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Insurance will cover \$300K in city losses from lawsuits

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

The city of Prestonsburg's insurance company has already shelled out \$220,000 to compensate eleven area residents who allegedly contracted histoplasmosis when the city's old fire station was demolished in July 1995.

And earlier this week, a jury found the city to be 95 percent liable in the only case which was not settled out of court and awarded \$82,301.78 to Douglas Crace, who alleged he became infected

with the disease while tearing down the building.

City attorney Paul Burchett said Thursday that insurance premiums usually raise when insurance companies have to pay damages from lawsuits, but he could not say if the city's premiums would be affected.

"I can't answer that," Burchett said when asked if the city's insurance premiums would increase because of the settlements. "I don't know in all honesty."

Burchett acknowledged that it is "very possible" for the city to be required to

pay higher insurance premiums, but added that he has received "no indication that they will."

"I can make a general statement that the more losses you have, the higher risk you are, and the more the premiums," the city attorney said.

Titan Indemnity, the city's insurance company, has already paid out \$220,000 in eleven out-of-court settlements ranging from \$2,000 to \$48,000, Burchett said.

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Governor vows to make kids a priority

by Lisa Carnahan
KPA News Bureau

Gov. Paul Patton asked legislators to put aside their political agendas and egos and work together in a bipartisan effort during the 1998 General Assembly.

"I came here to make things happen ... and I know you did too," said Patton in his State of the Commonwealth address Tuesday night. "If we work together in common cause, forgetting ego and political gain, we can make a difference in the lives of all Kentuckians. That's what the people of Kentucky expect... that's what our children deserve and we should deliver no less."

The governor called on legislators to dedicate the final session of the 20th century to the children of Kentucky.

"Not only are they the object of our affection, the reason we work from daylight to dark, the joy that makes life worth living, they're our future, the people who'll build the Kentucky of tomorrow, the ones we will depend on when we're old," said Patton.

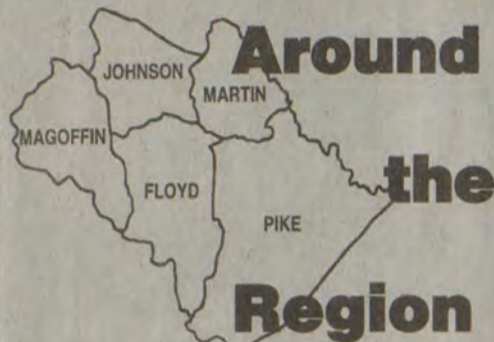
The overall state of the commonwealth is good, according to Patton, who cited 14 years of uninterrupted economic expansion in the state, a growing population, and the lowest unemployment rate in 20 years.

The state's budget surplus, now estimated at \$223 million, should be spent on one-time projects such as roads, water and sewer project and recreational facilities, Patton said. But even with the windfall, the governor's budget for next two years will be lean. Patton said there would be limited funds to start new programs and continue current ones.

The governor pledged to honor the commitments made to higher education in the reform legislation passed in the May special session. He indicated one of his focuses for the regular session would be a plan to make college more affordable.

"The time has now come for Kentucky to begin a major new initiative to help the students of Kentucky and their parents pay the cost of a postsecondary education," said Patton. "If we're

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Around the Region

Accused contractor gets repair work

Budget to get close scrutiny in session

Lawmakers identify the budget as the number one priority for the state in the coming legislative session.

Kentucky will have a \$222.6 million budget surplus this fiscal year, over \$12 million less than the governor and legislators had planned on.

The reductions come from fewer sales tax dollars than previously estimated and tax collection programs in Eastern Kentucky that have not met projections yet.

The surplus has sparked funding requests nearly triple the money available, including sports and recreational facilities across the state.

Some legislators view the surplus money as the means to continue the higher education reforms begun in last May's special session and will also propose legislation to reform the ac-

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Losing battle

Traffic between Allen and Martin was halted for nearly 5 hours Thursday as the Allen Volunteer Fire Department worked to control a house fire near the Elliot curve on Route 1428. The Martin, Maytown, Cow Creek and Betsy Layne fire departments assisted with the structure fire. One lane of the road was opened to traffic around 5 p.m.

photo by
Chris McDavid



Judge violates state-mandated policy by okaying early release

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Floyd County District Judge James R. Allen violated a policy required by state law Thursday when he released a woman charged with domestic violence before she had served a mandatory 24-hours in jail.

Jodi Collins of Prestonsburg was lodged at the Floyd County Jail at 11:37 a.m. Wednesday after a domestic dispute at the residence of her estranged husband, Gorman Collins Jr. She was charged with domestic violence and criminal mischief.

Collins was released from jail at 8:55 a.m. Thursday on Allen's order after her husband "insisted" that she be freed,

Allen said.

After Jodi Collins was released from jail, a petition for an involuntary mental evaluation was filed by her mother, Allen said, but it couldn't be served because the defendant had already been released.

Judge Allen then issued a warrant for Ms. Collins' arrest.

"I didn't know about the mental petition and that's why I issued a bench warrant to bring her back," Allen said. "I was disturbed about it and I took quick action to get her back."

Gorman Collins took his wife to Mountain Comprehensive Care to comply with the provisions of the involuntary evaluation order and he later delivered her to the jail to serve her remaining time.

"I try to stick to the 24-hour thing, but her husband insisted he didn't want that," Allen said.

Gorman Collins said Thursday that he told Judge Allen he did not want to press charges.

"I think it was a mistake that she was arrested," he said.

Police logs indicate Collins admitted, however, that he called police to his residence. He said Thursday that he did not try to stop police from arresting his estranged wife, but said he had called them "to scare her."

Collins said he regrets his effort to have his wife released early.

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The week ahead...

Live Coverage...

You can watch Kentucky's General Assembly in action by following live coverage offered by Kentucky Educational Television.

Defense! PHS Dance Cats set to defend their national title

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Forget about meeting Louie in St. Louis, but look for the Prestonsburg Dance Cats as they travel to St. Louis, Missouri, today in defense of their national title in the city labeled the "Gateway to the West".

Coach Jodi Shepherd is hoping her squad can do a repeat of what they accomplished last year, being named National Champions in the Jazz and Pom divisions.

"I have a lot of confidence in the girls and I know they can do it again," said Jodi. "These girls have worked real hard in getting ready to

go. They practiced over the Christmas break, and they want to go back and win it again."

The Dance Cats have good memories of last year's championship, but part of the trip they just soon forget when their bus broke down on the journey back home.

"It was quite an experience," said Leslie Stout, a senior. "One we would just as soon forget."

But the experience had some good moments as well.

"A group of church ladies came and got us and fixed us a dinner," said Kate Hyden. "That was nice of them."

Prestonsburg took the national

honor in Jazz last year and placed a strong second in the Pom routine, which they say is more difficult.

"I think the Pom's are a lot harder than the Jazz," said Hyden. "The Jazz is slower but the Poms are nothing but energy. We hope to win in both divisions this year. Jodi is such a great coach."

The Dance Cats called in some outside help in getting ready for this year's competition.

"We brought in a choreographer from California, Rey Lozano, who had worked with two other national champions," said Jodi. "We also had

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REPEAT...The Prestonsburg High School Dance Cats will begin the defense of their national title today in St. Louis. The squad captured top honors in Pom and Jazz last year.

Dance Cats

Stacia Hodges, also from California, to come in and fine tune their routine."

Nineteen girls will make the trip to St. Louis to compete in the American Spirit Championship. They will compete twice upon arriving in St. Louis.

"When we get down there (Friday) there will be a party for us that night," explained senior Jill Brown. "I will compete individually at 8:30 Saturday morning. Then we will perform as a group at 5:30 Saturday. We will then perform a second time on Sunday."

Brown said the Dance Cats have high expectations of themselves, and they are aware of the expectations the community has for them. Is that added pressure?

"A little bit," she said. "But we are going down there and do our best and not worry about what everyone else does."

Over 200 teams are expected to be in the old Union Station, where

the competition is held, but Jessi Burke said the competition gets stronger every year.

"In our division there will be over 20 teams," she said. "The competition is getting larger every year. But it is real good competition."

"Last year when we went down, we wanted to go and just do our best," said Jodi. "We didn't expect to bring home a national championship. But, this year, a lot more is expected of us. But this team is full of super talent and I know they will do well."

Burke said the thought of returning to St. Louis has her excited.

"I just want to go down there and bring it all back again this year," she said. "It's my last year, and I want to repeat as national champions."

"We have a lot more talent this year than we had last year. This is the strongest this team has been in a

long time. I really think we can do it. But stamina has a lot to do with it, and we have to keep up our stamina."

The success of the program last year has created interest in other girls as well.

"We had about 30 girls come to the clinic we have," explained Stout. "Usually you have about five drop out, and then we have to cut a few. It is hard to cut girls, but it comes down to doing what is best for the team."

