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**Guilty!**

**Six youths admit to roadside killings**

by Bill Jones  
The Greeneville (Tenn.) Sun

In a surprise move Friday, all six defendants in the Lillelid murder case pleaded guilty to three counts of first-degree murder and assorted lesser charges after an 11th-hour plea agreement was reached between prosecutors and defense attorneys.

In exchange for their guilty pleas, the agreement spared the four adult defendants the possibility that they would face the death penalty. All six defendants had to accept the plea agreement in order to avoid going to trial, according to Third Judicial District Attorney General Berkeley Bell.

"It was a take-it-or-leave-it blind offer with no recommendations whatsoever — with the sentence possibilities being life or life without parole," Bell said.

During a post-hearing news conference, Bell said he felt good about the agreement, noting that the defendants had pleaded guilty "to everything with which they were charged."

"We're also very happy that the families and the members of the church they (the Lillelids) attended are pleased with the outcome of the case," Bell said. "We've talked to people over in Norway and the people in this country. They've expressed their appreciation, and we thank them very much."

Jury selection for the youths' trial had been scheduled to begin Monday at the Bradley County Courthouse in Cleveland. However, that proceeding has been canceled — as no jury will be needed in the wake of the guilty pleas.

**Beckner accepts pleas**

Before a courtroom packed with attorneys, law-enforcement officers, courthouse workers and news media, Judge James E. Beckner accepted guilty pleas during the 4:30 p.m. hearing from Jason Blake Bryant, 15; Natasha W. Cornett, 19; Karen R. Howell, 18; Edward Dean Mullins, 20; Joseph Lance Risner, 21; and Crystal R. Sturgill, 18.

When Judge Beckner asked each of the defendants if they were pleading guilty because they were guilty, they individually responded "yes" in low voices. Alleged ring-leader Natasha W. Cornett spoke in a barely audible voice when entering her plea.

The judge reserved judgment on the three counts of first-degree murder involving three members of the Lillelid family — Vidar, 34,

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Cornett



Risner



Mullins



Howell



Bryant



Sturgill

**Justice Center ready...almost**

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

Floyd County officials were given the green light Friday to move into the justice center, which was scheduled to be complete earlier this month.

Ray Grosser, representing architects Chrisman, Miller and Woodward, presented the good news Friday during a regular meeting of the fiscal court.

"I'm very pleased to tell you they have put a whole lot together," Grosser said about contractors completing the multi-million dollar facility.

Grosser addressed the fiscal court in January and told court members that the project would not be complete by the projected February 6 deadline.

Grosser's conclusion for the delay followed numerous reports from CMW representative Bill

Pinkering, who has told the fiscal court over the last six months that the project was "slightly behind schedule," but he had a "good feeling" about it being complete by the deadline.

"As it stands right now, (inspectors have) agreed it is okay to move into the building," Grosser said.

The architect's representative said there were a few "hoops" which had to be taken care of, but said he anticipates they would be

resolved by this week.

Grosser said that although business cannot be conducted out of the building, the Administrative Office of the Court (AOC) could install its equipment.

"We can give them substantial completion," Grosser said. "...There's nothing serious over there to keep us from occupying (the building)."

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**Tempers flare over tax issue at Martin**

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

Angry workers flocked to Martin City Council's meeting Monday, protesting the city's decision to impose an occupational tax.

The majority of workers were from Our Lady of the Way Hospital, who claimed the 1.3 percent tax on their wages was excessive.

Doctors Chandra and Mehendra Varia led the protest, asking council and Mayor Alan Whicker how they determined what tax percentage to levy against workers' wages.

Some council members said they had "no idea" how the tax rate was determined.

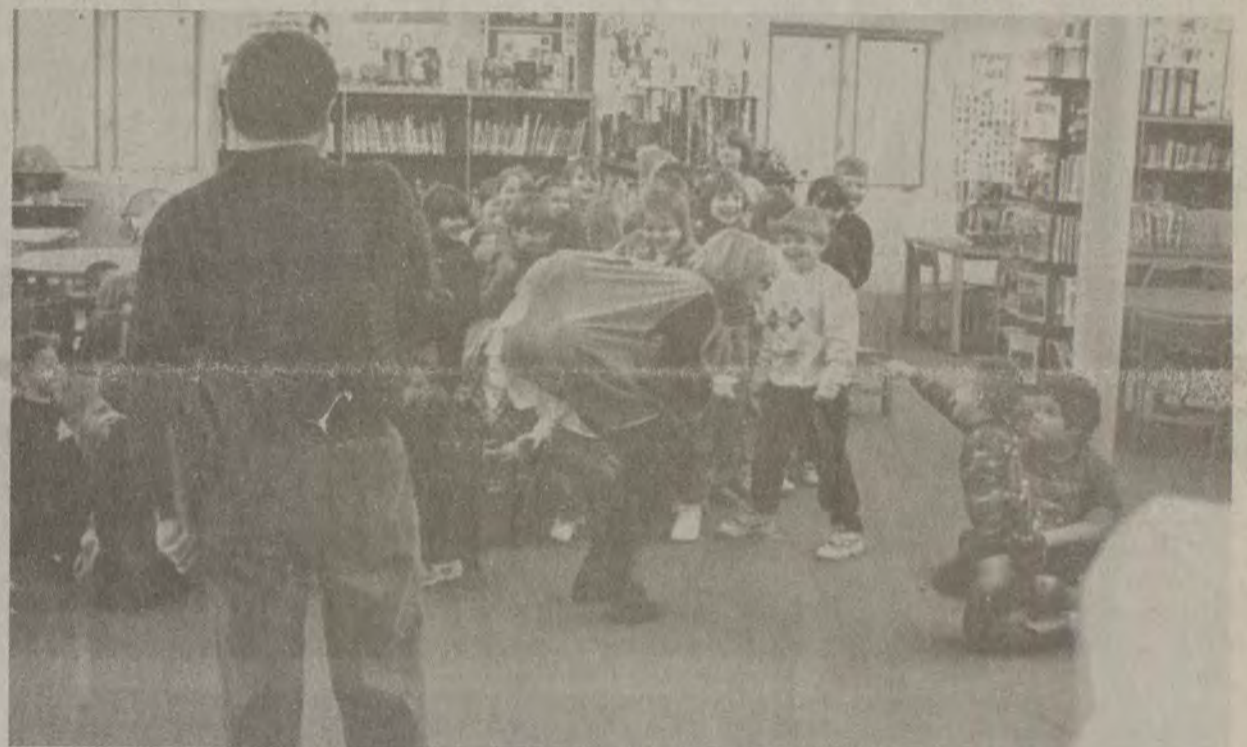
Whicker explained that a survey of surrounding cities, including Prestonsburg and Pikeville, was conducted to get a comparison to set the rate.

The two doctors chided city officials for failing to repair the roadway in front of their home on High Street, saying it had not been maintained for 25 years.

Chandra Varia said Whicker told her the road had not been fixed because she had not complained at a council meeting.

Whicker denied that claim and said repairs were impossible because there had been construction materials blocking the section for over a year. He told Chandra Varia

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**And that's the tooth...**

Dr. Eddy Clark put an interesting spin on a lecture about the importance of oral hygiene to kindergarten and first-grade students Friday at Allen Elementary. Dental office employees acted out a short skit of a "sugar bug" chasing a healthy tooth. In the above photo, the sugar bug searched for the healthy tooth, who was hiding among students in the room. (photo by Chris McDavid)

**Councilman proposes 'stiff' response to lot lease refusal**

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

Prestonsburg's City Council voted Monday to annex over 100 acres of mainly hillside land to construct walking and bike trails.

The contract with owner Frank Fitzpatrick calls for property at West Prestonsburg to be used for trails and the owners would be exempt from city taxes for five years.

Earlier this month, council agreed to table the contract until

more information on the issue could be obtained.

Councilman Estill Lee Carter said the contract had been reviewed and that after five years, the city would have free use of the land. He added that the only cost to the city would be to offset property taxes, which would be nominal.

Council authorized the contract.

Also Monday, Councilman Hansel Cooley asked Mayor Jerry Fannin if the city could look into leasing property across from Prestonsburg Grade School to be used

as a playground and park.

Fannin said he had talked with the property owners, who were not identified, and they were not interested in leasing the property. The mayor said the owners would sell the tract.

Cooley suggested that the city "make it stiff" on the property owners annexing property at Cliff owned by Mayor Fannin. At council's February 9 meeting, Fannin gave a lengthy explanation about the annexation, saying he would be the only benefactor of the action and there was nothing "fishy" going on. In the minutes of the February 9 meeting, which council approved Monday, the record notes that Fannin "explained the reason the city was annexing property that he owns is because he felt, as mayor, it was his obligation to annex into the city any property that he owned."

"If they have to pay to keep it up, they might want someone else to take care of it," Cooley said.

Fannin said he would look into the matter.

In other action Monday:

• Without any discussion, council gave final approval to an ordinance annexing property at Cliff owned by Mayor Fannin. At council's February 9 meeting, Fannin gave a lengthy explanation about the annexation, saying he would be the only benefactor of the action and there was nothing "fishy" going on. In the minutes of the February 9 meeting, which council approved Monday, the record notes that Fannin "explained the reason the city was annexing property that he owns is because he felt, as mayor, it was his obligation to annex into the city any property that he owned."

• Council approved an agreement with Auxier Water Company, which calls for the city to "possibly" acquire some of Auxier's water lines and that Auxier will be allowed to tap into a line that will be run to Route 3.

**Benefits planned to aid youth paralyzed in Parkway mishap**

by Cindy Yates  
Editorial Assistant

Friends and family members of Allen Elementary student Mandy May will probably never again be able to drive the Mountain Parkway without shuddering at the thought of the traffic accident that almost claimed her life.

Unfortunately, that drive has to be made regularly because the 11-year-old remains hospitalized at the Cardinal Hill Hospital for rehabilitation of a spinal cord injury. Mandy was left temporarily paralyzed, but the hope is that someday, she will be able to walk again.

Last week, for the first time since the accident that occurred three days before Christmas, Mandy received a one-day pass to

come home. Once there she found that her Christmas was all ready for her. Her family had left things exactly as they were before the accident, complete with a tree, according to her school's principal Linda Gearheart.

Mandy's little brother, Jared, is in the second grade at Allen Elementary. When his sister was hurt, Jared's only way to comfort her was to give up his cherished pillow that he always slept with. His sister now has it in her hospital bed, and keeps it close.

Her school is decorated with yellow ribbons, and Gearheart assures that "they will stay there until she is back with us." The school also has a bulletin board decorated

(See Benefits, page five)



Eleven-year-old Mandy May was paralyzed in a pre-Christmas accident on the Mountain Parkway and her rehabilitation from that mishap is putting a strain on her family's finances. A series of benefits are planned to help ease the burden.

# Rumors have employees at BSHC concerned about their jobs and services

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

Big Sandy Health Care may be caught up in a whirlwind of confusion with the circulation of rumors that one clinic may close and the threat of a possible federal investigation.

The rumors have employees apparently concerned about their jobs and the services the clinics provide to indigent families with allegations of the closing of one of the clinics.

And a health care union representative says she is concerned about a federal investigation into the working relationship between union employees and the board.

Interim executive director Eric Herrin and board chairman Bertie Salyer addressed the rumors Monday night by saying that they were not true. The issue of a federal investigation was not discussed.

Rebecca Bradford, an employee at the Shelby Valley Clinic, told the board Monday night during a meeting of the board of directors that employees have "some major concerns" that need to be considered.

"You have five employees (at that clinic) who don't know if they have a job," Bradford said Monday. "They don't know what's going on because all they hear is 'Shelby Valley Clinic is going to close.'"

Herrin told Bradford that he has discovered "that all rumors are not true" that if the clinic was in jeopardy of being closed, he wasn't aware of the situation.

"I trust you when you say you haven't (been told of the alleged closing)," Bradford told Herrin. "The problem I have is I don't know who on (the board) I can trust and that's the problem Big Sandy Health Care has."

The apparent distrust with the board prompted one board member to assure Bradford that he was working for the good of the organization and that the board has no intentions of closing the clinic.

"I have spent a lot of nights working as a member," the board member said. "If there was any reason I thought Shelby Valley would close, I wouldn't have wasted my time."

Bertie Salyer, chairman of the BSHC board, told Bradford that the "most consistent" board members are from Shelby Valley and that they would be the ones who would have to approve closing the clinic.

Board member Dr. Surekha Maddiwar said the clinic was not in danger of being closed because it has almost become "self-sustaining."

She also said that former executive director Ellis Buchanan deserves the credit for the clinic

being in such a stable condition.

Buchanan was removed from his position earlier this month after months of an apparent personal conflict between himself and Salyer.

Some board members expressed concern about the inaccurate information being circulated and suggested that someone determine who is starting the rumors and the motivation behind them.

In another matter, Kathy McCormick, administrative organizer for the health care union, said two employees have heard they would not be working "in a month from now."

McCormick said Sonja Hall and Fay Moore's jobs are on the line according to the rumors. Salyer and Herrin said they were not aware of that rumor either.

Hall filed a labor grievance against the board chairman and board member Jackie Cecil in January.

"We want to clear the air," McCormick said. "That's what we're doing here."

McCormick also asked Salyer why the union representative was not on the agenda for the meeting.

She had raised the issue before the board met behind closed doors; however, since it was not included on the agenda, the union representative was not permitted to speak until later.

"Madame chair, I brought to your attention my letter as insisted by you...and I'd like to discuss it because it is business to the board," McCormick said.

Salyer apologized if she had overlooked the request, and said she does not recall getting a letter requesting that the union representative be included on the agenda.

The board met in executive session for nearly two hours before McCormick was given the opportunity to address the board.

"The board, and I would say basically the president, seems to be very negative," McCormick said during the closed discussion. "...The board must realize there is a union here."

McCormick said Big Sandy Health Care has problems that "have got to be fixed...we're going to be in a federal investigation that neither one of us want to be a part of."

The union representative was given the floor to speak to the board after the closed session.

"We want to see BSHC continue to grow and continue to provide good patient care," McCormick said. "We are willing to do what it takes...We respect your position. The flip side of that is you're going to have to respect us too."

Salyer told the union representa-

tive that the board's role was to work with the executive director, and noted that "problems come from misinformation and the lack of communication."

The issue of the union not being included on the agenda was further discussed when Salyer said, "It's not beyond me to overlook something."

Patricia Friend, a building clerk and organizing chair for the union,

insisted she hand delivered the request to Salyer and that the chairman called the former executive director and let him know she got it.

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## Justice Center (Continued from page one)

During the fiscal court's January meeting, Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale said he would levy a \$2,500 penalty against the contractor for each day past the projected completion date.

The judge-executive said Friday that he did not levy the penalty because of the contractor's working relationship with county officials.

Hale said a "harsh stipulation" was placed in the justice center contract because of complications with the construction of the new jail a few years ago.

"I have to say we've worked together well on this project," Hale said. "It's went pretty doggone smooth."

Hale could not be contacted Tuesday for additional information about the status of the justice center.

In a related matter, the judge-executive and Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley butted heads Friday over the availability of contract documents related to the justice center.

Bartley asked Grosser if he could obtain copies of the contractor's contracts, and Grosser told the county attorney he could get those from the judge-executive's office.

"I've been denied that from the judge's office," Bartley said, "and that's why I came to you."

"I beg your pardon, Keith," Hale said. "...Let's not play politics here today."

Hale said he has not spoken to Bartley about the matter, and Bartley said he was sent a message that he couldn't have the contracts.

In regular business Friday, fiscal court members were apparently disappointed with the purchase of a new grader which was not the brand they preferred.

Hale said Friday that the county

used bids which were let by the state highway department, and that he needed authorization to purchase the state's choice, a Champion.

Hale said the old grader was "in poor repair" and a magistrate agreed that it was a "total wreck."

The fiscal court discussed repairing the old grader, a Caterpillar, instead of purchasing the Champion grader.

Hale said it would cost approximately \$24,000 to repair the old grader.

"I can't see justifying putting money into an old grader when you can get a new one," Hale said.

The magistrates said they were more comfortable with the brand of grader the county currently uses, but if Magistrate Ermal Tackett, whose district would be utilizing the grader, was pleased with the new grader they would approve it.

"It ain't the best, but I can work with it," Tackett said.

In other business, the fiscal court:

- appointed Lorena Sis Hall to the unexpired term of Jerry Fultz on the ethics commission;

- reappointed Joseph Jacobs and Emmitt Hamilton Jr. as commissioners on the Sandy Valley Water District;

- accepted a \$33,600 bid from Waterworks Supply, of Jeffersonville, for waterline pipes;

- appointed Bobby Joe Spencer to fulfill the unexpired term of Perry Crider, who moved out of the district as a member of the board of trustees of the Auxier Fire Protection District; and

- authorized the solid waste bond payment in the amount of \$153,380.

All court members were present at Friday's meeting.

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## Wayland commissioner resigns; says conflict disrupts progress

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

The morning after a Wayland commissioner could not convince fellow city officials to conduct a regular meeting Thursday, even though the mayor would not be in attendance, she resigned her position.

Lisa Gray's resignation as a city commissioner became effective Friday, February 20.

Gray said Tuesday that she resigned because she did not think the commission was being effective when discussing city issues, and an apparent conflict between the mayor and police department was disrupting city business.

"When we go to meetings, we're always talking about the same stuff and never getting anything accomplished," Gray said Tuesday. "We always discuss the same topics, but nothing really gets resolved to move on to other important issues."

When contacted Thursday night and asked if the city commission would be conducting its regular meeting, Gray expressed concerns about the city government and indicated she would probably resign from the commission.

Gray explained that Mayor Eugene Mullins and commissioner

Mary Beth Stephens had indicated they would not be attending the meeting, and despite efforts to have other commissioners attend the meeting, it was not held.

Gray said she encouraged commissioners Tommy Murphy and Tommy Robinson to go to the meeting hall so the commission could discuss city business, but they refused.

"We had the majority," she said. "I tried to get other members to meet and discuss other issues."

The commissioners' reluctance to attend the meeting was apparently because the commission was supposed to discuss issues related to the mayor.

One commissioner said Thursday night that he did not want to discuss those issues in the mayor's absence when he could not be there to defend himself.

"I feel that even with my presence, I can no longer make those changes (in the city of Wayland) that are needed to be done," Gray wrote in her resignation letter.

"There is too much conflict between the police department and the mayor that real issues that need to be addressed are not," Gray wrote, "and not much changes are being done to resolve these conflicts."

Gray said Tuesday that the con-

flict was "getting in the way of making progress" and creating confusion.

Wayland police chief Aaron Kidd and Mayor Eugene Mullins could not be contacted for comments on Gray's resignation.

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# Viewpoint

## Quote of the week...

"There is no sure foundation set upon blood, no certain life achieved by others' death."

—Shakespeare

## Editorial

### A lesson learned?

by Scott Perry

For all practical purposes the tragic saga of six young killers from our area is at an end.

The lesson it teaches is not.

As we have maintained all along, these six murderers are not indicative of youth in Eastern Kentucky but they are examples, extreme examples, for sure, of the dark side of our society.

We don't know what caused these young people to become killers.

This wasn't a crime of passion; a case of a temper out of control. It was a cold-blooded execution for sport or thrill.

This crime is inexplicable, but not unprecedented.

We are all products of our environments and human history is filled with tales of terror, of horrible acts and inhumanity.

Is violence so common a companion that our senses are deadened to its presence?

We have to say no,

that can't be. To say otherwise would justify or excuse it.

A Tennessee father, mother and daughter are dead. A three-year-old boy is orphaned and six youths have forfeited any chance they might have had in life.

For what? That's the lesson we must heed.

There is no point to violence. No meaning.

Just pain.

Just blood.

Just bodies.

Lives taken, lives ruined...for nothing.

In drawing this terrible chapter in our history to a close, we'd like to offer our gratitude to the staff of the

Greeneville Tennessee *Sun*, especially photographer Jody Snyder and staff writer Bill Jones for providing the coverage of this case to our readers.

We hope that we never have to return the favor.



"I've decided to name her 'El Niño.'"

## Letters to the Editor

### Writer questions activities of City of Prestonsburg

Editor:

Water is the source of life, both physical and economic. The human body requires 64 ounces of water every day in order to be in good health. Water should not be used as a weapon or a tool to annex and tax. It is unfair to use our water in such a way.

The politicians in Prestonsburg are doing the people of Floyd County wrong. When a politician in Prestonsburg was questioned concerning using water in this unfair way, he responded, "If they don't want to be part of our city and pay taxes, then let them drink out of the creek."

The City of Prestonsburg has always had a dark shadow placed over it by the antics of its city government, but this darkness has gotten worse over the last four years.

This dark shadow keeps creating things that only benefit the few. It creates riverside parking lots that no one uses. It arrests people for picking tulips. It spends millions of dollars to make nice fat state jobs for the children of the privileged few. It tries to crush, through taxation and regulations that apply to one but not the other. What is left of the independent business community in Prestonsburg?

Mr. Perry, even though not always on the same side as I am on, has been fair in his coverage of the issues. Certain members of the city council don't value the Freedom of the Press as much as he does. When he placed their little annexation games into the spotlight, city councilmen got on television and

campaigned to run Mr. Perry out of town and send him back to Johnson County. This in my eyes not only shamed the councilmen who did it, but shamed the good people of the City of Prestonsburg.

We cannot live in peace as long as this darkness hangs over City Hall.

Burneda Howard  
Garrett

### Citizen wants answers

Editor:

One of Floyd County's best kept secrets is what is going on in the North Floyd Fire District.

I have tried for over two years to find out where and when the board holds their meetings; who is on the board and how they were appointed; and how the contract with Prestonsburg Fire Department was initiated without any input from the citizens.

Why isn't there any upgrading of the system to protect homeowners living over five miles from the fire station?

Why do we still have no water? Why are the lines too small to support a fire hydrant?

According to my insurance company, the risk today is just as great as it was before the fire tax was slapped on everyone.

I have brought this before the Floyd County Fiscal Court two times and the last time the judge-executive just laughed about it.

Hubert Puckett  
Prestonsburg

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Looks like we may have reached an 11th-hour resolution to the crisis with Iraq, which suits us just fine.

We've had a tough time understanding why it was up to America to make sure Saddam couldn't fire any anthrax laden missiles at his neighbors, anyway.

What are they doing to keep this guy in check?

If we are to be the world's police force, we ought to be devoting our considerable strengths toward those countries causing us some real grief...like one or two in South America that are responsible for the supplies of cocaine in the U.S. of A.

Our allies in the Middle East can't really be counted on to take our side against Hussein, so let them worry about the creep.

Truth is, we don't want their friendship, anyway. We just want cheap oil.

Now there's something we ought to find a way to do without.

## Coffee Break

by Scott Perry

Money can't buy you love?

That's what the song says, but it ain't necessarily so.

In Frankfort, the Guv and the General Assembly are buying love by the bunches with surplus revenues and lists of projects, pre-empting with political savvy any chance that Kentuckians might all share in the prosperity with a tax break.

The idea, we suppose, is to spend it quick on roads and other goodies before we regular Joes wake up and realize that we could be spending our own money our own ways on our own selves.

But wouldn't that be selfish of us? Meanwhile, the tax bite on your billfold is as voracious as it has even been, adding up to about 40 cents of every dollar you earn.

Considering that, why is it we're always so grateful when a politician tosses a public project our way?

You'd think we'd won the lottery or something.

Government never has more money than it can use.

Isn't that an odd coincidence?

Here's another odd coincidence...

Just when we agreed with the Guv on his proposal to allow coal truckers to haul heavier loads, he decided to pull the bill from consideration.

Hmmm.

Does that mean if we're for it, he's against it, or just that if we agree with him on something it must be wrong?

Say, this opens the doors to some real reverse psychology.

Dear Guv: We'd prefer that you never fully fund the 50 percent return of coal severance taxes to coal counties; we don't want any help from Frankfort to find decent jobs for welfare families; and we absolutely do not want any progress in this region of the state.

(Heh, heh, heh)

Stand clear and keep your eyes on us.

If this reverse psychology works, we should be hittin' the big time soon.

You know the Louisville Cardinals have fallen on hard times when even the clergy shows no mercy.

This one from Reverend George Love, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg...

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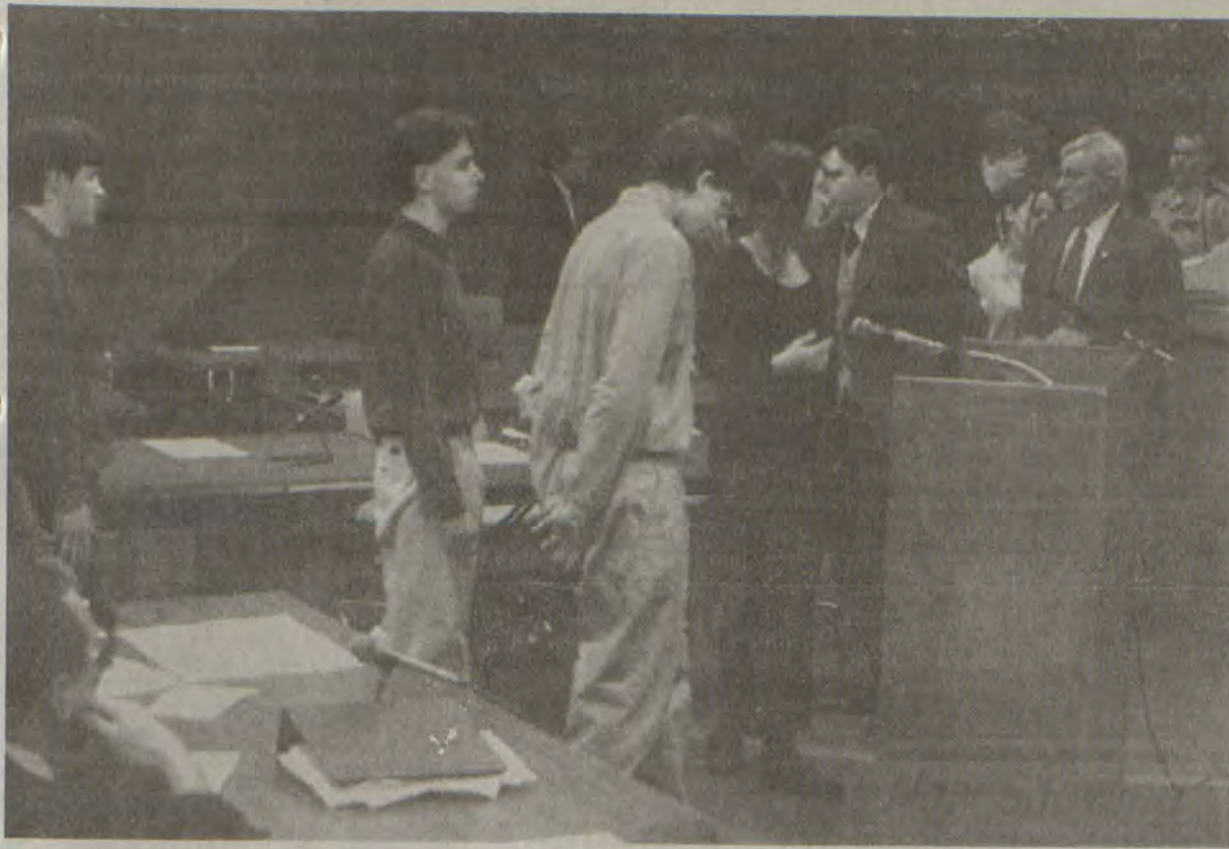
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This helps prove a point we've been trying to make for quite a while...the press can be an asset in the fight against crime.

Now, if only some law enforcement agencies would get the message.



The six Eastern Kentucky youths charged with last year's murders of the Lillelid family in Tennessee pleaded guilty Friday to the capital murder and lesser charges in Greene County (Tennessee) Criminal Court. (photo by Jody Snyder, The Greeneville Sun)

# Guilty

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Delfina, 28, and Tabitha, 6 — and the attempted first-degree murder of 2-year-old Peter Lillelid.

Judge Beckner will pronounce those sentences at the conclusion of a sentencing hearing that is to begin March 2 and is expected to take a week or longer to complete.

He did, however, sentence the defendants to the maximum allowable on each of the lesser charges, including:

- 12 years in prison on each of two aggravated kidnapping charges involving the kidnapping of Vidar and Delfina Lillelid;
- 25 years in prison on each of two especially aggravated kidnapping charges involving the kidnapping of Peter, 2, and Tabitha Lillelid; and
- Four years in prison on a charge of having stolen the Lillelids' 1987 Dodge van.

Those sentences are to run concurrently with the murder sentences that will be imposed at the conclusion of the upcoming sentencing hearing, according to the judge.

**Other sentences possible**  
Bell, who had been given permission to speak with reporters following the hearing by Judge Beckner, also said he planned to ask the court to impose the maximum allowable sentence of three consecutive terms of life without parole when a sentencing hearing for the six young Kentuckians begins on March 2.

Other possible sentences that could be imposed include:

- three concurrent sentences of life without parole;
- three consecutive sentences of life in prison (which equate to 51 years each under current law, according to the judge);
- three concurrent sentences of life in prison; or
- three consecutive or concurrent lesser prison sentences.

The District Attorney also praised the work of the Greene County Sheriff's Department and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in the case.

## Steps leading to Friday's guilty pleas

District Attorney General Berkeley Bell said the prosecution could only prove actual shooting by Jason Blake Bryant, 15. As a juvenile, Bryant could not face the death penalty.

Because of this, Bell said, he felt a jury would not be able to sentence the other six to the death penalty.

On Tuesday, the prosecution learned that its star witness, Shawn Ferrell, an Arizona corrections officer, had three previous felony convictions. This cast serious doubts on his credibility, Bell said.

On Wednesday, the prosecution offered exemption from the death penalty for all six defendants, if all six would plead guilty and accept whatever sentence Judge Beckner imposes, which could be up to three counts each of life without parole.

The last of the six defendants, Karen Howell, did not accept the plea offer until 1 p.m. Friday. The hearing began at 4:30 p.m. and lasted about 35 minutes.

The sentencing phase begins March 2 and is expected to take about a week. Rules about what evidence can be introduced in this phase are less stringent than they would have been in a trial, Judge Beckner said.

"This case began with dead bodies on a country road and nobody knew who they were," he said.

**'Gag order' still effective**  
The judge reiterated during the hearing that his "gag order" in the case still prohibited all other lawyers, police officers and others associated with the case from talking to the news media until the sentencing hearing is completed.

Asked why he had withdrawn his request that the defendants receive the death penalty if convicted — in exchange for their guilty pleas — Bell said the prosecution's proof in the case would have shown that 15-year-old Jason Blake Bryant "was the shooter."

"We had no direct proof of anyone else committing a shooting," Bell said.

Since, as a juvenile, Bryant could not receive the death penalty under state law, Bell said prosecutors feared that a trial jury would have been reluctant to give death sentences to the adult defendants.

Bell also said a disclosure this week that Shawn Ferrell — a key prosecution witness from Arizona — previously had been convicted of three felonies played a role in his decision to offer the defendants the opportunity to plead guilty in exchange for not having to face the death penalty.

"It was sort of like an earthquake that changed the course of the river," Bell said.

Ferrell, a corrections officer at the Arizona jail where several of the defendants were held prior to their extradition to Tennessee, had testified during a series of previous hearings in the case that he heard defendant Joe Risner say, "I'm a killer."

Ferrell also testified that defendant Edward Dean Mullins, 20, volunteered that "I wish we hadn't done that to them people."

Friday, Bell said Ferrell had been charged with three felonies, including burglary and theft, when he was a juvenile — but had not been convicted until he was an adult.

**Witness under investigation**  
Ferrell, Bell said, currently is under investigation on other matters in Arizona and recently has resigned from his position as a corrections officer there.

Another Arizona witness also presented problems for prosecutors. According to Bell, Richard Arvizo, who previously testified that Jason Blake Bryant admitted to some of the Lillelid shootings while he and Bryant were being held in an Arizona juvenile detention center, also proved to have felony convictions.

During the sentencing hearing that begins March 2, the defendants will be allowed to call witnesses —

including family members, psychologists, psychiatrists and other experts — to show why they should receive lesser sentences.

The way for Friday's hearing was paved when attorneys for the six defendants accepted an offer from Third Judicial District Attorney General Berkeley Bell to spare their clients the death penalty in exchange for pleas of guilty to murder charges.

Assistant District Attorney Eric Christiansen, who coordinated the plea offer with defense attorneys, said Friday that he informed defense attorneys of the plea offer by letter on Wednesday morning. Defense attorneys had asked about a month earlier if some sort of agreement was possible, Bell said.

Christiansen noted that he faxed the letter to the attorneys and also sent it by mail. The letter, he said, gave the defendants until 4:30 p.m. Friday to accept the offer or face trial at the conclusion of jury selection, which was to have begun Monday in Cleveland, in Bradley County.

Christiansen said the last defendant — reportedly Karen R. Howell — accepted the offer about 1 p.m. Friday while he, Bell and Assistant District Attorney Cecil Mills were returning from Cleveland, where they had been preparing for the beginning of jury selection.

**'Not a plea bargain'**  
Christiansen, his voice cracking with emotion, reiterated that the agreement was "not a plea bargain."

"They (the defendants) pleaded guilty to everything they were charged with," he said. "This is the first time that's happened with this many defendants in Tennessee history."

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for Mandy. Her fellow students e-mail her, so she keeps up with all the news.

Also, she is keeping up her studies. Her school work travels back and forth with the family so she won't be behind when she returns. One parent stays with her in Lexington, while the other stays at home with Jared.

"She's an excellent student," Gearheart said. "She keeps on going with her work."

Her medical expenses will not be totally covered on her insurance. Couple that with the traveling expenses and personal items, as well as food and lodging for the family, and the result has put quite a financial strain on her family. They try to be together every weekend.

A foundation has been established at the First Commonwealth Bank for anyone interested in making donations, though money is not all the family needs. "Please, please keep her in your prayers," said one

family member.

Another fundraiser is being planned by Allen Elementary. Faculty and staff members, as well as some parents, have been hitting the gym floor to practice for an upcoming basketball game between themselves and the students. This will be held March 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the school. "We're practicing so we can run up and down the floor more than once," said Gearheart. Three games are being planned.

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# OBITUARIES

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## Paul H. Wells

Paul H. Wells, 61, of Mt. Washington, died Monday, February 16, 1998, at Baptist Hospital East in Louisville.

Born April 23, 1936 at Auxier, he was the son of Ondalee Wells Holbrook of Auxier and the late Darwin C. Wells. He was a retired manager at General Electric Company and a member of Louisville Trinity Church.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Betty Perry Wells; one son, Paul Darwin Wells; one daughter, Tammy Wells Schaeffer; one sister, Janet Wells Stambaugh of Auxier; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were Thursday, February 19, at 9 a.m., at the Fern Creek Funeral Home in Louisville, with Evangelist Rod Buckson officiating.

Burial was in the Wells Family Cemetery at Auxier, at 2 p.m., under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Serving as active pallbearers were Bill Curnutte Jr., Tim Curnutte, Doug Wells, Ronnie Music, Don Holbrook and Larry Holbrook.

Honorary pallbearers were Randall Hager, Bennie Blankenship, Paul B. Wells, Bobby Curnutte, Jimmy Curnutte, Bobby Wireman, Charles R. Wells and Dallas Freeman.

## Betty L. Conn

Betty L. Conn, 54, of Lexington, formerly of Ivel, died Sunday, February 22, 1998, at her residence.

Born December 26, 1943 at Jackhorn, she was the daughter of Ida Salisbury Mullins of Rockledge, Florida, and the late Ernest Mullins. She was a former member of the Eastern Star and Calvary Baptist Church.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by one daughter, Vonda Conn of Lexington; four brothers, Walter Hunt of Gainesville, Florida, Randall Hunt of Tampa, Florida, Albert Hunt and Alvin Hunt, both of Rockledge, Florida; and three sisters, Aileen Hall of Rockledge, Florida, Mary Sue Hanna of Pinellas Park, Florida, and Cherry Carey of Merritt Island, Florida.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, February 25, at noon, at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. James Harmon officiating.

Burial will be in the Conn Family Cemetery at Ivel, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Serving as pallbearers will be Charles Conn, Glenn Conn, Stevie Conn, Ricky Conn, Jeffery Conn and Randall Hunt.

## Pallbearers listed for Jessie Collins

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Jessie James Collins were Eugene Prater, Estil Compton, Darrell Prater, Chris Prater, Alex Rubado, Michael Compton, Dwayne Rodebaugh, Jimmy Stratton, Tim Maynard and Cleve Shepherd.

Honorary pallbearers were Cory Prater, Palmer Patton, David Hereford, Michael Wright, Dave Calhoun, Mike Castle, J.B. Garrett, Denny Whitten, Ron Johnson, Roy Roberts, Bill Jack Compton, Ike Skeens, Gary Wright, Elisha Jr. Slone, Eugene Blackburn and Speedy Reid.

## Special Thanks

We the family of Woodrow and Mollie M. Bays would like to send a special thank you to our Prestonsburg City Police Department for being there in our time of need and for the great job directing traffic. We thank each one of you. You guys are great. We thank each one of you at City Hall for all the help in every way. Thanks again.

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## Card Of Thanks

The family of Earl Ray Campbell would like to take time and thank all those who sent flowers and spoke words of comfort. Thanks to the pallbearers. A special thanks to Rev. Henry Lewis and Harold Lewis. To the singers for their lovely songs. To the Floyd Funeral Home for their sympathy during our time of sorrow. Thank you to the Sheriff's Department for their traffic control. Thank you to everyone who helped us in our time of sorrow.

## Clyde Justice

Clyde Justice, 70, of Kite, died Friday, February 20, 1998, at his residence, following an extended illness.

Born November 1, 1927 in Floyd County, he was the son of the late George and Rhoda Keens Justice. He was a retired welder.

Survivors include his wife, Lucinda Parks Justice; four stepsons, Buddy Thornsberry and Warner Thornsberry, both of Kite, Thomas Thornsberry of Topmost, and Hubart Thornsberry of Arkansas, Azzie Justice of Leesburg, Indiana, Adrian Justice of Galion, Ohio, and Clarence Justice of Plymouth, Ohio; three sisters, Nell Conley of Utica, Ohio, Joyce Howard of Plymouth, Ohio, and Freda Stephens of Shiloh, Ohio; two grandchildren, 26 step-grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and 25 step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, February 23, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home Chapel, with Roger Hicks, Curtis Hall and others officiating.

Burial was in the Arnold Thornsberry Cemetery at Kite, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

## Arnold Lee Ray

Arnold Lee Ray, 55, formerly of Floyd County, died Wednesday, February 18, 1998, at Baptist East Hospital in Louisville.

He was a bindery supervisor at Papa Johns Printing Company. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Connie "Simpson" Ray of Louisville; two sons, Don Ray and Kevin Ray, both of Louisville; three sisters, Ordell Johnson of South Williamson, Dreauna Burga of Waukegan, Illinois, and Bonita Caudill of Marion, Ohio; six brothers, Billy Ray of Mondessa, California, Aubrey Ray of Cleveland, Ohio, Rufus Ray Jr. and Roger Ray, both of Wheelwright, Russell Ray of Highland Heights, and Ricky Ray of Melvin; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were Friday, February 20, at 11:30 a.m., at the Arch L. Heady Funeral Home in Louisville. Graveside services were Friday at 1:30 p.m., at the Franklinton Cemetery.

## Thinking Day Event rescheduled

The Girl Scouts-Wilderness Road Council has rescheduled the Thinking Day Event from Saturday, February 21 to Sunday, March 15 from 2:00-4:30 at the Lexington National Guard Armory. Due to the recent snow storm, the event was rescheduled.

Thinking Day is the one and only day that all Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world celebrate at the same time.

Thinking Day is celebrated on February 22 because it is the birthday shared by Robert Baden Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, and his wife Olave, who served as the Girl Scout World Chief Guide until her death in 1977.

## Hassel "Shorty" Hampton

Hassel "Shorty" Hampton, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, February 22, 1998, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

Born September 10, 1917 at Hartley, he was the son of the late Mahlon and Mary Alice Elswick Hampton. He was a former mechanic at Hackworth's Texaco. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was a member of the DAV Big Sandy Chapter No. 18.

Survivors include one daughter, Debbie Ousley of Prestonsburg; four brothers, Elmer Hampton and Lonnie Hampton, both of Virgie, Edgar Hampton of Robinson Creek, and Russell Hampton of Pikeville; three sisters, Hettie Hampton of Maysville, and Lettie Pugh and Stella Rowe, both of Phyllis; and two grandsons.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, February 25, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with ministers James Tackett and Dewey Roberts officiating.

Burial will be in the Chestnut Grove Cemetery at Brainard, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.



