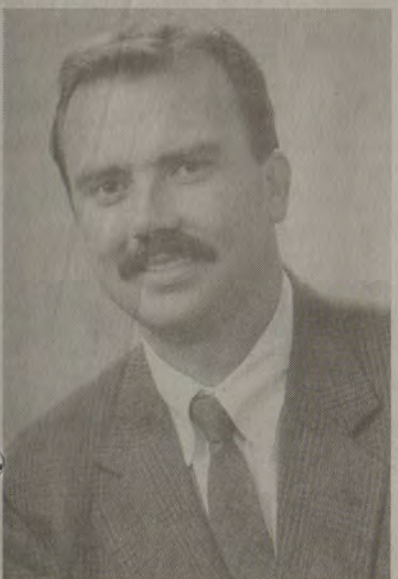
- 1) Safe drinking water for all citizens of Floyd County;
- 2) Safe roads to drive on;
- 3) The education of our children;
- 4) Employment for our people;
- 5) Drugs!

I will address these issues by continuing to work with county officials to help solve these problems, and I will make myself available to anyone who may need my assistance, as I have done in the past, at any time of day or night.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

I feel that the qualifications I possess that make me the best candidate for this office are: law enforcement, education, hundreds of hours of jailer's training and on-the-job corrections training.

FLOYD COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE



Ben Hale

Ben Hale was elected to the office of Floyd County Judge-Executive in November 1995. He was previously employed by Brown's Food Service as a DSR consultant, as a part-time employee for UPS, as a drilling crew member for Inland Gas Company of Hueysville, and as a coal truck driver. He was educated at Clark Elementary School, Prestonsburg High School, Prestonsburg Community College, and the University of Kentucky.

He is married to Keane Gregory Hale. He and his wife have three sons and one daughter: Nicholas Lee, twins Benjamin Keith and Brian Clay, and Charlotte Anne.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

I seek re-election to the office of county judge-executive because of my firm commitment to improve the lives of the people of this county. In the past two and a half years we have implemented many initiatives that have improved the quality of life for all of our citizens. But there is much more to be done. We

must have safe drinking water and better recreational facilities for all our citizens. We must also continue to strive to improve our roads and environment. I believe that I am the only candidate that has demonstrated the willingness to work hard with federal, state, and local agencies to complete these goals.

With your help, we have already made a difference in the way your county government operates. No longer are decisions made behind closed doors, but openly and honestly.

My more efficient use of your tax dollars has resulted in the largest budget surplus in the history of Floyd County government. We have implemented a toll-free telephone number for people at Betsy Layne, Harold, Stanville, Grethel, and Little Mud Creek. We reorganized finance, administration, environmental services, and the county road department. We have implemented a new purchase order system, daily work sheets, and a priority road improvement list. Above all, I have maintained an open door policy and have made myself available to speak with any concerned citizen.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

- Financial Responsibility: I will continue to be a watchdog over your tax dollars. I will ensure that your tax dollars are spent in a wise, efficient, and lawful manner. In this regard, my record speaks for itself — \$2.7 million surplus in my first full year in office. This surplus, as well as all future savings, will be spent to make the quality of life better for all Floyd Countians.
- Infrastructure (roads, water, sewer):

Floyd County's economic life is entirely dependent on decisions made today in the area regarding

our infrastructure. We have made great strides in these areas over the past two and one half years in waterline extensions, proper sewage disposal, and road development. By having a close working relationship with federal, state, and local agencies, we have secured millions of dollars to improve our infrastructure. In the next four years, I pledge to make safe drinking water accessible to every family in our county and bring our county road system into the 21st century.

- Economic Development and Job Creation:

I have laid the foundation on which economic development and sustainable job creation can be built. Through proper site development and an improved infrastructure, sustainable economic development is possible. The US 23 Industrial Site and the Honey Branch Industrial Development are tangible examples of my efforts in this area. The federal prison at Honey Branch will employ approximately 500 and place \$2,530 million in our local economy. The Honey Branch site will also have hundreds of acres available for future industrial development. This site and others like it, when developed, will help us provide future job diversification.

- Environmental: I have established an environmental planning committee and a department for environmental services. To best address P.R.I.D.E. (Personal Responsibility In a Desired Environment - a state and federal initiated program) in our county, I have appointed a county P.R.I.D.E. co-director, implemented five county wide cleanups, and have worked with the Department for Environmental Protection for the enforcement of over 100 notices of violation for illegal dumping.

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If you are physically unable to go to the polls and vote, you must request an application for absentee ballot. This application must be received by mail in the County Clerk's office by Tuesday, May 20th.

For more information, call
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Friday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Carla "Robinson" Boyd
Clerk of Floyd County

Judge

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For the first time, I have partnered with the Floyd County Conservation Service in employing a full-time environmental office and county environmental education program. Over the next four years, I will continue my efforts to make Floyd County's environment more attractive to economic development and tourism and to make our county a safer and cleaner place for our children.

• Youth and Senior Citizens:

I have expanded and improved our parks and recreational facilities for the benefit of our seniors and children. Construction has already begun on a new park in the Right Beaver area and we are in the site discovery phase for parks in the areas of Harold, Betsy Layne, Martin, and Mud Creek locations.

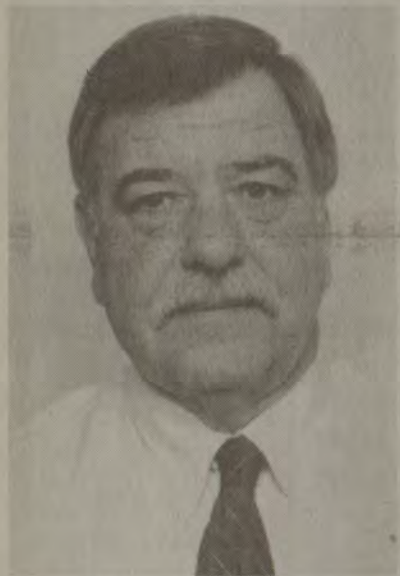
• Youth and Senior Citizens

I will continue to pursue funding to improve and further develop our senior citizen centers. I have increased the fiscal court's contributions to the senior citizens centers to \$56,000. We have the centers in our county insurance plan for an additional savings to their budgets.