While 19 girls will make the trip, more could have been taken.

"We had 21 at the start of the year," said Brown. "But it depends on how good the team is. If there are 25 good girls then we might take 25."

The winners are determined on how they scored during each routine. The scores are then averaged out.

"I don't know how many teams we will be competing against this

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year," said Jodi. "We lost seven seniors from last year's championship team, but we have a lot of young talent on this year's squad."

A new and different team will make the six-hour journey to St. Louis this weekend with the Dance Cats.

"We are taking a junior team of all-stars with us," said Jodi. "They are called the Junior Elite. They will represent 11 grade schools in the county, and consist of 14 dancers."

Shepherd is in her third year working with the local dance team. Her expectations and confidence are high with this year's team, but they can only do as well as they can.

"We have to go down there and do the best we can do," she said. "Every other team down there can do as good as us."

Stout said going to St. Louis is not home, but it's all part of the growing-up process.

"It's all part of the dance team experience," she said. "It's part of growing up. It's taking some challenges and risks you wouldn't ordinarily take."

"Winning last year was quite a surprise to all of us. We put a lot of hard work into it last year, and we are hoping to go back and do the same this year."

Burke said the attitude in how you feel about yourself will come out in the routines in which they are performing.

"It will show your attitude," she said. "If you are not confident, it will show. If you get out there and think, 'I am the best dancer, or we are the best dance team,' it will show."

The returning seniors know about community pride, and they are determined to bring home yet another national championship and hopefully avoid the pitfall of last year in coming home.

"I'm excited," said Burke. "I'm excited too," said Hyden. "We can do it," said Brown. "I agree, we can do it," said Stout.

Budget

countability testing of the Kentucky Education Reform Act.

"I am not so much for golf courses or recreational-type things as I am for educational facilities," said Rep. Steve Nunn, R-Glasgow. Nunn said he is looking for funding to enhance the Western Kentucky University extended campus facility in Glasgow, perhaps complementing a community college and attracting a technical school to enhance the educational opportunities in his district.

Education is also a high priority for Rep. Danny Ford, R-Mt. Vernon, who said the budget surplus means the legislature must be careful in the way they spend it.

Holding the KIRIS educational testing accountable will be part of the tinkering of KERA during the session, Ford said.

"The entire process is not very accountable right now," Ford said. "We've had big contract problems with the firm in New Jersey administering the tests."

Higher education received a \$100 million pledge from the legislature last May, and Senate President Larry Saunders is determined to follow through not only with funding higher education but "all forms of education."

Saunders, D-Louisville, wants

to put \$100 million of this year's budget surplus in a "rainy-day" fund, boosting the current fund of \$200 million to continue programs in case of a downturn in the economy.

The debate over Kentucky's health care is another priority for the legislature this session.

Saunders expects the legislature to pass a bill in the middle of the session to protect consumer reforms in health care and promote competition between health insurance providers.

Ford said he had predicted higher numbers of uninsured people and higher rates from previous legislative reforms.

"I hate to say I told you so," Ford said. "Now, there's got to be some relief and we are looking at several ways to do that. We must have competition."

Legislation designed to protect the environment is another priority for both Gov. Paul Patton and legislators.

In his State of the Commonwealth speech last night, Patton said the beauty of the state is the most commented feature when he travels and that government "must be ever vigilant in our effort to preserve our environment."

A water pollution bill that would

eliminate raw sewage from being dumped by houseboats and marinas is being sponsored by Nunn.

Lakes such as Cumberland, Dale Hollow, Barkley and Kentucky, which currently allow sewage dumping would no longer be able to do so.

Nunn said the legislation has "good support" and the costs of installing holding tanks at marinas would be between \$7,000 to \$10,000. He said marinas could recoup their initial losses by installing the tanks by charging a fee to boats when they were pumped out.

A bottle bill, which failed the House in 1992, is proposed again. The bill is sponsored by House Democratic Leader Greg Stumbo and would charge deposits for recycling drink containers. Estill County teens are urging the General Assembly to pass the bottle bill.

Other areas the General Assembly will consider in the coming weeks include changing motor vehicle taxes to reflect current value of cars instead of the book value, the creation of a children's health care initiative and raising incentive pay for sheriff's deputies and volunteer fire departments across the state.

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Governor

going to maximize participation we must not only make postsecondary education more accessible, we must make it more affordable."

That plan may be a bill backed by some democratic Senate leaders that would tap lottery money for scholarships based solely on academic merit.

Improvements in the criminal justice system will also be a major initiative for the governor. Patton said judges need more tools when dealing juvenile offenders in order to deal with them on a "case-by-case basis." The governor said treatment programs must be available for juvenile offenders "after the first crime, not after the first murder."

Patton also said he wanted the General Assembly to focus on environmental issues. The governor said Kentuckians were paying for the mistakes of their leaders 100 years ago who didn't value education and who allowed mining and logging to "despoil our environment."

"If we are going to continue to enjoy the unique beauty which is Kentucky, then we're going to have to continue to regulate polluting activities, protect our forest and preserve our wildlife," said the governor.

The governor called passage of education reform in 1990, "this General Assembly's finest hour" and noted that while some modifications to KERA were needed, "this is no time to retreat and we will not retreat. We will continue to improve."

Insurance for Kentucky's "working poor"

Thousands of Kentucky's kids slip through the cracks when it comes to insurance coverage. Their parents work, so they don't qualify for Medicaid, but the jobs are either so low paying that affording family insurance premiums is impossible or the employer doesn't even have a health insurance plan.

Gov. Paul Patton unveiled one of the key aspects of his budget this week that would be a major step in closing those cracks.

Patton plans to pump 13 million General Fund dollars into a plan to provide health coverage to the state's uninsured children. The state allotment would qualify Kentucky

for a \$50 million federal block grant if the legislature approves the plan, Patton said it could be up and running by July 1 of this year.

The governor, along with legislators who will push the bill through the Senate and House, announced the plan with John Morse, secretary of the Cabinet for Health Services.

Morse said the proposal would provide insurance coverage to Kentucky's "working poor" and serve as a transition from Medicaid to employer-provided health insurance. The coverage would require a small co-pay from participants and rates would be based on income.

Who will administer the new program has yet to be decided.

"That would be the \$63 million dollar question," said Patton when asked what organization or agency in Kentucky was large enough to run such a program.

"It's been my experience that when there's 63 million new dollars on the table, somebody will build an organization to handle it," said the governor.

Morse said the system would be operated as a managed care system

and noted providing equal access to the state's children would be one of the most difficult aspects of the new program to iron out. One of the complaints concerning managed care in Kentucky is lack of access in rural areas.

Approximately 91,000 children in Kentucky would be eligible for the new program and Morse said officials predict about 80 percent of those could be reached.

Morse also wants to use a small portion of the funds to expand coverage to children 14-18 currently not served by Medicaid.

Rep. Tom Burch, D-Louisville, said the program would give legislators an opportunity to put a new twist on an old phrase.

"We've all heard, 'put your money where your mouth is'... well, this time we can put our money where our kids are," said Burch. "This isn't about building more prisons. It's about giving them some attention before they become so neglected and ignored then that's the only place they're headed. This allows us to try and change the direction this country is headed."

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Coleman, Administrative Law Judge

Prestonsburg attorney John Coleman was sworn in Tuesday as the area's new Administrative Law Judge to preside over worker's compensation cases. Coleman will be located in Pikeville. Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill administered the oath as Coleman's wife looked on. (photo by Susan Allen)

Inez man led from courtroom in tears

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

An Inez man whose driver's license had just been suspended for DUI in Floyd District Court Tuesday was arrested by Prestonsburg Police as he drove away from the courthouse.

But, Wendall Johnson's problems were only beginning.

After Johnson was arrested, officers found a quantity of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in Johnson's coat pocket—the same coat he carefully guarded while appearing in court.

When being arraigned Wednesday morning on additional charges of driving with a license suspended for DUI; failure to wear

seatbelt; possession of marijuana; and possession of drug paraphernalia, Johnson, 20, pleaded guilty.

Assistant county attorney Lance Daniels, obviously disturbed that Johnson had had drugs in the courtroom, recommended a four-month jail term.

"Your honor, drugs were brought into this courtroom, I recommend 120 days in jail, plus court costs," Daniels said.

District Judge James Allen imposed the sentence and chastised Johnson, too.

"You shouldn't ever come to this courtroom under the influence of drugs or with drugs in your possession," Allen said.

Johnson began sobbing and was led from the courtroom in tears.

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Violates (Continued from page one)

"I probably shouldn't have done that," he said.

Under state law, state agencies are required to develop policy and procedures to deal with domestic violence situations. Allen instituted the policy that persons charged with domestic violence must be lodged in jail for 24-hours.