Military graveside services will be conducted by DAV Big Sandy Chapter No. 18.

## Myrtle J. Craft

Myrtle J. Craft, 67, of Columbus, Ohio, died Wednesday, February 18, 1998, at Mt. Carmel East Hospital.

She was the daughter of the late Robert and Flora Richardson Martin.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Craft; children, Peggy Moshier, Wayne Craft, Diane Hausmann and Donna Craft; one sister, Margaret Martin; step-mother, Charlotte Martin; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, February 23, at 11 a.m., at the East Baptist Church, with pastor Mark Douglas officiating.

Burial was in the Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, under the direction of the Schoedinger East Chapel, Columbus, Ohio.

## Pallbearers listed for Arley Boyd

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Arley Boyd were Bryan Mitchell, Timmy Boyd, Bill Boyd, Doug Boyd, Randall Boyd, Lee Boyd, Tarry Boyd, Tavis Boyd and Sandy Boyd.

## Charles Edward "Chuck" McKay Sr.

Charles Edward "Chuck" McKay Sr., 54, of Welcome, North Carolina, died Friday, February 20, 1998, at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem, North Carolina, following a brief illness.

Born April 6, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan, he was the son of the late Edward and Nancy Minish McKay. He was a veteran of the Air Force and an employee of Ellison Window and Doors in North Carolina.

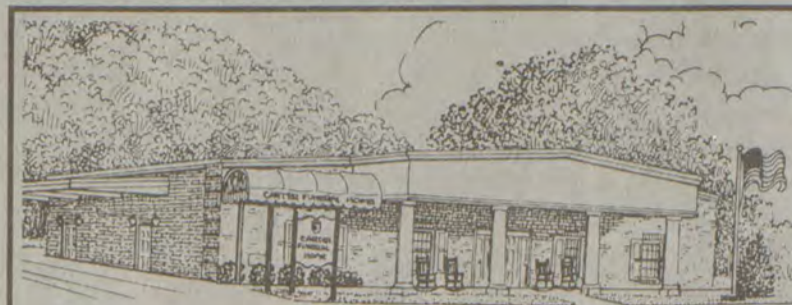
Survivors include his wife, Wilma Lee Johnson McKay; three sons, Charles Edward McKay Jr. of Hickory, North Carolina, Kevin McKay of Nicholasville, and Benjamin McKay of McDowell; one daughter, Kelly Meade of Charlotte, North Carolina; two sisters, Marie Franklin and Ellen Vighlin, both of Michigan; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, February 23, at 11 a.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Rev. Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial was in the Moore Hall Cemetery in Bevensville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

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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.

### Pike College Phonathon

The Pikeville College Phonathon, the school's largest annual fundraiser, will be held on March 2-12. Support Pikeville College by making a pledge. All proceeds benefit the student scholarship fund. Call (606) 432-9326 to volunteer or for donor information.

### 35-year reunion

Martin Purple Flash Class of 1963 will be having their 35-year reunion. Addresses, phone numbers of classmates are needed. For information, contact Linda Gregory at (606) 285-0963 or 285-2918, or contact Ann Stumbo at 285-9474.

### Gospel concert

Danny Frederick will be in con-

cert on Saturday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m., at the Horn Chapel Methodist Church, Auxier Road.

### John W. Hall Lodge 950 Master Mason degree

John W. Hall Lodge No. 950, F&AM, will confer the Master Mason degree at a meeting to be held Saturday, February 28, at the lodge hall, at Martin, at 7 p.m. Dinner will be served and all master masons are encouraged to attend.

### Prestonsburg Elementary SBDM council to meet

The Prestonsburg Elementary School SBDM council will hold their regular meeting on Monday, March 2, at 6 p.m. in the school auditorium. The meeting is open to the public.

### MCA registration

Mountain Christian Academy is conducting registration. Students currently enrolled and their siblings may register between now and March 15. For students not currently enrolled, registration will begin March 15. For more information, call MCA at 285-5141.

### Classes offered on Excel Spreadsheet program

Prestonsburg Community College's CE/CS office will offer classes on the Excel Spreadsheet program, accessing the internet and

using E-mail, beginning February 26, from 6-9 in the Johnson building. Call 886-3863, ext. 258 for more information or to register.

### Transition training class

The CE/CS office at Prestonsburg Community College will offer a transition training course beginning March 3, from 6-9 p.m. in the Johnson building. Call 886-3863, ext. 258 for more information or to register.

### Depressed anonymous

This new 12-step group in the Big Sandy area will meet every Thursday, at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Big Sandy Area Development office, located on Cliff Road, behind Schwan's. Call 886-0483 for more information.

### Autism meeting rescheduled

The Kentucky Autism Training Center (KATC) has rescheduled their informational meeting on autism for Wednesday, March 4, from 5-8 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center. The speaker will be Dr. John Burke, director of KATC. Call (502) 852-4631 or (800) 344-8635 for more information.

### Entrance test

The Piarist School will hold its first entrance test for students entering the ninth or tenth grades in the

fall on March 7, at 9 a.m. The school is a small, private, tuition-free, college preparatory high school, located in Martin. Call 285-3950 or write for more information: The Piarist School, Hwy. 80, Box 870, Martin, KY 41649.

### Music in the Air Festival

The third annual Music in the Air Festival will be held August 22, at Indian Fort Theater in Berea. Applications now being accepted for craft exhibitors, independent business exhibitors and food vendors. Call Betty Jo Foster at 1-800-265-9040 for an application or more information.

### Tutoring review

The office of continuing education and community services of Prestonsburg Community College will hold a special tutoring review for the mathematics portion of the National ACT exam, on March 3-5, from 6-8 p.m. at PCC. The next ACT test will be held April 4, Call 886-3863 for info or to register.

### Mud Creek Community Family Resource and Youth Service Center

- Hunter Safety Education Class, February 23-25, at 6 p.m. at the center.
- Aerobic classes each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, at 6 p.m. in the center.
- P.A.C.E. classes (Parent and

Child Education) Monday and Wednesdays, from 8:30-noon.

- GED classes on Fridays, from 8-11 a.m.

### 10th Annual Airborne Affair in Ohio

The 10th annual General M.B. Ridgway 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 Norheutt Pl., Dayton, Oh. 45414-3742.

### ACHS Class of '88, will have reunion

A reunion is being planned for the Allen Central Class of 1988. Any classmate who wants to attend and has not been contacted, should call Lisa D. Vance at (606) 358-4441 or Amy Hall at (606) 886-3682.

### HIV/AIDS update

Our Lady of the Way Hospital will offer a two-hour HIV/AIDS update on March 11, at the Seton Complex. Registration begins at 1 p.m.; workshop starts at 1:15 p.m. Preregistration required by March 6. Call 285-5181, ext. 301 for more information.

## CARD OF THANKS

The family of Stella Thurman wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors upon the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the clergymen Harve Johnson and Morris Ray Hall for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The family of Stella Thurman

## CARD OF THANKS

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

The family of Julia Mae Lawson

## Gospel Singing Saturday, February 28 6:30 p.m. at Dotson Pentecostal Church

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## Card of Thanks

The family of Debby Kendrick Campbell would like to take time to thank all those who sent flowers, brought food, and spoke words of comfort during their time of sorrow. A special thanks to all the pallbearers: Marty Kendrick, Barry Potter, Billy Potter, Mike Little, Herby Layne, Georgie Thornsby, Freddy Collins, Jimmy Brown, and Jimmy Auxier. Also, thank-you to Rev. Henry Lewis and Rev. Harold Lewis for their touching scriptures and special prayers. Thank-you to the singers for their beautiful songs and the sheriff's department for leading the funeral procession and traffic control. We also would like to thank Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kindness and sympathy during this time. We thank each and every one who helped us in our time of need.

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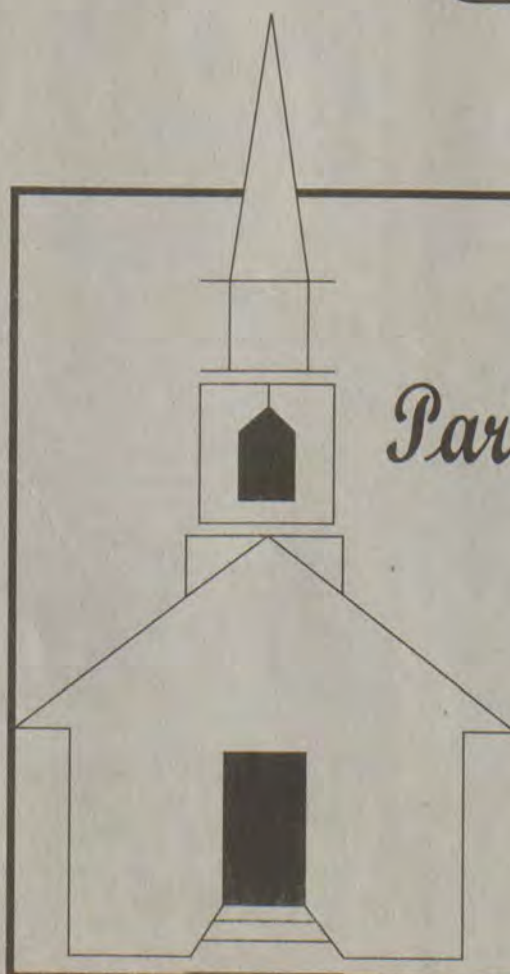
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he did not recall telling her she first had to complain at a city council meeting.

"Maybe you do something to your memory," Chandra Varia responded, which prompted laughter from the audience.

Repairs on High Street will be added to the city's street maintenance plan now that the debris has been moved, Whicker told them. The mayor said he could not address why the road was not previously maintained.

Chandra Varia also told council that Martin may have the largest amount of taxes of any city in the state, citing an 11 percent tax on insurance premiums sold in the city, coupled with the newly-imposed occupational tax.

Mehendra Varia asked Whicker and council if it was "morally correct" to impose the tax on people who work in the city, while most council members worked outside the town and were not subject to the payroll tax.

The mayor explained the tax was necessary in order for the city to prosper and grow. He added that the extra money would be used to purchase new police cars and other equipment necessary to continue city services.

Whicker's comment about buying new police cars prompted one member of the audience to shout, "we don't care."

"I know you folks don't care," Whicker answered, "but something has to be done to keep the city viable or it's gonna die," the mayor said. "For 38 years it's been neglected and there's not been any tax increases."

Chandra Varia asked the mayor about applying for grants and wanted to know how many Whicker had applied for since being mayor.

Whicker explained he did not know the number and said it's a misconception that grants are so-called "free money."

## Senator to speak on tobacco

A Tobacco Settlement Forum with U.S. Senator Wendell Ford as featured speaker will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 13, in the Crager Room, Adron Doran University Center on Morehead State University's campus.

The Licking River Agriculture Advancement Council, in conjunction with MSU and the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, is sponsoring the forum.

Issues to be addressed include sentiment in Washington, D.C., toward the tobacco industry and specifically the tobacco farmer; progress being made in the tobacco

"Grants are something that have to be paid back," the mayor said. "Very seldom is there a grant that has no strings attached to it."

Governmental grants usually require the public body to match the funds from 10 to 25 percent of the total, the mayor said. He also said that it can take up to three years for a grant application to be approved.

Chandra Varia suggested that the mayor or council resign if they could not maintain financial control of the city.

"I have lived in the city 19 years and it has gone down and down," Varia said.

Councilman Everett Akers Jr. replied, "if you've lived in town 19 years, why didn't you run for mayor?"

At one point, the mayor and council appeared to ignore Chandra Varia's comments, which prompted audience members to jeer.

"I think you should show enough respect to listen to her," an audience member shouted. "You just ignored her."

"I did?" Whicker asked. "I'm sorry."

"No, you're not," another person shouted.

Whicker said a loss in the insurance tax revenues has put the city in a financial bind because it is "an unsure tax" and the money generated cannot be accurately predicted each year.

Mehendra Varia asked the mayor how much revenue the new tax would generate each year.

"More than \$50,000," Whicker said.

Ruth Shelton, speaking for the hospital, said workers would be paying approximately \$57,000 in occupational taxes, not including the physicians' salaries. A representative from Trans Financial Bank said over \$80,000 would be paid in occupational and bank franchise and local deposit taxes.

settlement and how it will affect tobacco farmers and rural communities; the LEAF Act in comparison to other plans.

Also sharing comments with the tobacco farmers participating will be Kelly White, field staff from U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell's office and representatives from the fourth, fifth and sixth congressional districts.

Councilman Rick Caudill made a motion to abolish the occupational tax because he has received complaints from city business owners.

Councilwoman Thomasine Robinson seconded the motion.

Caudill's motion prompted a city employee to comment that Caudill had told him he "didn't care what the people thought about (the tax) and they were just a bunch of cry-babies."

Caudill did not respond to the comment.

The motion to abolish the tax failed on a 4-2 vote.

Councilman Steve Farthing suggested that a study be done to determine how much revenue would be generated from the taxes and then council could make "an intelligent decision on the facts instead of motions."

Farthing's motion passed on a 4-2 vote, with Caudill and Robinson voting no. Robinson said the information should have been gathered first and she would not be in favor of the study with the tax in place.

In other business Monday:

- Council authorized the mayor

## Bert Layne authorized by board to use CFP certification

Bert R. Layne, CFP, a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Management Accountant at Helton, Linton and Hall in Pikeville, has been authorized by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards (CFP Board) to use the CFP certification mark and the marks CFP and Certified Financial Planner in accordance with CFP Board certification and license renewal requirements. Layne has worked at Helton, Linton and Hall since 1984.

These marks identify those individuals who have met the rigorous experience and ethical requirements of the CFP Board, have successfully completed financial planning course work and have passed a certification examination covering the following areas: the financial planning process, risk management, investments, tax planning and management, retirement and employee benefits, and estate planning. CFP licensees must also agree to meet ongoing continuing education requirements and to uphold the CFP Board Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility.

The CFP Board is a nonprofit

to apply for a \$25,000 loan to meet the city's monthly expenses. Last month, council voted to apply for the loan, but the city received enough tax money to meet the monthly payroll. If the city is unable to obtain a loan, funds from the city's Local Government Economic Assistance will be transferred to the general fund to pay the expenses, the mayor said.

First reading was held on an ordinance banning the placement of campaign literature on city property. Councilman Eugene Hutchinson requested an ordinance be prepared to address the problem. Under the ordinance, signs on city property can be removed and persons caught putting material on city property can be fined from \$50 to \$500.

Proposals were opened from engineering firms to do a study of the city's sewer collection system to determine what work needs to be done to get it fully operational. Eight bids were received and council has set a special meeting for 6 p.m. Thursday to select a firm.

All council members were present at Monday's meeting.

## CARD OF THANKS

The family of Eva Lovely would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the clergymen Bethel Bolen, Boone Allen and others for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The family of Eva Lovely

### Fibromyalgia support group meeting

A support group for those who have, or have loved ones with fibromyalgia will be held on March 3 at 6 p.m. at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizen's Center.

# SUNSHINE LINES

by Beverly Carroll

agitated.

Senior citizens, years ago I lived in Oklahoma City. Oklahoma, as you may know, is a mass of flat land far different from our beautiful mountain country.

When my mind travels back in time to those days, I find myself flooded by a host of images.

Oddly, I remember the old gas range that was in our tiny kitchen. In the mid 60's, it was already old enough to have been placed in an antique museum. It stood on gaudy legs that were about 4' high. Surprisingly, all four burners worked, albeit only on "high." It sat next to

a four-legged refrigerator of about the same vintage. These two appliances complimented each other, but this young housewife saw little beauty in them. They were so ugly they deserved each other.

During this era, one could not drive anywhere within a fifty mile radius of the city during the day and not see oil wells pumping "Black Gold." At night, when the wells were not as visible, clusters of radio and television towers—hundreds upon hundreds of them—with white and red blinking lights, served as landmarks for citizens and warnings for low-flying aircraft. Anyone making a bathroom run in our second story apartment was entertained watching these little "fire-flies" dance in the western night sky.

I remember with glee, Lake Hefner. Our picnics, other people's sailboats, beautiful sunsets, and refreshing breezes. And yes, oil wells during the day, and barely visible blinking lights that would become brighter with the fading light of late dusk. To this day, bodies of water—even mud puddles—hold an unexplainable fascination for me. So this lake is one memory that remains picturesque in my mind's eye. But the most vivid memory I have of my days in Oklahoma City is the lesson I learned from a crippled senior citizen who's name was Ruth.

On occasion, I filled in as cashier at a drug store. One evening Ruth walked in, bundled in a mink coat and hat. With one ring-studded hand, she held her purse close to her aging body. The other hand, covered with diamonds and rubies clutched a walking cane. In spite of her handicap, she walked with an air of confidence as she proceeded directly to the locked writing pen display. It was apparent to me that this woman knew why she had come into the store.

Struggling with her purse, her cane, her handicap and younger people with their children, pushing buggies through the aisle, it appeared that she was becoming

I made my way to behind the case and pleasantly greeted her. She pointed to a selection of pens she wanted to see. While I was bringing the pens out, she asked if I could give her a piece of paper. "It is important," she explained, "to know how a pen feels in my arthritic hand."

This lady proceeded to write with one pen and then another. In time she made her selection. I walked with her to the cash register and rung up the sale. She struggled to put the bag, containing the pen she had just purchased, into an inner compartment of her purse.

## Remembering years gone by!

She looked up, thanked me politely and walked toward the door. Just before exited she turned, looked at me, smiled and walked back to where I was standing.

"Where do you live, Dearie?," she asked. I gave her a general answer but she wanted a specific address—and my first name. I hesitated because even back then one was cautious about giving one's name and address to a total stranger. Looking back, I think I was driven by curiosity. Anyway, when she took the piece of paper on which I had written the information she had requested, she said, "You have been so nice to me. I want to send you a thank-you note."

I thanked her for the compliment, watched her depart the store, and returned to my work. I thought about the incident somewhat perplexed and telling myself, "I shouldn't worry. She was just a sweet, elderly woman striving to be nice." Soon I forgot all about it. That is, until... (to be continued next week).

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The Flex Track program is designed primarily for working adults who must schedule other activities around their jobs. The Flex Track schedule consists of regular college courses compressed into shorter time frames at flexible hours. Courses are scheduled for fewer sessions of longer duration to permit

completion of the regular course material within an 8-week period.

Classes to be offered on the Prestonsburg campus during the Spring Flex Track session include introduction to art, introduction to computers, and general psychology. Other classes to be offered on the Prestonsburg campus include courses in cooperative education, experiential education (service learning) criminology, walking, weight training and conditioning, golf, concert band, pre- and elementary algebra, and reading/writing laboratory and foundations of college writing I. An

introduction to comparative religion, introduction to college, reading/writing laboratory and foundations of college writing I will be offered on the PCC Pikeville campus.

Registration is daily through March 2 in the Admissions & Records Office (J133) on the Prestonsburg campus. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. Students on the Pike County campus may register in Pikeville on the same dates and times. Additional information may be obtained by calling 886-3863, ext. 996 or 432-4800.



Honesty

Leigh Ann Brown, an eighth grade student at Martin Middle School, did a good deed on January 12—she found \$100 at a ballgame at the school and gave the money to a faculty member. The next day, Elaine Hayes called the principal, Miss Compton, to see if the money she lost had been found. She was very happy to hear that indeed her money had been found. The faculty is proud of Leigh Ann for being so honest and trustworthy.

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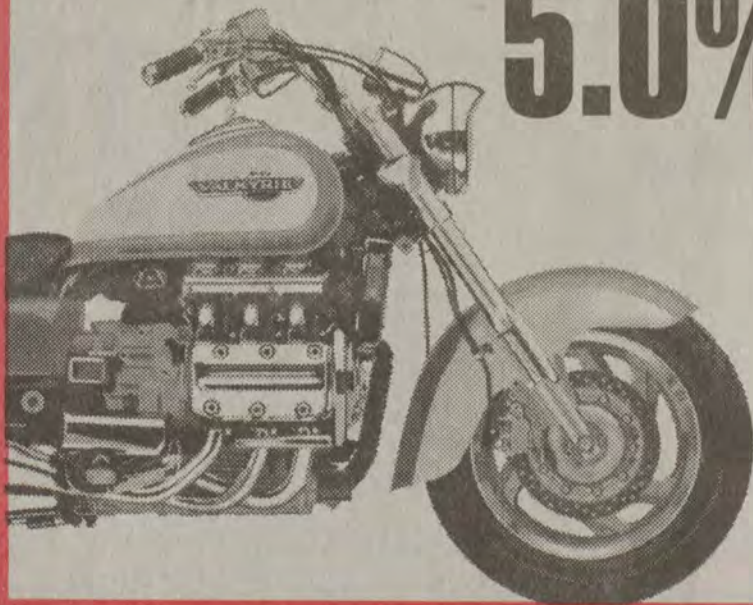
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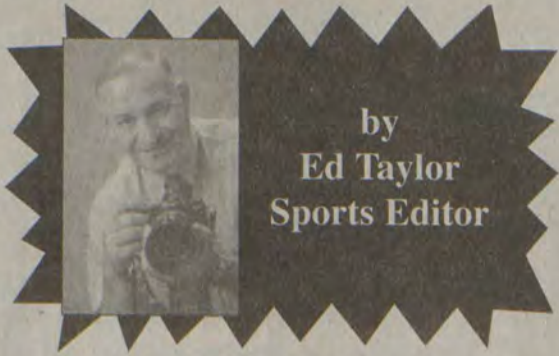
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by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

# Sports

Girls 15th Region  
South Floyd  
March 2-5

## 58th District tips off tonight at Prestonsburg

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Throw all the records of the regular season just completed, out the window - they don't mean a thing at this stage of the season as the 58th District tournament tips off tonight at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse.

A large crowd is expected for the 66th annual show and it should be an exciting three days.

Both the Prestonsburg Blackcats and Allen Central Lady Rebels finished the conference race with unblemished records at 6-0. Both will take on the fourth seed in their respective divisions.

Prestonsburg will meet Betsy Layne while Allen Central squares off against South Floyd.

On tab for tonight's opening round will be Allen

Central and South Floyd. Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne will play following the opening game.

Coach Jack Pack's team carries the role of favorite and if the Blackcats pull off wins in the two games they play, it will mark the third straight district title for Prestonsburg, something no Blackcat team has ever done.

Andy Jarvis, Wes Samons are seniors this year, and would like to take a third title with them. Jarvis is one of the state's leading scorers and top rebounders. Samons is a three-point threat.

Betsy Layne hopes to pull off the upset of the season with a win over the Blackcats. Coach Tim Rice believes his young team can do just that and are not ready to back down or be intimidated.

"The kids have confidence they can go down there

and upset Prestonsburg," said Rice. "It is not going to be any easy feat on their home floor."

Craig Johnson is a senior at Betsy Layne and a trip to the regional tournament next week would be good. The high-scoring guard shoots the treys as well as anyone and Betsy Layne has been playing well of late.

Allen Central finished the last three weeks on a strong note giving top-ranked Belfry all they wanted, running all over Sheldon Clark and giving Whitesburg a run before losing.

Coach Anthony Moore has his Lady Rebels just where he wants them, poised for another district title.

Misty Scott, Crystal Martin, Karen Wallen and Gina Hall are seniors, and what a way to go but with another district championship.

Standing in the way will be South Floyd, a young

team that has shown signs of coming around. Olivia Stewart is a senior and the team's leading scorer. An upset of Allen Central in the tournament would make a trip to the regional tournament possible.

The tournament's second round will tip off Thursday night with Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne squaring off at 6:30.

This could very well be the best game of the entire tournament.

Allen Central and South Floyd meet in tomorrow night's second game, and fans will be waiting to see how this one develops.

After the tournament, an all-conference and all-district team will be named. The girls' trophy presentation will take place following their championship game.

## Stumbo, Duff county champions

### Duff wins over Lady Flashes

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Floyd County Elementary Conference tournament may be history but it will be remembered as one of the most balanced Final Four in girls' grade school basketball.

But when the smoke had all settled in the championship game of the girls' division, it was Ronnie Patton's Duff Lady Bulldogs coming away with the championship crown with a 47-42 win over a strong Martin Lady Flash team.

It was a game filled with everything fans expected when the two Right Beaver Schools met. Each owned a victory over each other during the regular season, but Martin could not find a way to stop the play of eighth-grader Beth Combs. Combs poured in a game-high 26 points in leading the Lady Bulldogs to their second county championship in the past three years. The team won it in 1996 at Betsy Layne.

### Combs scores 26 as Duff wins county title

Donnetta Mullins added 12 points for the winners. Amber Scott had four, Johnna Ison scored two, while Lauren Robinson, Leslie Martin, and Tiffany Turner scored one each for Duff.

Megan Hyden and Leigh Ann Brown scored 10 points each for Martin. Jaelyn Martin and Jaelyn Brown netted eight points apiece. Jessica Issac scored six points.

Scott had only four points in the game but her three-point basket in the closing minutes of the game gave Duff some breathing room they needed in holding off the Lady Flashes. The trey gave Duff a 42-37 lead. A basket by Mullins underneath the basket made it a 44-37 game, as Martin could never recover.

Combs, who hit two three-point baskets in the game, led a first-quarter charge that netted the Lady Bulldogs a 19-12 first-quarter lead. She scored 15 points in the opening quarter, and hit both of her treys in the period.

The score was tied twice in the period at 4-4 and again 8-8. Combs scored the first 12 points of the game for Duff. In the period, she completed two old-fashioned three-point plays besides the two treys.

Hyden opened the game with a basket that gave Martin a 2-0 lead. Combs made it 2-1 and, after a basket by Leigh Ann Brown, completed a three-point play

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Leads Mustangs

Stumbo's Josh Allen (15) put up a shot over Adams' Kevin Younce (55) in the championship game of the Floyd County grade school tournament at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse at Betsy Layne last Friday night. Allen scored 15 points to lead the Mustangs. (photo by Ed Taylor)

### J.M. Stumbo wins over Adams

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

How happy were the John M. Stumbo Mustangs this past Friday night?

So happy that they didn't think twice about dumping a cooler full of cold water over the back of their coach, Hayes Hamilton.

But the Mustangs had reason for celebrating after capturing the Floyd County Elementary Conference championship with an overtime win over the Adams Blackcats.

It was also a fitting ending to a very successful season for Coach Hamilton, as he has announced it will be his final one, as he plans on retirement next year.

Stumbo placed four starters in double figures, winning 54-49, led by Josh Allen's 15 points. Josh Howell tossed in 14, Marcus Allen 11, and Jeremy Daniels finished with 10 points.

"Josh is one of the better prospects we have at our school," said the Stumbo mentor. "He is also on the

### Stumbo edges Adams for county championship

academics all-region team in math. He got up early the next day and went to an academic regional meet."

Brian Roberts had only four points, but played a big role in directing the Mustangs.

"He is my little general out there on the floor," said Mustang coach Hayes Hamilton. "He also plays good defense for us. He is the back man on our trap. He is a very valuable player to us."

Shawn Newsome scored 14 points to lead the Blackcats, who finished with an outstanding 26-7 season. Kevin Younce had 13 points, and Ryan Martin scored eight.

It was a packed D.W. Howard Fieldhouse that took in the championship night in grade school basketball.

Stumbo, who was one of the power houses in grade school basketball in the '80s, last won a county championship in 1985. Hamilton was coach then. That year Stumbo finished with an unblemished record of 25-0. This is year, the Mustangs finished 26-4 on the year.

"It was a hard-fought battle," said the Stumbo coach. "We were lucky to win it. Adams is a very good team and they are well-coached. Their little guard (Ryan Martin) about shot us out of it."

The game was tied at 44-44 after regulation play, but the closing moments were an adventure for both teams. Craig Fleenor had tied the game with two free throws at 1:05 left in regulation play and Stumbo

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### Grade school tourney filled with good games and thrills

#### BELATED BIRTHDAY WISH...

A belated happy birthday wish to Prestonsburg Blackcat Ladonna Slone who celebrated number 18 back on February 12. Happy birthday, Ladonna even if it is late.

It was an exciting grade school basketball tournament that just concluded last Friday night at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse at Betsy Layne.

Prater Creek principal Zenith Hall and his staff are to be commended for the outstanding job they did in hosting the tournament. Everything went well and I was pleased with the sportsmanship displayed (fans and players) by all who took in the event.

The Allen cheerleaders kept taking home the first place trophies as they won it in both boys' and girls' divisions. What a great job they do, as do all the squads.

Martin won the girls' team free-throw trophy. Beth Combs of Duff took home the individual free-throw award.

A good crowd was on hand each night and all the games were close. No one dominated the tournament. The game between Adams and Stumbo in the boys' finals went to overtime and it is a shame that one had to lose. Both teams were well-coached, and all the players played hard. As I watched, I thought of all the good players heading into the high school ranks.

While I could not pull for any one team, I was happy for Hayes Hamilton as the winning coach. Hayes has been a good friend of mine for a long time, as is Neil Turner of Adams. Hayes is calling it over after this school year.

The new system worked this year but there should be some modifications to it come next year. Problems such as seeding. That needs to be revamped. Also, all the games need to be played in one high school gym instead of the four different sites. This makes it fair to all who are involved in the tournament.

It was a good three nights at the Betsy Layne gym!

#### 58TH DISTRICT...

The 58th District basketball tournament tips off

tonight at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse. The finals will be held on Friday, February 27, giving the girl teams two days off before they have to go back at it on Monday in the girls' 15th Regional at South Floyd.

This is the first KHSAA-sanctioned 15th Region tournament to be held at a Left Beaver school. School principal Debbie Daniels and athletic director Barry Hall said they want this one to be the best it can be. The tournament runs from Monday through Thursday.

The boys 15th Region picks up on Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7, at Elkhorn City. The second round and finals of the tournament continues Monday and Tuesday of the following week.

The next two weeks will be filled with good high school basketball. Of course, when the last horn sounds, only two teams in the 15th Region will be still standing and going on to state tournament play.

I look for one of the best girls' regional tournaments in several years. We have plenty of good talent in our high schools and that is going to make the tour-

## A Look At Sports

nament a good one.

Belfry has to be tabbed the favorite. Pike Central is going to be a strong contender, as well as our own Allen Central Lady Rebels. Pike Central has already advanced to the finals of the girls' 59th District, which makes them automatic for the regional.

Perhaps the best two- and three-seed match-up will be Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg in the 58th District. However, another good will match Shelby Valley and Pikeville, both two and three seeds. Two of those four teams are going on but what two, hard to tell.

Johnson Central and Sheldon Clark should emerge from the 57th District.

So the final eight could look like this: Pike Central, Shelby Valley/Pikeville out of the 59th, Belfry, Elkhorn City out of the 60th, Allen Central, Prestonsburg/Betsy Layne from the 58th, Johnson Central and Sheldon Clark out of the 57th.

Of course, the winner and runners-up from each district will not meet in the regional unless they both reach the finals.

However, with the draw (Sunday at 2 p.m.) two teams like Pike Central and Belfry could very well be in the same bracket and meet in a semifinal game.

Let's say the four district winners, are Allen

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Howard scores 24:

# Rebels close season with win over Bobcats

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Betsy Layne Bobcats and Allen Central Rebels closed out their regular season basketball schedule last Saturday night by meeting on the Allen Central home floor.

Although the game was a conference game, it had little bearing on the conference standings as Betsy Layne was still looking for their first district win of the season.

The Bobcats failed to collect that victory, falling to Allen Central 84-70, in a game that was much closer than the final 14-point span.

Senior guard Todd Howard closed out a brilliant career at Allen Central as the fans said good-bye on senior night. Howard rewarded the Rebel fans by scoring 24 points to lead the Rebel's scoring. For Howard, it was hard to say good-

bye to the arena in which he has played so well.

"I feel bad that I won't be playing here anymore," he said after the game. "But the real season is about to begin and I think we have a good chance to go a long ways."

Allen Central placed four players in double figures with Gary Hunter tossing in 16 points and Nick Samons netting 15. Jesse Hall had 10 for the Rebels.

Like Allen Central, the Bobcats placed four players in double digits led by Craig Johnson's 18 points. Adam Tackett, who played a strong game, finished with 17. Justin Bartley added 15 and Neil Newsome finished with 14. Bartley buried five three-point baskets in scoring all his points. Johnson had three treys.

While Betsy Layne suffered the loss, Coach Tim Rice said he was pleased with the overall perfor-

mance of his ball club.

"We played well tonight," he said. "We have kind of a match-up problem with Allen Central. They are a quick team but overall, I am pleased with the way we played."

Betsy Layne got as close as five points in the fourth quarter with just over three minutes to play. Johnson had drained two treys and Newsome's rebound basket made it 68-63. Hunter scored five unanswered points to give the Rebels a 73-63 lead. The lead was 10 points twice before Allen Central won by 14, their biggest lead.

"We were in the game with over a minute to go, but when Howard goes to the free-throw line, it is like giving them two points."

Howard hit four consecutive free throws in the closing minute to seal the win.

Allen Central held a 16-13 lead after the first quarter, but that came late in the period when Samons busted a three and Howard hit a 17-footer just before the quarter ended. A basket by Howard and a trey by Samons staked Allen Central to a 5-0 lead. Bartley's first three pointer tied the game at 5-5 and Johnson's trey gave Betsy Layne their first of only two leads, 8-5. Tackett's free throw with 2:32 to play, gave the Bobcats a 11-10 edge.

Allen Central led by seven, 21-14, early in the second period when Hall buried a three-pointer. Betsy Layne fought back and made it a one-point game, 24-23, on two Tackett free throws and consecutive baskets by Newsome.

Betsy Layne turned the ball over on three straight possessions, with Allen Central building a eight point margin, 31-23 on a Brian Jones layup. Allen Central led 36-29 going to the locker room at the half.

The Bobcats just would not go away in the third quarter as they rode the outside shooting of Bartley and inside game of Tackett to stay close to the district's number-two seed. With just over two minutes to play in the third, Tackett scored on a layup to cut an eight point Allen Central lead to two, 45-43. Bartley had two treys in the run. But the Rebels held to a 53-47 lead after three quarters.

In the fourth, the Bobcats fell behind by nine points, 40-31 with six minutes to play. Betsy Layne could get no closer than four points of the Rebels.

"The last 30 seconds of the game got a little wild," said Coach Rice. "The final score doesn't reflect how close the game was."

Allen Central faces South Floyd Thursday night in the 58th District tournament, and Howard knows the task will not be easy.

## Duff

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that gave Duff a 5-4 advantage. Hyden's layup gave Martin a brief 6-5 lead until Combs completed another old-fashioned three-point play. Brown's basket tied the game at 10-10 after a Combs basket. Jaclyn Martin sent Martin in front, 12-11 on two free throws. But Duff scored the final eight points of the first quarter to lead by seven at the first stop.

Martin's defense held Duff without a field goal in the second quarter as both teams struggled offensively. The Lady Bulldogs had only two points in the period and that came on two free throws.

Martin caught the Lady Bulldogs at 21-21 before the half ended. Jessica Issac scored six unanswered points to tie the game.

Combs gave Duff the lead back at the onset of the third quarter but a basket by Martin tied the game for the fifth time at 23-23.

The Lady Bulldogs stayed in front of Martin by one and two

points throughout the third quarter until Duff went up by five, 30-25, on a basket by Combs and Leslie Martin's free throw.

Jaclyn Brown kept Martin in the game with back-to-back three-point baskets. Her second trey made it a two-point game, 35-33. Mullins sent the Lady Bulldogs in front 39-35 when she slipped under and scored. But it was the long three-point basket by Scott that busted the game open with Duff taking a 44-35 lead. Leigh Ann Brown scored consecutive baskets and Hyden scored to make it 44-40. But Combs went uncontested for a layup and Scott hit a free throw for the final 47-40 margin.

Combs won the individual free-throw shooting trophy for the tournament.

Martin hit 10-of-15 free throws, while Duff connected on eight-of-17. Martin won the team free-throw trophy for the tournament.



Block attempt

Adams' Shawn Newsome (21) went for a block of Josh Howell's (31) shot during the finals of the FCEC basketball tournament last Friday night at Betsy Layne. Stumbo pulled out a 54-49 overtime win over the Blackcats. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Central, Belfry, Sheldon Clark, and Pike Central. Each would play a runner-up in the first round. Allen Central could be in the same bracket as Belfry or Pike Central, or in with Sheldon Clark.

That means they could play, if they win their district, a Johnson Central, Elkhorn City or Pikeville/Shelby Valley team. They won over Elkhorn City, Pikeville and Shelby Valley during the regular season, but fell to Johnson Central in the very first game of the season.

You can bet that whatever the pairings, all four games are going to be good ones. And when you get to the semifinals, then watch out if the expected teams are there.

### BASEBALL...

It won't be long until the boys and girls of summer start getting the bats and gloves out for the high school softball and baseball season. It would be good if I could get all our county teams to send me their schedule for the upcoming season.

Thanks to everyone who has called or stopped me and said they enjoyed the article on sportsmanship in my column. I was surprised that so many folks agreed with it. Even us sports writers have to be good sports.

Until Friday, good sports everywhere and be good sports! Enjoy the tournaments!

## Stumbo

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decided to take the air out of the ball for the final shot. With 16 seconds to play, Newsome fouled Brian Roberts who missed the front end of a bonus shot. Adams took a time out with 10 seconds to play. Coming out of the time out, the ball went to Ryan Martin who launched a three-pointer that rimmed the basket and came out, sending the game to overtime.

"We wanted to get the ball in the hands of Shawn and let him take it to the basket," said Adams coach Neil Turner. "But Ryan had the shot."

Roberts hit a short jumper that gave Stumbo the first lead of the extra period, 46-44. After an Adams turnover, Josh Allen connected from four feet out and the Mustangs led by four, 48-44.

Newsome missed from the free-throw line with 2:12 to play but on the possession arrow, the Blackcats got the basketball and Younce scored to bring his team to within two, 48-46.

Stumbo was called for a walking violation, giving the ball back over to the Blackcats. Newsome launched a three but it bounced off the rim with Stumbo coming up with the ball.

Roberts went to the charity stripe with 1:22 left in the four-minute period, but missed both attempts with the Blackcats looking at the basket and a chance to tie. But Younce slipped down and was whistled for a walking violation.

Marcus Allen went unchecked and drove the middle for an easy basket for a four-point lead. Younce, with 57 seconds to play, hit one-of-two free throws for a three-point game. But, Stumbo hit four free throws down the stretch to pull out the 54-49 victory and a county championship.

The game was tied seven times. Adams led most of the game with Stumbo taking their first lead since

"They are going to be a tough team to beat," he said. "We've played them twice and it is going to be hard to beat them again."

But Howard was confident the Rebels would arise to the challenge and he expected to meet Prestonsburg in the championship game.

"We expect to play Prestonsburg and we hope to give them a little bit more when we play them again," said Howard. "Hopefully, we can go into the region and make some noise there."

Betsy Layne meets the number-one seed, Prestonsburg. The Bobcats have dropped two games to the Blackcats but have played them strong each time out. Coach Rice would love to collect his first win of the season over a district team.

"I feel comfortable with our team right now," he said. "We're playing hard. The kids have confidence they can go down there and upset Prestonsburg. It is not going to be any easy feat on their home floor."

### BETSY LAYNE (70)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Johnson	3	3	4-3	18
Newsome	7	0	0-0	14
Collins	1	0	2-2	4
Tackett	5	0	8-7	17
Bartley	0	5	0-0	15
Brooks	1	0	0-0	2

### ALLEN CENTRAL (84)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Howard	6	2	6-6	24
Samons	3	1	11-6	15
Hunter	5	2	1-0	16
Slone	4	0	0-0	8
Scott	4	0	0-0	8
Hall	2	2	0-0	10
Mullins	0	0	2-1	1

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### Coaches, parents urged to attend Babe Ruth meeting

All parents and coaches are urged to be in attendance at the first organizational meeting of the Floyd County Babe Ruth Baseball league.

The meeting will be held at the Stumbo Park Convention Center at Allen on Saturday, February 28 at 6 p.m.

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# BEAVER CREEK TRAINING LEAGUE

Some results are from games played Saturday February 21.

## FRPEE WEE LEAGUE ORANGE VS BLACK

It was Aaron Collins versus the Orange team in pee wee basketball last weekend in the Beaver Creek Training League played at Martin. Collins scored all 14 of his team's points, but the Black team dropped a 16-14 decision to the Orange squad.

Logan Crowder led the Orange team with eight points. Justin Jackson netted four while Hunter Crowder and Nick Johnson scored two points each.

## RED VS GREEN

Shawn Wallen scored 10 points to lead the Green team past the Red squad 14-1. Nathan Burke and Mike Maynard added two points each.

Jamie Mullins had the lone point for the Red team.