It is our senior citizens who have made our county great, and it is our youth who hold its future. I will not neglect these two very important resources.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

While I could go into much detail about my education and work experience, I believe my qualifications are simple. I am the only candidate who has proven success as a county judge-executive. I have worked hard and been honest, open, and above board in all that I have done. Here, my record speaks for itself. This office is your office and should reflect your values.



Paul Hunt Thompson

Paul Hunt Thompson, 51, said he learned the value of hard work as a young man while working in a feed store and on a farm. At the age of 18, he entered into the United States Marines and served his country in the Vietnam War. He has been in business in Floyd County for 30 years, and lived in the City of Prestonsburg for 17 years. He served on the Prestonsburg City Council, before moving to Wheelwright in 1986. From 1990 to the present he has been sheriff of Floyd County since 1990. He is seeking the office of Floyd County Judge Executive.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

I am seeking the office of Floyd County Judge Executive because I honestly believe that as county judge-executive, I can make Floyd County a better place to live for all of us.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

As county judge-executive I will bring a county government that operates with compassion for the people. I will listen to people and attempt to solve individual problems, while continuing to work for the overall good of the county.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

• Economy and Jobs - I will vigorously pursue every option available that would help in bringing a strong economic and employment base to Floyd County. Our employment options must be able to diversify into such opportunities such as tourism and recreation.

• Infrastructure - Every citizen in Floyd County deserves to have safe, clean water. Waterlines are one of the least expensive investments that the county can make toward the safety and health of area citizens. Most of our water district will dig the ditches, lay the waterline and provide water to our citizens, if the

county will provide the water pipe. The cost of most water pipe is under a dollar a foot. I will, at the least, double the amount of money that is currently being budgeted towards water pipe. I will work hard toward assuring that every citizen has safe, clean water. I will also make sure that when waterlines are laid that fire hydrants be installed, also. In a lot of areas, fire hydrants will reduce the cost of fire insurance by 30 percent to our citizens.

Disposal of our wastewater and sewage is becoming more and more a problem that must be addressed. I will work to obtain funding to extend sewer lines from Wheelwright into the Weeksbury and Melvin areas. I will work to extend the Wayland Sewage project into the Garrett area. I will work to extend the new Prestonsburg Sewer lines to the Pike County line, and other communities, such as Prater Creek, Daniels Creek, Mare Creek, and the Betsy Layne area will then be able to apply for funding for these communities.

• Crime and Drugs - I will support the sheriff's department. I will assure the sheriff's department has the funds necessary to purchase modern equipment that can assist him in fighting crime and drugs, and enough staff that will allow him to properly protect the safety of all of us.

• Our Environment - I will enact a three-month project towards cleaning up our environment. I will extend the length of the county spring and fall cleanup. I will continue to use prisoners to keep trash and litter off our roadways and to keep Floyd County as clean as possible.

• Honesty in Government - I will have open financial records available. I will not play games with the citizens of Floyd County. When there is a problem in our county, I will tell you. I will not mislead the people by making promises that I know can not be kept.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

Over the years, I have done everything I could to make Floyd County and the lives of its citizens better. I've worked with state officials to locate a new prison and its 100 jobs in Wheelwright and pushed state and federal officials to fund much-needed water and sewage line extensions across our county. I believe that with my experience, proven leadership and record of service to the citizens of Floyd County, that I would be the best candidate to hold the office of Floyd-County Judge-Executive.



Dale McKinney

Dale McKinney is a graduate of Martin High School, Fingerprinting Technology School; Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.); Police Administration; Northern Virginia University; and the National Academy of Broadcasting. He has taken courses in community relations at the University of Georgia.

McKinney has been a fingerprint technician with the FBI; a policeman in the Washington, D.C. area; a community relations employee with Worldwide Equipment and is currently a broadcaster at WMDJ Radio.

He is a candidate for the office of Floyd County Judge-Executive.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

I care for our people; I care for our heritage as mountain people. Most important, I care for all of our people, not just the privileged few. I want to be judge-executive to provide leadership for our people, to provide jobs, roads, water, recreation; to build a county where our people can live and work, and raise their families.

I want to provide leadership that will listen to our people; provide simple, straight forward, honest

government for all people. I want to end the "Little Kingdom" that has ruled Floyd County for generations. Simply stated, I want to help our people move past a "yesterday's government in today's world with no plans for tomorrow."

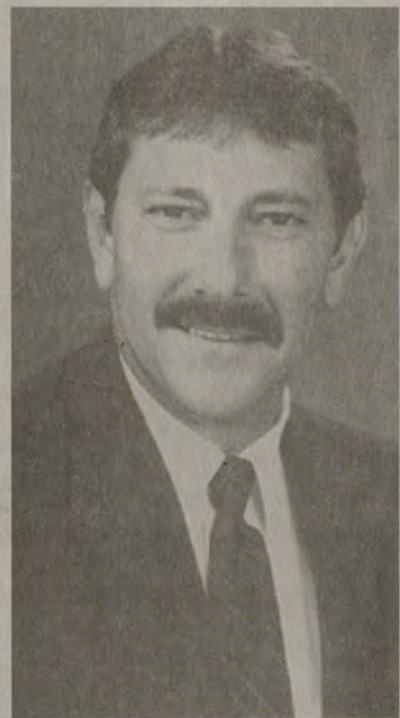
What difference do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

Our county government is not properly organized; nor properly operated on a day-to-day basis. Virtually every government function is used to perpetuate the control of the political machine. Contracts are not advertised for bid; job openings are not posted, nor advertised; appointments are made from within a closed circle of people. Yet, no one is responsible for anything; no one is ever held accountable for anything. It is simply a little kingdom operated by and for a clan of a few families.