Allen said the situation was "unusual" because the alleged victim in the case wanted the early release, but the judge conceded that he does not grant the requests of "numerous" other alleged victims of domestic violence who plead for those charged to be released early.

"I don't believe I have ever done that before," Allen said.

When asked why he did so in Collins' case, Allen said, "because Gormie was the victim and he requested it. I thought there would be no problem."

When asked if Gormon Collins'

position as a Prestonsburg City Councilman was the reason he was swayed to release the woman, Allen said, "that had absolutely nothing to do with it."

When asked if it seemed that Jodi Collins was further punished by being returned to jail after her release, Allen replied, "I can see (that) point." He added he was trying to "correct" his error for releasing her early.

Jail officials reportedly told Allen that Collins had not served the mandatory time, but Allen said he was unaware of that. Allen's wife, Rita, said jail officials "didn't know to keep her." Judge Allen, however, ordered Collins' release.

"It was bad judgment and it shouldn't have been done," Allen said. Technically, it is a violation. It will never happen again. I'm sorry and I wish it hadn't happened."

Drug overdose delays plea on sodomy charges

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A Harold man scheduled to enter a plea Thursday in Floyd County Circuit Court on second degree sodomy charges was hospitalized in Virginia for a drug overdose.

Talvey Abshire Jr., 27, is charged with seven counts of second degree sodomy for allegedly having sexual contact with a minor during June and September 1996.

Abshire's attorney, Haroldyn Howard, informed Judge John David Caudill that her client was unavailable to come to court.

"He did, in fact, intend to enter a

plea, but my client has not arrived," Howard said. "I telephoned his home and was advised by a tearful mother that he was in a Grundy, (Virginia), hospital with a drug overdose."

Howard said that Abshire was scheduled to be released later that day.

Caudill issued a warrant for Abshire's arrest and ordered that he be brought to the Floyd County Jail upon his release from the hospital.

Abshire was returned to Floyd County Thursday afternoon and could enter the plea today (Friday).

Howard declined to discuss details of the Abshire's plea.

Fire razes home near Allen, traffic blocked

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Five area volunteer fire departments worked Thursday to control a fire that destroyed a home on Route 1428 between Allen and Martin.

According to Dan Heintzelman, dispatcher with the Allen Volunteer Fire Department, an employee at the WMDJ radio station notified the fire department about the fire at Elliot curve near the Conley Motel shortly before noon Thursday.

Heintzelman said the house was fully engulfed in flames 11 minutes later, when firefighters arrived on the scene.

The road was blocked to traffic for nearly five hours as the fire departments' tankers transported water from a fire hydrant approximately one-quarter mile away.

The dispatcher said the fire apparently started in the basement of the house, and Lt. Neil Rice said there were two vehicles in the basement.

Rice said that one of the vehicles was driven out of the basement by one of the firefighters and that the "only damage to the vehicle was that the camper suffered some damage."

Volunteer fire departments from Martin, Maytown, Betsy Layne and Cow Creek also responded to the structure fire.

Heintzelman said that a firefighter with the Auxier Fire Department was driving by the scene and also stopped to assist.

The dispatcher said an insurance adjuster and the owner of the house were at the scene Thursday afternoon and told firefighters "to just let it go."

Rice said it was too dangerous to place firefighters in certain areas of the residence, and the decision was made by the adjuster and homeowner to let it go.

"It was a total loss, because we let it all burn up," Rice said. "We salvaged what we could for the owner

and they decided to just let it burn. It was too dangerous."

One lane of traffic was opened to traffic around 5 p.m. and firefighters were expected to be at the scene for at least another hour-and-a-half to monitor "hot spots."

Members of the fire departments were still on the scene at presstime and no other information about the incident was available.

Lawsuits

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The city still faces a similar suit from a Prestonsburg woman who alleges she acquired the disease while working at the Floyd County Adult Detention Center.

According to the complaint filed on October 28 in behalf of Virginia K. Webb, she was exposed to the disease by working in close proximity to the city's building, located on Highland Avenue.

Webb's complaint indicates that she was diagnosed with histoplasmosis in November 1996 after a biopsy of her lung revealed that she did not have lung cancer.

In the trial this week of the only case which went before a jury, Russell Davis, who represented the city in the matter, argued that Douglas Crace was not an employee of the city of Prestonsburg and that the city should not be found negligent for failing to caution the defendant.

The jury unanimously agreed that the city was not at fault for failing to warn the workers of the dangerous situation, but also agreed that the city was responsible for the nuisance.

Ned Pillersdorf, who represented Crace in the matter, said his client was satisfied with the jury's findings.

Davis indicated he would appeal the jury's decision.

Musicians' Night



The Troubadour Concert Series and Budweiser will present an evening of dazzling artistry with Master Musicians' Night No. 1, featuring the talents of three of the best bluegrass artists in North America: Tony Rice, Peter Rowan and Tim O'Brien, on January 16, 8 p.m. at the Paramount Arts Center in Ashland.

The Troubadour Concert Series is a volunteer-run community project, now celebrating its fourth year in the tristate area.

Tickets are \$18.50, and are on sale now at the Paramount Arts Center box office, 1300 Winchester Avenue in Ashland, or call (606) 324-3175 for further ticket information.

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Viewpoint

Quote of the week...

"Power corrupts the few, while weakness corrupts the many."

—Eric Hoffer

Editorial

Better grades next time?

by Scott Perry

If caring for kids is to be the theme of the 1998 session of Kentucky's General Assembly, legislators need to look no farther than a report issued this week by Education Week newspaper for some ideas about where to get started.

While that report rated the state's school system among the most improved in the nation, it outlined some serious shortcomings that lawmakers can and must address.

Too much of the state money allocated toward education is being spent on administration, the report notes, and too few parents are willing to involve themselves in their children's schools.

Those points are particularly noteworthy.

In 1990, Kentuckians were assessed the highest tax increase in history to pay for education reforms, but nearly a decade later the ledger suggests not nearly enough of that money is going where it belongs.

Point two is especially worrisome, but not so surprising.

The Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) set a good portion of its foundation on the premise that parental involvement was necessary to effect school reform.

But parents aren't getting involved, at least in the numbers necessary to make a difference. And, there a some good reasons, we suspect, why they aren't.

First, Kentucky parents aren't just accustomed to letting the schools take charge of their kids' educations, they're trained to butt out.

Few schools we know of actually encourage parents to get involved, and the state-mandated composition of school-based decision making councils guarantees they'll have nothing more than minority input.

Parents who do take the plunge, then, are outnumbered and generally out-maneuvered by staff representatives, whose real interests can often be vested in their own positions, not in the interests of education.

Perhaps that approach is overly cynical, but we've seen school councils in action, and those we've observed tend to keep parent representatives in their places...on the outside looking in.

It's bound to be hard to encourage more parental involvement in our schools when that involvement is more follow-the-leader than one-for-all-and-all-for-one.

So, legislators, while you're tinkering with KERA during the session of the General Assembly, let's try to empower two groups education reform needs to succeed.

Spend more money on students.

Give more power to parents.

Do that, and the next report card from Education Week might find us on the Honor Roll.



Letters to the Editor

Thanks for Christmas party

Editor:

The annual Christmas Party was held at Left Beaver Creek Townhouses on Saturday, December 20. Santa Claus was there with a gift and treats for every child. Refreshments were served for all who attended. Children and adults alike had fun playing games and visiting with Santa Claus and our surprise guest, Barney.

I would like to thank all the residents who worked so hard to help make the party a huge success. I also want to send a special thank-you to the following whose help and generous donations made many children very happy: Action Petroleum Company, Mr. and Mrs. Estill Branham, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Caudill, The First Baptist Church of McDowell, Hall Funeral Home, Perry Jones, Jones, Pack & Associates, B.J. Moore, and Virgie Yates.

Anna Howell, Project manager
Floyd County Housing Authority

Thanks!

Editor:

The Floyd County senior citizen directors and senior citizens would like to thank everyone who made it possible for us to have our first Annual Floyd County Senior Citizens Center conference.

Edna Blackburn
Director, Martin
Senior Citizens Center

Foster parent party is a huge success

Editor:

The Floyd County Foster Parent Association (FCFPA) held their annual Christmas party for foster children from Floyd County, on Monday, December 22, at the Department for Social Services.

The party was a huge success and brought lots of smiles and cheer to the children in attendance.