## TRAINING LEAGUE GOLD VS BLACK

The Gold team posted a 23-6 win over the Black team in training league play. Ryan Collins scored nine points to lead the winners. Justin Jacobs scored eight and Josh Bailey had six.

Isaiah Hall led the Black team with four points. Corey Webb had two points.

## GRAY VS BLUE

It was all all-south game as the Gray took on the Blue at Martin last weekend. Gordon Lafferty tossed in six points and Carl Little added four as the Gray team nipped the Blue 10-9.

Bobby Prater scored four points to lead the Blue squad. Richard Johnson and Kyle Hicks scored two points each, while Nick Halbert scored one point.

## ORANGE VS RED

Robbie Vanderpool scored 16 points to help lead the Red team to a 34-18 win over the Orange team. Chad Mynhier and Paul Reed scored six points each. Chad Reed

netted four points and Mason Tackett scored two.

Andrew Sazabo had 14 points to top the Orange squad. Elizabeth Mosley had two points, with Daniel Howard and Tanda Conn scoring one apiece.

## PURPLE VS ORANGE

Nicholas Music and Justin Webb combined for 21 points to lead the Purple team to a 37-6 win over the Orange team. Music finished with 11 points and Webb scored 10. Casey Duncan netted six in the win with Jeremy Pack scoring four. Natasha Blanton had two points.

Josh Prater had four points to lead the Orange team. Andrew Sazabo scored two.

## JUNIOR VARSITY GREEN VS BLUE

Justin Hall had a game-high 23 points to lead the Green team past the Blue squad 43-17. Jonathan Prater scored in double figures with 14 points. Terry Moore added six.

Jason Hall and Charles Robinson scored six each for the Blue team. Matt Crabtree netted four.

## ORANGE VS PURPLE

Jessica Isaac tossed in 15 points as the Orange team moved past the Purple team 35-12. Terri "Sparkplug" Mullins scored eight points as did Crystal Brown. Matthew Johnson and Cody Harlow had two points each.

Dustin Addis scored 10 points to lead the Purple team. Chris Bailey scored two.

## VARSITY

### BLACK VS GREEN

Mike Slone and Michael Murphy combined for 42 points as the Black team rolled to a 59-40 win over the Green team. Slone finished with 23 points and Murphy scored 19. Gary Adkins netted six along with Tonya Howard. Matt Hagans had three points and Justin Reynolds scored two.

Daniel Sazabo had 10 points for the Green team. Josh Yates and Jarrod Harlow scored eight apiece. Brett Whitaker scored six. Willard Hackworth and Barry Sturgill totaled three each. Kelly Hall had two points.

## PEE WEE LEAGUE GREEN VS BLACK

Aaron Collins scored 22 points and Joshua Stone added eight to lead the Black team to a 30-0 win over the Green team.

## ORANGE VS RED

In a shutout, the Orange team posted a 32-0 win over the Red team. Justin Jackson scored 10 points with Logan Crowder and Cory Conn scoring eight apiece. Hunter Crowder had six points.

## TRAINING LEAGUE BLACK VS GRAY

The Black team edged the Gray team 12-11 with Corey Webb scoring six points. Shawn Wallen netted four and Ed Osborne tossed in two. Carl Little had four points to lead the Gray team. Gordon Lafferty, Brett Shephard, and Ryan Reynolds had two points each. Blake Davis scored one point.

## ORANGE VS BLUE

Daniel Howard scored 11 points and Tasha Howard had eight points to lead the Orange team to a 24-9 win over the Blue. Andrew Sazabo netted four and Tanda Conn scored two.

Nick Halbert scored four points to lead the Blue team. Richard Johnson and Amanda Mills had two points each. Brittany Richie had one point.

## BLUE VS RED

Chad Mynhier tossed in 15 points to lead the Red team to a 21-4 win over the Blue squad. Paul Reed and Chad Reed each had two points.

Nick Halbert and Amanda Mills had two points each for the Blue team.

## PURPLE VS BLACK

Casey Duncan scored 12 points and Shannon Hall netted 10 to help lead the Purple team to a 29-13 win over the Black. Tyler Turner scored four with Brent Hancock netting two. Jeremy Pack had one point.

Ed Ousley had eight points to lead the Black team. Corey Webb had three and Steve Blanton finished with two.

## GRAY VS GOLD

Josh Bailey had 10 points as the Gold team posted a 34-8 win over the Gray squad. Justin Jacobs finished with eight points in the win with Ryan Collins scoring six. Justin Robinson and Josh Stumbo had four points each. Samantha Nelson scored two.

Gordon Lafferty led the Gray team with three points with Ryan Reynolds and Carl Little tossing in two apiece. Blake Davis scored one.

## PURPLE VS BLUE

Dustin Addis scored 22 of his team's 25 points as the Purple team defeated the Blue 25-12. Chris Bailey had the other three points for the Purple squad.

Stanley Frasure, Justin Moore and Beth Slone scored four points each for the Blue team.

## GREEN VS ORANGE

Jessica Isaac had 18 points and Terri Mullins added nine as the Orange team edged the Green team 32-28. Cody Harlow scored four points and Crystal Brown netted two.

Justin Hall led the Green team with 10 points. Jonathan Prater had eight points and Terry Moore scored six. Tiffany Johnson and Tabby Brown scored two points each.

## VARSITY

### BLACK VS BLUE

Keith Crum scored a game-high 26 points as the Blue team slipped

past the Black team 43-41. D.J. Hoover added 11 points. Nick Hoover finished with four and Jaclyn Brown scored two.

Mike Slone topped the Black team with 23 points. Gary Adkins had eight and Tonya Howard scored six. Justin Reynolds and Michael Murphy scored five and four points respectively.

## BLACK VS GREEN

Josh Yates and Jarrod Harlow combined for 31 points to lead the Green team to a 56-44 win over the Black. Yates had 17 points while Harlow finished with 14. Daniel Sazabo netted 11 and Jason Holbrook scored nine. Barry Sturgill had three and Jamie Smith two.

Michael Murphy scored 19 points to lead the Black team. Mike Slone finished with 10. Justin Reynolds scored five while Gary Adkins and Tonya Howard had four points each.



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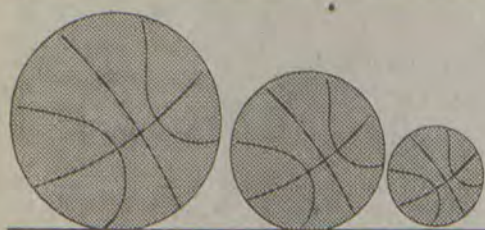
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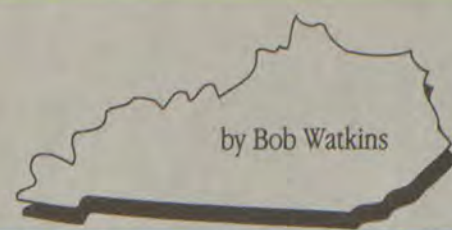
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# SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



## UK-bound J.P. Blevins ... watch him go, and enjoy his adventure

J.P. Blevins the quintessential country kid. Traditional haircut, no earring or tatto's, and he knows his way to Dairy Queen. And little kids under the home basket for game warm-ups want to be 'just like J.P.' A tribute for which he is much pleased. The Kid from Edmonton understands the gravity of adulation too.

On a grander scale, with the college game selling its soul to corporate America, could be Blevins' is the face of sanity on its way back to us ... and to little kids.

A UK basketball signee with a golden shot from 3-point launch, silky look-away passes, feet that move smartly (and a 4.0 GPA), is a prodigy on a path worn familiar by pioneers named Cox, Parsons and Purnsiful and Pelfrey, Feldhaus and Hanson and Farmer and Epps. On his way to UK.

A Kentucky kid chasing a dream along a road to what he calls "the big time" in the same shadows of skepticism and doubts and questions that dogged country Kentuckians dating from Cox to Epps. "Is Blevins quick enough?" ... "Is Blevins tough enough?" ... "Can a kid from Edmonton, Kentucky really play up there?"

Up there. Such matter-of-fact arrogance is part of the fabric of UK basketball worship.

"Can a kid from Edmonton really..." is a boo-bird quandary that begs a comparative. So, here it is: "Is it possible that a kid from Wapakoneta, Ohio could become the first human being to step on another planet? Wouldn't that have to be a shake-n-baker urbanite from Houston or Gotham City or LA?"

Name is Neil Armstrong, and yes, Wapakoneta, Ohio to the moon ... and back.

So, can J.P. play for Tubby? Get a life, and watch a story unfold.

"This kid's got heart," his high school coach says.

"J.P. knows this game. He understands and has good instincts. And he's unselfish," Tim McMurtrey says. "Because of the needs of our team this year, people haven't gotten to see some of the things J.P. does best. He's the best passer I've ever seen."

Blevins takes skeptics in stride and answers it with an impressive blend of realistic expectation and

determination. "All I can do is go up there and bust my tail every day in practice. I intend to do that and everything coach Smith tells me to do. Whatever spot he wants to put me in, however many minutes he wants me to play, I'll do whatever he says. I've worked hard and now I'm ready to go up there and learn and improve.

"No, I don't know what to expect, but I know practices will be longer, harder and more intense. I know I have to get stronger physically and learn how to play defense. The game at that level is going to be 10 times more intense. It's just a whole different game, but I'm just going to go and do my best."

Blevins will move to Lexington in the summer and get involved in off-season workouts.

"This is fulfillment of my lifelong dream and I'm ready to get started.

"What would I say to little kids? To never give up. I'd tell every one of 'em to keep your dreams and go after them. Don't let anything discourage you. You have to keep trying. And have fun. That's what I would say to them. Have fun."

Anyone else like The Kid's chances? Stay tuned.

### KENTUCKY BASKETBALL 'ARRIVAL, REVIVAL'?

Kentucky's victory at Florida, as well as the Wildcats' second half showing against Georgia, was neither an 'arrival' nor a discovery of team chemistry, but a benchmark for the season to come — tournament time.

It was a UK team seeming to realize finally, that up-tempo defense will produce up-tempo offense. And, despite the raves and accolades showered on dismissed Florida Gator Jayson Williams, the view here is the Wildcats would have beaten Florida with or without Williams because the earlier game in Lexington Feb. 1 was an aberration. Last week it was a Florida team returning to form — 22 turnovers and 38 per cent field goal shooting.

Yet, along with the Georgia game, it was Kentucky's Wildcats coming of age too. Discovering that attacking, intelligent defense solves

problems, makes up for shortcomings.

UK's tournament time success if there is to be any, must be predicated on the caliber of defense the Wildcats demonstrated at Florida and against Georgia. Solid and merciless and relentless.

### JUST WONDERING

√ Anyone else notice the irony ... Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson's racist remarks last week about blacks in the south and slave ships were remarkably like those that caused a furor and cost the late Jimmy 'The Greek' Snyder his job with CBS?

√ Louisville's redshirt freshman Jeff McKinley is what analysts label too slow, too unquick. But the redshirt freshman's performance at Marquette last week, was proof positive that the 6-5 guard is a dandy prospect because he does things experts cannot measure.

Unlike UofL's backcourt bumbler, McKinley takes care of the basketball and most of all, makes intelligent decisions. Wonder why Hall of Fame coach Denny Crum did not recognize his quality guard sooner?

### MISS BASKETBALL CANDIDATES

Kelly Pendleton of Webster County and Beth Vice of Montgomery County.

Pendleton. This space last week mentioned Webster County High's candidate for Miss Basketball, Kelly Pendleton, along with the glossy brochure that reported her on-floor achievements. She is fifth in the state in scoring, 25.1 and second in 3-point shooting accuracy, 35.2. The impressive statistical brochure was created, published and distributed not by the school, but by Pendleton's coach Cheryl Crews Vaughn.

Noting the Miss Basketball-worthy numbers Pendleton has put up (currently 12th all-time leading scorer in Kentucky), this space wanted voters to know about the young lady's academic citizenship records. Coach Vaughn was quick to reply.

"Kelly's current GPA is a 3.42 and she is ranked 37th in her class of 156," the coach reported, adding a long list of school clubs and activ-

ity groups with which Pendleton is involved.

"Kelly is also a member of a Christian singing group, for three years, called All to Thee. The group consists of 35 teens who belong to various churches throughout the area. The purpose of the group is to spread the word of Christ by singing, acting out skits and giving personal testimonies. The group also makes donations to local charities and visits local nursing homes and schools.

"I hope this information demonstrates that Kelly is an active role model in and out of the school and that she is a contributing member to society."

Vice. Sideline earlier this season by threat of a stress fracture, the University of Alabama-bound all-stater at Montgomery County is among the state's top 10 in scoring, 23.8, and free-throw shooting, 82.8. Last week her season ended last when she suffered an ACL knee injury. She faces 4-6 months of rehabilitation.

Vice told writer Deanna Mascle of The Advocate in Mt. Sterling that the injury had put back in perspective the relative value of basketball. While she has played the game with dutiful passion since fourth grade, the senior guard said her latest setback has been a reminder that her faith, her family and friends still rate ahead of the sport to which she has been so dedicated.

Kelly Pendleton and Beth Vice, two bona fide candidates for Kentucky Miss Basketball.

### SPINNING CHOICES

After Kentucky smothered Florida 79-54 literally in Gainesville last week, Lexington Herald-Leader sportswriter Jerry Tipton indulged in a typical media spin that feeds the boo-bird element among Kentucky fans.

At game time UK coach Tubby Smith reversed himself and said he would start four guards along with Nazr Mohammed instead of the 'no lineup changes' the coach announced the day before.

Smith's change-of-mind presented a spin choice for media. After UK's win at Florida, reporters could rave over the genius of Tubby's insightful four guard-one center decision and the message it would

send to Scott Padgett and others — i.e., "get the ball to Nazr!"

Or, as Tipton chose, media could spin the change-of-mind into a question of Smith's credibility.

The view here is, had (impulsive) Rick Pitino instituted a 4-guard-Nazr lineup change with no prior announcement, and his team had turned a nine-point loss to Florida at home into a 25-point rout in Gainesville, Tipton and metro columnists would have proclaimed it a Pitino vision from on high and thrown rose petals at Da Coach's feet.

It's all in the spin ... and how fans choose reality over perception, someone else's.

### HERE'S YOUR HEISMAN GUY

For all those who voted for Michigan's Charles Woodson over

Peyton Manning for the Heisman Trophy, this story is for you.

USA Today reports: Charles Woodson left the image of spoiled athlete at the Walter Camp Football Foundation banquet two weeks ago. Besides demanding first-class airfare for his mother, girlfriend and nephew from the nonprofit organization, the Heisman winner reluctantly participated in functions and, while surrounded by two bodyguards, refused interview requests from Connecticut newspapers.

Woodson ... a credit to himself and college football?

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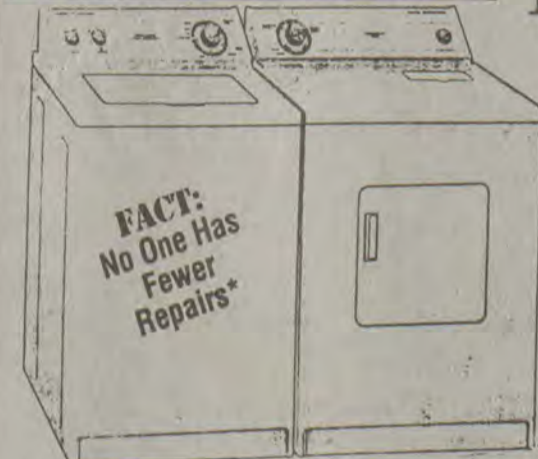
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# Prestonsburg closes season at Lawrence County

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Coach Jackie Day Crisp and the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats closed out their regular basketball season in a big way with a sounding 66-32 win over the Lady Bulldogs of Lawrence County.

The Lady Blackcats traveled to Louisa this past Saturday night to play the make-up game.

Prestonsburg placed four players in double figures in finishing the season with a 9-17 overall record. The record does not reflect how Prestonsburg has played in the final four weeks of the season.

Kimi Nunnery was looking for her shot, and scored a team-high 16 points to lead Prestonsburg to the 34-point win. It was the largest margin of victory for the Lady Blackcats since they defeated Betsy

Layne by 40 points earlier in the season.

Jessi Burke and Brandi Wells scored 15 apiece with Amelia Conley tossing in six. Angela Howell had one point.

Prestonsburg drained four three-point baskets in the game, with Crystal Slone burying two treys. Wells and Nunnery had one each.

Melissa Gauze was the only Lawrence County player to score in

double figures, finishing with 16. Erica Webb had six points.

Prestonsburg held a 15-7 lead after the first quarter behind Nunnery, who scored seven first-quarter points. Slone drilled both her treys in the opening quarter for six first-quarter points.

A 19-7 second quarter gave Prestonsburg a 34-14 halftime lead as Wells, who went scoreless in the first quarter, scored 10 points in the second period. Nunnery continued her hot shooting with five points in the quarter. Conley scored four.

Burke got more involved in the offense in the third period with six points as Prestonsburg increased their lead to 23 points, 46-23, after three periods.

Burke hit six-of-seven free attempts in the fourth quarter and scored 10 points in the period as Prestonsburg never looked back.

The Lady Blackcats shot 61 percent from the free-throw line, hitting 14-of-23 attempts. Lawrence County made three-of-nine attempts.

Prestonsburg will meet Betsy Layne Thursday night in the first game of the district tournament in a 6:30 start.



Duff Lady Bulldogs County Champions



Girls' All-Conference Team



Martin Lady Flashes County Runners-up



Allen Eagles Cheerleaders County First Place

## Stewart, Hall combine to lead South Floyd to win

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Coach John Martin's South Floyd Lady Raiders reached a milestone recently when his team won their third straight basketball game with a 59-32 win over the Millard Lady Mustangs.

Olivia Stewart led the way with her 14 points, and Shawna Hall netted 10. Martha Crawford scored nine points.

Ashley Ratliff, a solid player, led Millard with 16 points. Amy Ratliff tossed in nine. Ashley Ratliff hit three treys in the game. Amy Ratliff had one.

Stewart scored nine of her 14 points in the fourth quarter. She went scoreless in the first half and came back to score five in the third.

Millard held the lead at the first stop at 9-8 behind Amy Ratliff. Ratliff scored seven first-quarter points including a three-point basket. Hall had a basket and two free throws for four first-quarter points for South Floyd. Crawford and Monica McKinney had two points each in the period.

South Floyd went on a 17-7 second-quarter run that netted them a 25-16 halftime lead. Ashley Ratliff hit two three-pointers for Millard in the quarter. Crawford, Monica Newsome and Angie Tackett had four points each for the Lady Raiders. South Floyd hit five-of-six from the three-point line in the first half.

South Floyd held Millard to just a field goal and three free throws, all by Ashley Ratliff, in the third quarter as they built a 23-point advantage. Stewart had five points in the quarter and Morgan scored four. Crawford buried a trey.

South Floyd was shooting well from the free-throw line until the fourth quarter when they missed seven tries. But they did finish the game 11-of-20.

The Lady Raiders will close out their regular season Saturday night at Elkhorn City.

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# ACADEMICS

## Betsy Layne Elementary students build character

Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center hosted a Character Education Awards Breakfast January 27th.

Character Education is a concept that "Quality Kids" are trying to promote within the elementary schools in Floyd County with character traits, such as citizenship, respect, tolerance and justice to name a few.

Each student was selected by their homeroom teacher for the sec-

ond nine weeks grade period.

After students were selected for the award, Karen Allen, principal, notified parents of their children's leadership and invited them to an awards breakfast.

Carolyn Ferrell, the school's Character Education coordinator, welcomed everyone to the award ceremony where students and their parents were introduced to Betty Newman, Rita Howell and Raetta Damron of "Quality Kids." Raetta

Damron, who is also with the Kentucky Opry, treated them to special music.

The highlight of the morning came when the students were given their character Education Award for Citizenship by Karen Allen.

Brian Akers of the Family Resource Center said, "It was a collaborated effort for this event bring the school and community together to reward children for demonstrating exemplary character

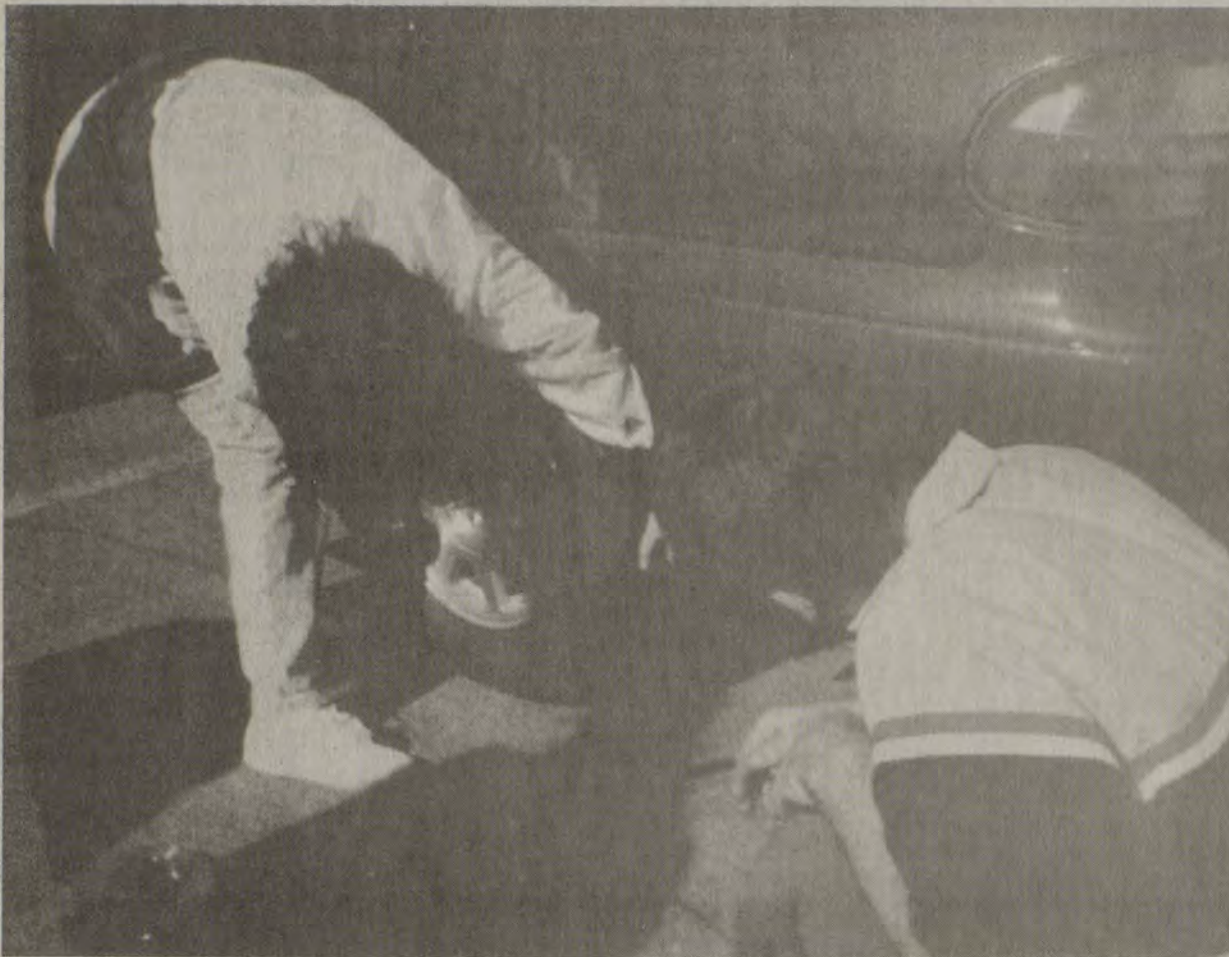
traits."

Chuck Stamper of the county's 4-H program has also incorporated character education in his school programs.

Student award winners included: Jordan King, Justin Collins, Blake Little, Misty Roberts,

Samantha Williams, Jacob Stratton, Margo Hunt, Erin McMillian, Erica Crum, Alyssa Cable, Nick Lawson, Julia Smith, Michelle Slone, Stephanie Adkins, Bradley Collins, Elizabeth Mullins, Adron Burchett, Brett Rogers, Andrew Shell, Josh Smith, Laruen

Akers, Dewey Boyd, Whitney Gillespie, Brenton Hamilton, Josh Cox, Brittany Rose, Amanda Lawson, James Hall, Amanda Hunt, Robert Collum, Jeanette Burchett, Tabetha Hall, Nick Burchett, Brittany Osborn, Pam Hall, Josh Allen, and Kelly Hall.



**Auto care**

Michelle Keathley, Adams Middle School Youth Services Center coordinator, changed a tire during a parent workshop on automobile care with the help of mechanics from Music-Carter-Hughes. (photo by Rita

## Piarist School announces honor roll

Six students earned straight "A's" and had a perfect 4.00 grade point average (GPA) during the first semester at The Piarist School, a small, private, college preparatory high school in Martin. Nine other students received First Honors for having grade point averages above a 3.70, and 13 students received Second Honors for having grade point averages between 3.25 and 3.70.

Those students with a perfect 4.00 average were: seniors Monica Majmundar of Martin and Andrea Griffith of Ivel; sophomore Katie Vogelsang of Wittensville; and

freshmen Iris Stumbo of Prestonsburg, Mary Bowmann of Martin, and Nora Traum of Prestonsburg.

Other students receiving First Honors were: seniors Jesse Robertson of Prestonsburg, Cori Duty of Prestonsburg, and Rachael Woods of Auxier; juniors Elizabeth Lawson of Prestonsburg and Natasha Clark of Harold; sophomores Chastity Ison of East Point and Tai England of Hi Hat; and freshmen Thomas Greene of Prestonsburg and Matthew Goeing of Melvin.

Those students receiving Second Honors were: seniors Roy Sturgill of East Point and Sally Lambert, Kristi McGarey, and Jimmy White of Prestonsburg; juniors Megan McHale of West Van Lear and John Keeton of Salyersville; sophomores Ryan Mullins of Salyersville, George Hall of Prestonsburg, and Katie Karn of Whitehouse; and freshmen Joel Castle of East Point, John Layne of Martin, Brett Hall of Wayland, and Joseph Fitzgerald of Pikeville.

The Piarist School will be giving an entrance examination at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 7 for students entering ninth and tenth grades. To register or for more information call 285-3950.



Seth Perry, a student in Anna Shepherd's class at May Valley Elementary, wore his coonskin cap for beginning sound of "C" during show and tell day.



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Students of Anna Shepherd's class at May Valley Elementary invited grandparents to share with the class on September 12, celebrating Grandparent's Day. Grandparents read stories, played piano, and talked to the class about school as they knew it. Mrs. Shepherd and her students would like to say a big thank you to the grandparents.

## Region #21 Academic Competitions

February 21, 1998

at Betsy Layne Elementary School

### Quick Recall

FIRST PLACE—Johnson County Middle School

David Simpson, Paul Browning, Laura Wells, Galen Conley, Willie Owens, Jonathan Boyd, Jessica Butcher, Lauren Greer, Zach Pairagin, Brent Borden, Clayton Bowman and Gerald Patton.

SECOND PLACE—John M. Stumbo Elementary School

Joshua Allen, Marcus Allen, Nick Hall, Trenton Tackett, Cortney Flannery, Jennifer Hamilton, Jeremy Daniels, Heather Evans, Jessica Newsome, Stephanie Newsome, LeAnn Hamilton and Brandi Johnson.

THIRD PLACE—McDowell Elementary School

FOURTH PLACE—Adams Middle School

### Future Problem Solving

FIRST PLACE—Paintsville Middle School

Lucinda Castle, Shanna Preston, Ginney Fuller and Melissa Daniels

SECOND PLACE—Johnson County Middle School

Swathi Rao, Jessica Butcher, Cailin Briggs and Kim Haney.

THIRD PLACE—Herald Whitaker Elementary School

## FINAL RESULTS

### Mathematics Written Assessment

1ST PLACE—Joshua Allen from John M. Stumbo Elementary

2ND PLACE—David Simpson from Johnson County Middle School

3RD PLACE (TIE)—Swathi Rao from Johnson County Middle School

3RD PLACE (TIE)—Sashi Param from Paintsville Middle School

### Science Written Assessment

1ST PLACE—Matthew Slone from Martin Middle School

2ND PLACE—Claton Bowman from Johnson County Middle School

3RD PLACE—Amie Aklaghi from Paintsville Middle School

4TH PLACE—Gary Harper from Herald Whitaker

### Composition

1ST PLACE—Sam Allen from Paintsville Middle School

2ND PLACE—Rhonda Fyffe from Johnson County Middle School

3RD PLACE—Monica Hobson from McDowell Elementary School

4TH PLACE—Amanda Prater from Herald Whitaker

### Future Problem Solving Team

1ST PLACE—Paintsville Middle School

2ND PLACE—Johnson County Middle School

3RD PLACE—Herald Whitaker

4TH PLACE—Harold Elementary School

### Quick Recall

1ST PLACE—Johnson County Middle School

2ND PLACE—John M. Stumbo Elementary School

3RD PLACE—McDowell Elementary School

4TH PLACE—Adams Middle School

### Social Studies Written Assessment

1ST PLACE—Galen Conley from Johnson County Middle School

2ND PLACE—Trenton Tackett from John M. Stumbo Elementary School

3RD PLACE—Paul Browning from Johnson County Middle School

4TH PLACE—Nicholas Hall from John M. Stumbo Elementary School

### Language Arts Written Assessment

1ST PLACE—Monica Hobson from McDowell Elementary School

2ND PLACE—Laura Wells from Johnson County Middle School

3RD PLACE—Ashley Boswell from Paintsville Middle School

4TH PLACE—Swathi Rao from Johnson County Middle School

### General Knowledge Written Assessment

1ST PLACE—David Simpson from Johnson County Middle School

2ND PLACE—Laura Wells from Johnson County Middle School

3RD PLACE (TIE)—Galen Conley from Johnson County Middle School

3RD PLACE (TIE)—Joshua Allen from John M. Stumbo Elementary School

## FINAL STANDINGS

1ST PLACE—Johnson County Middle School

2ND PLACE—Paintsville Middle School

3RD PLACE—John M. Stumbo Elementary School

4TH PLACE—McDowell Elementary School

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### VIVA LAS VEGAS

When Bill France, Sr. and the rest of the good ol' boys got together 50 years ago to start what is now NASCAR, do you think that in their wildest dreams they saw their sport one day headed to Las Vegas?

When you look back at some of the old Winston Cup schedules, it really hasn't been that long ago when the sport pretty much stayed in the confines of the Southeast. Daytona, Darlington, and Talladega were the promised land so to speak if you were either a driver or fan.

It seems that someone let the secret out about the competitiveness

of Winston Cup and it wasn't long before the rest of the nation wanted in on some of the action. I'm sure that "big" Bill Sr. thought that his western boundary for the sport was the Mississippi River and besides anybody that lived that far out of the south wouldn't understand it anyway.

Any chance for the south to hold on to the best kept secret in the country was put in jeopardy when in 1979 the first NASCAR race was televised live from one coast to the other, and it wasn't long before NASCAR was getting calls from such remote racing outposts as California and Texas asking for a piece of the action.

The series soon gave precious racing dates to tracks in California and Texas which in a way began to take away some of those deep southern roots that NASCAR had been built on. Fans in both states loved the racing and soon the demand to see more had fans every where turning on their TV sets on Sunday to follow what to many was a new form of sporting event.

It was apparent to those new found fans that this sport was unlike any professional sport that they were used to. Even as large as the sport was becoming, it was still able to hang on to its down home atmosphere of racing. Today with crowds over 100,000 common, the show still has that feeling of one of those old Saturday night shootouts.

This Sunday NASCAR will take another big step as the Winston Cup teams will compete for the first time at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Unlike a few years ago the Winston Cup community will invade Las Vegas and fit in like it had been coming there for years. You see NASCAR has that rare ability of being able to spit a little chewing tobacco with the fans at

Rockingham one week and the very next weekend walk through the lobby of the MGM Grand like they had been coming there for years.

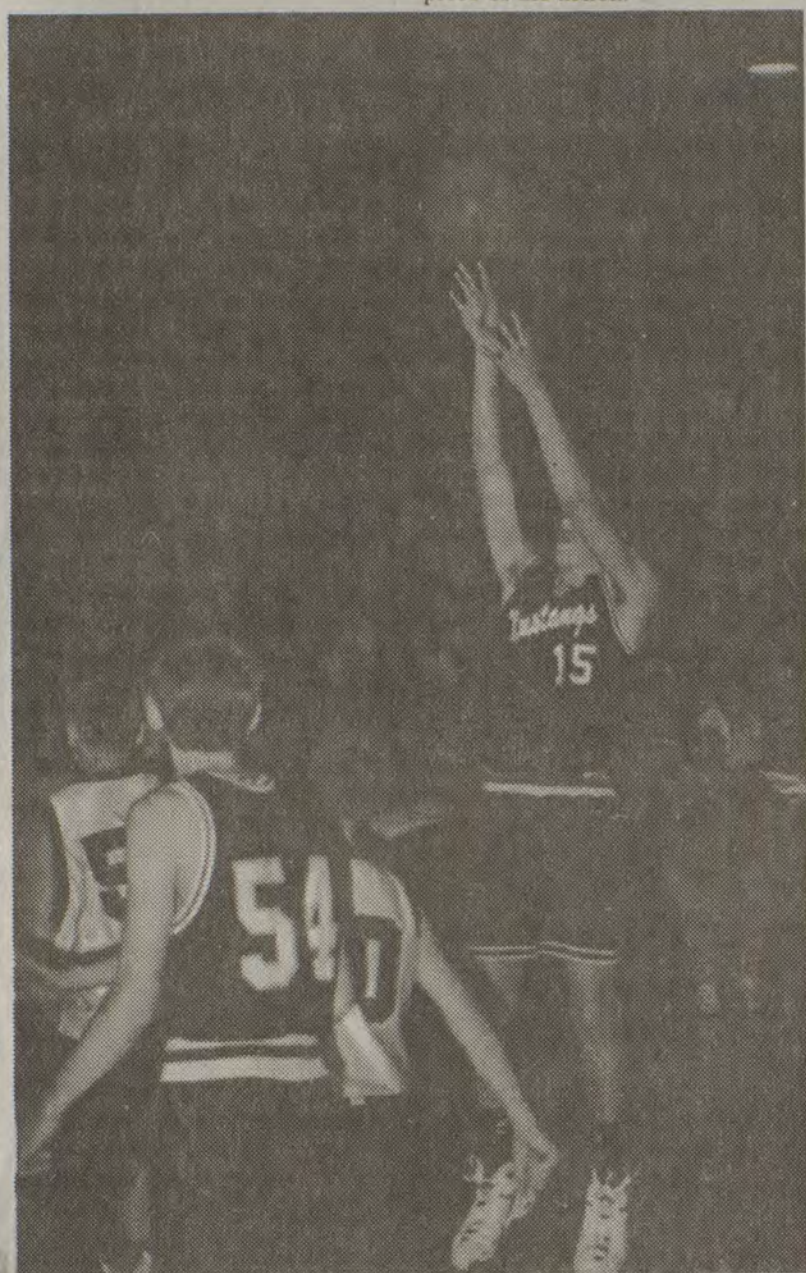
Las Vegas got a touch of NASCAR in 1997 when the Busch Series, Craftsman Truck Series, and Winston West Series held events at the new speedway. The reception that the three events got was overwhelming, which no doubt helped the speedway land a Winston Cup date.

With all that Las Vegas has to offer plus the excitement of the race itself, don't be surprised if before long this ticket becomes one of the hardest race tickets to lay your hands on. Maybe it is only appropriate that Rusty Wallace has his new Elvis paint scheme on his Taurus this week. After all didn't Elvis come up with the song, "Viva Las Vegas?"

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Jumper

The John M. Stumbo Mustangs won their first county grade school basketball championship since 1985 when they defeated the Adams Blackcats 54-49 Friday night. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Prestonsburg settles issue with win over Betsy Layne

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

However the Lady Blackcats of Prestonsburg got their season off in '97 they did finish strong and strong enough to take second place and the number-two seed in next week's district tournament.

The Lady Blackcats were not about to settle for a tie for the second spot and posted a 53-50 win over the Betsy Layne Lady Cats last Monday in finishing 4-2 in the Floyd County Conference. Betsy Layne, who could have tied Prestonsburg for the second place position, fell to 2-4 in the conference.

Prestonsburg played without leading scorer, Shelly Greathouse, but got a balanced attack, led by Brandi Wells' 14 points. Crystal Slone and Jessi Burke each scored nine points and Kimi Nunnery added eight.

Jessica Clark led all scorers, finishing with 28 points for the game. Clark hit two three-point baskets. Sabrina Yates netted nine.

Betsy Layne, who trailed by nine points at the half, mounted a comeback in the fourth quarter, but a missed layup and, later, a turnover hurt the Lady Cats.

"We struggled to win," said Prestonsburg coach Jackie Day Crisp. "It wasn't easy. We missed Shelly out there and then we lost Ladonna (Slone) to an injury. She was playing good on defense when she got hurt."

Betsy Layne rallied in the fourth but Prestonsburg warded off the attempt.

"We had our chance to win the game," said Betsy Layne coach Bill Newsome. "We had a couple of senior mistakes that hurt us."

Slone scored six of her nine points in the first quarter to lead Prestonsburg to a 16-9 lead. Clark matched the total for Betsy Layne but Nunnery buried a trey and freshman Amelia Conley scored four points for Prestonsburg.

Prestonsburg camped out at the

free-throw line in the second quarter where they did all their scoring. Going without a field goal, Prestonsburg hit 15-of-19 attempts to take a 31-22 halftime lead.

While Prestonsburg was connecting, Betsy Layne became disconnected. The Lady Cats shot 13 times from the charity stripe and hit only three.

Clark rallied the Lady Cats in the third quarter in a 16-10 run. Clark buried two treys and scored nine points to bring her team back to within three points of Prestonsburg, 41-38 after three quarters.

The two teams played even in the final quarter with Betsy Layne unable to capitalize on some Prestonsburg turnovers. Clark scored eight points in the fourth.

Wells buried her trey and had five points in the third period.

Prestonsburg, after dropping nine of their first 11 games, finished strong at 8-16 on the season. Betsy Layne evened their record at 11-11.

The two teams will meet for the third time this season when they tip off in the first round of the 58th District tournament on Thursday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m.

### Prestonsburg Youth Baseball to hold meeting

It is still winter but that doesn't stop the baseball season from coming up. So, in preparation for the upcoming Little League season, the Prestonsburg Youth Baseball League will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. at the Adams Middle School.

All coaches, past coaches, and those desiring to coach should be at this important meeting.

For more information, contact Don Willis at 886-2552.

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# Stewart scores 28 in setback to Shelby Valley

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

South Floyd's Olivia Stewart scored 13 of her 28 points in the fourth quarter, but the Lady Raiders dropped a 70-58 decision to the Shelby Valley Lady Wildcats as both teams closed out their regular season this past weekend.

Stewart hit three three-point baskets. She scored 22 of her points in the second half.

Martha Crawford finished with

16 points and knocked down four treys, giving the Lady Raiders seven for the game.

Summer Jones had an outstanding performance, finishing with 36 points which included a remarkable eight three-point baskets. Ashley Damron scored 18 for the Lady Wildcats.

Both teams battled in the first quarter as Jones had to outscore the rest of the Lady Raiders in the period. She hit three treys and had 13 points to give Shelby Valley a 20-16 lead after the first quarter.

Crawford and Stewart had three-point baskets, and each scored five points in the quarter. Misty Berger, who finished the game with four, had all her points in the first period.

Jones buried two more treys in the second stanza as Shelby Valley outscored South Floyd 17-12 to take a 37-28 lead to the locker room at the half. Crawford scored 11 of the 12 South Floyd points. She drained four three-point bas-

kets. Crawford got lost in the offense in the second half for South Floyd as she failed to score in the final two quarters. Stewart scored nine third-quarter points but the Lady Raiders trailed 55-41 after three. Jones had three treys in the third for Shelby Valley.

South Floyd returns to the hardwood tonight against Allen Central in the opening game of the 58th District tournament.



### Scramble for ball

Duff's Donetta Mullins (32) battled a Martin player for a loose ball in the girls championship game of the Floyd County grade school tournament at Betsy Layne last Friday night. Duff defeated Martin 47-42. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## 58th District Basketball Standings

### Final

WOMEN'S		
TEAM	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
Allen Central	6-0	16-8
Prestonsburg	4-2	9-17
Betsy Layne	2-4	11-12
South Floyd	0-6	6-18

MEN'S		
TEAM	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
Prestonsburg	6-0	16-10
Allen Central	4-2	17-7
South Floyd	2-4	10-15
Betsy Layne	0-6	9-17

# RACER'S EDGE

## GORDON CAPTURES 30TH RACING CAREER VICTORY AT ROCKINGHAM

Jeff Gordon had to drive his way from the back of the field to the front but the defending NASCAR Winston Cup champion still earned his 30th career victory in Sunday's Goodwrench Service Plus 400 at North Carolina Speedway.