I will end the little kingdom rule of Floyd County. I will re-organize Floyd County's government in strict compliance with the Kentucky Constitution and home rule statutes; the day-to-day operation of the county will be in strict compliance with the spirit and intent of the law. And accountability will return to our county government.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the state?

1) Drugs; 2) alcoholism; 3) domestic violence; 4) weapons and drugs in schools; and 5) theft.



John K. Blackburn

John K. Blackburn, 47, is a Democratic candidate for sheriff of Floyd County. He is married to Pamela Jean Shepherd Blackburn. He has four children and two grandchildren.

Blackburn is a former coal miner. He served as a deputy sheriff for eight years and currently runs a security company. He has 18 years experience in law enforcement and security enforcement.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

Through my experience in law enforcement, I have realized that law enforcement runs in my veins and dreams, and goals to improve our county occupy my mind.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way state government operates?

"United We Stand, Divided We Fall." As your next sheriff, I will work with all law enforcement agencies, city police, Kentucky State Police and federal agencies. By uniting together and working toward one common cause, enforcing the law, Floyd County can be a better place for all.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

1) Drugs; 2) alcoholism; 3) domestic violence; 4) weapons and drugs in schools; and 5) theft.

I will work very hard on implementing more educational programs for our children on drugs and firearms. I will work with the Floyd County Board of Education to see what instruments we could implement in schools to detect firearms and drugs. Our children's futures are at stake. We have to work very hard to protect the safety of our children.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

My experience in law enforcement is a big asset to my qualifications, but what possesses me most is my heartfelt desire to improve law enforcement in Floyd County.

How will you address those issues if elected?

The five biggest issues facing the county are:

• Jobs — Our young people are staying in school and getting educated and prepared for the future. One in four of every college or trade school graduate will be forced to leave this county to look for suitable work. Others have little hope for anything more than a minimum wage job. When Daniel Boone settled Kentucky and saw its natural beauty, he began to build Kentucky from within. Growth must start from within us. Our tax dollars and tax breaks should be given to our business people first. Small business makes up 84 percent of America's workforce. Help one small business develop five new jobs, help 20 small business create five new jobs and you have created 100 new permanent jobs here at home with our local business people. Next year, repeat the process and in four years you have created 400 new local jobs. Can't be done! Remember Daniel Boone created and settled a state. Surely we, as a county of 44,000 people, can do this task.

• Water — 54 percent of the homes in this county have no city water. A comprehensive plan from all water companies to lay and

install water lines in all homes should be mandatory allowing every home owner to know when they can expect water.

• Environment — We must clean up the trash and garbage from this beautiful land the Good Lord has entrusted us to keep. We are only "keepers" of the land; we must do a better job. I will declare war on trash and garbage!

• Drugs — Drugs are engulfing us. They are in our schools, in our communities. Every street, every holler road has someone selling drugs. If we do not do something now, the lives of our very loved ones will be at stake. We cannot bury our heads in the sand any longer. Drugs are everywhere. It's time we gave serious thought and action to a professional county police department with fully trained police officers, working assigned areas 24 hours a day. Check my background, I am qualified to have this done and will. Can't find the money to fund a county police department, you say? Elect me and watch me!

• Hope and pride. It's sad to know and remember how many people who were born and raised here left these mountains we call home for work in other states. Some are fortunate enough to retire and move back in their senior years. Sad

to say others live and die only to return here for burial, exemplifying their love of the mountains by resting in its soil at death.

The scenario here is, "It's okay to be born, raised and buried here, but too many of our people can't live here." We must give our people the hope that there is a future, not just for young people, but for all of us.

We must show and have pride in our mountain heritage and spirit. We are the blessed, that God put us here in these hills and valleys we call home. He wants us to raise up and free ourselves of the bondage of corruption and lies. We must take our destiny into our own hands and restore hope and pride to our people.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

I believe that I can offer hope to our people and our future generations. I have spent a lifetime getting the education; the business skills; the management skills; and the human understanding and compassion to be county judge-executive. And it should be obvious that I have not been chosen by the political machine ... I am nobody's boy, nobody's man. I will belong to the people who elect me.

FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF

What difference do you believe you can make in the way county government operates?

Through my seven years of experience as deputy sheriff I have seen the problems that our citizens face on a day-to-day basis. By knowing what the problems are, I also know the solutions to many of these same problems.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the county? How will you address those issues if elected?

The Five Biggest Problems

1. Drugs — I would curtail and eliminate the drug supply lines before they reach our streets, schools, and children. Stop the drugs from being grown or sold, and then we can stop the dealers.

2. Domestic violence and emergency protective order papers — These papers will be priority #1 on being served as soon as they have been issued from whomever even if my department has to search the high heavens to find so and so. I continue to support the domestic violence unit.

3. Theft — I, myself, as a former deputy sheriff and a concerned citizen, have seen and witnessed so many thefts in this county that we could be rated in the top bracket with the big city crime rate. I'd have more patrolling through business areas and small towns and everywhere else a thief could hide, or could prey on the innocent.

4. Lack of adequate funding for the Sheriff's Department — A sher-

iff's department has to have a budget that can help it operate and function properly. Cars, equipment, etc. are a must for any police agency to provide for the public what needs to be done. Grants from the government can be obtained to have a well-equipped sheriff's department to provide the protection and care of every citizen. I would seek those grants and have a sheriff's department that Floyd Countians can be proud of and attempt to work with the fiscal court to obtain additional funding.