The FCFPA would like to take this opportunity to thank the following persons and businesses for their generous contributions to help with this cause: Earl Castle Jewelry, Mountain Metal Co. Downtown Drug, Hall Funeral Home, Speedy Cash, Sheridan Martin, Tracy Patton w/Trans Financial Bank, Hock Shop, Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Halbert's Machine and Welding Co., Gaye Cooley, Jackie Hurt, Harman Medical, Rite Aid Stores of Prestonsburg and Martin, Messer's Dept. Store,

Eastern Kentucky Pipeline, Prestonsburg Computer Works, Wright Lumber Co., Matewan Bank, First Commonwealth Bank, Elkhorn Coal Corp., East Kentucky Tire, Dr. Lee Boyd, Action Petroleum, Community Trust Bank, Variety Store, Love Lines, New Dimensions, Dairy Queen of Prestonsburg, Page 3 Comics, Dr. Deborah Hall and Staff, Floyd County Health Dept. (Betsy Layne Branch), McDowell ARH, Chris Carter, Virgil Slone, Mike Sargent, Palmer Vance, Larry Huff, Harold Church of Christ members, Cooley Apothecary, Scottie Branham, Doris Chandler, Linda Poynter, Kentucky Oil, Refinery of Stanville, and Mrs. Judy Combs, along with the Prestonsburg High School FBLA.

Once again, we thank each and every one of you.

Edwinna Blair
FCFPA Secretary

Holiday gifts made a difference

Editor:

The Prestonsburg/Auxier Family Resource Youth Services Center would like to thank the following groups for donating gifts and food for families in the community during the holidays: Wal-Mart of Prestonsburg, First Baptist Church of Prestonsburg, Cathy Goble's Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church of Prestonsburg (11th and 12th grade), Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg High School FHA and Allison Brewer, Carolyn Ford, her staff, and students. The Auxier students for their food drive, and a special thanks to Jake Bates for hauling our Christmas Carolers through Auxier and to Lou Lazar for helping the center. We made a difference in many families in our community!

Karen Vaughan and Sharon Collins
P-burg/Auxier FRYSC

Problems needing solutions still on legislature agenda

Editor:

When we left 1997 there were several items still on the legislative agenda. No health care reform had been passed. There were still questions on how welfare reform would work and groundwork had been laid for debate in 1998 over pollution and logging, what will the new year bring? Let's look at these issues:

Most people agree that there is need for health care reform whereby all citizens can get good basic health care without having to mortgage their home, or go broke trying to pay for

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Letters to the editor policy

Letters to the Editor are welcomed by The Floyd County Times.

In accordance with our editorial page policy, all letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author.

The Times reserves the right to reject or edit any letter deemed slanderous, libelous or otherwise objectionable. Letters should be no longer than two type-written pages, and may be edited for length or clarity.

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Downside of budget surplus: keeping the promise

Kentucky coal companies paid \$178 million to the state in coal severance taxes in Fiscal Year 1994-1995. It was, of course, back in 1995 when Larry Forgy and Paul Patton battled it out for the support of Eastern Kentucky, in hope of landing the prestigious job of governor, by making the standard promise to return more (up to fifty percent) of the coal severance tax revenue to the East Kentucky counties that had provided it (and need it back).

Larry Forgy said he could have the money returned within just a few years, but Patton took

his bid a step further, saying he would make it happen during his first year in office.

Although Eastern Kentucky's support proved to be a critical part of his narrow victory, it was no surprise when the new governor announced that he would not be performing his side of the deal, saying he had overestimated the ability of the state budget to sustain a return of the coal severance money. What was surprising was that Patton backed out of his promise even before the victory celebrations had died down, and that such a shaky excuse was given for his breach of that promise—Kentucky's economy was, is, and has been flourishing for the past ten years.

In fact, it was recently announced by the Governor himself, that Kentucky was going to have \$235 million in change left over from the \$6 billion it will spend in Fiscal Year 1998. The list of possible things to do with that \$235 million surplus includes many things, but not fulfillment of the 1995 promise that East Kentucky partially relied on when picking a side in the governor's race.

For instance, there has been unofficial mention (not by the governor) of spending millions from the budget surplus for a minor-league baseball stadium in Lexington, millions on some sort of museum in Western Kentucky, and the sprucing up of an airport in Northern Kentucky. Since the legislature has the final word on what is spent, the governor himself has officially compiled only a vague list of priorities: Increasing the "rainy-day" fund to avoid raising taxes or cutting expenditures during a recession, providing more money for education and juvenile justice, and trying to "maintain a structurally balanced budget" (?).

Governor Patton has also proposed spending \$75 million to complete funding for his EMPOWER Kentucky program, which is aimed at making state government more efficient, leaving an estimated \$108 million for various construction projects to be named in January. But nothing about a greater, unconditional return of coal severance money.

As the first governor with a chance to run for reelection, Patton is also the first governor who might be penalized for breaking the coal severance money promise.

The start next week of the final regular session of his first term, while the state is enjoying a sizable budget surplus, could mark the beginning of his last chance to send that money home before his opponent in the next governor's race starts asking why he didn't.

The Political Party

by David Porter

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Letters

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services. Most people agree that the welfare system in it's old state was not working. Later issues were raised regarding septic systems and straight pipes going from homes and businesses into creeks and watersheds. Then as the year closed, the issue of logging on private lands came up for discussion. What our legislature decides on these issues will shape the future of Kentucky, and it won't be easy. We are all for making things cleaner, safer, better, and more equitable, but there are no quick fixes here.

Take welfare reform. It's easy to say that those who are of working age should work. But, in reading articles from around the region, a lot of folks who are trying to get some training, education and attempting to work, things are just as bad as before if not worse. You hear stories of folks going to college or job training losing their health benefits, having their rent subsidies decreased and losing child care while trying to better themselves and get off welfare. It's well and good that they work, but when you are worse off trying to do just that, there's not much incentive to bother. The federal and state governments need to come up with a plan that addresses the needs of folks who are trying to comply. They may need partial health care, rent, and educational subsidies until they can afford to go it alone. There's a thin line between a person on welfare and the working poor, in most cases the working poor have no benefits but they do have a job (usually a minimum wage-type position). To get those on welfare

converted over to the working masses, we need to show them that they will be better off. I don't think that is the case today for many former recipients.

Now to health care reform. When on welfare, you have a medical card. You can get prescriptions, glasses, teeth, and see most any doctor you want, mainly free of charge. The working poor have little or none of these benefits. The working middle class have to pay out \$200-\$600 a month for coverage that is not as good as what folks on the draw have. We need to come up with a fair and equitable system where everyone, regardless of income, has similar, good quality health care. Why, why, why should I pay \$400 a month for insurance and not have as good a coverage as someone who does not work, whom I support with my tax dollars? This is an issue that must be addressed. Everyone needs and deserves fair, equitable treatment and coverage.

Recently a bill was introduced regarding septic treatment systems and straight pipes from homes and businesses. The plan was to identify all places that had "illegal" straight pipes or inadequate septic treatment systems and to have the property owners correct the problem. New homes and businesses would not get electricity until they had an approved system. I fully agree that this action is long overdue. We do not need to be dumping sewage into our lakes, streams and watersheds, and most folks would agree that this mess needs to be cleaned up. But, once again, we come into how to do it fairly. Most folks who have

straight pipes or inadequate systems live in the mountains or in rural areas. Most of these areas are not served with sewer systems or city water. Most of these people are in trailers and older homes. Most of these people are also poorer folk. Most of us want to comply, and agree that pollution is a real problem, but how do you fix something when you can't afford to?

The federal, state and local government needs to come up with funding to help people correct these problems. I'm not saying pay for it totally, but give people a reasonable length of time to fix the problem, give them ideas on how to fix it properly and give them a grant or loan to allow them to fix it right the first time. This way, we can protect our future generations water supply and do it fairly.

Now, the logging industry has come under scrutiny. After seeing the effects of mining over the years, we have decided to make some rules. Equipment etc., abandoned at long-closed mines, not to mention shapeless stripped out hills, and one readily sees that some rules must be made. But, once again we have to do things fairly. People deserve to work and make a living. Logging is viable industry, but one that is not

regulated at present. Look at Haiti and you will see what uncontrolled taking of trees over the years has done. The trees are gone, the topsoil gone with it. Now nothing grows and the people are hungry. We need to come up with a plan whereby damage to the land is repaired once the trees are taken. We need to plant seedlings to replace trees taken, and we need to limit the number of trees that can be taken in a given area. If we work together and are good

stewards of the land, then logging can be a profitable industry and the environment won't have to suffer. Plus, we need to develop industry here to use our timbers. Why should we ship raw materials to the Carolinas, Georgia or Tennessee and then have to buy back the finished products? We can have furniture factories here, siding and lumber plants here, so our people profit from the region's resources. Then, the timber industry would be truly

viable. Again, 1998 is a year of decision. What we do with these and other issues will shape the future of our region and state. Let's hope good sense will prevail so that Kentucky will be viewed as a progressive state, a state with a future not as a hick state where outside interests can come in make a fast buck and leave.

Charles Scoville
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Floyd's Emergency Planning Committee holds meeting

After accepting the minutes from the last meeting, several appointments were made by the nominating committee, which consists of Fred Rife, Lon May, and Kathy Rife. Kevin Webb was nominated and appointed as chairman; Fred Rife was appointed vice-chairman, Terry Garten was appointed recording secretary, and Joe Weddington received the treasurer's appointment. Each position will carry for two years.