Gordon, riding a Chevrolet Monte Carlo, was able to pull away on the final restart of the race with 22 laps remaining and drove to an easy victory over Rusty Wallace by 1.281 seconds.

There were 27 lead changes among 12 drivers, both records at North Carolina Motor Speedway. Gordon averaged 117.065 miles per hour around the 1.017-mile oval. Mark Martin was third, followed by Jimmy Spencer and Geoff Bodine. Wallace, Martin, Spencer and Bodine each drove a Ford Taurus.

Gordon drove his #24 car to victory lane after completing 393 laps. He called the win at Rockingham as "miraculous."

Earnhardt, winner of last week's Daytona 500, finished a distant 17th.

How the field finished:

1. Jeff Gordon (24)
2. Rusty Wallace (2)
3. Mark Martin (6)
4. Jimmy Spencer (23)
5. Geoff Bodine (7)
6. Bill Elliott (94)
7. Dale Jarrett (94)
8. Terry Labonte (5)
9. Bobby Hamilton (4)
10. Ricky Craven (50)
11. Ward Burton (22)
12. Rick Mast (75)
13. John Andretti (43)
14. Jeremy Mayfield (12)
15. Derrike Cope (30)
16. Brett Bodine (11)
17. Dale Earnhardt (3)
18. Jeff Burton (99)
19. Ernie Irvan (36)
20. Steve Grissom (41)
21. Chad Little (97)
22. Jeff Green (29)
23. Ken Schrader (33)
24. Kyle Petty (44)
25. Sterling Marlin (40)
26. Kenny Irwin (28)
27. Lake Speed (9)
28. Jerry Nadeau (13)
29. Hut Stricklin (8)
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33. Bobby Labonte (18)
34. Michael Waltrip (21)

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## Martin Jr. Pro to host 9-10-year-old tournament

The Martin Junior Pro basketball league will host a 9-10-year-old junior pro basketball tournament at Martin Middle School beginning March 7-8.

Players participating in the tournament must be 10 years old after September 2.

Tournament proceeds will go to help defray expenses for the Martin All-Stars trip to Middlesboro in regional tournament play.

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# Lifestyles

## Attention Parents

Want to know what your kids are getting into? If so, register for a free internet class provided by the Allen Central Youth Service Center on March 10, 6-8 p.m. You must pre-register by calling 358-3048

## Together again

Aunt Sally and Uncle Bud (for reasons soon to become evident, not their real names) are together again. For several months, their separation, after nearly 50 years of wedded bliss, has remained a complete mystery.

Now that they're again living under the same roof, the true story of their estrangement has leaked. So, here are the facts about why a couple of their seventies suddenly began calling lawyers and bickering over who should

### Poison Oak



Clyde Pack

get the garden tiller.

It began when Aunt Sally, who suffers from the worst case of far sightedness on record—if indeed such records are kept—refused to wear glasses, but insisted on buying a new pair of patent leather pumps to go with the dress she bought to wear to Easter sunrise services last spring. Naturally, since they hover over each other like a hen with new biddies (another reason everyone was in a state of shock at their break-up), Uncle Bud accompanied her to the shoe department at one of the local discount stores.

Hewie Willard (not his real name, either), who has been the butt of jokes for 30 years because he lost his hair in his early twenties, was on duty that afternoon.

Aunt Sally picked out several pairs of possibilities, all of which were at least two sizes too small, and Uncle Bud wandered off a few feet and pretended to be looking at a pair of Nikes.

Hewie, the epitome of the shoe salesman, had gotten down on his knees and was trying to pry a shoe onto Aunt Sally's plump little foot when she glanced down and saw his bald head. Horrified, she thought it was her own bare knee and grabbed her dress tail and covered it.

Hewie, suddenly being cast into total darkness, jumped up so quickly it flipped Aunt Sally's chair backward and she ended up on her back with both legs sticking up and a little patent leather pump dangling from her left big toe.

Unfortunately for Uncle Bud, he witnessed the whole thing and broke into uncontrollable, bent-over-gasping-for-breath laughter.

By the time he got his breath back and control enough of himself to be of any assistance, Hewie Willard was behind Aunt Sally trying to pull her shoulders off the floor. Of course, she was of no help whatsoever because all she was interested in was pulling her dress tail up over her knees as she muttered, "Oh mercy. Oh mercy. Oh...mercy."

Between the two of them, and after several minutes of the hardest work either had ever done in their lives, they brought Aunt Sally upright.

But Uncle Bud, having lived with her long enough to know that she would see no humor in the situation, and for the sake of peace on earth, neither should he, managed to stifle his laughter.

That is until Hewie, as he wiped the sweat from his forehead with a big white handkerchief, said, "Man, I've never seen anything like that in my whole life."

Several people in the crowd which had begun to gather thought Uncle Bud was having a heart attack as he lay on the floor gasping for breath.

But the good news is, they're back together now and everything's fine. Incidentally, Aunt Sally did not buy a pair of pumps and is adjusting quite well to her new bifocals.

# BLHS Homecoming

Homecoming. The word connotes a gathering of acquaintances, but in basketball it means competition, both on and off the gym floor. Homecoming is when two teams collide, and the home team tries to win the honors for their crowd of loyal fans.

The basketball players, though, aren't the only ones who win the honors. During homecoming, honors are awarded to a senior girl from the home team's school.

On Friday, January 30, Betsy Layne High School held its homecoming celebration and crowned its new homecoming queen. Senior Felisha Kidd was crowned at homecoming during intermission between the junior varsity and varsity games.

Kidd is the 17-year-old daughter of Earl and Sandra Kidd of Honaker.

Ten Betsy Layne High School seniors vied for the crown. Also com-

peting were:

• Andrea Britt Coleman, 17-year-old

daughter of Phillip and Carol Coleman of Stanville.



Felisha Kidd



Heather Kidd



Andrea Coleman



Leslie Newsome



Jennifer Mitchell



Kelli Newsome



Lisa Stevens



Amanda Johnstone



Jessica Hall



Jami Mitchell

• Jessica Hale, 17-year-old daughter of Kenneth and Gennell Hall of Dana.

• Amanda Johnston, 17-year-old daughter of Judith Johnston of Betsy Layne and the late Doug Johnstone.

• Heather Kidd, 17-year-old daughter of William and Melissa Kidd of Dana.

• Jami Marie Mitchell, 17-year-old daughter of Janice Mitchell of Prestonsburg and the late Enoch Mitchell.

• Jennifer Mitchell, 17-year-old daughter of Diana Mitchell of Teaberry.

• Leslie Newsome, 18-year-old daughter of Jimmy and Glenda Mitchell of Beaver.

• Kelli Newsome, 18-year-old daughter of Sharon Jarvis of Grethel and Mickey Newsome of McDowell.

• Lisa Stevens, 17-year-old daughter of Phillip and Judy Stevens of Toler.

## Ten Years ago (February 24, 1988)

Floyd Sheriff Henry C. Hale told members of the fiscal court at the last meeting that he would file suit against them if they did not pay the SSI and health insurance for his officers...Work got underway to extinguish a slag pile fire at Stone Coal near Garrett, which has been burning since last fall...Local physician James D. Adams reported treating 10-12 patients a day for flu-like symptoms, but the peak of the epidemic seems to be over...An Allen Central High student was arrested for marijuana possession at that school Monday...Harvey Sloane, president of the Kentucky County Judge's Association, urged support for the county jail systems to be taken over by the state...There died: Delmar Blevins, 74, of Langley, Sunday at Highlands Regional Medical Center...John W. James, 83, of Louisa, Wednesday at the J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center...Alice Blevins, 91, formerly of Weeksbury, Thursday at the home of her daughter...Edgar Osborne, 74, of Green Acres, Saturday at his residence...Obie Crisp, 65, of Allen, Sunday at his residence...Paul Fraley, 74, of Drift, Friday at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center...Synthia Caudill, 71, of Grethel, Thursday at the Phelps Community Medical Center...Albert Miller, 80, of Auxier, Wednesday at the Highlands Regional Medical Center...James Gillespie, 16, of Grethel, Sunday in an automobile accident...Edna Osborne, 80, of Jonancy, Feb. 20 at Pikeville Methodist Hospital...Dewey Thompson, 93, January 26 in Ray, Ohio...Faye Howell, 61, formerly of

Prestonsburg, Sunday in Columbus, Ohio...Seabert Clifton, 69, formerly of Lackey, Feb. 15 in Seattle, Washington...Draxie Stephens, 55, of Allen, Thursday at Our Lady of The Way Hospital...Minnie Henderson, 69, of David, Wednesday in Louisville...Albert Rice, 94, of Ivel, Sunday at Highlands Regional Medical Center...Dora Spradlin, 78, formerly of Floyd County, Saturday in Denver, Colorado...Emaline Collins, 81, of Price, Thursday at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center...Orville Pearson, 63, formerly of Floyd County, Sunday in Parkersburg, West Virginia...Gerald Moore, 41, formerly of Price, at Dayton, Ohio...Rudolph Hurd, 65, formerly of Prestonsburg, Monday in Lexington...Lillie Hall, 63, of Teaberry, Tuesday at Ashland...and Newt Ratliff, 82, of Martin, Monday at Jackson.

## Twenty Years Ago (February 22, 1978)

One of the most extensive train derailments in the county in recent years occurred around 3 a.m. last Wednesday when a C.&O. train left the tracks along the river at Auxier, spilling 26 cars...After weeks of holdup by snow and freezing temperatures, work on the \$690,000 Prestonsburg Municipal Building was resumed Monday, and by the same afternoon erection of the steel substructure was

well underway...The belief was expressed locally Tuesday, that approval by the United Mine Workers' bargaining council of an agreement with one coal company may have opened the door eighter for suture agreements with individual coal firms or an overall settlement of the entire strike situation...Contracts have been signed and work is underway on two Prestonsburg residences eligible for rehabilitation under the

## Our Yesterdays

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago.)

new federal disaster assistance program...There died: Thelma Grace Osborne, 46, of Eastern, last Wednesday at Eastern; Mrs. Goldia Ousley, 51, of Risner, Tuesday, February 14 at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Andrew (Bert) Sparkman, 46, formerly of Pippa Passes, February 13, at his home in Detroit, Michigan; Tamera Blankenship, 65, of Ligon, Tuesday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mollie Sturgill, 74, of Betsy Layne, Monday at his home; Mrs. Della Mae Stephens, 48, formerly of this county, February 15 in a Monroe, Michigan Hospital; Kenneth Vanderpool, 75, of West Prestonsburg, Monday at Highlands Regional Medical

Center; Dewey A. Mullins, 63, a native of Pike County, Sunday in Willard, Ohio; Mitchell M. Hicks, 77, formerly of Floyd County, Tuesday, February 2 at his home in Glasgow; Mrs. Clara H. Stephens, 50, of Pyramid, Saturday at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington; John W. (Shoffer) Hall, 71, of Harold, last Wednesday at UK Medical Center in Lexington; Woodrow Caudill, 64, of East McDowell, last Wednesday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Irene Catherine Hall, 64, wife of Dr. Lon C. Hall, Wednesday in Paintsville; Stevie Ray Slusher, 22, formerly of this county, Sunday in a Kendallville, Indiana car crash; Mrs. Emma Hamilton, 61, of Teaberry, Saturday at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Edith Johnson Clifton, 57, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday.

## Thirty Years Ago (February 22, 1968)

Advertising for bids for construction of low-rent housing units for the elderly at Martin has been delayed because of difficulty in procuring one site or in planning for another...Five of seven Floyd County schools inspected within recent weeks have sub-standard sanitation facilities and maintenance, a report of the State Board of Health shows...Temporary field headquarters to serve a 40-county area in the federal program of medical self-help training in time of national emergency have been set up in the Floyd County Health Department here...The first indication that the site originally pre-

(See Yesterdays, page four)

# Society

## Community Advisory Council holds meeting

Members of the Community Advisory Council met in November in the Culinary Arts Classroom at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps.

They discussed a Christmas party which was held for 45 to 50 students at the center. Lenny and Abby Grant volunteered to solicit local businesses for donations to buy gifts for the students.

John Rosenberg suggested that letters be sent to council members who were not at the meeting in order to provide them with information about the party.

Denny Moore, a member of the staff at the center, presented an update on the School-To-Work program. Moore reported that the center had 13 students participating in the program in both Johnson and Floyd counties. He explained that student Denise Moore had been on three School-To-Work sites and had done an excellent job. He added that more volunteers are needed for the program.

Council members present at the meeting were John Rosenberg, Frank Salyer, Debbie Allen, Mary Hereford, and Thomas Hereford.

Staff members present were Wyvonna Davis, Billie Gipson, Steve Arms, Denny Moore, Sue Poe, Karen Wicker, Tom Harmon, Donnie Ray, Charlie Hunter, Jill Johnson, Barbara Blackburn, and Marsha Hackworth.

Student representatives present were Morrell Moore, Tara Garrett, Tommie Fox, Patricia Anderson, Hacina Butts, Anna Martin, and Marcus Jackson.

## Ethics Commission withholds penalty phase of guidelines

The Floyd County Ethics Commission met January 20 at 5:15 p.m.

Chairman John Rosenberg called the meeting to order. He reported that Jerry Fultz had resigned as a member of the Ethics Commission due to a pressing schedule.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale reported that all necessary personnel in his department had submitted their 1997 financial disclosure statements. He also reported that all candidates for office will be required to file a financial disclosure statement in 1998 due to the county election this year.

Peggy Bradford, secretary of the ethics board, reported she had sent officials who had failed to file their 1997 financial disclosure statements a reminder that they needed to do so as directed by the commission.

The commission decided to review the December 1997 and 1998 financial disclosure statements at the February meeting. Bradford will pick up those statements at the county court clerk's office.

Members discussed whether they should enforce the penalty phase of the Ethics Ordinance in regard to those who failed to comply with the required yearly filings.

A motion was made by Bobby Joe Akers, seconded by Peggy Bradford, and approved unanimously by the commission to withhold the penalty phase until the Ethics Ordinance is reviewed entirely and required revisions are made.

Rosenberg and members of the commission discussed with Judge Hale some parts of the Ethics Ordinance that required revisions. Various models of an ethics ordinance were reviewed and discussed. The motion was made by Patty Murphy, seconded by John Porter, and approved unanimously by the commission to ask Rosenberg to prepare an amended County Ethics Ordinance for review by the commission at the March 1998 meeting.

After passage by the Ethics Commission, the amended ordinance will be submitted to the Floyd County Fiscal Court for approval.

Bradford was directed to submit a copy of the commission minutes to The Floyd County Times for publication.

## Price club meets on Valentine's Day

Members of the Price Community Club held their monthly meeting on February 14, Valentine's Day. The hit of the evening was the delivery of Valentine's gifts for Secret Sisters.

After opening exercises, members were welcomed.

During the business session, members agreed to award certificates of appreciation to community volunteers. They made plans for an Easter Egg Hunt at Minnie Park on April 4. Anniversaries and birthdays for

the month of February were acknowledged.

Also discussed at the meeting were changes members wanted to make in the club's rules. One of those changes included meeting times. All future meetings will be held on the second Saturday of each month at 3 p.m.

The next meeting will be March 14 at 3 p.m.

## Recycling group plans to establish center

Members of the Floyd County Recycling Committee devoted their meeting Wednesday, January 21, to discussing a proposal to establish a recycling center in Floyd County.

Rebecca Derossett, chair, told members that the discussion would center around a document mailed to them and prepared by Lon May and Mike Vance. The document proposed that Floyd County Fiscal Court and Blue Grass Recycling enter into an agreement to establish the center.

Terms provide that Blue Grass, for a fee of 14 cents per capita, would come into the county and work with the committee and government officials to coordinate a long-range recycling plan, train workers, market recyclables, and return a percentage of net sales to the general fund. The county would provide the building, land, and one worker to serve as director of the facility.

Bob Lewandowski suggested the committee also consider the community recycling plan designed by the Kentucky Recycling and Marketing Assistance Program. He stated that all the steps to develop a recycling program are in the manual given to committee members by Charlie Peters, Division of Waste Management in Frankfort.

In response to Lewandowski's statement that the county's goal should be to become independent managers of the system, Vance said that could be attained by Solid Waste.

Johnnie Ross proposed that the group forward the draft of the agreement to Solid Waste for final revisions, ask them to return it to the committee for further consideration, then present the agreement to the full Environmental Committee. Upon approval of the full committee, the document would then be presented to Floyd Fiscal Court.

Those present agreed that Blue Grass Recycling's record should be checked in the areas where the company is now operating. Kathy Friend, Ross, and Jean Dorton volunteered to gather the information.

Lon May said that, in his opinion, the proposal with Blue Grass was the best and only option for the county at present. He further said he has been studying recycling for the past three years without seeing much progress on the matter.

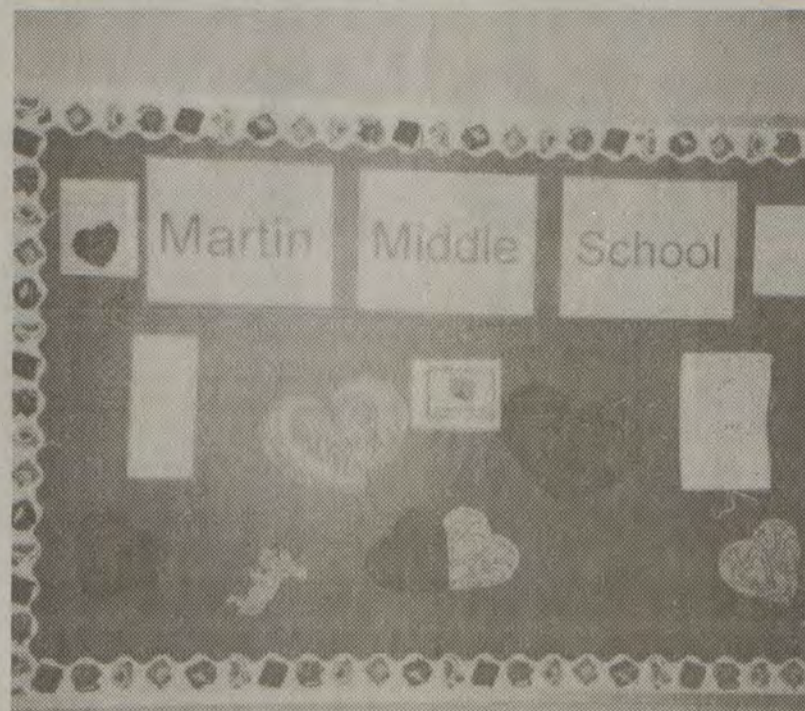
As previously arranged, the group then talked with Mickey Mills on the speaker phone about his method of operation. He advised Friend to call his secretary in Lexington to obtain information, in response to her questions about his present clients. He said Blue Grass has been working with Magoffin County for some time and has recently started a program in Hazard. Mills said Floyd County is an ideally-located site for regional recycling.

As discussion came to a close, the

group agreed to move forward with exploring the feasibility of the proposal, contact all pertinent parties, and meet again on Wednesday, February 18, at the Chamber of Commerce Office, in Prestonsburg, at noon.

The meetings are open to the public.

Attending the meeting were Rebecca Derossett, Jean Dorton, Hubert Puckett, Norm Marcum, Bob Lewandowski, Kevin Webb, Mike Vance, Kathy Friend, Mickey Mills, Kimberly Spears, Pat Spicer, Carla Coburn, Dave Cooley, Johnnie Ross, Janet Conley, Lon May, and Cindy Hackworth.



Martin Middle School designs beautiful bulletin boards for Riverview Manor Nursing Home Residents. Students will assist in a monthly bulletin board for five months.



## Royalty

The Valentine Kings and Queens were crowned this month at Riverview Manor Nursing Home. The winners from the first floor were Nellie Dale and Rufus Stephens (pictured above). The second floor winners were Mamie Newman and Frank Coburn (pictured below). The Valentine Party was celebrated with many residents and family members.



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Alicia Houston, 18, of Prestonsburg, and Chad Trentham, 21, of Prestonsburg.  
 Beverly Slone, 31, of Wayland, and Jeffrey Samons, 38, of Martin.  
 Kasandra Sampson, 41, of Louisville, and Donald White, 37, of Louisville.  
 Stacy Conn, 20, of Martin, and Shawn Wallen, 23, of Dana.  
 Geraldine Littleton, 29, of Prestonsburg, and Gregory Coleman, 35, of Prestonsburg.  
 Jennifer Fannin, 24, of Allen, and Gary Harris, 38, of Prestonsburg.  
 Angela Tackett, 18, of Prestonsburg, and Anthony Jarrell, 23, of Prestonsburg.

## Police Dispatch Logs

Editor's note: Dispatch logs are taken from the logs of the Prestonsburg Police Department.  
**February 16**  
 5:58 a.m. — A sanitation worker reported a bottle bomb at the dumpster of Food World.  
 9:23 a.m. — A fire was reported at Guyan Machinery.  
 10:20 a.m. — A domestic dispute was reported at Indian Hills.  
 10:37 a.m. — An out of control student was reported by AMS.  
 11:59 a.m. — A car on fire was reported at the parking lot of the Dollar General Store.  
 5:24 p.m. — An accident without injuries was reported at Prestonsburg Motors.  
 11:51 p.m. — An anonymous report was made that someone was in Ben Hale's office.  
**February 17**  
 2:17 a.m. — An anonymous report from Main Street was made saying two boys were riding bicycles in the middle of the road and were "disturbing the peace."  
 12:17 p.m. — An accident with injuries was reported at the new Family Dollar Store.  
 12:40 p.m. — A tree limb on a power line was reported by the Floyd Board of Education.

**February 18**  
 8:51 a.m. — PGS reported trouble with a parent.  
 10:45 a.m. — A woman needed an officer to go to a tax service with her as she had trouble with her husband and wanted to pick up her return.  
**February 19**  
 3:35 p.m. — A Highland Heights man had asked maintenance there if the police were looking for him.  
**February 20**  
 1:04 a.m. — Holiday Inn reported trouble with a guest.  
 1:18 a.m. — Holiday Inn reported a male and female were knocking on doors and running.  
 2:48 p.m. — A fight in progress was reported at Dixie Heights.  
 6:36 p.m. — An accident with injuries was reported at the Food City lights.  
 6:49 p.m. — An accident with injuries was reported at the 23/80 junction.  
 9:27 p.m. — An accident without injuries was reported at Advance Auto.  
 11:02 p.m. — A domestic dispute was reported at Stephens Branch.  
 11:09 p.m. — A deer running through traffic was reported on Ball Alley Curve.  
**February 21**  
 No significant entries were logged on this date other than routine checks and runs.  
**February 22**  
 10:36 a.m. — A Prestonsburg Inn guest reported some of his things stolen.  
 4:20 p.m. — An Indian Hills man requested an officer go with him tomorrow to pick up his 18-year-old girlfriend so they could go be married and didn't want trouble with her parents.

## Suits Filed

Editor's note: Suits filed are not indicative of guilt but represent only the claims of those filing the action.  
 Bethel Thornsberry of Wheelwright vs. Kevin Newman of Grethel; compensation for injuries sustained on or about April 27, 1997 on KY 122.  
 Freda Allen of Craynor vs. Frederick Mills et al. of Columbus, Ohio; compensation for injuries sustained on or about July 12, 1997

on US 23.  
 Scotty Hall of Prestonsburg vs. Jennifer Hall of Prestonsburg; petition for dissolution of marriage.  
 Ford Motor Credit Company of Livonia, Ohio vs. Joe Patton et al. of Martin; alleged debt.  
 April Howard of Hippo vs. Druther's Systems, Inc. of Prestonsburg; compensation for injuries sustained on or about February 18, 1997.  
 Bank One of Lexington vs. Paula Kidd of Wayland; alleged debt.  
 Linda Allen of Dana vs. Danny Allen of Hueysville; petition for dissolution of marriage.  
 Consolidated Pipe and Supply Co. of Birmingham, Alabama vs. Auxier Road Gas Co. of Auxier; alleged debt.  
 Joey Fitch of Ivel vs. Michelle Fitch of Ivel; petition for dissolution of marriage.  
 Sylvia Jacobs of Harold vs. Paul Jacobs of Harold; petition for dissolution of marriage.  
 Annie Tackett of Beaver vs. Donnie Tackett of Beaver; petition for dissolution of marriage.  
 Shannon Patrick of Prestonsburg vs. Ary Patrick of Carrie; petition for dissolution of marriage.  
 National City Bank of Cleveland, Ohio vs. Daniel Howell of Betsy Layne; alleged debt.

## Property Transfers

Ashland Inc. to Speedway SuperAmerica, property located in Floyd County.  
 Estill Compton and Pauline Compton to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property location not listed.  
 James D. Dotson and Bonnie Dotson to The Commonwealth of Kentucky, property located on Rough and Tough Road.  
 Eliza Dotson to the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, property located on Middle Creek.  
 Wellmore Coal Corporation to United Coal Company, property location not listed.  
 Sterling Francis to Tammy Francis, property location not listed.  
 Clarence Kidd to Paul E. Kidd, property located on Big Mud Creek at Harold.  
 Estille Johnson and Georgia Ann Johnson, to Timothy S. Tackett and Nannie E. Tackett, property location not listed.  
 John Wesley Mann to Frank Woodward and Vikki Damron Woodward, property located on Abbott Creek.

## District Court

Editor's note: All first offense DUIs are allowed to do two days public service in lieu of \$200 of the total court costs and fines. All individuals who are charged in cases involving alcohol or drugs are referred to alcohol or drug counseling.  
 Glen Patrick, 38, of Salyersville; theft by unlawful taking, \$25 and court costs if no further violations and ordered not to enter Food City for 12 months.  
 Roger Sammons, age unknown, of Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking, nine months jail, \$62.50.  
 Roger Sammons, 25, of Martin; resisting arrest, \$72.50, nine months jail, attempting to elude an officer, 30 days jail to be served concurrently, possession of marijuana, nine months jail to be served concurrently.  
 Jeffrey Greenhill, 43, of Prestonsburg; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant, BA .201, \$467.50.  
 Danny Blevins, 39, of Tram; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant, \$457.50, no insurance, dismissed, no Kentucky plates, dismissed, operating on private land, dismissed, reckless driving, dismissed, marijuana possession, \$100 to the DARE program, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$50 to the DARE program, attempting to elude an officer, dismissed, resisting arrest, \$100, no motorcycle headgear, no protective eye device, abandoned vehicle, improper equipment, resisting order to stop, all merged.  
 Jackie Conn, 45, of Drift; operating a motor vehicle under the influence,

\$457.50, no seatbelt, merged, no insurance, dismissed.  
 Clyde Kendrick, 43, of Ivel; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant, BA pending, \$457.50, two days public service.  
 Aaron Pratt, 30, of Pinetop; operating a motor vehicle while impaired, three or more within five years, \$757.50, 30 days jail, no license, \$50, no seatbelt, merged, no insurance, dismissed.  
 Paul Stanley, 47, of Prestonsburg; EPO violation, \$100 and court costs, no unlawful contact for 12 months.  
 Bert Newsome, 20, of McDowell; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, \$457.50, two days public service, 90 days license suspension, improper equipment, dismissed, four counts of no seatbelts, \$25, excessive passenger in front seat, dismissed, possession of alcohol by a minor, \$25, possession of marijuana, \$100, 10 days probated if no further violations for 12 months.  
 Charles Hall, 27, of Stanville; EPO violation, no further contact or violations for 12 months.  
 Fred Greer, 36, of Banner; failure to dim headlights, \$82.50, no tail lights, \$25, no insurance, \$500, operating on suspended license, \$100.  
 Roger Salisbury, 27, of Harold; AI, three or more, \$25, resisting arrest, \$50, third degree criminal trespass, \$25 and court costs.


## Restaurant, School and Mobile Home Park Inspections

Editor's note: All inspections are made by Floyd County Health Department environmentalists John L. Bailey, Russell Wallace and Mark Johnson.  
 • Country Roads Cafe, Betsy Layne, 94: Not all refrigeration and freezer units have thermometers. Cake in refrigerator on middle shelf should be covered. Facility needs to acquire chlorine test strips to monitor strength of chlorine solution of three-compartment sink and wiping cloth solution. Restroom has no self-closing door. Note: Facility appears clean and well-maintained.  
 • Blue Grass Grill, Harold, 90: Freezer is not maintaining 0° F. Food is beginning to thaw out. All contents were moved to another freezer unit.  
 Refrigeration and freezer units need to have conspicuous thermometers. Facility needs to acquire chlorine test strips. Restroom doors are not self-closing. Lighting in food preparation area not properly shielded. Hand wash sink in food prep area in bad repair.  
 • Kentucky Oil (Cardinal Country Store No. 6), Prestonsburg, 83 deli, 92 retail: Chicken and potatoes holding temperature at 122°, but must be maintained at 140° or above. (Note: Corrected during inspection. Reheated to temperature of 160°.)  
 Hair nets not worn in food preparation area. Food contact not clean inside microwave of prep area and in retail area upon shelf display cooler, foil lining not clean. Non-food contact not clean on bottom of all refrigeration units in prep area. Restroom has no self-closing door provided. Hand towels not provided at handsink in prep area.  
 Outer opening not protected. Large crack at base of door in rear of building. Floors not clean in prep area and floor covering in bad repair. Walls not clean in prep area and heating and air vent soiled with dust in prep area.  
 • Pizza Hut, Prestonsburg, 97

(customary inspection upon opening): Men's sink not draining and maintained. No refuse dumpster provided. Note: O.K. to open.  
 • Our Place, 95, Prestonsburg: Improper storage of food dispensing utensil; handle touching food (ice cream toppings). Non-food contact not maintained; chest-type freezer hides prep area. Food contact not clean; rust deposits inside ice machine and drink (milkshake) mixer area soiled. Peeling paint underside of hood and ceiling to walls in prep area needs repairs.  
 • Pizza Hut, Pikeville, 99: Wiping cloth solution not at proper strength, should be between 50 and 100 p.p.m. Violation corrected during inspection.  
 • Martin Dairy Queen, 93: Not all employees with hair restraints. Wiping cloth not properly stored. Oven needs to be cleaned. Outside dumpster not covered. Soiled apron not properly stored.  
 • H2O Construction Company, 80: Critical violation: Sewage system malfunctioning (sewage near rear of mobile home park on River Bank). Owner given 10 days to correct violations.  
 Homes not numbered systematically. Driveway with potholes and standing water not maintained. Vacant lots with improper sewage outlets. Refuse not stored in approved containers. Premises not free of debris.  
 • G & L Bar and Grocery, 98: No self-closing door on men's restroom.  
 • Wood's Grocery, Allen, 93 deli, 96 retail: No hair restraints worn in food preparation area. Shelving in retail area soiled with dust. Not clean inside microwave. Improper storage of clean utensils and utensils not inverted with handles up in bowl. Paper towels stored on floor in retail area and storage area. Floors not clean in retail area and prep area. Storage area ceiling in bad repair.  
 • Flowers Thrift Store, Prestonsburg, 98: Retail shelving dusty and ceiling in retail area showing signs of leaks.  
 • Newman's Market, Grethel, 97: Not all refrigeration and freezer units have thermometers. Restroom has no self-closing door.  
 • Pizza Den, Ivel, 93: Lettuce stored on the floor of walk-in cooler. Countertop in bad repair. Gaskets on walk-in refrigeration door in disrepair. Leak in drain line of three-compartment sink. Ladder stored in food prep area. Inspector's note: Facility appears clean. No critical items observed.  
 • Blue Moon Cafe, Dana (follow-up visit): All violations from previous inspection corrected with the exception of hair restraints not in use.  
 • Coal Country Cafe No. 2, Grethel, 95: Facility needs to procure chlorine test strips. Clean utensils should be stored with handles up. Floor in food preparation area has a few tiles in slight disrepair. Rest rooms have no towels or soap. Inspector's note: Facility under new management. Appears to be clean and well organized.  
 • Rorrer's Trailer Park, Prestonsburg, 96: Lots not numbered systematically. Driveway in poor repair. Holes with standing water. Violations must be corrected by next routine inspection.  
 • Care-A-Lot Day Care, Martin, 98: No self-closing door on restroom. Note: Child welfare requires that doors not be self-closing.  
 • Sharon's Pizza, David, 91: Inside microwave not clean and can opener blade not clean. Bottom of all refrigeration units not clean inside. Handsink in food preparation area and men's restroom in need of repair. Refuse receptacles outside not approved. Floors in

preparation area in bad repair near cooking area and not clean. Hood not clean.  
 • Food World, Prestonsburg (follow-up visit): Critical violations corrected. No further action is necessary. Inspector's note: Reminded to check product dates on retail shelving.  
 • Kentucky Oil (Cardinal Country Store No. 4), Prestonsburg, 97 deli, 98 retail: Improper storage of vegetables on floor. Soiled shelving in retail area. Improper storage of single service articles. Toilet tissue and hand towels stored on floor of storage area. Wall in bad repair around mop sinks in prep area.  
 • Country-At-Heart, Prestonsburg, 100.  
 • Hobart's, Prestonsburg, 95: Dough roller and floor-mounted mixer not clean. Three-compartment sink leaking and not maintained. Floor in preparation area in bad repair and not clean under equipment. Walls and ceiling soiled and in bad repair. Hood over cooking area needs cleaning and filters added.  
 • Triangle Market, Martin, 97: No hair restraints. Glass in case broken. Walls in back in bad repair.

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## PIKEVILLE METHODIST HOSPITAL

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February 4: A daughter, Mykyla Lakinsey Tess, to Jessica Dawn and Cola J. Vance.

February 5: A daughter, Judith Halee Elizabeth, to Kathy Marie and Ronald Wayne Fields.

February 6: A son, Samuel Craig, to Tammy Louise and Delmon Craig Cantrell.

February 7: A son, Aaron Keith, to Deloris Jeanette and Allen Keith Tackett; a son, Brandon Tyler, to Kristina Gayle Scott and Ronnie David Knox; a daughter, Alora Dannon, to Jacqueline Kay and Arnold Lynn Short; a son, James Lindzie O'Bryan, to Lorie Tackett and James Stacy Little.

February 8: A daughter, Margaret Grace, to Sherry Denise and Estill Ray Collins.

February 9: A son, James Tyler, to Susan Marie and James Tracy Tackett; a son, Christopher D'Alan, to Paula Jean and Dennis Allen Little; a daughter, Teddie Lynn, to Vicki Gayle Howell.

February 10: A daughter, Talissa Cheyenne Suzanne, to Dolli and James McCoy; a son, Dustin Elijah, to Chrystal Thomas and Charles Edward Worrix Jr.

February 11: A son, Garret Tyrone Keith, to Kristy Renee and Keith Gordon Carden; a daughter, Charla Gail, to Paula Rancee and Charles Keith Humble; a daughter, Ariel Summer, to Susan Michele and Barry Trevor Ward.

February 12: A daughter, Kayla Rashelle, to Vanessa Lynn Scott and Tolvie Jr. Hamilton; a daughter, Makayla Faye, to Tina Marie and Christopher Bonn; a son, Triston Gage, to Jodie Lell.

February 13: A daughter, Amber Machae, to Juanita F. Stump and Glendon Johnson; a son, Jordan Chase, to Heather Renee Madden.

February 14: A daughter, Elizabeth Anne, to Suzanne and Bryan Andrew Hearn.

## HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

February 9: A son, Nathan Ryan, to Mable Jarrell and Ricky Littleton of Allen.

February 10: A son, Jordan Charles O'Brian Keetar, to Sally Mae Fletcher of Royalton.

February 11: A son, Logan Perry Meadows to Esmeralda Auxier of Prestonsburg; a daughter, BreAnna Nicole, to Carla Marshall of Meta; a daughter, Kayce Ann, to Rhonda and David Tackett.

February 12: A daughter, Whitney Sha, to Leah Ann and Jerry Scott Jenkins.

February 13: A Micailyn Rochelle, to Melissa and Christopher Pierce of Paintsville; a son, Randy Steven, to Angela and Randy Burke of Sitka.

February 15: A daughter, Keisha John Lasha, to Retta Castle and John Mark McKenzie of Prestonsburg.



### Birth announced

Noah Bradley Frisby was born Saturday, January 17. His parents are Brad and Michelle Frisby of Paintsville. Noah weighed 9 lbs., 12 ozs., and was 23 inches long. His grandparents are Harry Neal and Linda Frisby of Staffordville, and Julian Greene and Beulah Anne Greene of East Point. His great-grandparents are Rena Frisby of Staffordville and the late Woodrow Frisby; Betty Moore of Van Lear and the late Charles Moore, Charles Akers of East Point and the late James and Alta Dotson Greene.

# The cookies are here

The Cookies are here! Thousands of cases of these famous cookies will be delivered February 23, to the Girl Scouts-Wilderness Road Council, which includes Floyd County. Dozens of troop cookie managers, who volunteered to help coordinate the biggest money-making project for the Girl Scouts, will start distributing the hundreds of thousands of cookies that the Wilderness Road Girl Scout troops have sold this year. In the next couple of weeks the Girl Scout troops will be delivering the cook-

ies that have been ordered. Girl Scout cookie booths will also be set up at local retailers during the month of March, to sell cookies to those that have not had a chance to order cookies or have eaten all that they originally ordered! Girl Scout Cookie sale proceeds make up the majority of the Girl Scout-Wilderness Road Council's budget. The more successful the cookie sale is, the more programs and opportunities the Council can offer the 24,000 girls they serve.



## February wedding planned

Mrs. Thomas Conn and Mr. and Mrs. Don Wallen announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Stacy Lynn and Shawn David.

The wedding will take place Saturday, February 28, at 3 p.m., at the Pleasant Home Baptist Church in Prestonsburg.

## BIRTHDAYS



### Birthday girl

Tia Lashae Salisbury celebrated her eighth birthday with her father Danny Salisbury of Hunter. She received many gifts from family. Tia is the granddaughter of Ervin and Berniece Salisbury of Eastern.



### Joshua turns one

Joshua Ronald Martin Sparks turned one-year-old, November 8. He celebrated with a birthday party at his home with many family and friends. The theme of the party was Barney. He received many gifts. He is the son of Thomas and Kathy Sparks of Van Lear, and the grandson of Ronald and Betsy Melnick of Westland, Michigan, and the late Billy Ray Whitt. He is also the grandson of Irene Sparks of Grethel and the late Thomas Sparks. Josh has one brother, Justin Thomas Sparks III.



### Third birthday

Lucas Donavan Blake Hamilton, son of Don and Michelle Hamilton, and grandson of Elmer and Thelma Hamilton and Kermit and Priscilla Newsome, all of Teaberry, celebrated his third birthday February 13. He is the great-grandson of Victor and Mildred Osborne of Beaver, and Nellie Newsome of Teaberry. Lucas celebrated at McDonald's. Friends attending were: Shellie, Kyle, Dawn and Dillon Hamilton; Amanda, Victoria, Lisa, Jeremy, Sasha and Nicholas Osborne, Chelsea, Leslie and Bethany Newsome, Zack Tackett, Brandon and Tanner Martin, and Austin and Dustin Burchett. Many nice gifts were received.

# Yesterdays

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pared for Kenwood Products Inc. may be made available to some other firm came last week...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. George Glenn Hatcher, a daughter, Glenna Jo, Feb. 5 at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Martin, of Morehead, a son, Andrew Jr., February 7 at Morehead; to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Setser, of Allen, a son, Jimmie Jr., February 12 at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville...There died: Tom Hamilton, 75, of Teaberry, Friday at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Crate Gibson, 76, of Melvin, last Thursday at Jenkins; Mrs. Pearl Mae Hall, 68, Friday at her home at Stanville; Madison Gibson, 84, last Tuesday at his home at Mousie; Walter Messinger, 73, of Drift, Tuesday at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Myrtle Gibson, 54, of Garrett, Monday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Roscoe Conley, 78, formerly of Wayland, Monday at Richmond, Ky.; James Richard Allen, 68, Floyd native, Monday at his home at Hindman; Mrs. Nell McKenzie, 60, Monday at Louisa; George Deal, 46, last Thursday at home at Grethel.