5. Unanswered calls — Calls to a police department should be treated as priority one and handled by honesty and integrity, not lied to. All calls are important whether it's a cat in a tree or a crime in progress.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

I am a graduate of the department of criminal justice training center located at Richmond, I have a certification in basic police science domestic violence, D.U.I. field standard sobriety testing, and B.A. certified. I was a sergeant, a lieutenant, and a detective while serving with the sheriff's department from 1990 to 1995 under the previous sheriff Paul Thompson. I have years of experience as a trained police officer and, with my certifications and experience, I feel that I'm the most qualified candidate for the job of Floyd County Sheriff.



Lloyd Powers

Lloyd Powers is a Democratic candidate running for the office of sheriff of Floyd County. He is 42 and a truck driver. Powers was a deputy sheriff for more than seven years under two prior administrations.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

I feel that together, we the people of Floyd County, can make a change for the better of our children. I plan to remove drugs from our schools and streets and have Floyd County's own task force, which would be funded by government grants. I, along with a professional staff, will make drug dealers and drugs so scarce to find or buy that it will be like a whole new world if I am elected sheriff.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

94TH DISTRICT



Herman W. Lester

Herman W. Lester is seeking the Democratic nomination for state representative in the 94th District. There are nine Floyd County precincts in this district: Copperas Creek, Auxier, Jack Allen/Middle Creek, Rough & Tough, Boscoe, Garrett Rock, Abbott, Beech Grove, Cliff (2).

Lester has practiced law in Pike and Floyd counties for the last 25

years. He is married to Julie Osborne Lester, and they have three children: Wesley, Vanessa, and Max.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

This community has been very good to me and my family. I enjoy living here and intend to continue raising my family here. I want to give something back to the community, and I am willing to donate my time and efforts to help. I am not seeking anything personally from the office and have indicated that I will donate my salary this office pays to establish three full time in-state scholarships for children in this legislative district.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the state? How will you address those issues if elected?

We have a whole host of issues that affect the people in Pike and Floyd counties. Those that we can address in the legislature are: first, the availability and affordability of health care. We have to reduce the cost of health insurance and we have taken two positive steps to do that. The first is to establish a fund to provide health insurance coverage for children in families below the poverty level and the second is

to provide and fund supplemental coverage for the chronically ill. Hopefully, providing health insurance coverage on a case-by case basis will entice some of the 40 companies who left this state to come back and that competition will help lower insurance rates.

When we are successful in this campaign we will continue to fight proposed changes to KERA that would result in a loss of revenue of the schools in Pike and Floyd counties. KERA is the result of court-mandated legislation that requires the state to provide equal funding for all children across the state, and we should not let any efforts to dilute that funding be successful.

We shall also continue to work diligently to bring industry past Winchester and into the mountains. Our coal-related jobs are dwindling and we are going to have to continue the development of our vocational educational programs and our health-related programs to replace those jobs.

It should also go without saying, that all of our candidates and elected officials should continue working to improve our infrastruc-

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Representative

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ture. Our roads, water and sewage projects as well as our recreational facilities need constant attention and development.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

In our law practice we work with the Kentucky Statutes every day. I understand the legislative process and will be able to work with our other legislators, especially those in Eastern Kentucky. Let's not stand still or waste anymore time, but continue working for our beautiful area and all its people.

impose any additional sales tax. While I recognize that taxes are a harsh, but inescapable, reality of a modern, civilized society, I believe elected public servants occupy a position of trust to the people they serve to use those tax dollars honestly, efficiently, and never for the primary or sole purpose of political or personal gain.

• Education — The vision of KERA is to provide the best possible preparation for good and successful living in the 21st century. The good parts of KERA are more

equitable funding for rural school districts and rewards for schools that increase the proportion of successful students. As a dynamic vision, KERA is meant to be revisited periodically for fine tuning and sensible, reasonable changes. For example, frequent criticism is voiced about whether we're simply teaching our students how to test well instead of greater emphasizing the basics of reading, writing, spelling and basic arithmetic; whether we're doing enough to emphasize practical living and

vocational skills; and there is an abundance of other issues such as how we measure student improvement and whether there should be extended hours programs.

Many ideas have been and will be voiced for improving the manner in which we educationally prepare ourselves for an enviable quality of life. I certainly wouldn't be adverse to giving full consideration to any of that vast list of ideas so long as they meet the one simple criteria of offering the opportunity for an enhanced quality

of life, for the individual and the society in which we live. As someone who is looking forward to becoming a parent in the very near future, rest assured of my concerns regarding the quality of education our schools provide.

• Health Care and Welfare of Workers — I believe the state owes a duty to its citizens to take steps to ensure that affordable health insurance coverage is available. I do not believe we should be held hostage to insurance companies. I will work toward reaching a

compromise on this issue. And, I will work to ensure that our laws are not a barrier to truly injured workers being properly cared for.

What qualifications do you possess that you feel make you the best candidate for that office?

I have served as a legislative intern and was awarded a legislative commendation for my dedication to legislative service.

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Ira Branham

Ira Branham, 39, is an attorney who is seeking the office of 94th District State Representative.

Why do you want to hold the office you are seeking?

Because I believe I can make a difference in the lives of the people in my district.

What difference do you believe you can make in the way state government operates?

I believe in the honest and efficient administration of government. I believe the government should help those who are unable — not unwilling — but unable to help themselves.

What do you feel are the five biggest issues facing the state? How will you address those issues if elected?