Old business was then discussed, and Norm Marcum reported that he had been "playing phone tag" with Congressman Hal Rogers. In-house sheltering was also discussed, as well as a retaining wall installation at Adams Middle School which would buy extra time in the event of a disaster and evacuation. The possibility of getting representatives involved for the funding of this project was mentioned, also.

Lon May stated that Tom Blackburn, the state fire marshal, and the previous school board superintendent, along with himself, had a meeting and talked about making a horseshoe wall open to

the river so gas would go to the lowest point, (being the river), making a safer evacuation to higher ground feasible if need be.

Training sessions were discussed, such as those for things like the lock-down of nursing homes and the like, and May thought it to be a worthwhile concept until a new plan could be made. An early Wednesday training session for teacher development day on this subject may be proposed to the school board, and plans to use the session to solicit suggestions regarding amending the old plan will then be discussed.

Those present at the meeting were Lon May, Kevin Webb, Norm Marcum, Joe Weddington, Richie Schoolcraft and Carla Coburn.

Bi-monthly meetings of the LEPC were okayed, beginning this month, for the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce Building. The next scheduled meeting will be January 13, with topics of internet access, a date to be set on a meeting with Hal Rogers, and office supply purchasing on the agenda.



A McDowell student received sealant for his teeth during "Seal Kentucky," at the McDowell Family Resource Youth Service Center, November 19-21.

"Seal Kentucky" program held at McDowell FRYSC

The McDowell Family Resource Youth Service Center collaborated with the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry to provide sealants for students in first through eighth grades. There were 182 students screened and 142 students received sealants.

McDowell Elementary was the only school in Floyd County to receive this service. The services provided by the Seal Kentucky program were dental screenings and sealants for students with cavity-free permanent molars. The screenings and sealants were free for all students with signed parental consent forms. Students who were screened and that had other obvious treatment needs were notified and encouraged to seek follow-up care.

This project was designed to serve schools in the E.O. Robinson Trust counties. Funds were provided

by the E.O. Robinson Trust at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry and in-kind contributions of faculty and staff time from the Public Service Program of the faculty and staff from the Public Service Program of the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry and Prestonsburg Community College. (Dentists with the University of Kentucky, student dental hygienists from Prestonsburg Community College, local dentists and their staff participated with the project.)

These sealants helped "seal" out cavities/decay. Decay can start in the pits and fissures of molars. The sealant is a white liquid that is painted in the grooves and hardens to prevent or seal out decay. Sealants can last for five or more years. They should be checked during regular dental check-ups.

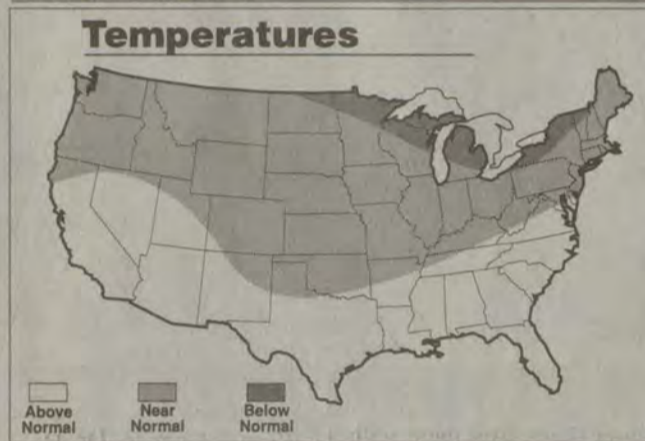
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Mostly cloudy.	Hazy	Clouds and sun; cold.	Clouds and sun.	Clouds and sun.	Clouds and sun; cold.	Partly sunny and cold.	Clouds and sun.
46	29	39/24	44/29	43/28	39/26	38/25	42/27

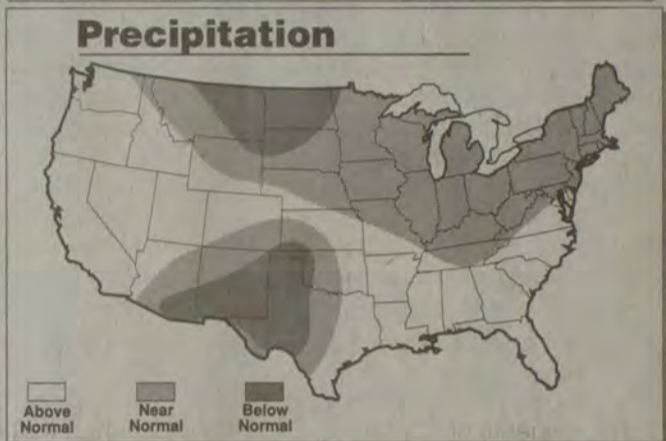
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Cold air will be found in areas from the northern Plains east through the western and eastern Great Lakes region. Temperatures will average about 5 to 15 degrees cooler than normal. The southern portion of the United States will feel above-normal temperatures. Below-normal precipitation will be found east of the northern Rockies and to the south. Above-normal precipitation will occur in the Northwest and also in the southern Plains and Southeast.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Atlanta	48 32 pc	49 33 pc	52 35 pc	53 36 pc	50 35 pc
Boston	57 39 r	46 29 pc	39 25 pc	40 26 pc	34 18 pc
Chicago	34 17 sn	23 10 pc	27 13 sn	23 9 pc	24 11 pc
Cleveland	43 26 sh	33 16 c	33 20 sn	31 16 sf	27 17 pc
Denver	36 14 pc	44 17 sf	41 16 sf	42 15 sf	40 16 pc
Des Moines	28 6 s	22 8 pc	23 5 sn	19 4 pc	21 6 pc
Detroit	38 24 r	28 14 c	30 18 sn	28 14 c	24 14 pc
Houston	68 44 s	64 44 pc	65 46 pc	65 45 pc	64 45 c
Indianapolis	37 23 pc	29 17 pc	34 22 pc	31 15 pc	29 18 pc
Kansas City	34 16 s	31 17 pc	30 16 pc	27 14 pc	29 16 pc
Los Angeles	60 46 r	64 45 sh	65 44 sh	65 43 pc	67 45 pc
Miami	76 58 sh	76 60 pc	76 61 pc	76 60 pc	77 60 pc
Minn.-St. Paul	19 -5 sf	10 -5 pc	10 -6 pc	10 -6 pc	12 -2 pc
New Orleans	60 40 s	59 41 pc	64 44 pc	64 47 pc	62 46 pc
New York City	64 40 r	46 31 pc	38 31 pc	41 30 pc	35 23 pc
Omaha	28 5 pc	24 9 pc	22 6 pc	20 5 pc	24 9 pc
Phoenix	64 45 pc	64 44 pc	62 45 pc	64 42 pc	66 44 pc
San Francisco	54 47 r	56 46 sh	55 43 r	56 43 pc	56 45 pc
Seattle	40 29 pc	42 33 i	43 33 sh	46 36 sh	45 38 pc
Washington	58 37 pc	48 31 pc	44 31 pc	47 31 pc	40 23 pc

SUN & MOON

Sunrise	Sunset
Fri. 7:46 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 7:46 a.m.	5:31 p.m.

Moonrise	Moonset
Fri. 3:12 p.m.	4:37 a.m.
Sat. 4:03 p.m.	5:37 a.m.

Moon Phases
Full
Last
New
First

Jan	Jan	Jan	Feb
12	20	28	3

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

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Amsterdam	50 45 c	52 50 c	56 50 pc	57 45 pc	46 34 pc
Berlin	46 42 r	48 44 c	54 46 s	52 44 pc	50 39 pc
Buenos Aires	82 80 pc	78 64 pc	83 61 pc	80 56 pc	80 61 pc
Cairo	60 42 pc	57 43 pc	58 42 s	62 42 s	56 40 s
Jerusalem	50 33 pc	49 31 s	43 28 s	46 26 pc	39 27 pc
Johannesburg	79 83 r	83 58 pc	81 62 pc	84 65 pc	87 66 pc
London	55 48 c	58 51 c	58 50 pc	58 40 sh	45 34 pc
Madrid	56 45 c	59 42 pc	61 41 pc	52 30 pc	50 35 s
Mexico City	72 41 s	68 45 pc	70 45 pc	70 45 pc	70 45 pc
Moscow	24 17 sn	19 9 sn	18 17 pc	31 29 s	36 27 s
Paris	48 42 pc	51 46 c	53 45 pc	54 38 sh	39 30 pc
Rio de Janeiro	77 72 r	78 72 sh	85 75 pc	85 75 pc	85 75 pc
Rome	57 40 s	58 43 s	65 49 s	66 49 pc	63 46 pc
San Juan	83 73 pc	83 73 pc	85 74 pc	86 75 pc	87 75 pc
Seoul	40 27 pc	43 27 pc	46 23 sn	35 16 pc	31 16 pc
Sydney	74 67 r	73 69 r	84 71 pc	83 72 pc	83 72 pc
Toronto	44 23 r	24 2 c	25 13 pc	23 3 sf	14 0 pc
Tokyo	47 35 pc	47 46 pc	59 55 pc	62 45 r	49 44 pc
Winnipeg	-3 10 sn	-7 25 pc	-7 24 pc	-5 21 pc	-1 14 pc
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Senior feast

Senior citizens from around the region attended a convention at the Mountain Arts Center. The convention featured informational programs; entertainment by Stevie Hall, Orbin Slone, Jim Bo Griffith, Lawrence Mullins; and a turkey and dressing dinner. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

Local resource centers will help warm up Mr. Roger's Neighborhood

Anyone who finds an extra sweater in their closets after Christmas can help KET and Floyd County resource centers pass it on to a neighbor in need.