### Forty Years Ago (February 20, 1958)

The Citizens Improvement Association which was recently set up to aid indigent families, particularly school children, has fed and clothed over 100 families, it was said this week...William Collins, former Weeksbury and Melvin miner, was killed in a slatefall near Lundale, W. Va. last Wednesday...John Wesley Elliott, of Beaver, 100, is believed to be the only living Floyd Countian who has a personal recollection of Abraham Lincoln...Heavy snowfall and temperatures hovering around zero for days closed schools in the county last week...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. May Jr., of Prestonsburg, a son, Leslie Brian, January 27 at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Nypaver, of David, a daughter, recently at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin...There died: Squire Hamilton, 72, of Teaberry, last Thursday at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Robert Jones, 37, of Banner, last Thursday at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; Wilson Crum, 88, of West Prestonsburg, Wednesday at the home of a son at Water Gap; Mrs. Mary Shelton, 72, of Drift, Wednesday at the home of a son at Water Gap; Mrs. Liza McKenzie Holbrook, 61, of Brainard, Tuesday at home; James Lee Broglin, 60, of Melvin, last Wednesday at Bypro.

### Fifty Years Ago (February 26, 1948)

Completion of the Johns Creek flood control dam at Dewey, this county, was virtually assured Tuesday as the House Appropriations committee approved an allocation of \$2,071,000 for the project now well under construction...Bodies of four Betsy Layne men were removed this morning from the truck mine of the Southern Elkhorn Coal Company near Boldman after the four had suffocated in the monoxide-filled mine entry. The dead are: Archie B. Layne, 33, Raymond Goble, 28, Eugene Blackburn, 24, and George Moles Jr., 25...One Floyd County may die of burns, another is maimed and blinded and five others are burned and otherwise injured as the result of explosions in two Floyd mines within the last few days...Dr. J. C. Preston,

of Pikeville, this week sold his one-fourth interest in the Beaver Valley Hospital at Martin to Dr. R. M. Sirkle, Prestonsburg, and Dr. Claude Allen, Langley...The Kentucky Mountain Broadcasting Company, a partnership composed of D. C. Stephens and Circuit Judge E. P. Hill Jr., both of Prestonsburg, last week filed application with the F.C.C. to construct a radio station here...A theatre crowd estimated at 200 persons was evacuated without injury last Wednesday night as the Hi Hat Theatre, at Hi Hat, went up in flames...Prestonsburg's VFW Ramblers basketball team have accepted an invitation to represent the 15th Region in the state VFW tournament in Louisville, March 11, 12 and 13...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Malkemus, of Allen, a son, William Arbin, Saturday at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clifton, a son, Larry Keith, February 12...There died: H. J. (Jeff) Herald, 55, Monday at Dwale; Mrs. Minerva Fitzpatrick Hamilton, 77, Sunday at the home of a daughter at Risner; Burrell Clark, 47, of Wonder, February 15 in Veterans Hospital, Lexington; Isaac Gibson, 83, of Blue River, last Wednesday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Nelson Boyd, 80, at his home at Dana, Tuesday; Mrs. Betty Bayes Poe, 65, at home on Auxier Road, Sunday; Mrs. Myrtle Adams Prater, 57, Monday at her home at Hippo; Mrs. Malta Collins Prater, 33, at her Bull Creek residence, Monday; Mrs. Frances Wellman, 82, Friday at the home at Martin of her daughter; Mrs. Malissa Stanley Blackburn, Wednesday, at the Little Paint home of her daughter, John M. Boleyn, 66, at home on Rock Fork, Monday.

### Sixty Years Ago (February 24, 1938)

Dr. Marvin Ransdall, director of the Floyd County Health Department, Saturday, ordered the Glo school closed as an emergency measure to combat spinal meningitis which has struck three residents of that community within the past ten days...Five men, two of them Floyd Countians, were held in the Knott County jail this week without bond, following their examining trials in the slaying last Wednesday of Ishmael Hopkins, 31, on Dry Creek, near the Floyd-Knott line...Palmer Salisbury, 79, of Maytown, died Friday evening at the Gearheart Hospital, Martin, of injuries sustained two days earlier when he was struck by an Inland Gas Company truck near the home of his son, Sheriff Dial Salisbury...S. A. Ballinger, director of Floyd County's WPA program, announced this week that construction of the Salt Lick Creek road had been reopened and that approximately 25 men were now employed on that project...A. B. Brooke, of the Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Wayland, was elected president of the Big Sandy-Elkhorn Coal Mining Institute at the organization's meeting at Pikeville, recently...Wayland and Maytown alone failed to draw byes in the nine-team 58th district tournament which will be held at Wayland next week...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Burchett, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, last week; Born to Mr. and Mr Russell Viers, a daughter, Joyce, at their home here, February 16...There died: Walter Brown, 49, of Betsy Layne, at the Gearheart Hospital, Martin, Wednesday; "Uncle" George Martin, 77, of Wayland, last week.



### Risner-Young to wed June 6

James and Daisy Risner of Prestonsburg announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tricia Sinae, to Christopher Scott Young, son of Henry and Rosa Young, also of Prestonsburg. Sinae is a graduate of Morehead State University and is currently employed by Consolidated Health Systems and works at Women's Care of Eastern Kentucky. Scott is a senior at Morehead State University, where he is an environmental science major. The wedding will take place June 6, at Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church of Prestonsburg. The couple will reside in Prestonsburg.



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# KOUNTY KETTLE

Recipes reprinted from "Tastes From the Country," a cookbook compiled by the Lancer Baptist Church. The cookbooks cost \$10, and may be obtained by calling the church at 886-1700; Nancy Roberts at 886-9675; or any church member.

## EASY OVEN STEW

2 lb. beef chunks  
1/4 c. flour  
1 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
2 Tbsp. Wesson oil  
5 sliced carrots  
3 to 4 cubed potatoes  
1 (14 oz.) can whole tomatoes  
1 1/2 c. water  
1 pkg. dry onion soup mix  
Coat meat with flour, salt and pepper. Toss with oil in 3-quart casserole. Bake, uncovered, 30 minutes at 400°. Stir once. Add remaining ingredients. Cover and bake at 370° until meat and vegetables are completely tender and thickened.

## RIB-EYE STEAKS WITH SESAME BUTTER

4 beef rib-eye steaks (3/4 to 1-inch thick)  
salt and pepper  
Sesame Butter (recipe follows)  
Set oven control to broil and/or 550°. Place steaks on rack in broiler pan so tops are 3-inches from heat. Broil 10 to 15 minutes total for rare, 15 to 20 minutes for medium, turning once. Season each side with salt and pepper when brown. Spread

with Sesame Butter.  
**Sesame Butter:**  
1/4 c. margarine or butter, softened  
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 tsp. garlic salt  
1 Tbsp. toasted sesame seed  
Beat margarine, Worcestershire sauce and garlic salt until fluffy. Stir in sesame seed. Makes about 1/4 cup.

## 6 LAYERED DINNER (BEEF)

2 lb. ground beef  
2 eggs, beaten slightly  
2 c. sliced potatoes  
2 c. chopped celery  
1 c. diced onion  
1 c. chopped green peppers  
2 c. tomatoes, chopped  
salt and pepper to taste  
Brown beef lightly; drain. Stir in eggs. Grease a 9 x 13-inch pan. Add half the meat mixture. Layer the vegetables in order listed. Top with remaining meat mixture. Bake at 350° for 2 hours. Cover with aluminum foil.

This recipe can easily be cut in half and adjust baking time.  
Jean Wells

## STUFFED CUBED STEAKS

1 lb. cubed steak  
1/4 tsp. salt and pepper  
2 Tbsp. flour  
1/4 tsp. poultry seasoning  
1 tsp. minced onion  
2 Tbsp. melted butter  
2 Tbsp. water

2 1/2 c. canned tomatoes  
1/4 tsp. salt  
2 Tbsp. butter  
1 c. soft bread crumbs  
1/3 c. cooked rice  
Wipe steaks with a damp cloth. Roll in mixture of salt, pepper and flour. Combine crumbs, poultry seasoning, onion, butter and water to make stuffing. Place steaks with cut side up. Cover each with a fourth of the stuffing. Fold steaks over stuffing. Fasten with skewers or toothpicks and place in greased shallow baking dish. Place rice around meat rolls. Add tomatoes, salt and butter. Cover dish and bake 1 hour at 350° or until steaks are tender.  
Lettie Osborne

## VEGETABLE DELIGHT

3 carrots  
3 potatoes  
1 large onion  
3 stalks celery  
1 stick butter  
red dried pepper, salt and pepper to taste  
Cut up vegetables into desired sizes. Sprinkle spices on top and mix well. Add butter over top. Place in microwave oven, covered, and cook 10 minutes. Mix well. Return to oven and cook for 5 to 8 more minutes.

## OVEN CREAMED POTATOES

2 c. chopped onion  
2/3 c. chopped green pepper  
1/2 c. chopped celery

2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
4 c. milk  
4 Tbsp. plain flour  
1/2 c. butter or margarine  
6 c. cubed, cooked potatoes (8 to 10)  
1 c. shredded Cheddar cheese  
Cook onion, green pepper and celery in butter until soft (do not brown). Stir in salt and flour. Add milk gradually. Cook on low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil and thickens. Stir in pepper. Place potatoes in greased 3-quart casserole. Place sauce over potatoes and top with cheese. Bake at 350° until hot, about 30 minutes. Serves 12 to 14.  
Maga Lea Wiseman

## COAL MINERS CAKE

1 box chocolate cake mix  
1 can cherry pie filling  
1 Tbsp. almond extract  
2 eggs, beaten  
Blend together and bake in a 9 x 13-inch pan for 40 minutes at 350°.  
**Icing:**  
5 Tbsp. butter  
1/3 milk  
1 (6 oz.) pkg. chocolate chips  
1 c. sugar  
Boil sugar, milk and butter for 1 minute. Pour in chips and mix. Pour over cake while warm.  
Teresa Webb

## HONEY BUN CAKE

1 box yellow cake mix

1 (16 oz.) sour cream  
1 c. brown sugar  
2 tsp. cinnamon  
2 c. confectioners sugar  
4 Tbsp. milk  
1 tsp. vanilla  
Mix cake as directed. Add the sour cream to the mixture; set aside. Mix together the sugar and cinna-

mon. Layer the cake mixture and sugar and cinnamon. Bake at 350° for 50 to 55 minutes.  
While still hot, mix the confectioners sugar, milk and vanilla. Pour over cake. Sprinkle top of cake with chocolate chips or nuts, if desired.  
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## EXTENSION NEWS

by Theresa Scott-Morgan

If children are to thrive and blossom, they need to feel valued for who they are and loved with no strings attached. And they need to be given age-appropriate experiences that challenge them and allow for frequent success.

When these conditions are met, youngsters feel a sense of worth and capability that we call self-esteem. Positive self-esteem is one of the greatest gifts we can give to our young children.

Acceptance means embracing a child as is, without judgment, comparison or condition. Such unconditional acceptance gives the child a sense of peace and security. It says, "I accept you just as you are right now, and I will continue to accept you no matter what." When you accept all of a child—the good, the not-so-good, and even the unknown—the child learns self-acceptance. Of course, along with acceptance, we need to guide young children and set appropriate limits.

Cherishing a youngster means fully appreciating her uniqueness, special abilities and potential. Cherishing says, "I think you are a wonderful, marvelous person with special gifts to give. No one else in the world is just like you."

When a child has fun playing with a new friend, or builds a house out of blocks, or learns to sing a song, he experiences success. As these little successes build, the child grows in confidence. He learns, "I can do it!"—a key element in fostering self-esteem and confidence.

There is no better time to instill positive self-esteem than the early formative years of a child's development. Although self-esteem can be and often is improved in later life, it's much easier to build good feelings about one's self when tearing down a negative self-concept is not required.

One way to strengthen self-worth and confidence in children is to clear away roadblocks to positive self-esteem. Here are four esteem-building roadblocks that are common among many of us as parents and caregivers of young children.

### Roadblock #1: WE TAKE CHILDREN FOR GRANTED

When you are around children all the time, it's easy to take them for granted. Constant exposure to its wonders numbs us to the miracle of childhood. We fail to cherish the children around us. Sometimes, we do not even treat them with respect and courtesy. Our insensitivity sends the message that we don't care.

No one takes children for granted intentionally. It just happens. Guard against this tendency. Remind yourself regularly to see each child freshly with eyes of wonder and appreciation.

Remember that much of the world you see and live in every day a child sees for the first time. Join in the child's wonder and let it instruct and refresh you.

### Roadblock #2: WE ARE TOO HURRIED, TIRED OR PREOCCUPIED

If we feel pressured, fatigued, depressed or preoccupied with other concerns, our minds become restless and our bodies tense. Children are quick to pick up these feelings, and often mirror them back to us. Successfully managing stress and nurturing our

sometimes realize. Think back to your childhood. Is there some remark you overheard that even now causes painful memories? The messages we receive in those early years long remain etched in our minds. Even unconscious memories can continue to influence behavior in adulthood.

Avoid sarcasm, name calling, shame, and verbal disrespect of all types. Keep the tone of your voice warm and positive. Most importantly, never speak unfavorably about a child to another person. Whether the child is within

really listen to a child. Attention, when given, is all too often divided or half-hearted. Intellectually speaking, a child's chatter may seem uninteresting, even irritating.

Remember, much of what for you is old hat is brand new and wondrous to a child. When children receive little or no adult attention, some withdraw, and others act out. Over time, children who are not sensitively listened to may find it difficult to acknowledge, understand, and express their feelings and thoughts. Later in life, this inability can lead to stunted potential and relationship problems.

So listen with respect and a fresh, open mind to the children in your life. Listen with full attention and with all your heart and soul. You may be amazed at how much fun this can be and how much you learn. And the children in your life will love it. It will be a two-way blessing—guaranteed!

## Awakening positive self-esteem in young children

well-being provides an excellent example for young children. What's more, it gives us energy, alertness and enthusiasm to share with our children. Instead of stress and anxiety, model calmness, attentiveness and optimism.

### Roadblock #3: WE TALK ABOUT CHILDREN LIKE THEY CAN'T HEAR

The sensitive ears of young children hear much more than we

earshot or not, learn to voice your concerns in language that is kind and nurturing as well as honest. Nothing more severely damages a child's self-esteem than public criticism, be it direct or indirect.

### Roadblock #4: WE DON'T LISTEN

Anyone spending a little time with a three-year-old sooner or later fears the child just might talk their ears off. Often it's hard to

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# BUSINESS/REAL ESTATE

## New 1999 Ford trucks arriving at Layne Bros.



Ford dealers journey to Louisville to take delivery of the new 1999-model Super Duty F-Series pickup trucks manufactured at the Louisville Kentucky Truck Plant. Layne Bros. Ford Lincoln Mercury Honda will offer the trucks at their level location.

A fleet of 250 new, red 1999-model Super Duty F-Series pickup trucks left Ford Motor Company's Kentucky Truck Plant (KTP) Monday on a 20-mile caravan through downtown Louisville. The trucks were driven by Ford dealers who came to Louisville to take delivery.

KTP, on Chamberlain Lane in Louisville, recently began producing the new trucks.

Participating dealers are in the Sales and Marketing territory of Ford Division's Cincinnati Region,

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which includes portions of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Illinois.

In addition to picking up the new trucks, the dealers came to Louisville to attend a special training session on the new Super Duty F-Series and to tour KTP.

"Production of the Super Duty F-Series at KTP is a fitting addition to our existing truck production in Louisville," said Frank Foley, manager of KTP. "Ford Louisville employees produce some of the most popular trucks in automotive history. No wonder Louisville is called the 'Truck Capital of the World.'"

The F-Series has outsold every truck in the United States for 21 straight years. It has been the best-selling vehicle—car or truck—in North America for 16 years in a row. More than 26 million F-Series trucks have been purchased or leased worldwide, and over eight million are still on the road today.

"Ford and its dealers are excited about the new Super Duty F-Series lineup," said Larry Gregerson, regional sales manager. "They were anxious to get the new Super Duty trucks...so anxious that they decid-

ed to pick them up themselves."

"More than 80,000 orders for the Super Duty F-Series have been placed by Ford's North American dealers."

Ford's 1999 Super Duty F-Series line, which goes on sale in early March, includes F-250, F-350, F-450 and F-550 trucks rated at over 8,500 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW).

The new F-Series lineup, developed and built on a separate platform from the under-8,500 pound GVW F-150 and F-250 pickup, features the industry's first SuperCab with standard four doors. This feature lets commercial buyers use both doors for easy access of people and cargo, and it gives personal-use customers the option of using only the passenger-side rear door for their children and pets.

Ford is the leader in total U.S. truck sales and has been for three consecutive years. U.S. customers bought more than one million Ford pickups and nearly 700,000 sport-utility vehicles in 1997. In total, a record 2,248,793 Ford trucks were purchased from Ford and Lincoln Mercury dealers last year.

## Edward Jones ranks no. 1 for 1997 in Wall Street Journal stock-pick ranking

The recommended stock portfolio of the Edward Jones financial-services firm achieved the highest overall return among 15 major brokerage firms for the year 1997 with a return of 39.5 percent, according to the Wall Street Journal's latest quarterly stock-picking survey.

Local Edward Jones investment representative Sam Blankenship said, "It's an honor to fare so well, but our objective is not to win a quarterly contest, it's to offer a real-life model for individual investors. A long-term ownership of high-quality investments for our clients is smarter than trying to time the ups and downs of the stock market."

Ray Robbins, director of Edward Jones' Research Department, which

compiles Jones' recommended stock list, said the firm's list is composed of well-known companies. "High-quality growth stocks experience increasing stock prices," Robbins said. "History has shown that industry leaders typically perform well and come with less risk than small companies over the long term."

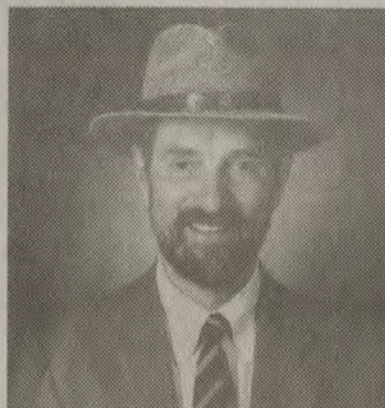
This long-term focus is exemplified by the portfolio's low turnover rate. Turnover indicates the percentage of change within a portfolio in a given period of time. "High Turnover can result in higher capital gains taxes and commissions, thereby reducing an investor's return," Blankenship said. "As our portfolio's performance illustrates, choos-

ing high-quality investments and staying with them for the long term provides better results."

With more than 3,700 offices in all 50 states, Edward Jones is the largest financial-services firm in the nation in terms of offices and serves more than 2.5 million customers. Plans are under way to expand to 10,000 offices in the next decade. Edward Jones offers a variety of investments, including certificates of deposit, taxable and tax-free bonds, stocks and mutual funds.

Sam Blankenship's office is located at 93 West Court St., Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Edward Jones' interactive Web site is located at [www.edward-jones.com](http://www.edward-jones.com).



Bill Gibson

### Local auctioneer attends seminar

Bill Gibson of Action Auction & Realty in Pikeville, attended a four-day seminar in Steamboat Springs, Colorado on "Renovations to Your Auction Business."

The program was designed to help auction firm owners adapt to the rapidly changing environment, recognize the effects on the industry, and adjust their services to better serve the needs of their clients and customers.

Topics focused on five main areas: Forming Strategic Alliances; Employee Compensation; Shifting Paradigms; Auction Company of the Future and Electronic Bidding. Fifty-four auctioneers participated in this 10th annual Auction Marketing Institute winter seminar designed for the decision-makers in auction firms.

The Auction Marketing Institute (AMI) is a not-for-profit educational association, headquartered in Overland Park, Kansas, that offers designations for the auction and appraisal professions. More than 1000 auctioneers and appraisers in the United States and Canada hold designations awarded by the AMI.

### Burchett named Agent of the Month



Sandy Burchett

Dorothy Harris, broker of Century 21 American Way Realty Inc., recently announced that Sandy Burchett of the Prestonsburg office had earned special company recognition.

Burchett was recognized as the January agent of the month for her outstanding production level for that month.

She joined the Century 21 American Way Realty sales team in 1996, and works full-time as a sales associate.

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# COMMERCE CORNER

by Carla Coburn  
 Executive Director  
 Chamber of Commerce

This week the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce will film the second episode of "The Chamber Show" with CableVision Communications. Items scheduled for discussion include upcoming Chamber projects such as the seminar, "How the Internet can help Local Business" and the upcoming Business After Hours with WVA Electric on March 19.

The Chamber Committee Highlight will be for the Golf Committee, which organizes the key fund-raiser for the organization.

Member representatives on the show will include: Greg Wilson, Chamber President from First Commonwealth Bank; Matt Colker and Paul Staten from WVA Electric; Robert Allen from First

Commonwealth Bank; and Paula Goble from Paula's Studio of Photography.

The Chamber thanks those who participated last Thursday with the February Business After Hours at Highlands Regional Medical Center. In addition to the social networking benefits of this activity, we were allowed an exclusive tour of the new Bone Densitometry and MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) Labs, as well as the Wellness Center and Breast Center.

We appreciate the effort of HRMC in bringing quality healthcare to Eastern Kentucky, and are proud that they were willing to host our organizations Business After Hours. If you

were unable to attend this Business After Hours, you can see the tour in detail on CableVision Communications. We thank CableVision Communications for their support of our Business After Hours and other activities.

This week the Chamber is preparing for the Membership Meeting for the month of March. The agenda includes presentations from guest speaker Ken Carriere from the Mountain Arts Center and membership speaker Bruce Belleck from RAM Technologies



Carla Coburn

who sponsored the February issue of the Chamber newsletter, The Commerce Connection. On Monday, March 2, the regular Membership Meeting will be held at noon, at the May Lodge of Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonsburg, and the evening meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the board room of Gearheart Communications at Harold. All members are encouraged to attend one of our conveniently scheduled Membership Meetings.

This week we welcome the following members who have dedicated their businesses as a part of our organization: Department for the Blind, Vanover Hall & Bartley, Cooley Medical Equipment and Coal-ition Inc. Our business organization is growing, and if your business would like to take advantage of our membership services as these members are doing, contact your Chamber of Commerce today at (606) 886-0364. We are "business helping business."

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- '96 Ford Mustang GT - stk. #4354P
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### \$10,001-\$15,000

- '97 Ford Taurus Wagon - stk. #H103
- '97 Mercury Cougar - stk. #H104
- '98 Ford Contour - stk. #H105
- '97 Mercury Sable - stk. #H106
- '97 Ford Thunderbird - stk. #H107
- '94 Oldsmobile Cutlass - stk. #H100
- '94 Pontiac Grand Am - stk. #H096
- '95 GEO Tracker - stk. #HT090
- '95 Chevy S10 - stk. #HT091
- '95 Dodge Intrepid - stk. #H092
- '93 Chevy Camaro - stk. #H093
- '95 Chevy Cavalier - stk. #H094
- '94 Chevy S10 Blazer - stk. #T1563A
- '92 BMW 325i - stk. #HT048A
- '96 Ford F-150 - stk. #T1473A
- '91 Lincoln Town Car - stk. #741A
- '96 Chevy Cavalier - stk. #4867P
- '95 Toyota Tacoma - stk. #4859P
- '95 Toyota 4x2 X-Cab Pickup - stk. #4860P
- '96 Ford Taurus - stk. #4861P
- '94 Toyota Camry - stk. #4845T
- '95 Chevy S10 X-Cab - stk. #4843T
- '94 Ford F-150 - stk. #4841T
- '94 Pontiac Grand Prix SE - stk. #4822T
- '95 Chevy Lumina - stk. #H086
- '96 Chevy Corsica - stk. #H087
- '96 Dodge Avenger - stk. #H088
- '94 Jeep Cherokee - stk. #HT089
- '94 Geo Tracker - stk. #HT079
- '97 Ford Thunderbird - stk. #T1560B
- '94 Chevy Blazer - stk. #T1519B
- '96 Chevy Corsica - stk. #H072
- '95 Mercury Mystique - stk. #H073
- '97 Ford Mustang - stk. #H074
- '97 Ford Thunderbird - stk. #H077
- '95 Dodge Stratus - stk. #H069
- '96 Pontiac Grand Am - stk. #H070
- '92 Toyota Pickup - stk. #GT677A
- '94 Toyota Pickup - stk. #T1483A
- '95 Ford Windstar - stk. #4812P
- '92 Toyota 4x4 Pickup - stk. #4789T
- '94 Chevy Camaro - stk. #4785T
- '91 Ford F-150 - stk. #HT062
- '95 Dodge Intrepid - stk. #H064

### \$5,001-\$10,000

- '94 Ford Escort - stk. #H099
- '86 Lincoln Town Car - stk. #G660A
- '91 Pontiac Grand Am - stk. #J0339A
- '92 Mitsubishi Eclipse - stk. #T1360C
- '94 Buick Skylark - stk. #4868P
- '95 Ford Escort - stk. #4869P
- '94 Mercury Tracer - stk. #4870P
- '93 GEO Storm - stk. #4871P
- '91 Ford T-Bird - stk. #4872T
- '93 Toyota 4x2 - stk. #4873T
- '91 Chevy S-10 Pickup - stk. #4864T
- '90 Toyota Pickup - stk. #4855T
- '93 Toyota Pickup 4x2 - stk. #4856T
- '93 Toyota 4x2 Pickup - stk. #4857T
- '93 Mazda 729 - stk. #4821T
- '92 Chevy Lumina - stk. #H080
- '91 Pontiac Grand Am - stk. #M1094A
- '89 Dodge Spirit - stk. #HT026B
- '92 Toyota Pickup - stk. #4780PA
- '88 Ford F-150 - stk. #T1527B
- '96 Chevy Corsica - stk. #4786P
- '89 Chevy Camaro - stk. #4788T
- '89 Ford Mustang - stk. #G642B
- '89 Toyota 4x2 - stk. #4754T
- '91 Ford Escort - stk. #G284A
- '88 Ford Ranger - stk. #G612B
- '86 Jeep Cherokee - stk. #T1392B
- '93 Ford Escort - stk. #G416A
- '93 Nissan Pickup - stk. #G503B
- '87 Chevy Blazer - stk. #G630A
- '94 Ford Taurus - stk. #4731P
- '90 Pontiac Firebird - stk. #4710T
- '91 Ford Ranger 4x2 - stk. #4711T
- '95 Chevy Cavalier - stk. #4704T
- '95 GEO Prizm - stk. #4695T
- '92 Chevy S10 - stk. #4351TC
- '91 Ford Aerostar - stk. #T1514A

### \$15,001-\$20,000

- '96 Ford F-150 - stk. #HT109
- '96 Chevy Camaro - stk. #H101
- '97 Dodge Dakota - stk. #HT097
- '95 Ford Mustang GT - stk. #H098
- '95 GMC Jimmy - stk. #HT095
- '95 Toyota Avalon - stk. #4844T
- '96 Chevy S-10 Blazer - stk. #4837P
- '94 Toyota 4x2 X-Cab - stk. #4824P
- '95 Buick Park Avenue - stk. #H084
- '96 Chevy Blazer - stk. #HT085
- '96 Ford Bronco - stk. #T1461A
- '95 Jeep Grand Cherokee - stk. #4814P
- '96 Ford F-150 - stk. #HT058
- '95 Chevy Blazer - stk. #HT059
- '97 Ford Crown Victoria - stk. #H060
- '94 Ford Explorer - stk. #J0349A
- '97 Pontiac Firebird - stk. #4759P
- '95 Jeep Cherokee - stk. #HT049
- '95 Jeep Cherokee - stk. #HT042
- '96 Ford F150 - stk. #HT043
- '98 Ford Windstar - stk. #HT031
- '94 Jeep Cherokee - stk. #G379A
- '94 Ford Explorer - stk. #T1490A
- '97 Ford Crown Vic - stk. #H020
- '97 Pontiac Firebird - stk. #632A
- '95 Toyota Pickup 4x4 - stk. #4697T
- '94 Chevy X-cab - stk. #GT687
- '95 Toyota Tacoma 4x4 - stk. #4679T
- '95 Jeep Grand Cherokee - stk. #GT683
- '94 Toyota 4x4 - stk. #4668P
- '97 Toyota Camry - stk. #4661P
- '97 Toyota Camry - stk. #4663P
- '94 Toyota 4-Runner - stk. #4645T
- '94 GMC 4x4 - stk. #GT675
- '96 Dodge Ram 1500 - stk. #GT671

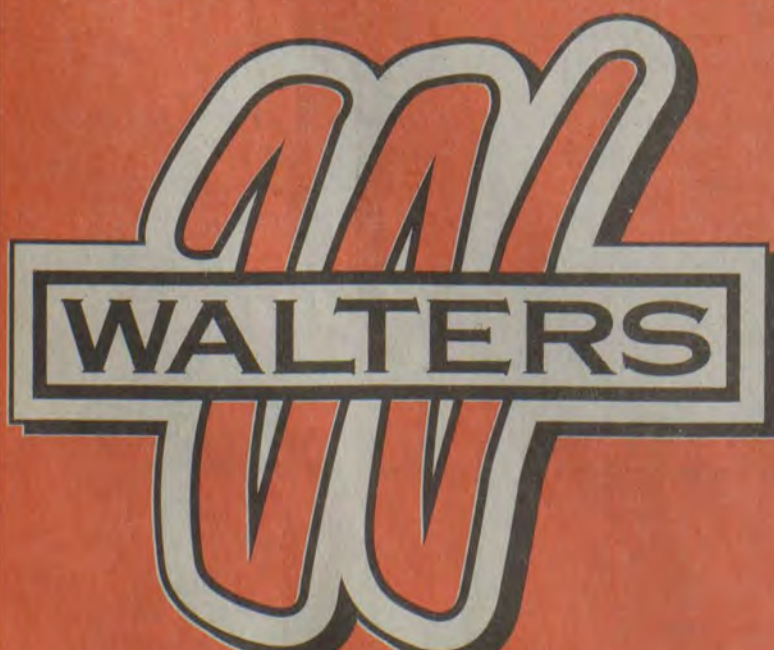
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- '96 Ford Mustang Cobra - stk. #H108
- '96 Dodge Intrepid 4dr - stk. #4476P
- '94 Toyota T-100 4x4 - stk. #4472P
- '95 Jeep Cherokee - stk. #T1397A
- '97 Toyota Corolla DX - stk. #4105P
- '97 Toyota Corolla DX - stk. #4107P
- '94 Mazda B4000 - stk. #4108P
- '93 Ford E140 Conversion Van - stk. #4133P
- '96 Toyota Camry LE - stk. #4288P
- '94 Toyota T 4x4 RC DLX - stk. #4334T
- '96 Ford Mustang GT - stk. #4354P
- '95 Chevy Blazer LS - stk. #4431T

### \$25,001-OVER

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- '94 Lexus 400LS - stk. #739A
- '97 Lincoln Town Car - stk. #H053
- '97 Chevy C1500 - stk. #632A1
- '96 Ford Explorer - stk. #GT669
- '96 Ford Explorer - stk. #T1491A
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**INVITATION TO BID**  
Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, is accepting bids for the replacement of their

domestic water heater. This will include the disconnection, removal and disposal of a one thousand gallon water heater. This bid will include two five hundred gallon water heaters and their installation, plus any safety and monitoring equipment necessary. Bids will be received until Monday, March 16, 1998 at 4:00 p.m. No late bids will be accepted. For more information, please call Teresa Carroll at 606-886-0077, or Roy Picklesimer at 606-886-1037.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5259, Amendment #2**

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 415 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground mining and reclamation operation located 1.2 miles southeast of East McDowell in Floyd County. The amendment will add 1.9 acres of surface disturbance making a total area of 451.90 acres within the amendment permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.2 mile northeast from Route 1929's junction with Hoods Fork Road and located 0.2 miles north of Hoods Fork. The latitude is 37 degrees 26' 15" and the longitude is 82 degrees 42' 41".

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by David Akers.

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

## PUBLIC SALE

Date and time of public sale: February 27, 1998 at 11:00.

Type of collateral: 1989 Dodge Raider.  
Contract Date: 09/20/96.  
Location: Mike Haney for location, 886-2321.

First Commonwealth Bank, 169 North Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

## PUBLIC SALE

Date and time of public sale: February 27, 1998 at 11:00.

Type of collateral: 1988 Honda Civic S/N 8471  
Contract Date: 07/08/95.  
Location: Call Mike Haney for location, 886-2321.

First Commonwealth Bank, 169 North Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

## NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 415 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606-886-2330) intends to apply for Phase I Bond Release on Permit No. 836-5288 which was last issued on February 17, 1997. The operation covers a surface area of approximately 1.90 acre, and an underground area of approximately 362.19 acres for a total permit area of 364.09 acres.

The operation is located approximately 1.6 mile northeast of Hi-Hat in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1.5 mile southeast KY 122's junction with the Spewing Camp Branch road. The latitude is 37°-24'-40" and the longitude is 82°-43'-22", and the operation is located on the McDowell 7 1/2 minute USGS quadrangle maps.

The performance bond (Surety) currently in affect for the operation is \$ 1 7 , 3 0 0 . 0 0 . Approximately 60% of this amount is included in this request for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in fall 1997. Results thus far achieved include: initial establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan.

This is the final advertisement of this application. Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601, by March 27, 1998.

A hearing date for this bond release request has been set for March 30, 1998, at 1:00 p.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 27, 1998.

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 436-5181, Major Revision

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 413 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining operation located 1.3 mile northeast of Garrett in Floyd County. The major revision will add no surface or underground area, and the total of 482.08 acres within the permitted area will not be changed by this major revision.

The proposed major revision is approximately 0.6 mile south of the junction of the Goose Creek Road and KY 680, and is approximately 0.05 mile northeast of Goose Creek. The latitude is 37°-29'-30". The longitude is 82°-48'-40".

The proposed major revision is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The mineral is owned by Elk Horn Coal Corporation.

The major revision proposes to revise the post mining land use of the surface disturbance for Increments No. 1 and 5 of the operation.

The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky., 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601, by April 4, 1998.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on April 6, 1998 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 4, 1998.

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number (898-5891), Operator Change

(1) In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, Notice is hereby given that Tennessee Construction Company, P.O. Box 1036, U.S. 23 North, Pikeville, Ky. 41501, intends to revise Permit Number 898-5891 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Tennessee Construction Company,

P.O. Box 1036, U.S. 23 North, Pikeville, Ky. 41501.

The new operator will be Branham and Baker Underground Corporation, P.O. Box 271, 148 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

(2) The operation is located 0.7 mile west of Millard in Pike County. The operation is approximately 1.5 mile southwest from Ky. 80's junction with CR 1322 and located on Hopkins Creek. The operation is located on the Millard and Hellier U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at: Latitude 37° 23' 22" and longitude 82° 27' 20".

(3) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining and Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 109 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Ky. 41501.

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

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Northern Elkhorn Coal Company, Catlettsburg, KY 41129 has applied for Phase III bond release on permit 436-5191, which was last issued on 08/08/84. The application covers a surface area of approximately 5.00 acres and underlies an additional 11.00 acres located 0.2 miles East of Northern in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.2 miles east from SR 80 junction with Goose Creek Road and located 0.05 miles east of Goose Creek. The latitude is 37°-30'-27". The longitude is 82° 48' 42".

The original bond that was in effect for permit 436-5191 was a surety bond of \$20,000. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$20,000 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: Backfilling and grading, redistribution of the available topsoil, revegetation hand planting of trees in accordance with approved plan completed. Results achieved includes stabilization of backfilling, establishment of permanent vegetative species and establishment of tree species.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601, by April 4, 1998.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on April 6, 1998 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 4, 1998.

## NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Peter Fork Mining Company, P.O. Box 2666, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502 has applied for Phase I bond release on Increment No. 11 of Permit No. 898-0042 which was last issued on June 2, 1992. The application covers an area of approximately 9.61 acres located 0.3 miles south of Osborne in Floyd County. The permit is approxi-

mately 0.4 miles south from KY 1426's junction with Cager Road and located 0.1 miles east of the Left Fork of Toler Creek. The latitude is 37° 28' 05". The longitude is 82° 35' 08".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 11 is a Certificate of Deposit in the amount of twenty nine thousand two hundred dollars (\$29,200.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of twenty nine thousand two hundred dollars (\$29,200.00) is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in the Fall of 1995.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by April 9th, 1998.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 14th, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office located at 109 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 9th, 1998.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following items will be offered at public sale on March 6, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. The sale will be held at the Old Corn Fork School approximately 2 miles up Corn Fork Road, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 1973 Sheffield 12 x 60 Mobile Home, Serial #55074

All items are sold "as is where is". Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Terry Sizemore  
Collection Manager  
The Bank Josephine  
P.O. Box 471  
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5276, Renewal

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., HC 82 Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, Kentucky 41828, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.78 miles southwest of Weeksbury in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 1.80 surface acres and will underlie 575.00 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 576.80 acres.

The proposed operation is located approximately 2.20 miles southwest from KY Route 466's junction with KY Route 122 and located 0.02 miles west of Left Fork of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37° 19' 09" and the longitude is 82° 41' 56".

The proposed operation is located approximately 2.20 miles southwest from KY Route 466's junction with KY Route 122 and located 0.02 miles west of Left Fork of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37° 19' 09" and the longitude is 82° 41' 56".

The proposed operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Clifford Tackett. The operation will underlie land owned by Progress Capital Holdings, Inc., Hobart Burke, Earl Johnson, C.L. Tackett, Willie Johnson, Clarence Johnson, Bertha Tackett,

Della Cole, Albert Johnson, Billy Johnson, Frank Johnson, Earnest Burke, Causby Branham, Sage Vanderpool, R. Mullins and Clifford Tackett. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road KY Route 466. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road. The operation will involve relocation of a stream, the Left Fork of Beaver Creek.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1397. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

## NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that Pen Coal Corporation, 415 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606-886-2330) intends to apply for Phase I Bond Releases for Increments No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on Permit No. 836-0241 which was last issued on June 23, 1997. The Increments cover surface areas, and underground areas as follows:

Increment No. 1: 18.52 surface acres, 0 underground acres; Increment No. 2: 8.77 surface acres, 0 underground acres; Increment No. 3: 26.17 surface acres, 0 underground acres; Increment No. 4: 48.39 surface acres, 4.53 underground acres; Increment No. 5: 26.44 surface acres, 0 underground acres.

The operation is located 0.5 mile north of Martin in Floyd County, and is approximately 0.15 mile east of Jarrell Fork and KY 80.

The latitude is 37° 35' 20" and the longitude is 82° 45' 00" and is located on the Martin and Harold 7 1/2 minute USGS quadrangle maps.

The performance bond (Surety) now in affect for the operation on each Increment is as follows:

Increment No. 1, \$26,700; Increment No. 2, \$20,600; Increment No. 3, \$96,300; Increment No. 4, \$172,100; Increment No. 5, \$76,700.

Approximately 60% of these amounts is to be included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in Spring 1995. Results thus far achieved include: initial establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by April 17, 1998.

A hearing date for this bond release request has been set for April 21, 1998 at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a hearing must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by April 17, 1998.

The scheduled public hearing will be canceled if the cabinet does not receive a request for the public hearing within thirty (30) days of the final advertisement, which is April 17, 1998.

**PUBLIC SALE**

Date and time of Public Sale: February 27, 1998 at 11:00.  
 Type of Collateral: 1996 Mercury Cougar X-R7 S/N 7816.  
 Contract Date: 11/30/95.  
 Location: Call Mike Haney for location at 886-2321, First Commonwealth Bank, 169 North Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5369**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., HC 82 Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, KY 41828, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.8 mile northwest of Halo in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 2.18 surface acres and will overlie 409.72 acres and the total area within the permit boundary will be 411.90 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 2.4 miles northeast of the junction of Kentucky Highway 1498 and Kentucky Highway 7, and 0.2 miles east of Jacks Creek. The latitude is 37° 19' 05" and the longitude is 82° 44' 28."

The proposed operation is located on the Wheelwright and Kite U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Progress Land Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by Progress Land

Corporation, Tilden Jones, Kathern Lea Johnson, Ova & Ann Johnson, Margie Hall, Carmel & Allene Hall, Margie Hall, Walter Burke, Burl J. Johnson, Olive Johnson, Fess & Minnie Hall, Foster Caudill, Patricia & Ethel Acosta, Edgel Scott, David Johnson, Ellis & Essif Hall, Virnus & Mae Isaacs, Fess & Minnie Hall, Jula Isaacs, Geneva Nadasdi, Uleyes S. Collins. The permit area is within 0' feet of State Route 1498.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional

Office, 1346 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc., (S.V.T.S.) will conduct a public hearing on Friday, March 13, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. in the Big Sandy Area Development District building, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The purpose of the public hearing is for the consideration of an application

for federal funds for capital purchases and operating assistance for the time period of July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999, for rural public transportation services for the residents of Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike Counties in Kentucky. There is no significant environmental impact and all policies and regulations regarding individuals with disabilities and the elderly will be complied with accordingly. Comments may be made in person or through written submissions. The application will be available for public review at S.V.T.S. office, 80 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky on April 1, 1998.