• Jobs and Economic Growth — I would like to see tax and investment incentives to expand upon what we have and as a tool for recruitment of new industries. For example, consideration should be given to programs such as the Coalfield Employment Enhancement Tax Credit recently adopted in Virginia. This program provides the opportunity for more coalfield jobs by offering a \$2 per ton tax credit to those companies that mine seams less than 36 inches and a \$1 per ton tax credit for mining seams in excess of 36 inches.

Industries are also offered incentives to use coal produced in-state. What about similar incentive programs so our abundance of hardwood can be processed here? Already, as part of our recruitment potential, we have some of the lowest electricity and natural gas rates in the country; and then there's the natural, scenic beauty and the ideas connected with the notoriety of the Hatfields and McCoys. We have the potential, and I shall be a driving force for expanding on that potential whenever and wherever an idea for positive economic change presents itself.

• Increase Funding for Infrastructure — roads, water, sewage education, recreation and housing. The more we've got to offer, the greater our jobs recruitment potential. I'll hammer on Frankfort's door to complete and connect four lanes of Routes 119, 23 and 460. I'll hammer on Frankfort's door to get the funding we need for progress in the 21st century.

• Tax Cuts — Isn't it time the taxpayers and working poor of this state receive some real car tax relief. I'll promote that idea. I'll promote the idea of deductibility of funeral and burial expenses for family members who so often must bear that burden for their deceased relatives, and I'll promote the idea that those who pay for their final arrangements in advance can get an immediate tax deduction.

I'll promote the idea that those tax dollars saved from welfare reform should, at least, be directed back to our region instead of going to the benefit of the folks in Lexington, Louisville, and Covington. And, I'll oppose any plan that would allow cities to

Jim

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94th Kentucky House District

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- ★ Former Executive Assistant in the Kentucky Development Cabinet

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DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

In 1996, Floyd County voters decided to change its form of county government from the magistrate form to the commissioner form. This year, for the first time, voters will be electing three people to fill the commissioner seats on the fiscal court. This article, which is part of a series by The Times on the duties of elected officials, deals with the duties and responsibilities of a county commissioner.

For the most part, a county commissioner has no duties or authority outside a meeting of the fiscal court. The only other duty a commissioner may have is to perform marriages if authorized by the governor or judge-executive. Commissioners only have official powers while the fiscal court is in session.

According to two attorney general's opinions, commissioners are not eligible to receive a maximum salary if they work only part-time conducting the county's business. The sitting fiscal court will set the salaries for the incoming commissioners.

In Floyd County, under the magistrate form of government, there were four magistrates elected. In the commissioner form, three officials will be elected to the fiscal court. Under state law, two commissioners may call a special meeting of the fiscal court if the county judge-executive cannot or refuses to do so. In case of a tie vote on the court for the appointment of a county officer or employee, commissioners must be given a final chance to resolve a deadlock before the judge-executive makes the appointment. The law does not address tie votes on issues other than employment matters. If a tie vote lasts

more than 15 days, the judge-executive can make the appointment.

Fiscal court members have specific duties under the law, which include appropriating money for various county departments; operating, maintaining and constructing county roads, buildings and other property; and housing prisoners. The court may also buy and sell county property; oversee the administration of the county budget; and may investigate all departments in county government.

State lawmakers have given county governments the power to impose taxes, enact ordinances and county regulations, and issue bonds for county construction projects.

The oversight of numerous county departments falls to the fiscal court and includes everything from animal control, public housing, solid waste disposal, to cable television licensing and promoting economic development.

Commissioners also have the responsibility for the county's budget and can control the amount of funds delegated to various departments of county government. The budget is prepared by the judge/executive and submitted to the fiscal court for review or comment. After a budget is approved by state officials, the fiscal court may amend the budget at any time, but the court cannot change the form of the budget.

As for commissioners' responsibilities concerning county roads, the court has the authority to open, alter or establish roads and appropriate money for road work. Fiscal courts may also condemn land in order to build roads.

Court members must also adopt an administrative code which governs the administration of county offices; the county's fiscal affairs; personnel; purchasing and awarding of contracts; and how county

services will be rendered. A review of the administrative code is required every year in June and a majority of the court can amend the code.

Meetings of the fiscal court are open to the public and are to be conducted under the state's Open Meetings Law. A majority of court members constitutes a quorum which can make decisions on county issues. A majority of the court is needed to enact county ordinances. A commissioner could be charged with neglect of duty if a member of the court fails to attend half of the court meetings in a six-month period or misses two consecutive meetings without good cause. A commissioner would forfeit the office if convicted on the charge.

All county records are to be kept in the office of the county clerk and are open for public inspection. Records deemed confidential, personal matters and trade secrets, are

available for inspection only by court order.

Commissioners serve a four-year term and qualifications for the office are: must be 24 years old; a resident of the county for two years prior to the election; a Kentucky resident; must have lived in a particular district for at least one year prior to the election; and must continue to reside in the district from which they were elected.

In May's primary election, commissioner candidates are nominated from the district they represent. In November's general election, commissioners are elected on a county-wide vote.

Commissioners are forbidden to do work on county roads, supervise work on county roads or provide materials to be used on roads and bridges. Also, officials are prohibited from having a personal interest in any county contract or claim against the county.

DUTIES OF COUNTY COURT CLERK

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A county clerk is responsible for keeping numerous legal documents, including deeds, voter registrations, orders of the fiscal court, marriage licenses, wills and property tax records. The county clerk may also choose to serve as the clerk of the fiscal court and, if so, must attend all court meetings and record the proceedings.

Other records the county clerk is responsible for include real estate, tax and mechanics liens; powers of attorney; land contracts; affidavits of descent; property and mineral leases; maps, plats and surveys of property; mortgages; notary publics; vehicle licensing and registration; articles of incorporation; petitions for candidates for elected office; and licenses for entertainment establishments.