KET is teaming up with organizations around the state to sponsor the Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Sweater Drive, January 5 through February 21. Allen Central High School, Clark Elementary, Duff Elementary, and Martin Middle School's resource centers will participate in the program.

Also involved in the collection and distribution are the United Way, Friends of KET, and public libraries.

The sweater drive celebrates the 30th anniversary of KET, Kentucky's public television network, as well as 30 years of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.

Beginning January 5, people are encouraged to donate new or gently worn sweaters or sweatshirts at their community drop-off location. Drop-off locations are different in each county, and anyone who has an extra sweater to donate should contact their local public libraries or United Way offices to find out where to take the sweaters.

"I am deeply grateful that KET and our television neighbors in

Kentucky will be joining together to help celebrate our 30 years together in a way that can help others," Fred Rogers said.

"All of us, at some time or other, need help," he added. "And whether we're giving or receiving a sweater, each of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors — in our own way, everyone is a giver and a receiver."

For more information on KET's Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Sweater Drive, call KET Outreach at 1-800-866-4686. For more information about local drop-off points, call ACHS Youth Service Center at 358-3048; Clark Elementary Family Resource Service Center at 886-0815; Duff Elementary Family Resource Service Center at 358-5502; or Martin Middle School Youth Service Center at 285-2666.

Free flowering trees during January

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January.

The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are two white flowering Dogwoods, two flowering Crabapples, 2 golden Raintrees, two Washington Hawthorns, and two American Redbuds.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president said. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white, and yellow flowers—and also provide winter berries

and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

MAC creates gospel review

The Mountain Arts Center is excited to announce a new program for gospel music lovers in the region. The MAC Gospel Review will give local gospel singers and acts an opportunity to perform on the stage of the Mountain Arts Center. The first MAC Gospel Review is scheduled for January 20, at 7:30 p.m.

The idea for creating the MAC Gospel Review was born out of the success of the US 23 Talent Showcase. The Showcase, which is now broadcast on regional television and radio, features a wide range of aspiring entertainers on the Mountain Arts Center stage, from singers and musicians to cloggers and magicians. To be considered for the Showcase, performers submit audition tapes, which are screened to determine who appears on the program.

Since its creation, US 23 Talent Showcase producer Greg Crum has received a large number of audition

tapes from those wanting to appear on the Showcase. Crum noted that a significant percentage of the submissions came from gospel singers and acts. However, the structure of the US 23 Talent Showcase only allowed him to feature one or two gospel acts per show.

"Part of the design of Talent Showcase was to feature a variety of musical styles, so we were limited in the number of gospel acts we could utilize. With the creation of the Gospel Review, we can now feature many more of these [gospel] groups. Plus this is going to be a great night of singing for gospel music fans," said Crum.

Crum also stated that he hoped that the MAC Gospel Review could be a regular program at the Center. Additional Gospel Reviews will be scheduled based on audience response to the January 20th show.

All those interested in hearing the best in regional gospel music should make plans to attend the

upcoming MAC Gospel Review. Tickets will be \$5, and can be purchased by calling the Mountain Arts Center box office at (606) 886-2623 or Toll-free 1 (888) 622-2787.

Center for Rural Development presents at national conference

The Center for Rural Development, located in Somerset, Ky. was part of a select group of presenters in Washington, D.C. at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration 1997 conference. The conference focused on innovative telecommunications projects from across the country funded by the Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program, or TIIAP. Kentucky was one of sixteen states selected to present a program during the conference.

"Technology offers us the ability to rise above the mountains to communicate and share ideas," says Hilda Legg, Executive Director of The Center. "We are proud that our telecommunications department was chosen to showcase, and the conference was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about how telecommunications can benefit rural areas."

Ms. Legg served as a panelist for a discussion section entitled, "Reducing Disparities" with dignitaries and telecommunications policy makers from across the country. This session addressed the present disparities in telecommunications access and concentrated on solutions that can make technology attainable for a more inclusive population.

The Center, which serves a forty-county area in the Southern and Eastern Kentucky, worked with TIIAP to fund telecommunications sites at four locations in the region. Through this project, the community colleges of Hazard, Southeast, and Somerset and the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg have received technical equipment and expertise. The community colleges have been able to offer sixteen upper level academic courses for students who would otherwise have lacked access. But The Center's network also provides a foundation for economic development. The network supports training courses that have included seminars for small businesses and rural exploring clients as well as continuing education for healthcare professionals among others.

"We're working with professionals to devise practical and effective technology applications for this network," said Salo Fajer, Director of Telecommunications for The Center.

The initial project of four sites was the impetus for an extensive, region-wide telecommunications infrastructure, called CenterNet. CenterNet will provide each county in The Center's service area with Internet and video technology including videoconferencing. Each

CenterNet site will be open to the public. For more information about CenterNet, call Pam Bridgman at 606-677-6000.



First birthday

Brandi Castle will celebrate her first birthday, Saturday, January 10. She is the daughter of Crystal and Pete Castle of Martin.

Census Bureau to gather information

Data on characteristics of the nation's labor force, including people employed full- or part-time, hours worked and earnings, and people unemployed or retired will be collected during the week of January 18, when representatives of the Commerce Department's Census Bureau visit the area to conduct the Current Population Survey (CPS).

By law, the Census Bureau keeps all information about sample respondents and their households strictly confidential.

"CPS households are invaluable in the effort to provide current, reliable labor-force statistics used to plan programs that provide new jobs and stimulate economic growth," said Susan Hardy, director of the Census Bureau's Charlotte regional office.

On February 6, the U.S. Department of Labor will release labor force statistics for the United States based on the data provided by households across the country in the January CPS.

Local households selected for the survey receive a letter from Martha Farnsworth Riche, director of the Census Bureau, informing them of the survey. Census Bureau interviewers carry an official identification card bearing their photograph and signature.

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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.

Newsome family reunion

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

Charge for Verifications of Birth

Effective January 1, 1998, there will be a \$5 charge to issue a verification of birth at the Floyd County Health Department.

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Course at OLV

Our Lady of the Way Hospital

will offer an Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) course on Friday, February 20, and Saturday, February 21, at the Seton Complex in Martin. Pre-registration required by February 13. Call (606) 285-5181, ext. 301.

4-H shooting sports

The next meeting of the 4-H Shooting Sports Club will be held on January 12, at 6 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Office. If you would like to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Mr. Stamper at the extension office with your name and address. Anyone interested in joining needs to attend. You must be accompanied by an adult. Do not bring any firearms to this meeting. For more information contact the extension office at 886-2668.

CPR Class offered at OLV

Our Lady of the Way Hospital will offer a Basic CPR class for the public on Friday, January 16, at the Seton Complex in Martin. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration required by Friday, January 9. Call (606) 285-5181, ext. 301 or 342.

Adams council to meet

The Adams Middle School Youth Service Center will hold its advisory council meeting on January 12, weather permitting, at 7 p.m. in the school library. All members are asked to attend. The public

is invited.

John W. Hall Lodge 950 Master Mason degree

John W. Hall Lodge No. 950 F&AM, Martin, will confer the Master Mason degree at a meeting to be held on January 10, at 7 p.m. Dinner will be served and all master masons are urged to attend.

Support group to meet

The Ups of Down Syndrome Support Group will meet Sunday, January 11, from 4-6 p.m. at Highlands Regional Medical Center in the Floyd Room. Call 377-6142 or 478-5099 for more information.

UK calendars for sale

The county extension service has a limited number of 1998 UK calendars left. They cost \$6 each and may be picked up at the Floyd County Extension Office, 670 South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg.

Free Lifeskills workshop

A free lifeskills workshop will be held at Warco Housing Complex in Martin, January 5-9 and January 12-16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Various topics. Call Paula Bailey and Cecilia Howell at (606) 886-3871 or Warco Housing office at 285-3833 for more information.