**NOTICE (OF FILING OF SETTLEMENT)**

I, Frank DeRossett, Jr., Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exception to said settlement must do so on or before March 30th, 1998, at 9:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	96-P-00346	Ollie Johnson	Virgie Ousley	02-20-98

**NOTICE (OF FILING OF SETTLEMENT)**

I, Frank DeRossett, Jr., Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exception to said settlement must do so on or before March 25th, 1998, at 9:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	97-P-00171	Mitchell Martin	Rose Annie Martin	01-26-98
Final	96-P-00247	Lyda George	Joan George	01-29-98
Final	96-P-00404	George S. Vaughan	Laura Vaughan	02-03-98
Final	97-P-00142	Edward Blankenship	Randy E. Blankenship	02-13-98
Final	94-P-383	Ethel Miller Senters	Bobby Senters	02-17-98
Final	97-P-00142	Edward Blankenship	Randy E. Blankenship	02-19-98

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

I, Frank DeRossett, Jr., Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
01-27-98	98-P-00027	Harvey C. Patton 269 Central Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Mary A. Patton 169 R.V. May Street, Apt. 30 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Joe F. Childers 201 W. Short St. Lexington, KY 40507
01-27-98	98-P-00028	Fred Hale 400 Rt. Penhook Rd. Harold, KY 41635	Janet Cline 561 Rt. Penhook Rd. Harold, KY 41635	Frank Nall 108 Grace Ave. Pikeville, KY
01-28-98	98-P-00029	George L. Hall Box 181 Betsy Layne, KY 41605	Janice Hall Box 181 Betsy Layne, KY 41605	B. Hall, Jr. Pikeville, KY
01-28-98	98-P-00030	Petition To Dispense	Catherine H. Meade 679 Toler Harold, KY 41635	Hon. Dwight S. Marshall P.O. Box 1378 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
01-28-98	98-P-00031	Stallard Hall 85 South Riverview Drive Prestonsburg, KY	Harold, KY 41635	Timothy Parker 158 Hughes Branch Prestonsburg, KY
01-30-98	98-P-00032	Thomas Lewis Webb 160 Hughes Branch East Point, KY 41216	Wanda Webb 160 Hughes Branch East Point, KY 41216	Sandra Spurgeon P.O. Drawer 1767 Paintsville, KY 41240
02-02-98	98-P-00033	Frances A. Turner Box 25 Allen, KY 41601	Ronald A. Turner Box 205 Allen, KY 41601	
02-02-98	98-P-00034	Petition To Dispense	Brenda Crum P.O. Box 75 Tram, KY	
02-03-98	98-P-00035	Gary R. Crum P.O. Box 75 Tram, KY	Brenda Crum P.O. Box 75 Tram, KY	
02-03-98	98-P-00036	Kristy Nicole Crum P.O. Box 75 Tram, KY	Brenda Crum P.O. Box 75 Tram, KY	
02-03-98	98-P-00037	Gomer Cecil Blackburn Rt. 122, #24774, Box 26 Melvin, KY 41650	Brenda Blackburn Rt. 122, #24774, Box 26 Melvin, KY 41650	Clyde Combs, Jr. Box 1257 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-03-98	98-P-00038	Opal Miller Dixie Hts. Prestonsburg, KY	Dwendolyn Jean Blackburn 309 Clark Br. Rd. Endicott, KY	
02-03-98	98-P-00039	Juanita Stumbo Rt. 680, P.O. Box 72 Minnie, KY 41651	Franklin Ray Stumbo P.O. Box 72 Minnie, KY 41651	
02-04-98	98-P-40	Name Change	Clinton Campbell 9617 Ky. Rt. 1428 Martin, KY 41649	
02-04-98	98-P-00041	Earl Campbell 2607 S. Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Clinton Campbell 9617 Ky. Rt. 1428 Martin, KY 41649	
02-04-98	98-P-00042	Debra K. Campbell 9617 Ky. Rt. 1428 Martin, K. 41649	Clint Campbell 9617 Ky. Rt. 1428 Martin, KY 41649	
02-09-98	98-P-00043	Martin Tussey 237 Main Street Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Vivian Tussey 237 Main Street Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
02-09-98	98-P-00044	Bill Harvey H.C. 74, Box 90 Honaker, KY 41639	Eddie Harvey H.C. 74, Box 95 Honaker, KY 41639	B. D. Nunnery P.O. Box 511 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-10-98	98-P-00046	James E. Wells P.O. Box 352 Auxier, KY 41602	Avonelle Wells P.O. Box 352 Auxier, KY 41602	
02-10-98	98-P-00047	Jason Adam Tenney Box 64 Drift, KY	Raymond Kidd Box 64 Drift, KY	
02-11-98	98-P-00048			
02-11-98	98-P-00049	Ivery Samons 4767 Ky. Rt. 1426 Dana, KY	Nell Samons 4767 Ky. Rt. 1426 Dana, KY	Hon. Anthony Craig Davis P.O. Box 220 Betsy Layne, KY
02-13-98	98-P--00050	Earl Brown Box 086 Beaver, KY	Terry Brown Box 1870 Beaver, KY	Hon. Bobby Rowe P.O. Box 1320 Prestonsburg, KY
02-13-98	98-P-00051	John D. Collins P.O. Box 204 Langley, KY	Vanessa Adkins P.O. Box 204 Langley, KY	Hon. Keith Bartley P.O. Box 1378 Prestonsburg, KY
02-17-98	98-P-00052	Mattie Crisp Martin, KY 41649	Donald Crisp P.O. Box 1411 Martin, KY 41649	Brent Turner P.O. Box 388 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
02-18-98	98-P-00053	Petition To Dispense	Florene Harris 334 Cow Creek Rd. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
02-18-98	98-P-00054			
02-19-98	98-P-00055			
02-19-98	98-P-00056			

**CARLA "ROBINSON" BOYD  
FLOYD COUNTY CLERK  
1997 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**RECEIPTS:**

Beginning Balance.....	\$	0.00
Election Commission/State Reimbursement	\$	15,532.50
Motor Vehicle License & Transfert		910,401.31
Motor Vehicle Usage Tax		2,756,856.71
Motor Vehicle Tangible Personal Property Tax		2,525,655.76
Motor Vehicle Temporary Tags		1,118.00
Fish & Game Licenses		8,720.85
Marriage Licenses		16,077.00
Occupational Licenses		1,471.11
Beer & Liquor Licenses		16,183.28
Bonds		3,193.00
Deed Transfer Tax		38,049.00
Delinquent Taxes		417,978.41
Deeds, Easements, and Contracts		22,843.00
Real Estate Mortgages		34,468.00
Chattel Mortgages & Financing Statements		130,595.00
Powers of Attorney		1,828.00
All Other Recordings		44,418.07
Copywork		13,411.08
Postage		2,409.20
Board of Assessments/Motor Vehicle Tax Bills		13,068.90
Redeposit 1995 Returned Check		301.44
Refund Check Deposits		23,546.93
Interest Earned		6,169.90

TOTAL 1997 RECEIPTS

\$7,004,296.45

**EXPENDITURES:**

**PAYMENTS TO STATE:**

Motor Vehicle License & Transfers	\$	700,864.81
Motor Vehicle Usage Tax		2,667,787.15
Motor Vehicle Tangible Personal Prop Tax		830,360.86
Fish & Game License		7,874.25
Delinquent Tax		52,717.62
Legal Process Report		35,064.89

**PAYMENTS TO FISCAL COURT:**

Motor Vehicle Tangible Personal Prop Tax		299,623.31
Delinquent Tax		42,588.31
Deed Transfer Tax		32,028.80
Occupational Licenses		1,397.54
Beer & Liquor Licenses		16,769.03

**PAYMENTS TO OTHER DISTRICTS:**

Motor Vehicle Tangible Personal Prop Tax		1,278,777.63
Delinquent Tax		225,224.81
Payments to Sheriff (Delq. Tax)		16,818.58
Payments to County Attorney (Delq. Tax)		65,519.51

**OTHER SERVICES:**

Notary Commission		20.00
Refunds		39,245.97
Tax Bill Preparation to PVA		14,235.20
Credit Card/Bank Service Fees		251.76
County Clerks Gross Salary		43,713.15
County Clerks Expense Allowance		3,600.00
Deputies Gross Salaries		249,283.46
Part-Time Gross Salaries		15,654.07
Overtime Gross		36,616.01
Deputy Clerk Travel Expenses		916.31
Employers Share S.S.		23,022.87
Employer Paid Health Insurance		49,545.96
Unemployment Insurance		2,623.98
Clerk & Deputy Clerks Errors & Omissions Bond		4,242.28
Advertising		615.47
Printing & Binding		17,358.85
1996 Fees Collected in 1997		10,010.86
Supplies & Materials		7,628.28
Indexing		29,872.60
Cleaning Office		5,288.00
Office Utilities		12,044.55
Conventions & Travel/Educational		8,594.12
Dues		1,250.00
Postage		17,807.36
Safe Deposit Box Rental for Microfilm		275.00
Storage Bldg Rental		7,685.00
Audit Bills		20,346.33
Copiers/Material/Imaging		40,226.73
Orkling Pest Control		513.00
Check Order/Bank Charges		364.78

TOTAL 1997 EXPENDITURES

\$6,936,269.05

**TOTAL 1997 EXCESS FEES DUE TO FLOYD COUNTY FISCAL COURT**

\$ 68,027.40

To the best of her knowledge this 1997 Financial Statement is correct, this the 20th day of February, 1998.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Carla "Robinson" Boyd*  
 Carla "Robinson" Boyd  
 Floyd County Clerk

# HISTORICAL NOTES

(The following article is reprinted from the July 31, 1952 edition of the Floyd County Times)

Everybody calls John Henry Canterbury "Dad." But to see him lifting backbreaking loads, working daily in the fields or on the hillsides for himself or his neighbors, you would never think of him as a man of 82 years.

This rugged oak of a man lives on Mare Creek in Floyd County and moved here from West Virginia. He does a full day's work on the farm where he is tenant, doing any chore but mountainside plowing. He swings a 100 pound sack of feed onto his shoulder and carries it like a brawny youngster. When he is not busy tilling his own corn crop and truck patches, he helps his neighbors on their farms.

"Dad" has done a lot of living, and he tells about it in an interesting way, dropping an occasional picturesque phrase to intrigue the listener.

When it was learned that he was a native of Wayne County, West Virginia, he was once asked if he knew certain people — like the Vinsons and the Fergusons. That set him to reminiscing, and right off he came up with a striking phrase.

"Sure, I knew the oldtime Vinsons and plenty others," he recalled. "Hundreds I've known who have gone to join the great throne that makes up the pale-faced nation of the dead.

"Old Smithy Cyrus was my grandfather — the same Smith Cyrus mentioned by Ely in his history of the Big Sandy. He was a big man — weighed 328 pounds — kept a barrel of whiskey on hand at all times, kept it in the smoke house and carried the key himself. He died in a big rocking chair by his fireside. The big chair had to be reinforced so as to hold him up.

"Well, he had a big tin dipper and a glass. The dipper was full of whiskey and he would pour a drink into the glass he held, and ever so often he would take a drink. That's the way they found him dead — in that big rocking chair, with a dipper in one hand and a glass in the other."

A living encyclopedia of mountain legend and family lore, John Henry Canterbury would tell of those early days in Wayne County when people lived under near pioneer conditions. He grew up in the home of another John Henry

Canterbury, his uncle, on White's Creek, and learned there the first hand lessons of making a living by harvesting hoop poles, staves, and tanbark in the local forest.

Hoop poles were small hickory bushes used by coopers to make hoops for barrels. Wagon spokes were made from full grown hickory trees that were later finished at the local mill. Canterbury recalls how much they earned for their work because of the wide disparity of prices then and now. For the hoop poles Canterbury and his uncle received \$8 a hundred. The spokes in the crude shape they came from the forest brought them \$10 and \$12 a thousand, depending upon the grade. Tan bark was \$12 per cord, staves were \$15 a cord if they were made from good quality white oak. For tie poles, those long slim hickory saplings used to tie together logs in a raft, they earned but three

favor upon the rough neighborhood swains, these boys set out to avenge themselves. One night they caught Adolph's mule, but not knowing what to do with him, they tied him to Pegleg's outside door latch, and then made a noise to attract the old man. Pegleg got up and opened the door. But since it opened inward the mule tightened. The glaring firelight from Peg's hearth caused the mule to start pulling backwards, and the man was caught in that door, securely held by the stubborn animal. The loud calls for help induced the jokers to reveal themselves and free him.

Today, nearly three quarters of a century later, Dad laughs at that episode in his life as if it were yesterday. "It is good for a man to laugh," he says.

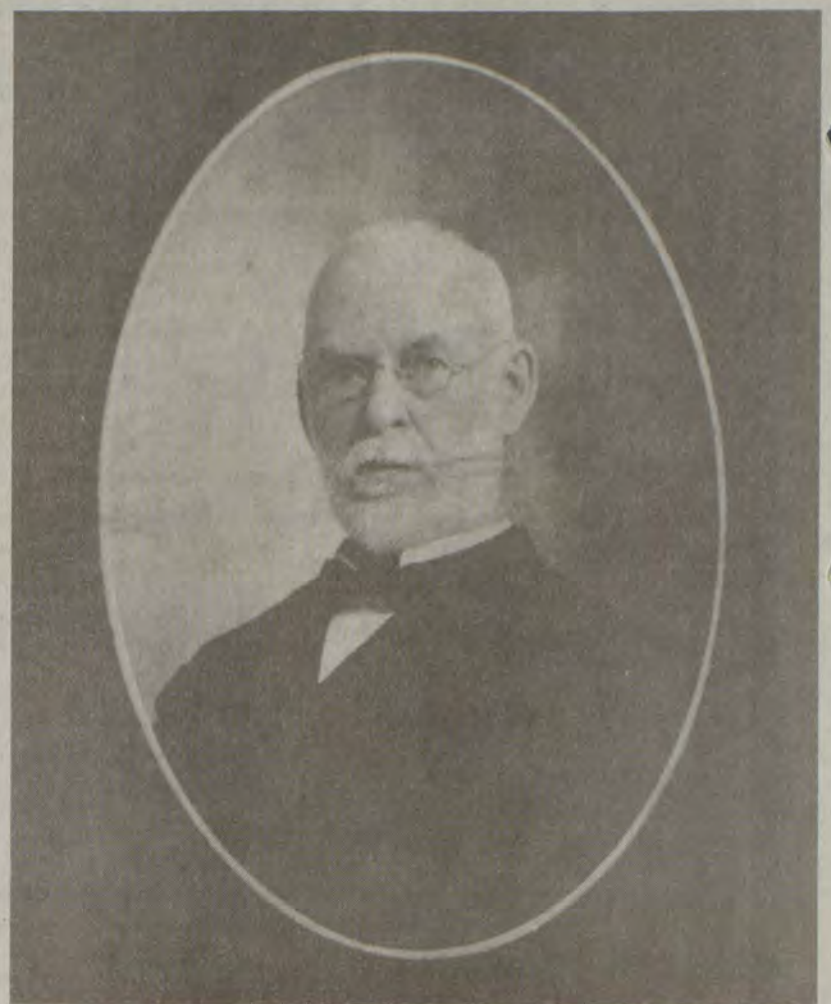
The Cyrus family traded at Hatton and Warren's general store

Patton's mill. "I recollect well old John and Silas Patton. They were good millers. We would take four barrels of wheat at a time, and it would be made into white flour. There was the flour, the bran, and the shorts. People came from miles and miles to that mill. Some had oxen. Some had mules. Some spent two days on the trip with their wheat and flour. Some came from 50 miles away.

"This wheat we threshed ourselves," John Henry recalled, "We set the threshing machine up and it had to have six mules to work it. When I was a boy we had to tramp it out with horses or cattle. When it was all tramped out on the floor of the wheat house we would gather it up in sheets and let the wind blow the chaff away."

He told of when the first train came through that section. Farmers came from miles around to see it.

To Uncle Billy Johnson it was comparable to death and judgment. Billy told his neighbors, who had missed the event, "It went by so darned fast I couldn't count the spokes in the



Colonel Andrew Jackson May (1829-1903), the leading Confederate officer in the Big Sandy Valley.

## Rugged and an individualist is "Dad" Canterbury at 82

cents each.

One of their main income sources was the gathering of tan bark, a Sandy Valley industry that failed to survive the increasing cost of oak timber. For this they used a special tool called the "spud." Made of steel and fashioned somewhat like a claw, it would ring a felled oak quickly and efficiently. According to oldtimers, the light moon of April was the ideal time to begin tanbarking. Since the sap was just coming up, the grade would be better than at other times.

Canterbury recalled the big trees on White's Creek. "I cut down oaks to make crossties, and some cuts would make eight ties. (I) split them out with wedges and a maul. No such trees now. We wasted a powerful lot of timber clearing for a new ground. But it wasn't worth much then." All of the forest products, except for the tie poles, were shipped on barges to Louisville.

Though Canterbury's boyhood was filled with hard work, it was a happy one. He remembers the many practical jokes played by him and his friends. There was the time they frightened half to death "PegLeg" Hall, the one-legged Mormon preacher. It seems that old Adolph Osner (?), a Dutchman, had seven daughters. As he did not look with

at the mouth of Bear Creek, near the present Buchanan (in Lawrence County, Kentucky). When Jonah Hatton was out of whiskey he would go to Catlettsburg to renew his supply. Coming back one dark night he found himself with no way to get across the river. "There he was on one side of the river with a gallon jug of whiskey, and his house was on the other side. He tied the jug around his neck and tried to swim over. They found him next day washed up against a big rock. Ever since, people have called it Jonah's Rock.

There were robbers in Canterbury's boyhood whose accounts would thrill any of today's youngsters. News traveled fast the day after Frank James and his crew held up the Huntington bank. And the posses beat the forests and roads trying to pick up their trail. John Henry and several other boys were passing over Buckhorn Hill from Gragston Creek to Queens Creek. There, by the side of the road, they began to pick up the coins thrown away by the fleeing outlaws. "There were pennies, nickles, and dimes. Handfuls of 'em. Boy, we thought we were rich!"

When he reached adulthood, John Henry would go to Catlettsburg with wheat ground at

wheel." (sic)

John Henry worked on the railroad for five years as a section hand, beating ballast and replacing ties. Now that he was earning a good living he married Emma Herald who gave him three children. This was the beginning of a marital adventure that ultimately brought him six wives, five of whom he outlived. He jokes about his marriages. "Some of these women died but I never starved 'em to death." He has two children by his present wife, the former Myrtle Allen of Pike County.

Leaving the railroad he was back in Wayne County when the Cleveland depression (of 1893) fell upon the country. "It was worse than Hoover's panic. There was no money. I hauled lumber for John Trout from Beech Fork to Twelve Pole Creek to County Farm Siding for 60 cents a day. And the day was from before daylight to after dark. What made the day so long was that we had to make two trips to call it a day, and the distance was eight miles each way. Thirty two miles of slushing with a wagon load of lumber for 60 cents."

John Henry's first mining experience was at Torchlight (in Lawrence County). Here he lay on his shoulder and with a pick dug out

a crossing of slate 15 feet deep. "The depth was the same as the length of your pick handles. No mining machines in those days.

To get a 'cut' of coal, the slate had to be dug out, and then you could shoot it down." His mining career lasted 32 years, broken only by a trip or two to Ohio where he unloaded iron ore, and some time spent as a fireman on the old Twelve Pole railroad where he fired a "pusher". This was the engine used to push loaded trains up Dingus Hill and through Dingus Tunnel near Canterbury Station, which was named for his people. Here he stayed for two years.

In its earlier days the Wayne Court House was called Trout's Hill for John Trout, a well-to-do businessman and farmer. John Henry's most vivid recollection was the hanging of Laburn Walker at Trout's Hill. Walker killed his cousin Alonzo Ferguson. It seems that everyone in the county went to his hanging.

"Talk about a crowded town... The hour came to hang Walker and I watched Sheriff Fisher Bowen 'pull the trigger.' I'll never forget that day. When the trigger fell,

Walker dropped and his tongue protruded out of his mouth. I always slept in a bed beside my uncle, but that night I had to sleep with him."

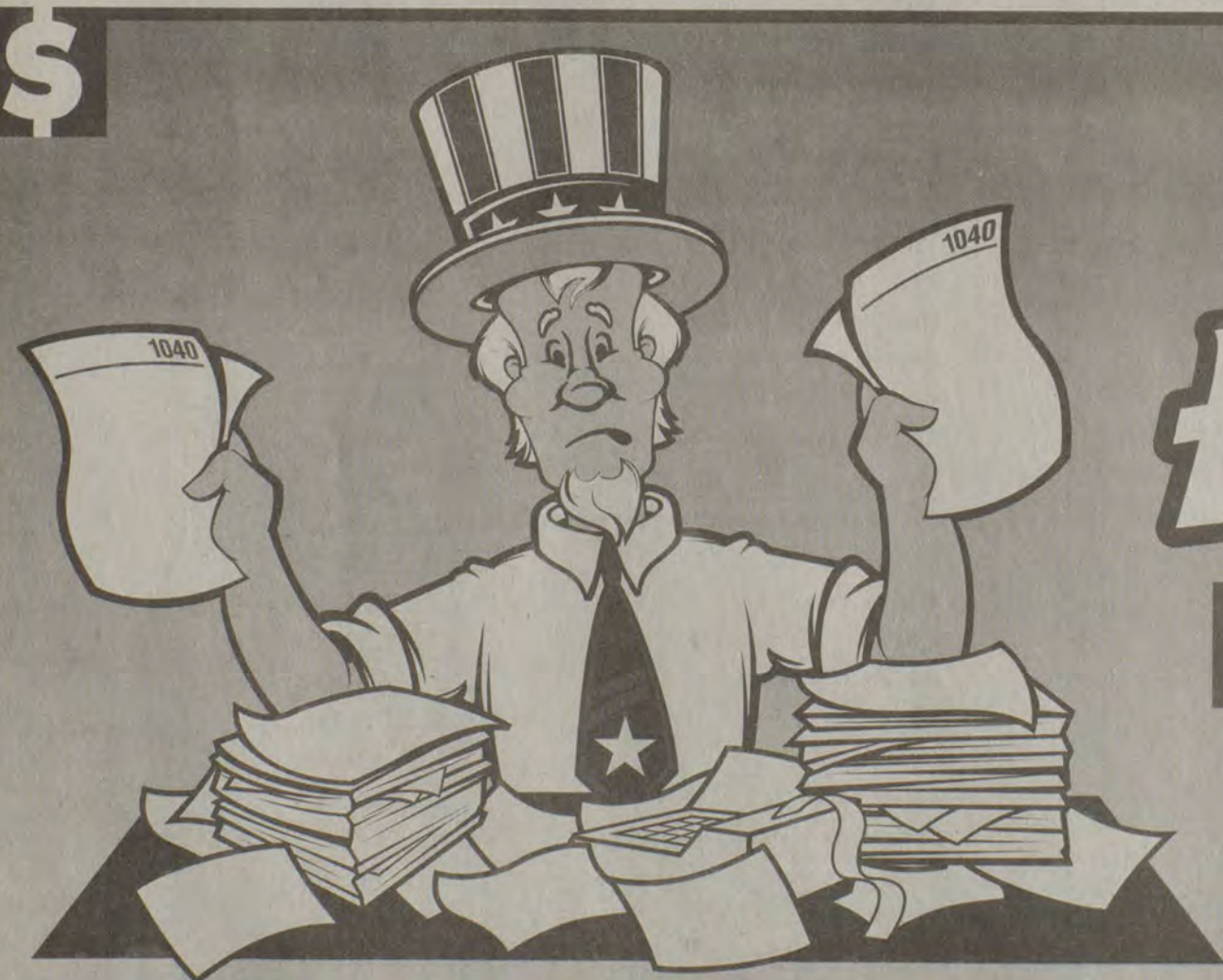
The Vinsons were the dominant political family of Wayne County in its earlier days. "I knew James and Bill Vinson and Wash O'Dell. All of them were well-to-do....People called this courthouse crowd the Vinson Ring.

The wags composed ditties on the political bosses like the one they sang on Wash O'Dell:

"My name is Washington O'Dell,

I have a brother Bill; We belong to the Vinson crew, Headquarters at Trout's Hill."

When asked to explain his longevity and excellent health, John Henry says: "Be contented and satisfied with what you have. I've seen men with their heads down over things that I wouldn't give a thought." His favorite advice: "Don't let little things bother you — don't let big things come up." He bows to the years in only one respect. He uses glasses to read. He is an avid reader of western stories with plenty of action. But he has no use for the modern sex novels.



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# Money Matters

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## April 15: It's closer than you think

by Cindy Yates  
Editorial Assistant

Now is the winter of our discontent.—William Shakespeare

Winter is bittersweet. It brings us family, holidays, and the New Year.

The New Year brings Christmas bills, snow, then a tease of warmth in temperature that makes us realize - with spring comes tax time.

It used to be so easy, when you think about it. Before we were a nation, we were a colony that knew we would be taxed automatically on everything, eventually.

We rebelled, some of us died, but we got our freedom from this.

Or so we thought.

Now, we have the IRS, which is a tad more difficult to get around

than a king. We got what we wanted - taxation with representation. The IRS knows we won't dump our money into a body of water on principle.

By the time you are reading this, you will have less than 50 days to file with the IRS.

There seems to be a pattern in the psyches of every taxpayer alive, you fall into one of two categories:

those that are organized and, by April 15, can say "What, me worry?"; and those last-minute individuals that, for whatever reason, simply cannot manage to get things together until the last second.

Possibly a third category can be found in many individuals, which

are the rabid W-2 seekers that begin asking January 1 of each year "When do our tax forms come out?"

Some persons still haven't been able to get their W-2s or other data needed to file. By the middle of February, if this information has not

Maybe you have stocks or CDs that you may have cashed in, therefore you are confused as to how to properly prepare your return.

Help is available if you feel you need the assistance of a professional, some things you should not try at home.

Go for reputation."

Recent changes in the tax system have bogged down the returns, as well. Electronic filing, which is a great way to go, can be slower now than it will be in the future, since the 1997 changes are still being implemented by the IRS, as well as the processing of claims.

One interesting bit of information is for those that qualify for the earned income credit benefits. If you are found guilty of fraudulence, you lose the right to file for EIC for ten

years. If you simply mess up somewhere along the line in the return on the EIC calculations, you may lose the right to file for EIC for two years. Mistakes do happen.

"The IRS and the state are reasonable, they will work with you," Williams said, in case of mistakes.

Whether you or someone else files your taxes, Williams says "be truthful, and be ready to substantiate your return," in case of an audit. He also recommends keeping all records for seven years.

Finally, calm down. If you are reading this and still haven't filed your return, shame on you. Williams has already been working up until 10 p.m. nightly. Apparently some of our fellow Floyd Countians are a few steps ahead of the rest of us.

April 15 is closer than you think.

**"What's the difference between a tax collector and a taxidermist? The taxidermist leaves your skin."**

—Robbie Williams, tax preparer.

been made available to you, the IRS may be able to get you some relief from this situation, if you contact them.

Some of us, with all the hustle and bustle of the working world, have neglected to keep up-to-date on the latest tax information.

Professional tax preparers are as easy to find as the phone book. "Ask around if you are considering getting someone else to take care of your taxes for you," suggests Robbie Williams, tax preparer for a local tax and accounting agency, "don't go with the cheapest price.

### Three Categories of Individuals Likely to be Audited

- a. Those in cash businesses
- b. Professionals
- c. Those that take large, unusual deductions

## Are you suddenly on your own?

You're a full-time student with a part-time job and, suddenly taxes are no longer just something your parents have to do.

Filing income tax returns isn't just for those with full-time jobs. High school and college students with part-time jobs, taxable scholarships, or interest or dividends may have to file, too.

Even students who can be claimed as dependents on other people's tax returns should check the tax instructions. They will need to file a return if their income goes over a certain amount. Students who don't have enough income to file, but who had taxes withheld from their paychecks during the year, may want to get a refund.

The kinds of income students may have to pay tax on includes wages, tips, self-employment income, investment income (including interest on a bank account), and taxable scholarships and fellowships. When students begin working, they fill out a Form W-4, "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate," to help their employer figure the amount of taxes, if any, to withhold from their paychecks.

At the beginning of the new year, students with income over the limit that applies must file a tax return. Most students can use Form 1040EZ. It's the shortest, simplest form. But if their income includes more than \$400 of taxable interest or any amount of dividends, students must also use Form 1040A. Or, if they had any self-employment income, they must use Form 1040.

Many students may be able to use the IRS TeleFile system to file returns over the phone. Those who are eligible for this program will get a special TeleFile tax booklet. Follow the instructions in it.

To find out for sure who should file, order Publication 501, *Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information*. Call 1-800-829-3676.



## Can you make your fair share a little less?

by John P. Anderson  
CFP, CPA

It is that time of year again. It is time to get out the checkbook and send Uncle Sam his "fair share." It is also time to spend a few minutes looking over your income tax return and see if there is anything you can do to make next year's "fair share" a little bit less.

But how? Where do you start? You could reduce your income, but few would want to take that approach. How about you just lower your taxable income and not your real income. If done properly, this approach can mean significantly lower taxes next year. If you are a business owner or self-employed, you may even be able to lower your taxes this year.

Start by simply looking over each line item on the tax return, beginning with the highest dollar amounts. For most people, this is their salary or self-employment income. Remember, you want to lower the amount you pay tax on, not the amount you actually earn.

The most effective and

easy way to lower your taxable employment income is to participate in an employer's sponsored retirement plan. These plans can have many different names such as 401k, Profit Sharing, 403b, or deferred compensation. While there are differences, the fundamental elements are the same. You simply direct that a part of your pay be contributed, the fundamental elements are the same. You simply

**The most effective and easy way to lower your taxable income is to participate in an employer-sponsored retirement plan.**

ply direct that a part of your pay be contributed to a retirement account set up for your benefit and get a tax write off equal to the amount contributed. For example, if your salary is \$50,000 and you contribute 10 percent and \$5,000 to a 401k plan, you are only going to pay tax on \$45,000. When you consider federal and state income taxes, this simply technique could lower your tax bill by a couple thousand dollars.

If you are a self-employed business owner or profession-

al, making annual contributions business owner or professional, making annual contributions to a self-employed retirement plan may be the most effective way to lower your income taxes year in and year out. With maximum annual contribution rates of 15 percent to 25 percent, it is easy to see how effective these plans are in reducing taxes for small business owners, doctors, attorneys and other self-employed individuals. Additionally, all earnings on retirement accounts are tax deferred, resulting in much faster compound growth.

It is not necessarily too late to set up and contribute to a plan for 1998. If you do not have a plan already in place, you may want to consider a Simplified Employee Pension or SEP. Contributions are allowed right up until the time you file your tax return. SEPs are ideal for the same rigid ERISA requirements as other qualified plans.

If a company plan is not available, traditional IRA's provide some tax relief. IRA

(See Fair share, page eight)

## Taxpayer Relief Act

# What's in it for you?

(NAPS)—The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 provides relief on your tax bill, but complex codes mean little relief when it comes to preparing to file your return. To help you better understand how the new laws impact you for 1998 and beyond, the tax professionals at H&R Block have developed the following summary of changes to five major tax categories.

rules apply to both credits. Other changes include an above-the-line deduction for interest on certain education loans, an exception to the early withdrawal penalty for IRA distributions used for higher education expenses, and the availability of an IRA earmarked for education purposes.

### Individual Retirement Accounts

Beginning January 1, 1998, you can invest in a new IRA that features no tax deductions for contributions but tax-free withdrawals of principal and earnings. Also, IRA investment options are broadened. A spouse's IRA deduction is not affected by the other spouse's participation in a retirement plan. For 1998, the income caps for deductions rise to \$60,000 on a joint tax return (\$40,000 single). Cap increases continue for several years until reaching \$100,000 for joint filers (\$60,000 single).

### Home Sales

You can now claim the maximum exclusion on the sale of a home every two years. However, the exclusion is subject to complicated rules based on your filing status, years of ownership and residency, and unforeseen circumstances, such as changes in health or place of employment.

### Education

A credit of up to \$1,500 a year per person will be available for the first two years of post-secondary expenses. Another credit of up to \$1,000 per year per return is available for expenses paid after June 30, 1998. Special

### Capital Gains

To receive long-term treatment, capital assets sold after July 28, 1997, must be held for more than 18 months. The prior holding requirement was more than 12 months. You will benefit from much lower rates if you hold assets more than five years. Assets purchased after December 31, 2000, and owned more than five years will be taxed at a maximum of 18 percent. People in the 16 percent tax bracket will pay a maximum rate of 8 percent starting January 1, 2001, on the sale of an asset held longer than five years, regardless of when it was acquired.

### Child Tax Credit

A credit of up to \$400 per child under 17 in 1998, and a credit of up to \$500 per child under 17 beginning in 1999. This credit is not automatic, but rather tied to the number of children you have, your economic status and other tax credits for which you have applied. It is allowed in addition to the exemption amount for each dependent child. The benefits phase out at \$110,000 of adjusted gross income on a joint return (\$75,000 single).

For more information on the new tax laws, visit H&R Block on the world wide web at [www.hrblock.com](http://www.hrblock.com) or call your local H&R Block office today.

# Charitable contributions made tax-smart

## WHAT YOU CAN DEDUCT

As long as you itemize on your tax return, you may deduct gifts to religious or charitable organizations, such as churches and synagogues and groups like the Boy Scouts, Red Cross, and YM/YWCA.

You also may deduct contributions made to scientific, literary, and educational organizations, as well as to organizations devoted to the prevention of cruelty to children or animals or those that foster amateur sports competitions.

Deductible gifts to charity can take many forms. You can deduct cash contributions equal to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income

(AGI), and any excess contributions can be carried forward for up to five years. You also can make donations of property - from used clothing, to furniture, to computer equipment - and earn tax deductions. When you donate property, your deduction is generally equal to the fair market value of the property at the time you give it, not its original cost.

To make the most of your charitable contributions, consider donating appreciated capital gains property that you've owned for more than 18-months, such as shares of stock or a mutual

fund. When you donate long-term property that has appreciated in value, you generally earn a deduction for the property's fair market value and never have to pay capital

## WHEN TO MAKE YOUR DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

To qualify for a deduction in a given tax year, you must make your gift by December 31. That includes checks or properly endorsed stock certificates mailed by New Year's Eve or a gift charged to a bank credit card by that day.

**One way to express your thanks is to donate to charity. But you shouldn't make such donations haphazardly. The Kentucky Society of CPAs points out that many donations may qualify for a tax deduction — meaning that you can stretch your purse strings a little further in making charitable gifts.**

gains tax on its appreciation. Contributions of appreciated capital gains property are generally limited to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income.

## DOCUMENTING YOUR CONTRIBUTION

Canceled checks are sufficient documentation for cash donations under \$250, but you'll need more proof of your generosity if you donate \$250 or more. The rules require that you have a receipt, letter or other statement from the charitable organization listing the amount of the cash donation, or, for contributed property, a description of the property donated. In addition, the receipt must state whether or not the charity provided any goods or services in exchange for the cash or property. Where a charitable organization provides goods or services in exchange for contributions over \$75, the organization must provide the donor with a good-faith estimate of the value of the goods or services provided.

For non-cash contributions over \$500, you must complete Form 8283 and attach it to your tax return. If the non-cash contribution exceeds \$5,000 (\$10,000 for gifts of

## WHAT YOU CANNOT DEDUCT

Generally, gifts to individuals are not deductible. You also cannot claim a deduction for political contributions, gifts to labor unions, donations to homeowners associations, or gifts used for tuition. Payments made partly as a contribution and partly in consideration for goods or services furnished to the donor by the charity - referred to as quid pro quo contributions - are not fully deductible.

For example, if you buy a \$100 ticket to a charity concert performance and the equivalent ticket normally costs \$40, you may deduct only \$60.

If you choose not to attend the event and return the ticket to the charity to be resold, however, you may deduct the full \$100.

## For 1998: IRS offers top ten ways to file or get help filing

Thousands of Kentucky residents may file their 1997 federal tax return without licking a stamp! They can file by phone — just one of the filing options offered under the IRS e-file program. Taxpayers who e-file rarely get IRS error notices and almost always get faster refunds. Plus e-file offers acknowledgment of receipt - you know your tax return got to the IRS. If you're still filing a paper tax return, this is the year to e-file!

For 1998, the IRS is working to make it easier to file and easier to get tax help. According to IRS Communications Manager Gaye Parnell, it's likely that you can do everything you need to do by telephone or computer without ever leaving your home. She offers the following tips for tax filers:

**1 FILE BY PHONE** - About 58,000 Kentuckians filed by phone in 1997. If you are one of the 300,000 Kentucky filers who get the 1998 TeleFile package in the mail, don't lose it. It can be your ticket to easy, accurate filing!

**2 FILE BY COMPUTER** - Another e-file option is to use a computer program to prepare and file your own tax return - right from your home or office! Over 3,000 Kentuckians filed from their home PCs in 1997, and more than 250,000 let a tax professional prepare and/or file their return by computer. State and federal returns can be filed at the same time by computer.

**3 FILE A COMPUTER ANSWER SHEET** - Form 1040PC is included with most tax software. It can allow you to turn a multi-page tax return into page or two.

**4 FILE A PAPER RETURN** - You can still file the old-fashioned way, but allow four to six weeks for processing. Paper returns usually have more errors, so double check it before you mail it.

**5 HAVE YOUR REFUND DEPOSITED ELECTRONICALLY** - Direct Deposit virtually eliminates lost, stolen, or undeliverable refunds, plus it shortens the wait for your refund. It's free and it's available no matter how you file.

**6 USE YOUR TAX PACKAGE** - Most of the commonly-asked tax questions are answered in the tax booklet the IRS sends to most filers.

**7 DOWNLOAD FORMS OR PUBLICATIONS** - The IRS website allows computer users to download most tax forms and publications. Plus you'll find answers to frequently-asked questions and much, much more. The IRS web address is: www.irs.ustreas.gov

**8 GET FORMS OR PUBLICATIONS BY MAIL OR FAX** - Have IRS forms or publications sent directly to you by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). Or call 703-368-9694 from a fax machine to use the IRS Tax Fax service.

**9 LISTEN TO RECORDED TAX INFORMATION** - The IRS TeleTax system offers pre-recorded tapes on about 150 current tax topics. Call 1-800-8294477.

**10 GET TAX HELP AT A VOLUNTEER-STAFFED SITE** - Free tax help may be as close as your local library or mall. The IRS staffs tax help sites with trained volunteers who will help low-income, elderly, or handicapped persons prepare their returns. The free help is also open to anyone who files a simple tax return. Most sites are open from around February 1 through April 15.

There is an improvement in service for 1998 — Parnell says the IRS telephone help line is now open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Call 1-800- 8291040 (hearing impaired with TDD 1-800-8294059) to get assistance with tax account or general tax law questions. She says early or late on Thursday, Friday or Saturday are the best times to call during the busy filing season. IRS offices in many major cities also offer public access to tax forms and publications. You can get tax questions answered in these offices, but most do not offer tax return preparation.

## Taxpayer Bill of Rights

(IRS)—In 1996, a second Taxpayer Bill of Rights increased the protection of taxpayer rights in complying with the tax laws and in dealing with the IRS. It also established the Office of the Taxpayer Advocate, who has broader authority to take any action permitted by law to help taxpayers who would otherwise suffer a significant hardship due to how the IRS is administering the tax laws.

In any dealing with the IRS, people are entitled to fair treatment by IRS employees, privacy, representation and the right to appeal an IRS examiner's findings. If their problems are not solved through normal IRS channels, people can get special help through the Problem Resolution Office. Want more information? Call 1-800-829-3676 for Publication 1, Your Rights As A Taxpayer (or Spanish-language Publication 1SP, Derechos del Contribuyente). Another taxpayer right

has been strengthened as a result of the Taxpayer Browsing Protection Act. People have the right to confidentiality of their tax information. It is now a misdemeanor for employees and contractors of federal and state governments to willfully inspect another person's tax records without authorization. The IRS will notify any taxpayer whose records were illegally inspected when a person is criminally charged for the browsing.



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closely held stock), you also may have to obtain and attach a written appraisal. A summary of the appraisal should be attached to the tax return to substantiate the deduction. (Additional requirements apply to contributions of art if you are claiming a deduction of \$20,000 or more.) There is no appraisal requirement for publicly traded securities for which a market quote

is readily available on an established stock exchange.

CPAs recommend that you make sure that you have adequate receipts and other documentation for your charitable gifts. Doing so will make the preparation of your tax return a little easier next year and give you peace of mind in knowing that should you be audited, your records are in order.