Licenses and registrations for vehicles owned by people living in the county falls to the county clerk, who makes reports to the state Transportation Cabinet.

The county clerk also issues licenses for all watercraft and motorboats owned by county residents. The clerk also collects fees for alcoholic beverage licenses if the fiscal court requires those licenses.

Professionals, such as chiropractors, dentists, dental hygienists, embalmers and funeral directors and optometrists, must file their licenses in the county clerk's office.

The clerk also issues hunting and fishing licenses for the Department of Fish and Wildlife, but a clerk can be exempt from doing so by writing to the department.

Each month, the county clerk reports the number of marriage licenses issued and the number is returned to the state Department of Vital Statistics to be recorded.

One of the most significant duties of a county clerk is to oversee and administer the laws governing elections. The clerk is designated as the chairman of the county Board of Elections. A county Board of Elections also consists of the sheriff and two members from each political party appointed by the state

Board of Elections.

The county Board of Elections, supervised by the state Board of Elections, is responsible for enforcing election laws, the registration and purging of voters from the county rolls.

Voters register with the county clerk, who reports all registrations to the state Board of Elections. Voter registration is closed the fourth Tuesday preceding and through the first Monday after any primary or general election. Registrations are closed 28 days prior and seven days after any special election. The county clerk is to provide voter registration forms to public high schools, vocational schools and, if requested, to private schools.

If the boundaries of a voting precinct are changed, the clerk automatically transfers a person's voter registration and is to notify the voter by mail of the change.

Voter registration records are available for inspection by the public and copies of those records can be obtained. The cost for obtaining copies of the records cannot exceed

fifty-cents per page. Precinct lists for voters, with some restrictions, can be obtained from the state Board of Elections, but cannot be used for commercial purposes.

County clerks are responsible for making sure county offices appear in order on the ballots. The order of the offices are: commonwealth's attorney, circuit clerk, property valuation administrator, county judge-executive, county attorney, county clerk, sheriff, jailer, county commissioner, coroner, justice of the peace and constable.

Clerks are also responsible for having ballots printed for voting machines and absentee ballots. The clerk is to also have sample ballots published in the newspaper.

Voting machines are in the custody of the clerk at all times except when being used during an election or when in the custody of a court official during an election contest. Clerks are to make sure the machines are in proper working order and that no one has tampered with them.

At least one hour before polls

open, the county clerk is to deliver voting machines to each precinct. Signs must be posted to distinguish precincts if several precincts are located in one polling place. If for some reason a voting machine cannot be used at a precinct, the clerk is to provide paper ballots.

The clerk is to also make the necessary provisions for absentee ballots. Persons eligible for voting absentee are: voters who are unable to be at the polls due to age, infirmity or illness or voters with medical emergencies; Kentucky residents who are in the armed forces or dependents of those in the armed forces or who reside overseas; students and other eligible voters who live outside the state; and persons in jail who are charged, but not convicted.

All election records are to be kept for at least 22 months and all voter assistance forms, applications for absentee ballots and emergency absentee ballot affidavits are to be presented by the clerk to the grand jury the first day it is in session following an election.

As for duties related to collection of property taxes, the county clerk makes a weekly report to the property valuation administrator (PVA) of the number of motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and mobile homes registered.

The clerk also serves on the county's Board of Assessment Appeals to hear complaints from property owners regarding the assessed value of their property. A taxpayer can file a petition with the clerk to contest the assessment and the clerk is to give the appeal to the PVA.

Qualifications for the office of county clerk are a person must be 21 years old; a citizen of Kentucky for two years; a resident of the county in which he is a candidate for one year prior to the election; and must have certificate from a circuit court judge saying the candidate is qualified for the office. A vacancy in the office is filled by the county judge-executive.

Source: *The Legislative Research Commission's "Duties of Elected County Officials."*

DUTIES OF SHERIFF

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A county sheriff has four primary areas of responsibility: law enforcement, tax collections, providing services to the courts and various duties during elections.

Under Kentucky's Constitution, the General Assembly can consolidate the offices of sheriff and jailer in any county. If the offices are merged, the post of sheriff is retained and the sheriff must perform the duties of the jailer.

As for law enforcement duties, the sheriff, along with coroners, jailers and constables, have broad law enforcement powers and can make arrests for various offenses.

Officers can make arrests with warrants; without a warrant when officers witness felonies or misde-

meanors being committed; without a warrant when there is probable cause to believe a felony has been committed by the person arrested; and without a warrant in cases of harassment, third degree criminal trespass or various traffic violations are committed their presence.

In the instance of witnessing a misdemeanor, an officer may instead issue the person a citation to answer the charge in court.

Some arrests without warrants can also be made in certain domestic violence instances.

Responsibilities of peace officers also include seizure of untaxed cigarettes; enforcement of all controlled substances laws; assistance in destroying diseased livestock, when asked by the Kentucky Board of Agriculture; enforcement of all truck weight limit and size laws; seizure of

vehicles transporting alcoholic beverages in dry territories; and service of court subpoenas and other related documents. The sheriff is also responsible for the inspection of all vehicles prior to the submission of title to the county clerk.

Under state law, a sheriff has the authority to form a posse to assist him with his duties outlined by law.

A sheriff is also responsible for making monthly inspections of businesses which allow music or dancing, selling of intoxicating beverages or which have rooms for lodging. Inspection reports are to be sent to the county attorney and the county clerk. During inspections of places of entertainment, sheriffs can arrest the owners for any crimes committed in their presence. Also, arrests can be made for the promotion of gambling and for providing a place

to conduct gambling.

A sheriff's tax collection duties are numerous and include the collection of state and county property taxes; taxes for county school districts; taxes for fire protection or volunteer fire department districts; library taxes; taxes for county health departments; and unmined mineral taxes. The sheriff is allowed to retain various percentages of the taxes collected and is responsible for the distribution of money collected to the taxing districts.