South Floyd Youth Services Center activities

• Adult Learning Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8 a.m. to noon. This service is free

and open to the public.

- Clothing bank open by appointment on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Student activity held from 3-4 p.m. on school days.

The center is open 8-4 on Monday-Friday. Call Keith Smallwood or Mable C. Hall at 452-9600 for information.

Country line dancing

Country Line Dancing is coming back to Prestonsburg Community College starting January 8, and will be offered every Thursday evening from 7-9 p.m. in Room 151 of the Johnson Building. Call 886-3863, ext. 258, to register or for more information.

Drivers training classes

Drivers training classes will be offered in Prestonsburg and Pikeville on Monday-Thursday evenings and Saturday morning and evenings. The class is for anyone interested in safe driving skills, state approved driving instruction and lower car insurance rates. Call 886-3863, ext. 258, to register or for more information.

Transition training course

All current EMTs must complete a transition training course to upgrade training before June 30, 1999. Prestonsburg Community College will offer the course begin-

ning February 17, from 6-8:30 p.m. Call 886-3863, ext. 258, to register or for more information.

Clark council to meet

The SBDM council at Clark Elementary School will hold its regular meeting on January 14, at 6 p.m. in the school library. Everyone is welcome.

Duff P.T.S.A.

The Duff Elementary P.T.S.A. will have a meeting on January 14, at 6 p.m. in the library. Fundraisers and purchases for classrooms will be discussed. A door prize will be given if turnout exceeds 12 people.

Alzheimers Support Group

The Alzheimers Support Group will be meeting at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Center. The next meeting will be January 13. For more info, call Dana at 886-0265.

Apples for Students Plus

May Valley Elementary is participating in the Apples for Students Plus program and is asking community members and parents to save their Food City receipts and drop them off at Downtown Drug, Sassy Jo's and Martin Post Office. Call Karen Goble at 285-0883, ext. 211

for more information.

MMS advisory council to meet

Martin Middle School Youth Service Center will be having an advisory council meeting on January 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the center. The meeting is open to the public.

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Books donated to Floyd County Library

The Floyd County Library recently received a Christmas present from Preaching Print, an evangelical organization that distributes books to libraries throughout the United States. The book presentation was made through the

Dove House Inc., in Prestonsburg. Librarian Homer Hall was given a list of Christian books available from Preaching Print. He could select five. Hall chose "The Beatitudes," an interpretation by Charles L. Allen; "When Critics

Ask," by Geisler; "Counseling and the Nature of Man," by doctors Minirth & Meier; and "Happiness Is A Choice — A Manual of Depression," doctors Minirth & Meier.

The books will be available to the public by the first of next week, Hall said Tuesday.

Preaching Print is not supported by an organization, but through individuals who donate books or money. Each book must be approved by a committee of pastors. The main theme of the books is Jesus Christ. Some of the books tell of missions, of Christian life and Christian hopes. Some books are historical in nature. Others are doctrinal.

For more information about Preaching Print, address inquiries to: 9041 N.E. Fremont, Portland, Oregon 97220.

Correction:

An article in Wednesday's edition of the Floyd County Times stated that Joshua M. Setser, who recently joined the United States Army, reported to Fort Leonard Wood in Waynesville, Montana. The military base is located in Missouri, not Montana.

Setser is the son of Teresa Kay Scott of Prestonsburg.



The Floyd County Farm Bureau was registered for outstanding membership and program achievement during the recent 78th annual Kentucky Farm Bureau convention in Louisville. Here, Eddie Akers, accepts the award from David S. Beck, right, Kentucky Farm Bureau executive vice president, and Roger L. Simpson, executive vice president of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies during a December 12 recognition awards program.

Grant will aid dislocated miners

A grant to Kentucky's Workforce Development Cabinet to help retrain dislocated coal miners in Southern and Eastern Kentucky has been approved and will begin this January.

Early in 1997, significant mine closings began to appear throughout the Eastern Kentucky coal fields. As the numbers of laid-off miners grew, EKCEP (Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program) recognized the potentially serious consequences impacting the individuals, families and communities of the region. A survey initiated by the agency revealed that over 1100 miners had either lost, or were subject to lose, their jobs within the year. Acting on the survey results, the agency, in coordination with the Cabinet for Workforce Development and the Office of Training and ReEmployment, submitted the grant application November 16. The grant has been authorized and funded under Title III of the Job Training Partnership Act.

"This grant will assist 441 miners to retrain for a new job or learn a new skill," said Congressman Hal Rogers. "We have an obligation to those who have lost their jobs in the coal industry. I am very pleased with this grant, and believe it will provide vital assistance to our miners in Southern and Eastern Kentucky."

The grant will provide eligible participants with an array of ser-

vices, including: basic skills upgrade, occupational skills training, case management and counseling, job search assistance, relocation assistance, follow-up services and needs-related payments.

"Too many hard-working miners in our area have lost their jobs to circumstances beyond their control. This grant will provide a helping hand to those seeking a brighter future," Rogers said.

The grant will be handled locally by the EKCEP, which is based in Hazard.

Interested miners who either worked or lived in any of the 23 Eastern Kentucky counties and lost their job after January 1, 1997, may apply at Eastern Kentucky CEP, Inc. county offices, or receive more information by calling (606) 436-5751. The counties covered by the grant are: Bell, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliot, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike and Wolfe.

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REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Magoffin County

Tammy Hammond, 38, of Salyersville, died December 23. She is survived by her mother, Melva Jean Minix Watkins. Funeral services were December 28, at the Salyersville Funeral Home Chapel.

Martin County

Hezekiah Fitzpatrick, 61, of Big Elk, died December 30. He was a disabled coal miner. He is survived by his wife, Mattie Muncy Fitzpatrick. Funeral services were January 1, at the Big Elk Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Michael Delong, 43, of Davella, died January 1. He is survived by his mother, Elma Slone Delong of Inez. Funeral services were January 4, at the Big Elk United Baptist Church at Inez, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Bertha Whitt Hammond, 61, of Inez, died Saturday, January 3. She is survived by her husband, Mont Jack Hammond. Funeral services were January 6, at the Phelps and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Corma Davis Preece, 86, of Inez, died January 5. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Preece. Funeral services were January 8, at the Middlefork United Baptist Church, under the direction of the Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Blaine T. Stepp, 66, of Inez, died December 31. He is survived by his mother, Nancy Maynard Stepp of Inez, and his wife, Grace Muncy Stepp. He was a retired employee of Columbia Gas and former Martin County deputy sheriff. Funeral services were January 1, at the Phelps and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Johnson County

Marshall Meadows, 77, of Paintsville, died December 27. He was a retired maintenance worker from Celotex Corporation in Largo, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Katherine Louise Meadows. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Boyd Meadows. Funeral services were December 30, at the Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Kenneth R. "Kenny" Salyer, 45, of Paintsville, died January 2. He is survived by his parents, Harry Russell Salyer and Garnett McKenzie, and his wife, Sue Ramey Salyer. He was self-employed at S&S Signs. Funeral services were January 5, at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Beatrice Louise Wells Fitch, 83, of West Van Lear, died January 3. She is survived by her husband, John Fitch. Funeral services were January 6, at the Buffalo United Baptist Church.

Challie "Chat" Mayhan, 77, of Paintsville, died December 28. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian Mayhan. Funeral services were January 1, at the Fishtrap United Baptist Church.

Betty Harmon Smith, 65, of Lowmansville, died January 4. Funeral services were January 7, at the Paintsville Funeral Home Chapel.

William E. Tackett, 71, of Paintsville, died January 1. He was a retired coal miner. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Kilgore Tackett. Funeral services were January 4, at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Kermit Keel, 86, of Van Lear, died January 4. He was a retired coal miner. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucy Vires Steel. Funeral services were January 7, at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Marguerite Webb, 69, of Van Lear, died December 28. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Russell Webb. Funeral services were January 1, at the Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Michael Dwight Blevins, 20, of Van Lear, died December 30. He is survived by his parents, Sammy Blevins and Evelyn Ramey Blevins. Funeral services were January 2, at

the Van Lear Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Andrew J. Rowe, 91, of Sitka, died January 3. He was a coal miner and carpenter. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mayme Neva Lemaster. Funeral services were January 6, at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Pike County

Sarah Sue Balsler, 54, of Pikeville, died January 1. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Lewis "Sarge" Balsler. Funeral services were January 4, at the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home Chapel.

Ostice Willie Layne, 83, of Pikeville, died January 1. He was a printer and a U.S. Army veteran. He is survived by his wife, Marie Prater Layne. Funeral services were January 4, at the Justice Funeral Services Chapel.

Vesta Senters Compton, 75, of Draffin, died December 31. She is survived by her husband, Bart Compton. Funeral services were January 2, at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel.