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# Congress opens the doors to home-office deductions

There's some good news and some bad news about the home-office deduction. The good news is that as a result of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, taxpayers who use their home offices for management or administrative purposes may eventually qualify for a deduction, as long as they have no other fixed office location to substantially conduct those activities. The bad news is that this new rule doesn't go into effect until 1999. So, for now, the Kentucky Society of CPAs points out that individuals working from a home office need to take the time to understand the current laws if they want to keep out of trouble with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

if working from your home office is for the convenience of your employer and not just helpful in your job.

## THE PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS TEST

The regular and exclusive tests remain the same under the new tax law. However, another rule currently in effect that will change with the advent of the new law is the principal place of business test. Currently, to meet this definition, your office must be the place where you spend a substantial number of your working hours and most of your business income must be attributable to your activities there or a place to meet with clients or customers.

Under this rule, sales people and consultants who meet with clients outside the home but do all of their administrative work in a home office are not eligible to claim the deduction, even if they have no other fixed office location. In a landmark Supreme Court case, for example, an anesthesiologist who worked in several different hospitals but prepared patient reports and other paperwork in a home office was denied a deduction. Currently — and remember these rules are in effect for another year — if the activities of your home office are not as central in producing revenue as those conducted elsewhere, a home-office deduction will not be allowed.

## THE NEW TAX LAW

The principal place of business rule will change for tax years beginning after December 31, 1998, opening the door for more people to claim the deduction. As of that date, a home office may qualify as a principal place of business as long as it is used to conduct administrative or

management activities. So, for example, the physician who does his or her paperwork in a home office would qualify for the deduction. In addition, to claim the deduction, you also will have to show that there is no other location where you conduct substantial administrative or management activities. You will still have to meet the exclusive use and regular basis tests.

## ESTIMATING THE DEDUCTION

The new tax law does not change how you calculate the amount of the home-office deduction. First, you figure the percentage of your home used for business (i.e., compare the square feet of your office space to the total square feet in your home). Then, you apply this percentage to the total of each qualified expense. Generally, you may deduct a percentage of your real estate taxes, mortgage interest, utilities, home insurance premiums, depreciation on your home, and even some repairs. For self-employed individuals, the home-office deduction cannot exceed the income derived from the use of the home office. Disallowed expenses due to the net income limitation may be carried to subsequent years and treated as home-office expenses in a later year.

Employee home-office deductions are considered miscellaneous expenses and are deductible to the extent that they, along with other miscellaneous expenses, exceed two percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI). Phase-out rules apply to employee deductions as they do to all itemized deductions. The Kentucky Society of CPAs emphasizes that the best way to guarantee your deduction under the tax law is to have the documentation to back it up.

## EXCLUSIVE USE AND REGULAR BASIS TEST

Currently, your ability to claim a home-office deduction is, with two exceptions (i.e. inventory storage and day care), contingent upon your using an area in your home exclusively and regularly as your principal place of business. That means that your office can't double as the den or playroom when you're not using it. To meet this requirement, it's wisest if a separate room in your home is dedicated to your work activity — whether it's a sun room, basement office or bedroom sitting room. The point is, you shouldn't use the room for any other activity.

You also may deduct certain expenses of operating a separate structure not attached to your home if you use it regularly and exclusively for your trade or business. Keep in mind that although you must use the office regularly, and exclusively for your business, you still can work part-time and claim the deduction. Moreover, if you are an employee who uses the office regularly and exclusively for the business of your employer, you may qualify for the deduction only

# Understanding capital gains...A taxing exercise

The lowering of the capital gains tax rate from 28 percent to 20 percent for most taxpayers has investors all over the country reviewing their portfolios. For those individuals who are scrambling to make year-end tax moves, the Kentucky Society of CPAs provides an overview of the capital gains tax and some suggestions on minimizing its effect.

months. There is also a ten-percent maximum rate on capital gains for those taxpayers whose tax on such gains would otherwise be 15 percent. This applies to long-term gains after May 7. Finally, the maximum rate of 28 percent still remains on long-term gains of collectibles such as art, coins, stamps, antiques, and gems.

paid plus any expenses associated with buying, holding, and selling the property. If the property was a gift to you, your basis generally will be the same as the donor's basis (called a carryover basis). If you inherited the property, your basis is the fair market value of the property at the time of the owner's death (unless the executor selects another method of valuation). Capital gains are reported on Schedule D.

## WHAT IS A CAPITAL GAIN?

A capital gain is a form of income that results when you sell capital assets that have increased in value. For the most part, any form of property you own and hold for personal or investment use is considered a capital asset. Such property includes stocks and bonds, your home and other real estate, household furnishings, automobiles, jewelry, and collectibles. The profit you realize from the sale of capital assets is generally taxable.

While your decision to buy or sell property should be based on sound economic and investment principles, CPAs say it's advisable to take the tax implications of your sale into consideration as well. When it comes to capital gains, one advantage is that you typically have the flexibility to determine when to sell your assets. You can time the transaction so that you can recognize capital gains in the year of your choice.

## LONG-TERM VS. SHORT-TERM GAINS

There are several rule changes for long-term capital gains, which include sales such as a business and other investments. Assets sold after July 28, 1997 must be held longer than 18 months to be considered long-term. Before then, they had to be held more than 12 months. For sales before May 7, 1997, the top rate on long-term gains is 28 percent. For sales after May 6 and before July 29, the top rate on assets held for more than 12 months is 20 percent. However, for sales after July 28, 1997, the maximum rate of 20 percent only applies for assets held more than 18 months. The rate is 28 percent for assets held more than 12 months but less than 18

## COMPUTING YOUR CAPITAL GAIN OR LOSS

You compute your gain on the sale of your property by subtracting the property's adjusted basis from the proceeds of the sale. Generally, your adjusted basis is the price you

## TAX STRATEGIES

To minimize or avoid the capital gains tax, consider the following strategies: Let your winners ride -

(See Gains, page four)

## YOUR MONEY

# Take This Quick IRA Test

News USA

(NU) - Legislation in 1996 and 1997 resulted in substantial changes to the traditional Individual Retirement Account and the creation of the new Roth IRA.

Answer the questions below to test your knowledge of current IRA rules:

1. What is the total maximum annual contribution a person can make to an IRA?
  - a.) \$2,000
  - b.) \$2,250
  - c.) \$2,500
  - d.) \$4,000
2. What is the total allowable IRA contribution (Roth or traditional) for a couple?
  - a.) \$2,000
  - b.) \$2,250
  - c.) \$2,500
  - d.) \$4,000
3. Assuming you are 59 1/2 or younger, under which one of the following conditions may you take funds from an IRA (Roth or traditional) without incurring a 10 percent penalty?
  - a.) To pay medical bills in excess of 7.5 percent of a per-

- son's adjusted gross income.
- b.) To purchase a first home.
- c.) To pay qualified college expenses.
- d.) All of the above.

4. Which of the following is the adjusted gross income limit for an individual contributing to a Roth IRA?
  - a.) Up to \$30,000
  - b.) Up to \$75,000
  - c.) Up to \$95,000
  - d.) No income limit.
5. Is it possible to transfer money from an existing IRA to a new Roth IRA?
 

Yes No
6. Can a person contribute to both a Roth IRA and traditional IRA in the same tax year?
 

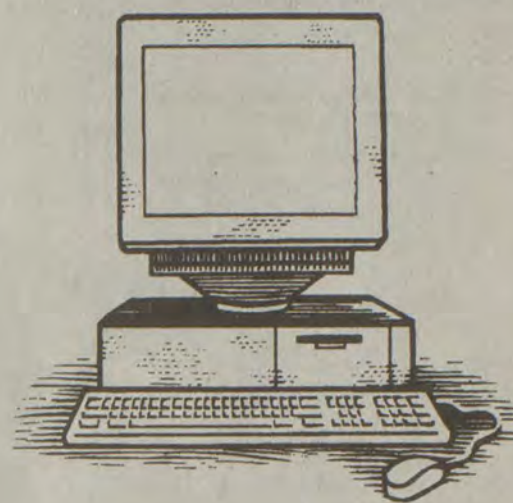
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# Understanding the Nanny Tax: Who owes what to whom

If you have a housekeeper, maid, nanny, or even a babysitter who qualifies as your employee, you have certain tax responsibilities. As an employer, you may be liable for Social Security and Medicare taxes, as well as federal and state unemployment taxes when the wages you pay your employee exceed certain amounts. If you're confused about how much you owe and to whom, the Kentucky Society of CPAs offers the following information to answer your questions.

## FUTA TAXES

If you pay cash wages of \$1,000 or more in a calendar quarter, you are liable for paying federal unemployment tax (FUTA). This tax is put into a fund used to help pay unemployment benefits for people who lose their jobs. Unlike FICA, this tax is paid entirely by the employer. The rate is 6.2 percent of the first \$7,000 of wages paid to each employee.

In addition to FUTA, many states that impose unemployment taxes on household employees require quarterly payments. You should contact your state employment office to determine your state tax obligations.

## FEDERAL INCOME TAX

You are not required to withhold federal income tax from your employee's paycheck. If your household employee asks you to withhold income tax and you agree, you will need to have your employee complete Form W-4, Employee Withholding Allowance Certificate. Use the tax tables in IRS Publication 15 (Circular F) to determine the correct amount to with-

## FICA TAXES

When you pay a household worker more than \$1,000 per calendar year, those wages are subject to Social Security and Medicare (FICA) taxes. It doesn't matter how many domestic workers you employ. As long as each worker is paid less than \$1,000 for the year, you are not required to pay FICA taxes.

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you and your employee is 15.3 percent of the employee's taxable income. You deduct the employee's half (7.65 percent) from his or her paycheck. You also have the option of paying the employee's portion yourself, in which case the amount you pay represents taxable wages to the employee and must be included on the employee's Form W-2.

The wages you pay to household workers under the age of 18 are not subject to FICA taxes (unless that work is their principal occupation), nor are amounts paid for household work provided by your spouse or your children under age 21.

## FILING REQUIREMENTS

In addition to understanding "who owes what," employers of household workers must also know "to whom" they report and pay employment taxes. Back in 1994, Congress revised the reporting rules for household employment taxes to ease the reporting burden for household employers. Under this law, the taxes you owe on household employees are reported on your federal income tax return. Schedule H, Household Employment Taxes, is used for this purpose.

To file Schedule H, you must have an Employer Identification Number (EIN). You can get an EIN by contacting your local Social Security Office and requesting an SS-4 form.

As an employer, you are also required to complete Form W-2 to report employee wages and withholding for the preceding year. You must supply your employee with his or her W-2 Form by January 31 of the year following the year of payment. You then report this information to the Social Security

Administration by sending them Copy A of Form W-2 by the last day in February. The employee and IRS also should get a copy of Form W-2. If you have more than one worker, you'll also need to send Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements.

For 1997, you can report and pay the entire bill for employment taxes for household employees with your 1997 return, without incurring late payment or estimated tax penalties. However, beginning in 1998, employers of household help will be required to pay employment taxes as part of their estimated tax payments.

## Gains

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Just because the capital gains tax has dropped doesn't mean you should cash out of your investments. If you don't need the cash and aren't planning to reinvest the funds, hold on to those high performing stocks. Remember, a stock you bought for \$10 a share may soar to \$100 a share, but you don't owe a penny in taxes until you sell the stock. If you don't sell an asset, your beneficiaries can inherit it

without ever owing taxes on the appreciation that occurred while you owned it. Sell off losers to offset your gains — If you picked a real winner a few years ago and sold it this year, consider unloading one or more of the losers in your portfolio. You can use long-term losses to offset long-term gains, and reduce or eliminate the capital gains tax on your profit.

Give it away — Another way to

avoid the capital gains tax is to give the property to charity. When you donate appreciated long-term property, you can deduct the full market value of the property at the time of the contribution and avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation.

CPAs advise that the capital gains tax is just one factor in tax planning. Be sure to consider your long-term financial goals when making any tax-related decisions.

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## Tax Deductible Lease Payments:

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## Matching Cash Flow:

Since most investments in equipment involve capital budgeting of some type, whether formal or informal, leasing offers a way to match the revenue generation capabilities of the equipment to the cash outlay for the equipment. It also offers the ability to adjust payments to seasonal fluctuations in revenue generation.

## Off Balance Sheet Financing:

Companies are constantly evaluating the proper mix of available financing components. When used in conjunction with debt and equity, leasing provides an avenue to reduce overall leverage which is important to suppliers, banks and other providers of credit.

## Conservation of Bank Lines:

Typically, a business has only a few options for financing its growth of current assets. Depending upon the borrower's loan exposure and the bank's lending comfort level, leasing can be a way to reserve a company's borrowing capacity for financing inventory and accounts receivable.

## Conservation of Working Capital:

Each business must decide what is the best deployment of its cash and working capital reserves. Since most businesses have internal rates of return that are greater than the cost of financing, leasing is a good alternative to paying cash for equipment.

## Simplified Accounting:

With leasing, the only accounting entry is to write a check and record it as an expense. With a purchase, depreciation schedules have to be followed. This means setting

sumed rather than lost.

## Manufacturing Companies:

Because manufacturers are capital-intensive, they are prime candidates for leasing. Manufacturers include metal fabrication companies, wood products, cabinetry shops, machine shops, food processors, plastic injection molding and printing companies.

## Distributors:

Distribution companies are currently going through significant changes. Many are changing

and telephone systems. Historically, they have leased office equipment and furniture.

Medical practices also have leasing needs. Technology advances create a constant need to upgrade equipment.

## Hospitals and Clinics:

Hospitals and clinics lease for the same reasons physicians and dentist lease equipment, office furniture and billing systems.

## Contractors:

Contractors use all sorts of sorts of equipment. The most capital-intensive contractors include heavy highway construction, paving contractors, grading contractors, and commercial roofing contractors.

## Retailers and Restaurants:

All retailers need display cases, stockroom shelving, and computer systems. Others need ovens, stoves, coolers and freezers. Point of sale technology continues to be in demand in this industry. Restaurants run the gamut from fast food to upscale dining.

## Transportation Companies:

Trucking companies, local delivery services and health care patient transportation services all need leased vehicles that tend not to qualify for traditional automobile dealer leasing programs.

## Municipalities:

These entities lease a lot of equipment because of certain budget constraints. Local school boards, water/sewer and electric authorities, and fire/police departments usually are lessees in addition to city and county governments.

## Professionals:

Law firms, medical practices, engineering firms and CPA's are all candidates for leasing. Law firms are just now embracing technology and several are upgrading computer



the equipment up on a fixed asset schedule and keeping up with accumulated depreciation. It may also require recording capital gains or losses when the equipment is taken out of service.

## Simplified Capital Expenditure:

Larger companies tend to have bureaucratic approval processes for capital expenditures. Because of this, many managers choose leasing because of its faster and easier approval process. Once the lease payment is included in the budget, it gets re-approved each year. This also explains why December can be a busy month for leasing as budget dollars not spent are often con-

operations logistics and some are forming strategic alliances. These changes quite often require new computer systems, delivery vehicles and material handling equipment. Examples of distribution companies are those serving retail grocers, convenience stores, general retailers, health care providers, oil/gas retailers, lumber/building materials, liquor, industrial goods/parts, and office supply.

# Tax break for terminally ill

(NAPS)—Millions of Americans facing chronic and life-threatening illnesses received a huge tax break.

When President Clinton signed the "Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996" into law, it meant that individuals with cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease and other chronic and life-threatening illnesses could receive the proceeds of "living benefits," such as viatical settlements—the sale of a life insurance policy for cash—free of any Federal income tax.

"This was an enormous victory for the millions of Americans—particularly the elderly—who are financially devastated by life-threatening and chronic illnesses," said John Banks, CEO of Viaticus, Inc., the nation's largest viatical settlement company, owned by the CNA Financial Corporation. "This step by Congress allowed a significantly larger group of people in need to benefit from this new

financial option."

The "living benefits" provision, which was championed by Representative Jim Bunning (R-Kentucky), benefits two large groups of Americans—(1) those diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, such as cancer, heart disease, AIDS, Alzheimer's disease or Lou Gehrig's disease; and (2) those with certain chronic illnesses, many of whom are elderly.

Approximately two million Americans are diagnosed with a life-threatening illness each year. Many more suffer from severe chronic illnesses.

"I've been very involved with changing the tax code to allow people with terminal illnesses to sell their life insurance policies and receive the proceeds tax-free," said Representative Bunning. "The change will help those who are in the final stages of one of those dread diseases to live out their lives with dignity. By having tax-free access to their own funds, they will

not have to worry about not having money for medical treatment, housing, and other necessities."

U.S. Representative Jerry Weller (R-Illinois), was also active in promoting the overall health insurance reform measure. He said the "living benefits" provision is an important component of the legislation.

"For those who are struggling and need financial help now, our health reform bill offers them an opportunity to take advantage of their life insurance policy and receive payments in advance tax-free," Representative Weller said. "Many terminally ill people lose their ability to work and financially care for their families. This bill helps alleviate the burden and allows them to utilize their life insurance policy now, in a tax-free manner, when they truly need it."

Specifically, the legislation allows the proceeds from "living

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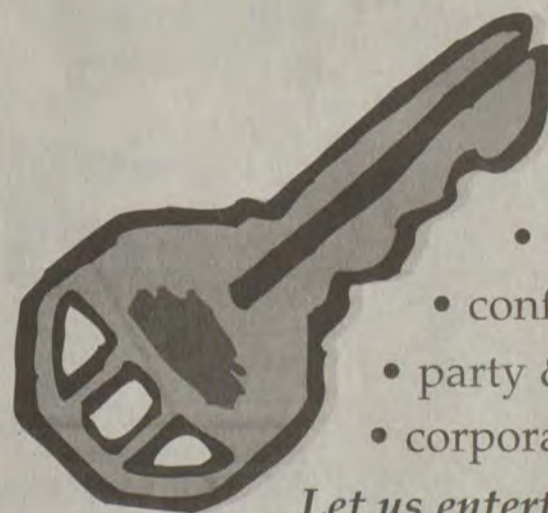
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# The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 creates opportunities for investors

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Designed primarily to reduce the federal deficit and balance the budget, the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 contains changes in tax law that could have a significant impact on your financial strategy now and in the years ahead. This historic legislation contains provisions that affect a variety of financial goals including: Capital gains tax rates; retirement savings, education funding, home sales, estate taxes and tax credits for many families with children.

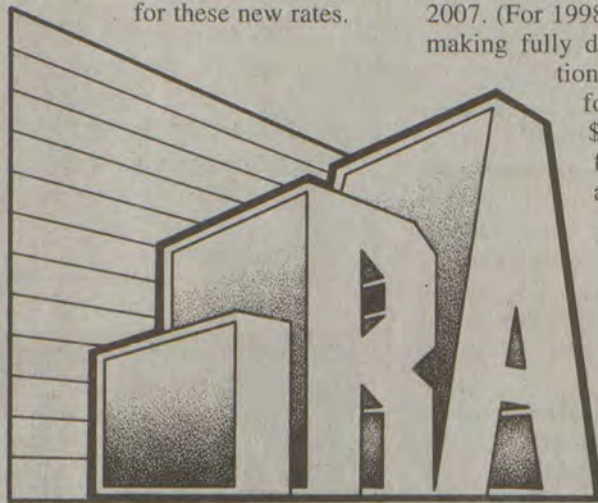
## How the act affects investors

The act profoundly enhances investment opportunities for millions of Americans. A few important provisions of particular interest to investors are highlighted below:

## Significant reductions in capital gains tax rates

The maximum rate for long-term capital gains from the sale of stocks, bonds and most other investments has been lowered from 28 percent to 20 percent. The law also creates a new ten percent cap-

ital gains rate for taxpayers in the 15 percent income tax bracket. The new 20 percent and ten percent rates are applicable to investments that have been held for longer than one year and sold after May 6, 1997, and before July 29, 1997. Investments sold after July 28, 1997, must have been held longer than 18 months in order to qualify for these new rates.



## New and enhanced Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)

The act enhances the traditional IRA and creates two new IRA alternatives, the Roth IRA and the Education IRA.

- Enhanced Traditional IRA.

Beginning January 1, 1998, when an individual participated in an employer sponsored retirement plan, income limits for fully deductible IRA contributions will gradually be increased over the next several years, ultimately doubling the current limits to \$50,000 for single tax filers by 2005 and \$80,000 for joint tax filers by 2007. (For 1998, income limits for making fully deductible contributions will be \$30,000 for individuals and \$50,000 for those filing jointly.) In addition, spouses of active participants in employer sponsored retirement plans who are not covered by their own plans can make fully deductible IRA contributions, regardless of whether they

are wage earners, if the couple's adjusted gross income is \$150,000 or less in 1998. Also, IRA account holders will be able to make withdrawals without penalties before the age of 59 1/2 if the funds are used to purchase a first home or to pay expenses associated with higher education. (The home withdrawal has a lifetime maximum of \$10,000.)

• Roth IRA. Beginning January 1, 1998, a new type of IRA called the Roth IRA will be introduced. Eligible participants may make a contribution of up to \$2,000 per year. All contributions will be non-deductible; however, earnings accumulate on a tax-deferred basis. Withdrawals will be tax-free if the account has been open for more than five years and the investor is at least age 59 1/2 is disabled or dies or the funds are used to fund a first-time home purchase (\$10,000 lifetime maximum). Any distribution not meeting the five-year rule and any of the other four requirements will be taxable to the extent distributions exceed previous contributions. The ten percent premature distribution penalty will apply unless one of the exceptions to the penalty for distributions from tra-

ditional IRAs applies.

The adjusted gross income limits to determine whether investors are eligible for the Roth IRA begins at \$95,000 for the single taxpayers and at \$150,000 for those filing jointly. Those who income falls above the limits to be eligible for a Roth IRA or to deduct a traditional IRA contributions can still make non-deductible contributions to a traditional IRA.

Please note that eligible taxpayers can contribute to both types of IRA each year, but total contributions cannot exceed \$2,000.

• Education IRA. Beginning January 1, 1998, a third IRA category, the Education IRA, will allow individuals who fall within certain income limits to contribute up to \$500 per year per child to this account until the child reaches the age of 18. Like the Roth IRA, contributions will not be tax deductible, but the earnings accumulate on a tax-deferred basis, and there will be no taxes on withdrawals, provided the funds are used to pay for the child's qualified higher education expenses.

## Consult your tax adviser and your investment professional

This legislation offers welcome tax relief and creates many new opportunities for individual investors. To help you make the most of the new tax environment, now is the time to turn to an investment professional who is well-versed in the new law and its implications. He or she can help tailor an investment strategy that suits your particular needs.

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## Roth IRA or Traditional IRA How can I decide?

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# • Laboring for tax deductions: What employees need to know

Give yourself a tax break. The Kentucky Society of CPAs points out that many employees pay for business-related expenses out of their own pockets but often don't realize that this may entitle them to a tax deduction. Now is a good time to take a tally of your 1997 employment-related business expenses and determine if you qualify for a tax deduction.

First, it's important to understand how the tax law treats employee business expenses. These are generally considered miscellaneous expenses which are deductible to the extent that your total miscellaneous deductions exceed two percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI). Other miscellaneous expenses include costs associated with the production of income and fees for tax preparation.

If you had a 1997 AGI of \$50,000, you need more than \$1,000 of qualified miscellaneous expenses to claim a deduction on your tax return. Here's what you should include.

- **Educational expenses** — You may deduct educational expenses for schooling that either (1) maintains or improves the skills necessary for your job or (2) is required in order for you to retain your current employment. Deductible expenses include tuition and books.
- **Work clothes and uniforms** - The cost of clothes that are required for your job, but are not suitable for general wear away from work, such as uniforms, are typically deductible. You also may deduct the costs of cleaning such clothes.
- **Publications and subscriptions** - Unreimbursed amounts paid to obtain professional and industry journals, books, or subscriptions qualify as deductible miscellaneous expenses.
- **Travel expenses**—Unreimbursed travel expenses may be deducted in full if they were incurred during a business-related trip while traveling away from your office. Generally, you must have stayed overnight to claim the deduction. Deductible expenses include air, train, bus and taxi fares; automobile and other trans-

portation expenses, lodging costs, and other ordinary and necessary expenses.

- **Meals**—You also may deduct 50 percent of your meal costs when you are traveling away from home on business. In addition, if you entertain clients or other business associates, you can deduct 50 percent of your meal costs, as long as you discussed business immediately before, during, or after the meal.

- **Automobile expenses** - There are two ways to calculate a deduction for automobile expenses. You may use the actual costs for expenses, such as gas, oil, insurance, repairs, maintenance, and depreciation, or you can use the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standard mileage rate, which is 31.5 cents per mile for 1997.

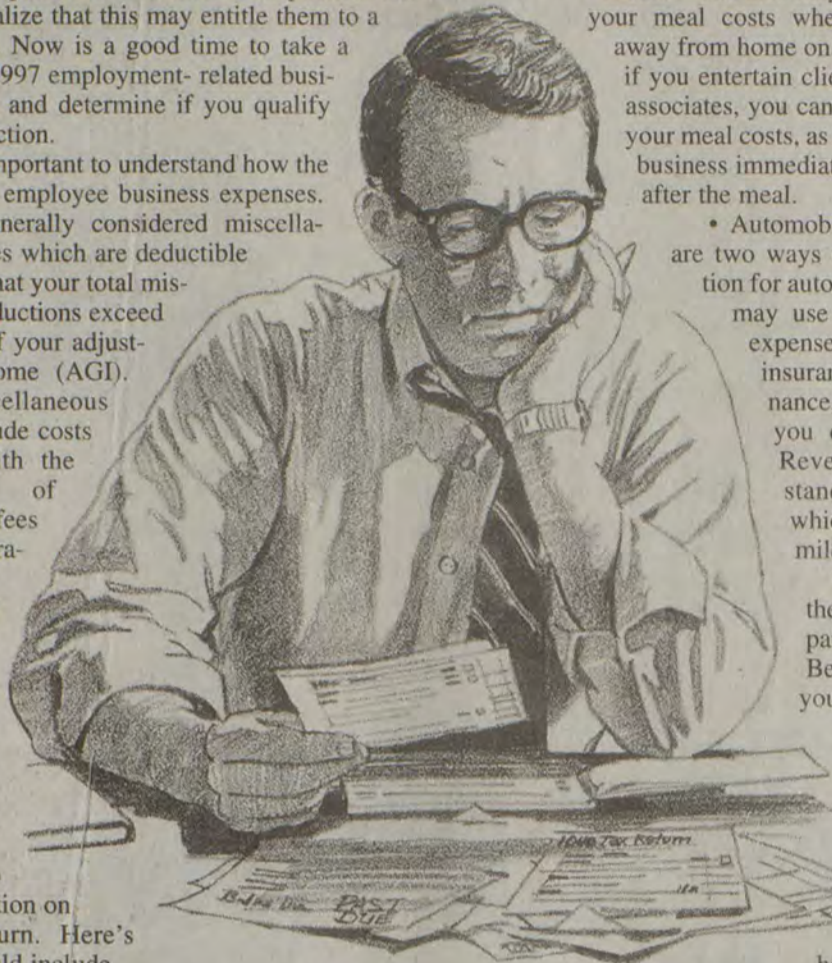
You may also deduct the business portion of parking fees and tolls. Be aware, too, that if you use your car for both business and personal reasons, you must allocate your expenses between the two, and of course,

have appropriate documentation to back up your claim.

- **Conventions and seminars** - If you attended a convention or seminar in your industry or on a topic directly related to your business and are not reimbursed by your employer, the cost of attending the program, including registration, travel, and 50 percent of meals, is deductible. However, if your trip was primarily for personal reasons, such as vacation, you may not deduct the cost of the travel.

If you find that by adding all of these expenses you're very close to the 2-percent threshold that qualifies you for a tax deduction, consider taking a long-postponed business trip or attending a seminar on an educational topic to boost your miscellaneous expenses for the year.

You should keep in mind, however, that to claim unreimbursed employee business expenses as deductions, they must be "ordinary and necessary" for your employer's business and directly related to that business.



## Prepare now for next year's taxes

This time of year, most people would rather forget about taxes and tax returns altogether.

After going through the arduous process of collecting W-2s and 1099s, of filling out 1040s and Schedules A, B, C, D, and SE (among others), most taxpayers are relieved to close the books, much less look ahead to next April 15.

But, the fact is, now is the best time to plan ahead for next year's tax return. With this year's return fresh in mind, you'll be better able to look at ways to improve your record-keeping and payment systems.

### Start by putting together a filing system

Here are some tips to make your job easier next spring:

- If you haven't already set up separate logs for your business travel, entertainment, and auto expenses.
- Keep track of tax deductible charitable contributions. Get a statement from the charitable organization verifying contributions worth over \$500. You'll need a professional appraisal for any contributed items worth over \$5,000.
- Set up files for non-reimbursed medical expenses, self-employed health insurance, and child care expenses.

### Maximize current-year deductions

For example, if you're thinking of buying a house, remember that the "points" paid on a mortgage can be written off all at once. Consider using a Home Equity Loan to consolidate installment loans for which interest payments are not deductible.

### Open an IRA

I strongly believe that, even if

you don't qualify for the current-year deduction credit for contributing to an Individual Retirement Account, these self-funded retirement plans still represent an excellent tax break for the majority of working Americans who qualify for them.

And, if your employer provides a tax-deferred retirement plan, take the maximum advantage of it, making the maximum employer-matched contribution each year through payroll deduction.

### A thought for the year ahead

Here's one last thought. A wise older man once said, "I look forward to paying taxes, because it means I'm making money." The secret is in keeping as much of what you make as possible. And good planning is the best way to do that.

(Information provided by Dan Greer, investment broker for Hilliard Lyons)

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**The Roth IRA:**

**Answers to Some of Your Most Frequently Asked Questions**

by Edward Miller  
Financial Consultant  
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All IRAs allow annual contributions and tax-deferred growth. However, complexities arise with respect to who can establish these accounts, as well as the tax implications of distributions. The Roth IRA, created by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, has many investors asking about its potential tax and retirement planning benefits. Here are some answers to the most frequently asked questions.

**What is the Roth IRA?**

As a savings alternative to the Traditional IRA, the Roth IRA provides the opportunity to invest your after-tax dollars, benefits from tax-deferred growth and, most importantly, receive tax-free distributions at retirement. This IRA also gives investors greater flexibility to use their retirement assets to help fund intermediate to long-term goals, such as first-time home ownership and higher education, as well as a comfortable retirement.

**Who is eligible to open a Roth IRA?**

Eligibility to contribute to a Roth IRA depends solely upon your level of earned income or that of your spouse. If your adjusted gross income (AGI) is below \$95,000 (single) or \$150,000 (joint), you may make a full annual contribution to a Roth IRA of up to \$2,000 or 100% of income, whichever is less. Partial contributions are permitted for singles whose AGI is between \$95,000 and \$110,000 and married couples whose AGI is between \$150,000 and \$160,000.

Two major pluses: There is no age limit on who can contribute to a Roth IRA, and participation in an employer-sponsored retirement plan has no impact on contributions to a Roth IRA.

**Are contributions to a Roth IRA tax deductible?**

No, All contributions to a Roth IRA are nondeductible, regardless of income.

**How are distributions from a**

**Roth IRA taxed?**

One of the great benefits of a Roth IRA is that your funds are not tied up, since you may withdraw your contributions at any time without tax or penalty. Withdrawals of accumulated earnings on your Roth IRA contributions are tax-free and penalty-free if held for five years or more and any one of the following applies:

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Ordinary income taxes and a 10% penalty are due when accumulated earnings are withdrawn for any other reason.

**What happens when you convert a Traditional IRA to a Roth IRA?**

Income and tax considerations arise when converting a current Traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. First, your AGI must be \$100,000 or less (filing jointly or singly) to be eligible for a conversion. If you are married, you must file jointly. Second, the taxable amount of the converted funds (from earnings and deductible contributions) is subject only to ordinary income taxes upon conversion. The taxes for conversion made in 1998 will be spread over four years. Converted funds must remain in the Roth IRA for five years from the conversion to receive the favorable tax treatment on distributions. Any distributions from a Roth Conversion IRA before the five-year period will be subject to a 10% penalty if under age 59.

**Which IRA is right for you and your family?**

In order to find out if a Roth IRA makes sense for you, contact Ed Miller, Financial Consultant with Smith Barney, Inc. at his office at 1-800-554-4742 and request a complimentary comparison between a Roth and a Traditional IRA and the effects of a conversion using your specific IRA balance and tax situation.

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Another highly taxing item on your tax return may be investment income. Consisting of interest, dividends, and short term capital gains, investment income is usually taxed at your marginal or higher tax bracket. The result is that your investment earnings may actually be 40 percent less than you think. As a result of the incredible stock market returns of the last three years, many mutual fund investors are finding themselves with a lot of investment income resulting in increased taxes.

Those investors need to change the way those returns are generated. For example, I have a client that is invested in two mutual funds. In reviewing performance over the past year, we noted that each fund earned around 30 percent in 1997. A closer look revealed that most of the earnings of fund A were in the form of dividends, and short term capital gains, all of which are taxes at the client's highest marginal tax bracket of 40 percent. Fund B paid out very little in dividends and short term capital gains. It earned 30 percent because the underlying securities increased in value by 30 per-

cent, none of which is taxed unless the client decides to sell. Then, under the new tax law, the tax rate will be 20 percent, half the client's marginal rate of 40 percent.

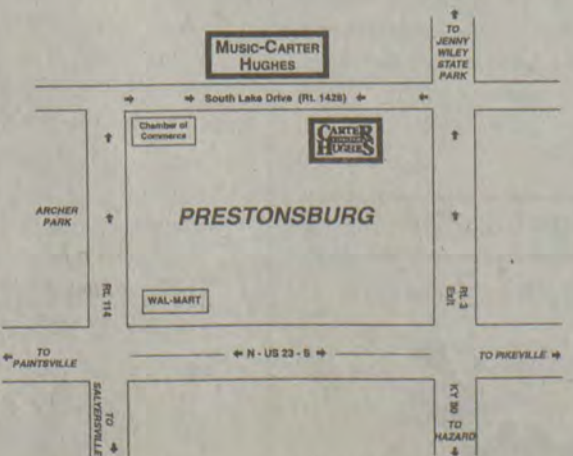
Which fund is better for the client? Obviously fund B. The gross earnings of 30 percent are equal. Yet what the client keeps differs dramatically due to the underlying income tax consequences. With fund A he loses 40 percent of his earnings; with fund B he keeps it all. Like business, in investing it is what you keep that counts. Needless to say, we very quickly moved from fund A to fund B.

Take a few minutes to look over your tax return this year. Do you know exactly what each income item on that return cost you in terms of taxes? You should. The only way to lower your taxes is through good, solid planning. And planning starts with knowing where you are today then developing a plan for getting where you want to go. Who knows, this time next year you may not even need the checkbook.

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# Lady Rebs needs to stay focused at district

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

No team in the 58th District has dominated a district like the Allen Central Lady Rebels. For the past eight seasons, they have won six district titles and been runners-up the other two.

They lost to Betsy Layne in 1994 and fell to Prestonsburg in '96, both times by two points.

This year, first-year coach, Anthony Moore has guided the Lady Rebels to a perfect 6-0 conference mark and hopes to continue the school's tradition of appearing in the 15th Regional tournament next week.

With that in mind, Moore is not ready to let his ball club forget that playing a number four seed is not an automatic win. They must first go out and take care of business in game before playing game two.

The Lady Raiders will meet South Floyd in tonight's tournament opener, and the Lady Raiders could be a stronger foe even though Allen Central owns two easy victories over them.

This is a very, very talented basketball team that has played well in the final three weeks of the season, although they have lost two of their final three games. They put a scare in top-ranked Belfry, ran all over Sheldon Clark and gave Whitesburg all they wanted before losing.

Now it is tournament time. The second season is here and a time to forget what happened yesterday and take care of the business at hand.

To do that, the Lady Rebels will need to concentrate on the matter before them. They can not look ahead to the regional tournament.

When you start looking at this year's team, you will see some very familiar faces. Players who have been here many times over. Like seniors Misty Scott, Crystal Martin, Karen Wallen and Gina Hall. But, there are others who know the thrill of winning. Jessica Martin, Natalie Cooley, Jennifer Hopkins, Shanna Howell and the list goes on and on.

Of course, Hall is in her first year, choosing not to play her first three seasons. Cooley is lost for the tournament with a knee injury.

But this is a long bench and sitting almost down to the very end of it is a group of freshmen that will bring back memories of the Wiley-Moore era.

But the players get even younger than frosh when you consider the play of eighth-grader Ramanda Music. Music has started all season for the Lady Rebels, and is the team's leading rebounder. She is averaging close to 10 points per game.

The tandem of Scott, Martin and another Martin is what makes the Lady Rebels click. All three must be on their game. If they escape South Floyd they will have to contend with either Betsy Layne or Prestonsburg in the finals.

Jessica Martin is a real work horse around the basket and anywhere on the court. She is the kind of player a coach likes to have. Sometimes she starts other times she doesn't but the horn sounds for the final time, you know that Martin has played and played well. She is a strong rebounder. Just a hard worker on the boards. She can shoot the three's or take the ball to the basket. Good offensive rebounder.

Misty Scott runs the team at the

point. She has been through it all and knows how to lead. And lead she must, because tomorrow's are for only those who win and Scott knows that.

Scott is a solid player and veteran of many basketball games. She can bury the three or slash to the basket. She has a patent on her famed leaner in the middle.

Crystal Martin has shown that old form she had as a freshman. She sat out her sophomore season and returned last year as a junior. Martin is quick and gives the opposition fits in working the base lines. She doesn't shoot too many treys but will pull up and hit the short jumper as well as lay the ball in. An excellent free-throw shooter and a top rebounder.

You have to love the play of Jennifer Hopkins. Hopkins is a "zone buster" by the way she shoots the treys. No doubt the team's top defensive player. Affectionately called "Hoppy," she doesn't hop around when she plays defense. She has a way to ignite a team and get them rolling.

First off the bench will be either Howell or Wallen. Wallen plays the forward positions while Hall relieves at the guard spot.

Wallen is a director on the court. She is one of the top rebounders for Allen Central. An occasionally scorer, Wallen likes to dish the ball off to the open person.

Howell is just a hard-nosed basketball player who doesn't know what it is to back down on the court. Her strengths are many and being able to score is one of them. Handles the ball well at the point or the two guard.

Gina Hall gives help in the mid-

dle and, as mentioned before, is only in her first year of basketball on the varsity at Allen Central. But what a contribution she has made this season. A strong rebounder and inside player.

Jennifer Brown has good size and plays down in the paint area. A good rebounder and inside scorer.

The rest of the bench is young, very young. But what talent they have. They are a coach's dream to have as young players and what a future for Allen Central girls' basketball.

Jennifer Risner can run the team and shoot the treys. A very knowledgeable player on the hardwood for a young one. She is already a solid defensive player.

Shannon Sizemore gives the added height for the Lady Rebels, and can score right off the bench. Instant offense. A good shooter from 10-12 feet out. Works hard on the boards.

Barbara Prater is the type of player that, once she is in the groove, can destroy a defensive from three-point land. She has good speed and handles the basketball decently.

Rebecca Smith is smooth around the basket and has a soft touch. She is going to be a big time player at Allen Central.

Susan Scarberry has size, desire and determination and all three combined makes a good basketball player.

If there is an area the Lady Rebels need to shore up on that is cutting down on their turnovers. This is a good team and could go far in the regional tournament if they get past South Floyd.



**In defense of title**

The Allen Central Lady Rebs will open defense of their district title tonight against South Floyd. Central will look to senior Misty Scott (33) for floor leadership. (photo by Ed Taylor)

# Coach Martin has enjoyed '97-'98 season

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The last time an Allen Central Rebel basketball team missed appearing in the 15th Regional Tournament was in 1996, when Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg represented the 58th District.

Since then Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin has always had a team present in the big show that will happen at Elkhorn City this year.

For the Rebels, South Floyd stands as the hurdle Allen Central must leap if they are to keep the streak intact. Allen Central will meet Henry Webb's Raiders in the second night of the tournament that tips off Wednesday night.

This has been a team that has fans wondering how the veteran coach keeps turning out winners. Comments such as "Coach Martin is a tournament coach, he always has his teams ready." Or how about, "If anyone can get anything out of a player, it's Coach Martin."

Allen Central, the number two seed in the tournament, has been a team that has relied on quickness and defense all season. They had to. The Rebels have lacked the height they've had in the past seasons.

One thing the Rebels have going for them is their outside shooting, and they have an abundance of that.

Senior Todd Howard leads the Rebels in scoring with 26. One point per game average. Howard can burn a team from the three-point arch as well. He has 74 three-point baskets and has improved his free-throw shooting to 90 percent in

the last 10 games.