The sheriff is to make reports of county tax collections to the judge-executive and the status of state tax collections to the Revenue Cabinet.

A sheriff is to advertise the sale of tax claims for delinquent taxpayers after all efforts have failed to collect the taxes owed. Three weeks after the sale notice has been advertised

and sent to the taxpayer, the sheriff conducts a sale of the claims at the door of the county courthouse.

Responsibilities of a sheriff on election matters require that the sheriff be a member of the county board of elections except when the sheriff is a candidate for office. The two appointed members of the election board choose a person to serve in place of the sheriff.

Service to district and circuit courts by the sheriff require that the sheriff or a deputy attend and keep order during court proceedings and at fiscal court meetings.

The sheriff is also responsible for the service of all court process documents and executes court orders authorizing the seizure of property. A sheriff must also publish notices of abandoned property reported to the state and is to administer the estate

of a deceased person if no relative, public administrator or guardian can be located.

All properties taken from prisoners, intoxicated and insane persons and property acquired through illegal activity is to be held in the custody of the sheriff.

Sheriffs serve four-year terms and qualifications include being 24 years old; a citizen of Kentucky and resident of the state for two years; and a resident for one year of the county in which election is sought.

Before taking office, a sheriff must execute bonds related to tax collections and faithful performance of all his duties.

A vacancy in the sheriff's office is filled by county judge-executive.

Source: *The Legislative Research Commission's publication "Duties of Elected County Officials."*

DUTIES OF JAILER

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Kentucky's constitution is the only one in the United States that specifically notes the elected office of county jailer. In most other states, the duties outlined for Kentucky's jailers are delegated to sheriffs or deputies.

In Kentucky, it is the responsibility of fiscal courts to house persons arrested within the county or sentenced to jail time by the courts. Fiscal courts can either choose to operate their own jails or contract with other counties or cities to incarcerate prisoners.

In either instance, fiscal courts are responsible for the transportation of prisoners for court appearances, medical services or to other jail or prison facilities. County governments are responsible for providing vehicles, guards and drivers if needed to meet that obligation.

In response to a 1980s federal mandate to upgrade jail facilities throughout the nation, state lawmakers developed a funding formula to help offset the costs to counties for those improvements. Under state law, counties are to receive no less than \$24,000 annually from the state to be dedicated to housing prisoners.

Also, state corrections officials are to provide training for jailers and deputy jailers and, a jailer is allowed \$300 per month for expenses related for training.

In order to be eligible for the monthly expense allotment, jailers must complete a basic training program within one year of taking office and attend yearly training sessions.

For first-time jailers to qualify for the \$300 monthly training expense during their first year in office, the elected official must complete the training prior to taking the oath of office.

Lawmakers also increased court costs for district court proceedings by \$15, five dollars of that goes to the county treasury to be used for costs of operating a jail, and ten dollars goes to the state's Local Correctional Facilities Construction Authority. Additional funds for operating costs can be sought from the federal government, or from cities or other counties which have prisoners lodged in the jail.

Counties can also receive state funding for housing class D felons serving a jail sentence of five years or less. Inmates who are eligible for work release can be required, if a judge orders it, to pay up to 25 percent or not more than \$40 per day of

their gross wages. Judges can also order inmates to pay a reimbursement fee to the county, based on the same formula as work release prisoners, to be applied toward the costs of incarceration.

Indigent prisoners are entitled to receive essential medical, dental and psychological services for which the county is required to pay up to \$2,000 per inmate. Costs in excess of \$2,000 can be reimbursed by the state if the services are necessary; the inmate meets the criteria to be declared indigent; and if the costs for services are comparable for persons treated under the state's medical assistance program.

Inspectors with the state's Department of Corrections are to inspect jails twice a year and jailers must allow those inspectors access to all parts of the jail and to all records. The county judge-executive also has the right to inspect the jail.

Federal government and local city officials are entitled to the use of the jail to house prisoners. Jailers must accept and imprison persons presented to them by those agencies for violations of laws.

The jailer is responsible for the cleaning and upkeep of the jail and is responsible for all persons within the jail. If a jail has a private living area

within it, the jailer or one of the deputies may live there. Jailers are responsible for care and treatment of all inmates until they are released from the facility. Jails are to be kept comfortable, warm, clean and free from vile odors. Inmates are to have sufficient bed clothing.

Jailers are required to prepare the annual budget for the operation of county jail with the assistance of the judge-executive and county treasurer. The budget must be finalized by April 1 of each year and is to include a line item account of all funds and an estimate of all revenues.

If a jailer feels the budget is inadequate, notification must be made in writing to the fiscal court and the Department of Corrections.

The county treasurer is responsible for keeping an account of all receipts and expenses from the jail and, to make the necessary reports to the state local finance officer.

Along with the treasurer, the jailer is to make monthly reports to the fiscal court detailing all purchases from the jail account and the current financial condition of all jail accounts, including revenue and expenditures for the month; year-to-date expenses; and a line item report on remaining account balances.

Jailers are permitted to operate a

canteen in a jail and they must maintain an accounting of all receipts and expenditures. A report of the expenses and revenue is to be made annually to the county treasurer and any profits must be used for the benefit of prisoners.

Monthly reports must also be made to the Department of Corrections indicating whether a prisoner has been charged with a felony or misdemeanor; the law an inmate is accused of violating and whether it is city, state or federal law; if the accused has been convicted of a crime or awaiting trial; the age and sex of the inmate; and what county or agency is responsible for housing the prisoner.

Quarterly reports as to the physical condition of the jail, the number of employees and the personnel needs of the jail are to be made to the fiscal court.