"Todd has had a heck of a career," said the Allen Central coach. "A lot of people around the state don't realize that his average is the second best in the school's history."

The best was carried by Thomas Jenkins, now with the Morehead State Eagles. Jenkins averaged 28 points a game as a junior at Allen Central.

For Allen Central to pave a way to the regional tournament, Howard must take the lead and do just that — lead. Of late, the Allen Central scorer has been the target of some pretty stiff defense as he has seen all kinds of defenses. However, only Prestonsburg's John Ortega has been able to slow the scorer.

Gary Hunter has turned up his game another notch and playing with the ability that everyone knew he had. Hunter seems to be more confident on the hardwood now, something Coach Martin said he lacked in the previous two seasons at Allen Central, "and still does."

"Gary has had a very good year for us," said Martin, "but he still is hesitant in taking some shots."

Hunter will challenge the inside game of any team and also, like Howard, can shoot the three's.

Edmond Slone, if he stays out of foul trouble, can dominate an inside game with his quickness and being left-handed seems to help. Slone, once on his game, likes the short jumpers, the quick moves to the basket and can hit the treys also.

No one has improved their play like Nick Samons. Samons has a complete game now, offensively,

but may tire on defense some. But he is a solid point guard and runs the team as well as anyone. The biggest improvement has been in his outside scoring, where he can consistently hit from the three-point arch. A very good play-maker.

Jesse Hall fills the power forward slot and fills it well. Hall gives Allen Central some rebounding power on the inside but he, like the other four, shoots well from the three-point circle.

The Allen Central bench has gotten deeper as the season progressed, although it is very, very young.

"I have a good group of freshmen this year," said the Rebel mentor. "If I just had some size to go with them."

Larry Mullins, a freshman, is one of the first to come off the pines and gives relief at the point guard position. But Mullins, gives Coach Martin another solid outside threat, despite his lack of size. He is an excellent ball handler and sees the court very well.

Mullins started the game against Leslie County and Sheldon Clark.

Rodney Scott, a freshman, spells the big men around the basket, and what lies ahead for this young man is only good things on the basketball court. He has good size, good hands and average speed, but he knows what to do with the basketball. He also got the start against both Leslie County and Sheldon Clark.

No one works harder when he arrives on the court than Brian Jones. Maybe he works a little too hard, finding himself in foul difficulty often. But he bangs the boards

and moves the opposition around when on the court. He has improved his scoring and is now contributing offensively.

Freshman Nathan Tackett is another one of the talented Allen Central freshmen. Tackett, a good shooter, plays team ball and is an unselfish player.

"Nathan has been playing good basketball for us," said Coach Martin.

The Allen Central coach is not certain if he will return to the former lineup or stay with the younger players.

"I haven't decided just yet," he said.

Not many teams in the region, outside of Prestonsburg and Paintsville, have been able to match up with the Rebels. Coach Martin believes if his team makes the regional tournament, they will do well.

"South Floyd is going to be a real test for us," he said. "They are playing better basketball. They beat Elkhorn City and gave Shelby Valley a good game until the second half."

### OFF THE PINES

Allen Central has others on the bench who can contribute and Jeremy Hayes is another one of the talented freshmen at Allen Central. John Goble is as good an outside scorer that you will find in the county and will get his chance to show is ability.

Add Josh Howell, Jon Hall, David Twiss, Patrick Martin and Leslie Slone and you have a long bench, but very young.



**Needs strong outing**

Allen Central's Edmond Slone (10) has been a consistent scorer this season and he will need to continue his play as the Rebels open district tournament play Thursday night at Prestonsburg. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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# Playing fundamental basketball priority for Bobcats

by Ed Taylor  
 Sports Editor

When the 58th District basketball tips off tonight, the Betsy Layne Bobcats will carry the distinction of being the only team in the county to have played the Prestonsburg Blackcats, the number one seed, close.

Tonight, the two teams will tangle for round three in a 8 p.m. start pitting the one seed against the fourth seed.

Both times the two teams faced

off in the regular season, Prestonsburg held an 18-point lead at halftime. Both times, in the second half, Betsy Layne found a way to shoot their way back into the game.

"At Prestonsburg, after trailing by 18 at the half, we cut the lead down to three with four minutes to play," said Betsy Layne coach Tim Rice. "They came up here and had us down 18 points and we came back and cut it to six points with two minutes to go."

Coach Rice says the season has

gone much as expected but there have been disappointing moments as well as good ones.

"Before the season started we went over our schedule and I thought we would win," Rice said. "I thought if we won ten games and improved during the year, I thought that would be a pretty good accomplishment after playing three players who never played much varsity ball."

Coach Rice said with the district set to begin his team is still not where he expected it to be.

"We played better ball at the first of the year than I had anticipated," he said. "We took a lapse toward Christmas and the month of January to where we just dropped down to where, what I thought, as low as we could go."

But the Bobcats have bounced back in February and is gearing for a run at the district title game. Prestonsburg stands in the way.

"We charted the film on Prestonsburg and on the first shots we out shot them by 10 or 12 percent. But the second and third shots, they were getting, was the difference in the game. They would shoot and miss and Jarvis would rebound and put it back in."

Rice realizes his young team will face one of the region's best and has to play their best basketball to pull out a victory.

"They have so many weapons that you can't say, 'let them beat us from outside,' because if you do they will," he said. "If you stop their perimeter game, they will kill you on the inside."

The Betsy Layne coach said it was hard for his team to match up against Prestonsburg regardless

what defense they try.

"They have five, six or seven good players," he said. "It is hard to match up with them either with a zone or man-to-man. We have played them as well as we can with the talent level we have. In the district tournament, though, you don't know."

Betsy Layne will rest their hopes on the shoulders of senior guard Craig Johnson. Johnson is the team's leading scorer and also leads the team in rebounding, averaging just over seven per game. But Johnson has been the target of some trick defenses over the season but Coach Rice says that is no surprise.

"We anticipated that. I talked with Craig at the first of the year about it," said Coach Rice. "I told him he would see a lot of box-and-one's. Of course every night a team plays us, their best defensive player guards him."

Rice said he felt that Johnson was the premiere perimeter player in the region with his uncanny way of draining the three-point shot.

While Johnson may be collecting his points, he is going to need help from some young players. One of those is Scott Collins, a sophomore, who hasn't had the season many had expected him to have. But Collins is capable of breaking loose and scoring a lot of points.

Center Neil Newsome will have to shoulder some game responsibility as well. Newsome can score inside and is one of the team's leading rebounders.

What remains a mystery is the scoring output of sophomore Adam Tackett. Fans know he is a capable scorer but he hasn't demonstrated that this season. But when it comes

tournament time, Tackett is liable to turn it up another notch.

When Coach Rice spoke of his team he mention their inconsistency. But he also contributed that to youth, being a young basketball team. One sophomore who can burn the nets from outside is Justin Bartley, but he has been one of those who has shown inconsistency.

There some promising players

on the Betsy Layne bench and Michael Gross is one of those. A left hander, Gross can shoot the lights out from the arch. Gross is the type of player who may be a little too unselfish. He needs to look more for his shot.

Bradley Brooks, a sophomore, is a good one. A hard-nose player in the and around the basket. A good scorer from 10-12 feet out, something that is missing with most teams today.

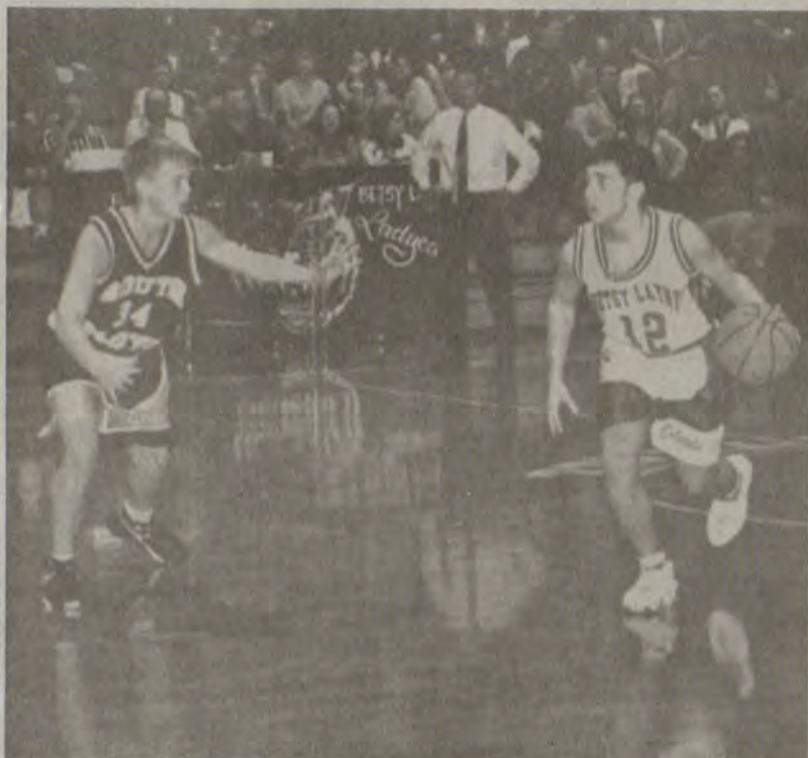
Dougie Kidd has seen much playing time of late and here is a sophomore who can score from the three-point circle. Good man off the bench.

Byron Stapleton, Anthony Tackett, Dwayne Keathley and Kenneth Johnson give the Bobcats depth off the pines.

Rice said his team must play well and above all shoot the ball well.

"If we shoot the ball good we are a good team," he said. "Because we don't do other things well to compensate for a bad shooting night. Rebounding has been a thorn in our side all year. We take care of the ball fairly well. We don't make very many turnovers."

Betsy Layne will have to do it all if they are to climb over the Prestonsburg obstacle.



**Three-pointer**

Justin Bartley (12) of Betsy Layne is one of the top three-point shooters in the district. Bartley and the Bobcats must take care of the basketball as they face Prestonsburg Wednesday night at Prestonsburg. (photo by Ed Taylor)



**Floor leader**

Betsy Layne's Craig Johnson will have to be on his game tonight at Prestonsburg as the Bobcats meet Prestonsburg. Johnson is averaging over 20 points this season.

# Newsome: Making big baskets essential for Lady Cats

by Ed Taylor  
 Sports Editor

Veteran Betsy Layne coach Bill Newsome has never had a losing season since he has coached at Betsy Layne High School. The Lady Cats have been one of the top success stories in the 15th Region and 58th District. But the Betsy Layne coach may be seeing the hand writ-

ing on the wall this year.

"We are on the verge of having our first losing season," he said, before his team faced Johnson Central last week. "As far as discipline goes, things have gone pretty well this year. I haven't had anyone quit the team. We haven't had any trouble."

But the Betsy Layne coach will tell you honestly that his team hasn't

performed as they should have.

"We haven't got as many wins and we haven't played as good as we wanted to," he said, "but we are not loaded with talent either. I'll just tell it like it is."

Betsy Layne faces Prestonsburg in Thursday night's first game of the 58th District tournament at Prestonsburg. But the Betsy Layne coach says the players are not down on themselves but believe they can win it.

"They have been talking about it in practice," said Newsome. "They are saying, 'Hey, we can beat Prestonsburg on Thursday night.' As long as we have them believing that, we can pull it off even though we are playing them on their home floor."

Prestonsburg claimed a 40-point win over Betsy Layne earlier in the season at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse but had to hold on to win by three at home. Coach Newsome said his team had chances to win the game.

"A made basket here and a taking care of the ball late, and we could have own the game," he said. "We are still trying to fine tune our skills. Again, we are not loaded with an abundance of talent."

While the Lady Cats may not have the talent other teams have, according to their coach, still they have one of the top guards in the 15th Region in junior Jessica Clark.

Clark is a strong inside player but plays mostly on the outside. Why is she better inside? She takes the ball inside mostly and is hard to contain along the baselines. She has an excellent soft touch in close and hard to stop on the drive to the basket. She draws a lot of fouls and is

an excellent free-throw shooter.

"Jessica, along with Amanda (Hall), is going have to do it for us from the outside," said the Betsy Layne mentor. "Jessica has had a good season for us."

Clark is averaging close to 18 points per game and is dishing off assists at four a game. A good rebounder as well.

Hall runs the team at the point guard slot, although she is not a natural point guard.

"But she is the best we have out there," said Coach Newsome. "We don't have a true point guard, but Amanda does an adequate job for us."

Hall is the designated three-point shooter for the Lady Cats. She is quick and has good speed. A very good free-throw shooter.

"Both Jessica and Amanda are going to have to handle the ball and limited our turnovers to 10 or less against Prestonsburg," said Newsome.

Injuries have plagued the Lady Cats this season and Leslie Hopkins has been hurt of late. Rachael Thompson is listed as day-to-day in returning to the team.

"Hopefully, Rachel will be back," said Newsome. "She was supposed to get released Wednesday (today) and that is only one day before the tournament."

Leslie Hopkins hasn't been able to practice with Betsy Layne with a nagging injury. Her availability may be less than expected.

"Leslie is going to have to perform for us, if she gets back," said Newsome. "In practice she hasn't been able to go."

Hopkins is one of the "tall trio" that Betsy Layne has. Pounding the

ball inside is very much part of the Betsy Layne offense.

"Heather Kidd has to come through for us," said Coach Newsome.

Kidd has been inconsistent this season and has lived in foul trouble. She is a strong rebounder, but is needed in the game more.

Sabrina Yates has had a strong last month of the season. As goes Clark and Yates so go the Lady Cats. Yates is dangerous around the paint area and gets a lot of old-fashioned three-point tries. A strong worker on the boards. She can score in the paint area.

Freshman Jenny Parsons has seen a lot of playing time and Coach Newsome said that she must be part of the offense against Prestonsburg.

"She has to perform good for us," he said. "She had a great game the other night against Prestonsburg. She played a great game."

Heather Hamilton will relieve at the guard spots and Coach Newsome said her contribution was vital.

"Heather has to come in and help us handle the ball when our girls get in foul trouble, and that is a lot, almost every game," he said.

Samantha Maynard is another that must contribute, according to the Betsy Layne coach.

"We have a good player in Denise Jones," said Newsome. "She is just a freshman but she has some confidence now and I have tried to show confidence in her all year. She tells me before every game, 'Coach, I'm ready!'"

Sheena Akers is one of the top reserves for the Lady Cats and could start at a lot of places. She rebounds well, scores and plays solid defense.

She will need to do all three against the Lady Blackcats.

**OTHERS TO WATCH**

Leslie Hamilton, Courtney Hall, and Courtney Hall.



**Carries Lady Cats' hope**

Jessica Clark, Betsy Layne, will help carry the hopes of the Lady Cats Thursday night at Prestonsburg when the 58th District basketball tournament tips off. Betsy Layne faces Prestonsburg.



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# When it is district tournament time, anything can happen

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The second season. It is here. We have played since December 1, 1997 and now we have closed one season and ready for the second one.

The 58th District Tournament is being played at Prestonsburg this year and the old gym (opened in 1957) has seen a lot of good games, and a lot of good players have dribbled the basketball on its hardwood.

This year's tournament may not be as exciting as in past years with coach Jack Pack's Prestonsburg Blackcats a heavy favorite to win the boys' division and coach Anthony Moore's Allen Central Lady Rebels carrying the favorites role in the girls' ranks.

But as anyone knows, when it comes tournament time, anything can happen. A team that is not expected to do much, can all of a sudden rise and knock off a favored team. It is possible.

That is what makes the tournament so special. Anything can happen! Coach Pack's team finished with an unblemished 6-0 record in the conference, winning the conference title for the second straight year. The Blackcats will be shooting for their third consecutive district crown.

This ball club is so balanced and can beat you so many ways. But the Blackcats fell at home to Sheldon Clark in closing out the season. They played a gruesome schedule and could have gotten a little tired at the end.

Allen Central, like the Prestonsburg boys, went 6-0 in the girls' conference but did not look like a dominating team in doing so. They have struggled with their defense, handling the press and free-throw shooting. But this team won when they had to and that is why they are the number one seed.

Coach Moore's ball club suffered a loss of one of their key players since

January and had to make adjustments in the starting lineup. But that didn't hurt the Lady Rebs as they showed a strong finish at the end of the year.

### BOYS

Allen Central continues to be threat to Prestonsburg in unseating them for a district title. But the Rebels have had trouble in containing the big men of Prestonsburg in the first two games. Of course, Allen Central must get past a good South Floyd team in the opening game.

Betsy Layne is the first to tackle the Blackcats in an attempt to unseat them as district champions. The Bobcats are the only county teams to play the Blackcats close.

South Floyd has come on strong in the final three weeks of the season. Could be that Coach Henry Webb has the Raiders ready for a final charge.

### GIRLS

Prestonsburg has impressed me over the last six weeks. Coach Jackie Day Crisp team has gotten their game together and, after putting in the pressing game, has been scoring a lot of points off of it.

Betsy Layne has had an up and down season, but Coach Bill Newsome feels his team may be peaking now, and if so, it couldn't have come at a better time.

South Floyd will have to meet Allen Central in a first-round game and that isn't good. But Coach John Martin is not ready to concede the game to the Lady Rebels. He has his team playing better basketball.

The tournament is always exciting, and even though some things may be missing from this year's event, still Prestonsburg is a great place to watch a ball game.

I love covering the games and writing about the kids. this will make number 10 for me, and I have enjoyed them all. Good luck to all our county teams. I'll be there and see you at the regional tournaments.

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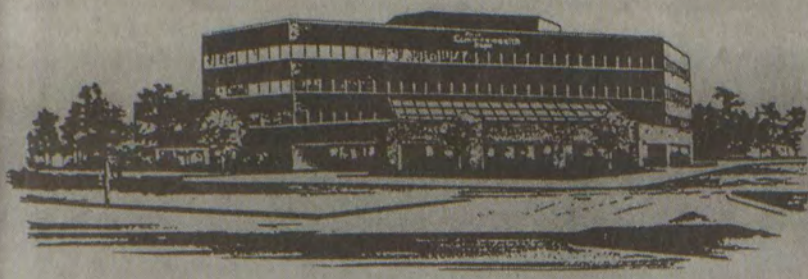
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## P'burg has complete team in run for title

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Prestonsburg Blackcats will be shooting for their third straight 58th District championship when the tournament gets underway this coming Wednesday.

The Big Show will be staged at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse amidst all the glamour that a district tournament could have. The newly-painted Fieldhouse will come alive with fans, students, players and coaches when it tips off tonight.

Coach Jackie Pack has made a mark since coming to Prestonsburg three seasons ago. He has put together

one of the strongest and most consistent teams Prestonsburg has ever dressed.

It will be the final district tournament for two of the top players to come out of Floyd County. Wes Samons and Andy Jarvis will be performing in their final one and fittingly it should be held at Prestonsburg.

For the Blackcats, all teams will be shooting for them as they try once again to make the regional tournament. The Blackcats will face the Betsy Layne Bobcats in the opening round and when you face a team three times, it is not always that easy to win a third time, especially at tournament time.

But this will be a focused Prestonsburg team as they set their sites on yet another district title. Allen Central is the last team to win three straight titles and the Blackcats will be shooting to do just that.

The Blackcats will be led by All-Conference player Andy Jarvis (6'6") and senior guard Wes Samons. Jarvis is the teams' leading scorer and rebounder. He is averaging just over 24 points per game and is pulling down 15 rebounds per outing.

Stopping the inside game of Jarvis is going to be a tall order for Betsy Layne as it has been for all teams this year. Jarvis is able to position himself so well under the basket and has great hands in catching the basketball. His smoothness around the basket makes him tough to handle.

But there is a second and third phase of Jarvis' game. His rebounding ability is second to none. His ability to position himself, especially on the offensive boards, allows him

to score many of his points.

Phase three: His defensive ability goes unrecognized by many. His shot-blocking scheme intimidates anyone who journeys into the lane. No big man runs the floor as well as Jarvis.

But getting the ball to Jarvis requires timely passing and John Ortega is one of the best around. Ortega, who plays the point for the Blackcats, sees the court so well and guides the team.

Ortega has stepped up his game offensively as well and that has made Prestonsburg a better team. He is looking for his shots in the last month of the season and it has shown. Ortega is the team's top defensive player.

Samons is Mr. Everything on the floor for Prestonsburg. His experience as a basketball player cannot be measured just in points only. Like Ortega, he can make the pinpoint passes to the middle, pull up and hit the short jumper, or drain a three-pointer. His quickness and first-step speed is uncanny at times. His ability to wade in and get a key rebound is not unusual.

Joe Campbell is an unsung hero for this ball club. He is just a junior, but quietly goes about his duty of getting the job done. No one plays as hard as he does once on the floor. Lost in the shadows, to the fans, not the coach, of Jarvis, Samons and Ortega, when the game is on the line, Campbell is the man to look to.

A solid defensive player, something he has improved on this year, Campbell will step outside the circle and knock down a trey or he will shoot off the baseline and bury a long jumper. He is deceptively

quick.

It was a great day when football player Nathan Leslie decided he wanted to return to the hardwood his junior season. His strength and quickness for a big man makes him one of the top big men in the region.

Leslie has improved so much since the season began after getting his basketball legs. He gives the Blackcats something other teams wish for, a solid night-in and night-out player who comes to play. Runs the court very well for a big man and can shoot the jumper from 12-feet in.

Jason Keathley started at the beginning of the year. But has been coming off the bench since January. But he is a valuable tool in the mix for the Blackcats to repeat. A solid basketball player with good range from outside. He likes to play the baseline and does it well.

One of the first off the Blackcats bench will be Kyle Conley, who will relieve at the guard positions. Conley gives Prestonsburg another three-point threat from the outside. He handles the ball well and plays hard-nose defense.

Kalen Harris has seen a lot of playing time for Prestonsburg this season. Harris roams underneath the basket and will play a power forward slot.

Coach Pack has other capable hands in Russ Music, Adam Bailey, Seth Crisp, Eric Price, John Dixon and Robbie Holbrook.

**KEYS...**

Prestonsburg, as stated, has a complete team. They can beat you so many ways. If there is a weakness it may be on the defensive side of the basketball, but even there, the Blackcats have had a good year.



One of state's best

Andy Jarvis (24) of Prestonsburg has been one of the top scorers and rebounders in the state this season. Jarvis and his Blackcat team will meet Betsy Layne tonight in first-round tournament action.



**Needed**

The Prestonsburg Blackcats open tournament play tonight at home in the 58th District tournament. Joe Campbell (13) has been one of the top scorers for Prestonsburg this season. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Hurting Lady Blackcats must make adjustments

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The period from October 15 until December 1 is the time for practice, practice, practice and then a panorama or two. For most basketball coaches, even the almost two month period is not enough to get your philosophy across to your

team and especially if you are a first-year coach.

That was the scenario for Prestonsburg Lady Blackcat coach Jackie Day Crisp as he took the helm of the Prestonsburg program this year and had to learn his players, teams he would play against, and what defense to play.

"It took me this long to learn

what we could play and what system to put in," said Crisp in an earlier season interview.

But now it is tournament time and the new coach could have had his team just where he wanted them if bad luck had not hit.

As of this writing, it was doubtful that Shelly Greathouse would play again this year after suffering an injury against Sheldon Clark three weeks ago. Greathouse was the team's leading scorer with a 17 points per game average.

Coach Crisp said the scoring guard was more than just points on the scoreboard.

"I don't know if we can handle the press without her in the game," he said. "Her being on the floor helped us handle it a lot easier."

But Coach Crisp and the rest of the Prestonsburg team knows that basketball is a team sport and he may have his team primed for a run at a district championship.

While the Lady Blackcats did fare well overall during the season, they did play well against county foes and finished second in the conference, good for a second seed in tonight's district tournament.

Prestonsburg will face the Lady Cats of Betsy Layne, a team that has had a down season. But the last time the two teams squared off, Prestonsburg struggled to a three-point win.

With Greathouse out, the scoring slack has been picked up sophomore guard Brandi Wells and freshman Amelia Conley. Jessi Burke has come off the bench, by choice, in the second half of the season and done an excellent job. Burke felt that she could contribute more by doing so.

She is a strong inside player and has developed an excellent shot from the free-throw line. Rebounds well and gets a lot of garbage baskets. A very unselfish basketball player and an asset to this team.

Conley has drawn the raves of many with the way she has come in and contributed as a freshman. Conley dominates the middle and is the team's leading rebounder. She is averaging close to 12 points per game.

Like Burke, doesn't hesitate to take the short jumper or move out from the basket and score. She runs the court very well.

Wells is a story in herself. She can be a thorn in the other team's side or just gets lost in the offense. She has been more consistent in the last month of the season and has been playing good basketball.

She scores a lot off the Prestonsburg press and has good speed.

While Coach Crisp has no set starting lineup, he mixes it up every time out, who he does start can perform well. This is a good basketball team that hasn't really shown their ability until late and the improvement can be traced to the improved play on defense. Prestonsburg likes to trap half-court and, with the height they have, smaller guards are at their mercy.

Ladonna Slone is one of those who makes the defense goes. While Slone herself has been hurt, she will be ready for the district tournament. She is one of the team's top rebounders and can score 10-12 points a game. Works hard and plays hard, maybe a little too hard. She is foul-prone and seems to live in foul trouble. A good player

around the basket.

Speed, speed and more speed. Then think of Crystal Slone, who has also been a starter this season. Slone is just quick. Her first step speed gives her an advantage over her defensive person. A good defensive player who knows how to use her speed well.

Kimi Nunnery is a very good basketball player. But she does not get the recognition of being a complete team player. She can score, yes. Rebound, yes. But she is always looking for the open person to get the ball to. She needs to look more for her shot.

Brooke Coleman, a freshman, and a sometime starter, is the spark plug for this club. Seems to just enjoy the game of basketball so much. She plays hard and is a solid outside threat from the arch. A good assist person and runs the court very well.

Sarah Mollett, as everyone knows, is a sophomore who transferred in at the start of the season. She gives Prestonsburg good size in the middle and can score. Needs to adjust more to the program but is going to be a good one.

**OTHERS TO WATCH**

Nicole Samons, Angela Howell, Stephanie Adams and

Brittany Hites. Four good young players.

**KEYS**

Execution. The Lady Blackcats must execute well offensively and score out of their defense. Taking care of the basketball is always a good requirement for any ball club and Prestonsburg must do that.

This team has improved enough to be taken serious as a tournament contender.



Out for tournament

Shelly Greathouse (23) of Prestonsburg will miss the 58th District tournament when it tips off tonight at Prestonsburg. Greathouse, a junior, was the team's leading scorer. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Just a frosh

Amelia Conley (44) will be in the middle when the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats entertain Betsy Layne Thursday night in the first round of the 58th District tournament.

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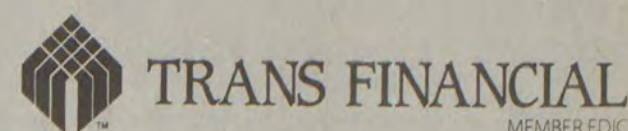
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# Lady Raiders are playing better, but...

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

When it comes tournament time records of the regular season happenings don't really count except in fan appeal and seeding.

For the South Floyd Lady Raiders, finding a way to solve an old problem is the important thing right now. The problem needing solved are the Allen Central Lady

Rebels.

New coach John Martin will hope to find a solution tonight when the two teams tip off the 58th District tournament at Prestonsburg in the very first game at 6:30 p.m.

There are some questions that must be asked.

Question: Can the Lady Raiders take care of the basketball against the Allen Central pressure defense?

Question: Can South Floyd shoot a good enough percentage from the field to score an upset of the number-one seed?

Question: Will the Lady Raiders find the free-throw line friendly, because Allen Central fouls a lot of their defense?

The answer to question number one will have to come from a more discipline half-court offense, once the ball arrives there. South Floyd has been a little lackadaisical on their passing around the perimeter this season. But in all fairness, they have shown a vast improvement under Coach Martin.

The answer to question number two will depend on how patient the Lady Raiders are on offense and the what kind of game Olivia Stewart and Misty Berger has. Shawna Hall shoots a high percentage inside, but can the Lady Raiders get the ball into the paint area against the 2-3 zone Allen Central will employ once they drop back into their half-court defense?

Question number three is an easy one because the Lady Raiders have improved from the free-throw line.

There will be other questions, but they will have to wait an answer at another time.

South Floyd has known what it is to win three games in a row, because they accomplished that this season by winning over Piarist, Magoffin County and Millard. The Lady Raiders, in spite of having a 6-18 record heading into the tournament, are playing with a lot more confidence of late.

Whether South Floyd can pull off a major upset of the top-ranked Lady Rebels is considered a "silly question" by some. But you have to remember anything can happen in tournament play. You have to remember a 3-21 Wheelwright girls' team pulled off the shocker of all shockers when they upset a favored McDowell team in a first round game, only to fall to Betsy Layne in 1988-89 district.

The improved play of the Lady Raiders could be contributed to the improvement shown in Martha Crawford, just a sophomore. Crawford is the team's three-point

scorer and plays the point. For Crawford, she must concentrate while facing the zone of Allen Central's. Moving with the basketball will be very important.

Misty Berger, Olivia Stewart and Shawna Hall are the trio that must get the job done on the inside. Hall is very effective inside and likes the middle shot from 8-10 feet out.

Berger can kill a defense if she is hitting from the arch. She is a good scorer from outside and runs the court very well.

Stewart, a senior, has really stepped up her game lately. She is a solid offensive player and is a hard worker on the boards.

Margaret Morgan will be at one guard slot and doesn't look to score that much. She is a capable scorer from outside but is a team leader.

### OFF THE PINES

Remember. This is a young team that last year had nine freshmen which means this year they are sophomores. That is good for the future of South Floyd girls' basketball. But the lack of experience on the bench could be costly. But there are some goods on there.

For instance, Angie Tackett, the tallest player on the team. Look for Tackett in early to fill the middle position. She is a strong rebounder, but hesitant to put the ball up to the basket.

Monica Newsome, a freshman this year, is a very good offensive player who has seen a lot of playing time. A strong defensive player and outside scorer.

Lindsay Hall, a freshman, left-handed and just an outstanding athlete. Runs track and takes part on the cross-country team. She can run all day. Likes the short jumpers, and has been known to bury a trey now and then.

Minnie Tackett plays softball and is another of the many good athlete's on this team. Strong inside player and handles the ball well.

### OTHERS TO WATCH:

Sonya Tackett, Jamie Slone, Stacia

Stanley, Brandy Damron and Brooks Hamilton.

### KEYS

Again, taking care of the basketball, shooting well from the outside and hitting the boards. South Floyd must create an offense against the Allen Central zone and hit the outside shot.



In the middle

The South Floyd Lady Raiders will meet Allen Central in the first game of the 58th District tournament at Prestonsburg tonight. South Floyd has been playing good basketball of late. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Olivia Stewart

# New coach could be spark Raiders need

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

If the South Floyd Raiders' basketball team needs a spark for the 58th District tournament, which tips off tonight at



Raider scorer

Justin Holbrook (14) will need to put up shots like this Thursday night at Prestonsburg when the South Floyd Raiders meet Allen Central in a first-round game against Allen Central in the 58th District tournament.

Prestonsburg, then new head coach Henry Webb may just be the igniter.

The Raiders will meet number-two seed Allen Central in a 8 p.m. game on Thursday at the fieldhouse.

Allen Central owns two wins over the Raiders but this could be a different looking team that played the Rebels back on January 13, the first game that Webb coached as head man of the Raiders.

South Floyd looks to be playing with much more confidence in the final three weeks of the regular season. The owned a big win over Elkhorn City, the number one seed in the 60th District. They played well against Shelby Valley before losing to the Wildcats to close out their regular season.

While the Raiders lack the "luster player," they do have some very exciting and good players. This is a group of young men who plays as a team. They know each other and each other knows their limits.

The Raiders are a quick team which has some spring in their legs. They are a good rebounding team with a rather deep bench.

Coach Webb has instilled into his team a team concept and each player cheers for the other.

Justin Holbrook leads the team in scoring and brings more than just a double figure average (17 ppg). He is a leader on the floor and handles the basketball well. Holbrook can buried the trey or go hard to the basket.

Justin Paige, a junior, is a strong inside player and leads the team in rebounds. A solid inside/outside player, Paige also can hit the trey and likes the base lines.

Nick Compton may have a lot of football talent but he has basketball savvy as well. A strong leaper and plays hard all the time. Had been injured but is at 100 percent now. Compton is the type of player that can come

out and dominate a game or seem to disappear at times.

Guard play is handled by a couple of good ones in Ryan Shannon and Coby Little. Little runs the team at the point and can not be left unattended or he will do more than light up your life: he will light up the scoreboard from the three-point arch.

Ryan Shannon plays the wing and don't let his size fool you. He can shoot the basketball from anywhere on the court and loves to take the ball to the basket.

If there is a success story for the Raiders it has to be the play of Timmy Butler who just has been amazing this year. Last year he dropped off from the team but came back this season with a new attitude and it has shown.

Butler is first to come off the Raider bench and many wonder why he isn't starting. But some players are just meant to come in from the pines and Butler is one of those.

His leaping ability is unmatched around the region, and we are mentioning the big timber he has had to face. A solid defensive player, Butler has developed his shot and can nail a trey with the best of them. He truly is a good success story.

To talk about determination and willingness to work hard, Ricky Ward is the two words. His work habit is second to none and he is very valuable to the Raiders. He has played of late and will give some quality minutes for Coach Webb during the district.

Nathan Reed has played all season and plays the middle for the Raiders. Reed is a strong rebounder and can take the short jumper in the middle. A good ball handler as well.

The rest of the Raider bench is young but has loads of talent. They are the talk of the region when you mention good young play-

ers. Landon Frazier gives help at the guard slots and has a nice touch from the outside. Byron Hall is drawing the raves of many as a top notch sophomore. Contributing? Jimmy Stumbo has been doing that all season and is deceiving quick around the basket. Plays hard and fans like that in a player.

There are others: Kyle Tackett, P.J. Hall, and Ryan Manns. They all have contributed

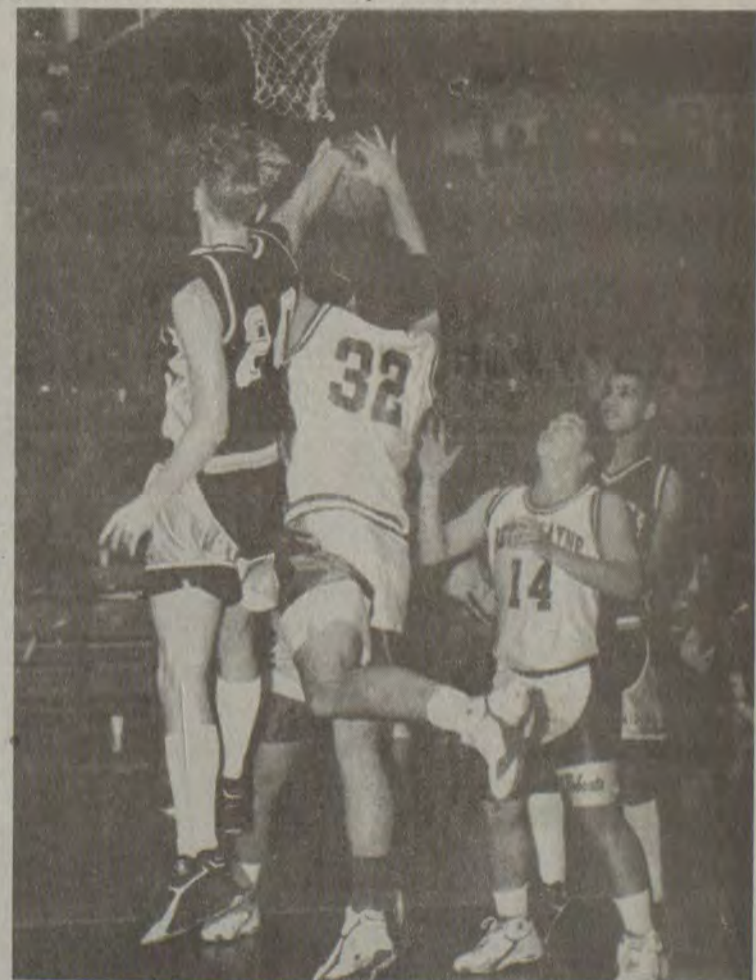
this season.

South Floyd will have to take care of the basketball against one of the better defensive teams in the region, Allen Central. The Raiders will have to shoot well from the floor and stop the running game of the Runnin' Rebels.

Coach Webb will have his team primed and if there is a need for some inspiration, he will provide that as well.

### Good defender

South Floyd's Justin Paige (20) will help lead the Raiders into tournament play Thursday night when they take on the Allen Central Rebels. Paige is the team's second leading scorer. The Raiders dropped their two regular season games to the Rebels but closed out the regular season strong. (photo by Ed Taylor)

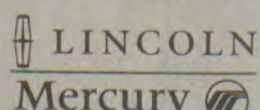


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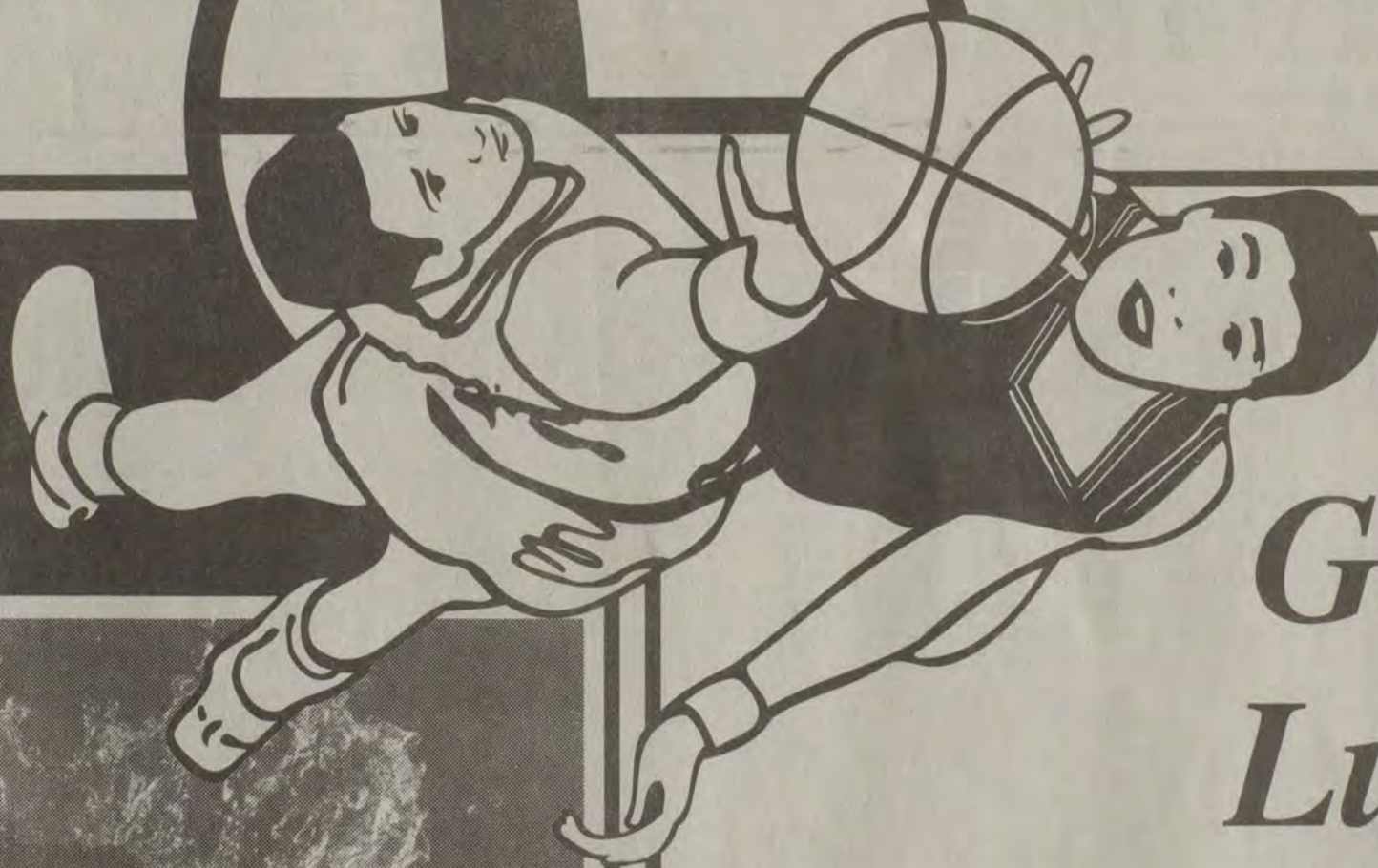
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