Deputy jailers have the same powers as the jailer and are subject to same penalties for any violations of law. Jailers are liable under their official bonds for the actions of deputy jailers. The number of deputy jailers is set by the fiscal court and deputies can be dismissed without cause at any time by the jailer.

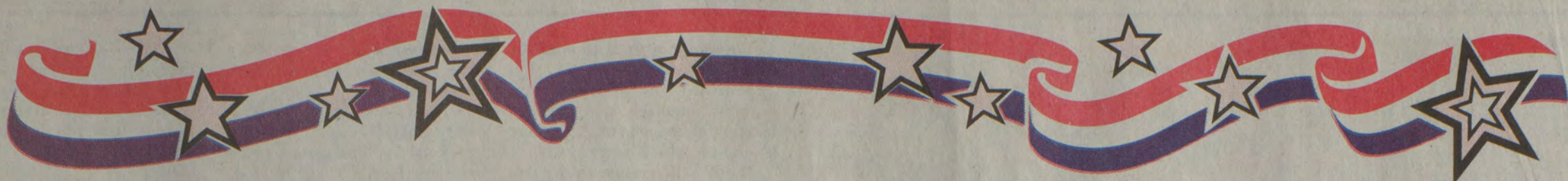
Jailers can be removed from office if:

- convicted of misfeasance, malfeasance or willful neglect of official duties;
- permission by a government or city official for use of the jail is denied, or if unauthorized fees are charged to the agencies;
- an incompatible office, such as a state or city officer or employee, is accepted while serving as jailer;
- they fail to take custody, rule and charge of the jail and all persons in it; and
- public records are willfully concealed or destroyed in an effort to violate the state's Open Records Law.

Qualifications for the office of jailer are they must be at least 24-years-old and must have lived in the state for two years and one year in the county where the office is sought.

Prior to assuming the official duties of the office, jailers must take the oath of office and execute an official bond before the judge-executive. The bond and surety are approved by the judge-executive and it is filed in the county clerk's office. No coroner, sheriff, sheriff's deputy, judge-executive, circuit judge, county or circuit clerk or attorney may be a surety for the bond.

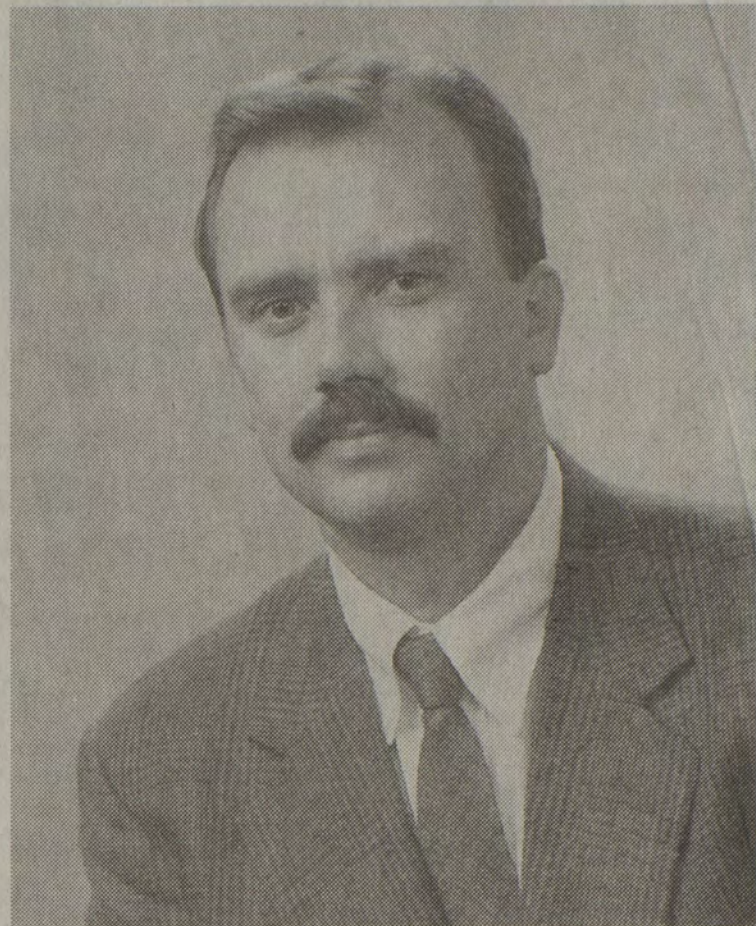
Vacancies in the office of jailer are filled by the judge-executive.



To the people of Floyd County:

A little over two years ago, you elected me your County Judge-Executive. Since then I've worked to dismantle the old boy network and build an open, honest, efficient government that works for your interests, not those of a chosen few.

As your county judge, I have cut your taxes and posted the county's first-ever \$2.7 million budget surplus by efficiently managing your tax dollars and refusing to bow to political pressure from those who think I should put your money in their pockets.



As your county judge, I have laid the foundation for economic development and job creation, including leading the way to create two new industrial parks and working with Pike, Martin and Johnson counties to bring a federal prison complex to our region that will employ 500 people and pump 25-30 million dollars into the local economy.

Under my leadership, the fiscal court and county road crews have completed more than \$2 million worth of road construction and improvements while refusing to waste one penny of your hard-earned money on private work for political cronies.

I have expanded and improved our parks and recreational facilities for the benefit of our seniors and children, because I know our elders made Floyd County great and our youth are the promise of a bright future.

I have worked to clean up our environment by establishing an environmental planning committee, a department for environmental services and appointing a co-director for the state/federal P.R.I.D.E. cleanup initiative.

Please help me to continue my fight to guide Floyd County into the 21st Century. Our county is the best now that it has ever been.

Your Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben Hale".

Ben Hale
County Judge-Executive