Carl David Blackburn, 51, of Pikeville, died January 1. He was disabled. Funeral services were January 5, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Loretta Faye Casebolt Adkins, 56, of Little Robinson Creek Road, Virgie, died December 28. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements will be under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Larry Duty, 52, of Henry Clay, died January 2. He was a coal miner and a U.S. Navy veteran. He is survived by his wife, Julia McCown Duty. Funeral services were January 5, at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel.

Cecil Taylor, 83, of Brushy, died January 2. He was retired from Kentucky/West Virginia Gas Company. He is survived by his wife, Brook Blackburn Taylor. Funeral services were January 4, at the Pike County Chapel of Justice Funeral Services.

Kelli Ann Parks, infant daughter of Bud Allen and Michelle Lynn Bartley Parks of Pikeville, was stillborn January 2. Funeral services were January 4, at the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Everett Lee Tackett, 75, of Virgie, died January 3. He was a retired coal miner. He is survived by his wife, Edra Mae Tackett. Funeral services were January 6, at the Long Fork Regular Baptist Church, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

Roy Fleming, 64, of Virgie, died January 2. He is survived by his wife, Hanna Fleming. Funeral services were January 5, at the R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Ricky Lee Ratliff, 14, of Ashcamp, died January 1. He is survived by his parents, Ricky Lavern and Brenda Kay Ratliff of Elkhorn Creek Road. He was a stu-

dent at Dorton Elementary. Funeral services were January 6, at the Dorton Elementary gymnasium, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

James William Taylor, 59, of Pikeville, died January 1. He was a construction worker with J.W.T. Well Service. He is survived by his wife, Donna Sue Taylor. Funeral services were January 4, at the Pike County Chapel of Justice Funeral Services.

James E. Scott, 83, of Pikeville, died January 1. He is survived by his wife, Pearl Hampton Scott. He was a retired coal miner, formerly employed by Amos Newsome and a U.S. Army veteran. Funeral services were January 3, at the Mayflower Unity Baptist Church, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Joshua Thomas Cable, 16, of Shelby Gap, died January 1. He is survived by his parents, Bobby Ray and Madelyn Little Cable of Hylton Church Road. He was a student at Shelby Valley High School. Funeral services were January 6, at the Shelby Valley gymnasium, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home Chapel.

Agnes Keen, 76, of Raccoon, died January 5. She was preceded in death by her husband, Homer Keen. Funeral services were January 8, at the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services-Pike County Chapel.

Knott County

Edwin Combs, 65, of Pinetop, died January 1. He is survived by his wife, Velma Glee Combs, and his father, Kell Combs. Funeral services were January 4, at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel.

END-TIME CHRONICLES

"New Bibles in the Last Days?"

Recently, I have heard numerous preachers warn the Christian community of the dangers of new Bible translations, insinuating that they somehow falsify the King James Version of the Bible (the "only" true Bible, in their opinion) and lead readers down erroneous paths of theological understanding. There are many "tracts" available which point out presumed errors in newer Bible translations. Is there any truth to these claims?

The original Bible was written in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. In truth, there are probably various shortcomings within all English translations of these ancient languages. This does not imply, in any way, that there were mistakes within the original inspired writings; I am a firm believer in the infallibility of God's word. However, the question

of translation accuracy is one which is applicable to any modern language: English, Spanish, German, etc.

ANYTIME a translation is made from an original language, representing a specific culture, there will always be some degradation in the original communication. Imagine trying to translate old episodes of "The Beverly Hillbillies" into Japanese and showing them in Tokyo! Even if the translation was completely accurate, do you think a typical Japanese, from a totally different culture, could easily "relate" to hillbilly humor? Likewise, a serious student of Christianity must often go to secular sources as a means of understanding the Jewish mentality of 2000 years ago.

Other transitional problems relate to inherent incompatibility differences between languages. A good example of this can be illustrated in John 3:7, wherein Jesus made the

statement, "You must be born again." In the original Greek, the "you" in this statement was plural, indicating that Jesus was imposing this requirement on many others, not just Nicodemus. Since the word "you" in the English language is both plural and singular, it is impossible to convey the exact meaning of the original Greek by direct translation.

Our modern English Bibles are all, to some extent, based on the foundational work performed by scholars throughout much of the Christian era. The first popular English version, Wyclif's Version, was first produced in 1380. It was followed by Tyndale's New Testament (1525), Tyndale's Pentateuch (1530), Tyndale's New Testament (1534), Coverdale's Bible (1535), Matthew's Bible (1537), Taverner's Bible (1539), The Great Bible (1539), the Geneva Bible (1560), The Bishop's Bible (1568), and Reims New Testament (1582). In 1607, King James I of England commissioned 54 scholars to produce a new Bible to ease rivalries between the Anglican Church and the Puritans. The result was the King James Version (KJV) of 1611. This was not a translation, however. The scholars were instructed to follow the Bishop's Bible of 1568 whenever possible, using other English versions as necessary. The KJV, as used by much of Protestant Christianity today, is actually a revision of the 1611 version completed in 1885.

During the first half of this century, there were important archeological finds in areas in and around the Holy Lands. In addition to the famous Dead Sea Scrolls, ancient garbage dumps were uncovered containing secular parchment pieces (letters, legal papers, communiqués, etc.). These finds enabled scholars to greatly improve their understanding of the "koine" Greek and other pertinent information helpful in "transliteration" (the arrangement of translated words into meaningful phrases). Also, as transportation modes improved, translators were able to examine rare manuscripts within various parts of the world; a luxury not afforded to the KJV translators.

The English language has changed much since 1885 (the last KJV revision). Language changes, as well as improved transitional understanding in this century, have provided the tools necessary to produce new English translations with improved technical accuracy and easier comprehension. The New International Version (NIV) is an excellent choice for new Christians,

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since the more awkward archaic English is replaced by our modern colloquism. Many notable Biblical writers, such as Hal Lindsey and Grant Jeffery, use the NIV almost exclusively for quotational reference, and it has been acclaimed by most English biblical scholars as possibly the "most accurate English translation ever produced. However, in terms of literary style, many prefer the KJV due to the eloquence and beauty of the more traditional language. Of course, this is a matter of personal preference.

Many Christians object to modern translations because they seem to void someone's idea of a crucial doctrine which is supported by a single word or phrase unique to the KJV. The problem here is not the Bible translation; it is the interpreter. Every crucial doctrine within the Christian faith is supported by multiple scripture passages.

Are there dangers in using some translations? Yes! Avoid any Bible version which was translated, in its entirety, by any individual denomination or sectarian group. The probability that such a translation would be erroneously biased is almost certain. Some Bibles, such as "The Living Bible," are called "paraphrase" Bibles. In reality, these are not translations; they are scholarly interpretations of the literal scripture. They can be helpful as an aid to scriptural understanding, but should not be used for authoritative Bible quotations or research.

"Commentary" Bibles, such as Henry's, Dake's, or even the Thompson Chain Reference (technically not a commentary Bible), can be very biased in certain areas. They are good resource material, but it is almost impossible to conduct a true "objective" theological study with most commentary Bibles I have examined.

Our growth, maturity, and productivity as Christians will not depend on the Bible translation we use. All of the widely accredited modern translations contain the same truth; I am not aware of any doctrinal issue (even minor ones) which depend on a specific translation. As in ancient times, modern Christian growth is achieved by an active prayer life, an honest and persevering routine of Biblical study, a willingness to listen to and consider other viewpoints (they may be right!), and, most importantly, a desire to use the tools of God's wisdom to perform the work He wishes you to do. After all, why should God provide wisdom to any of us if we aren't going to do anything with it?

OBITUARIES

William Kendrick

William Kendrick, stillborn son of Charles and Rhea Lynn Hughes Kendrick, died Tuesday, January 6, 1998, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He was the grandson of Bill and Vicki Kendrick of McDowell, Kenneth Ray Hughes of East Point, and Mary Hughes of David.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 10, at 11 a.m., at the Old Philadelphia Church at Hippo, with Jimmy Hall and Denner Moore officiating.

Burial will be in the Hicks Cemetery at Hippo, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

William Harrison Booth

William Harrison Booth, 97, of Auxier, died Wednesday, January 7, 1998, at Mt. Manor Nursing Home, following an extended illness.

He was born September 1, 1900 in Johnson County. He was a retired coal miner and member of the U.M.W.A. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War I.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mancha Montgomery Booth. Survivors include four daughters, Virginia Fleri of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, Lazella Grasa of Middletown, Ohio, Pansy Martin of Louisville, and Louise Blackburn of Pikeville; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 10, at 11 a.m., at the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home Chapel, with Jim Patton officiating.

Burial will be in the Richmond Cemetery in Prestonsburg, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Kathryn H. Parker Poe

Kathryn H. Parker Poe, 68, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, January 7, 1998, at King's Daughters' Medical Center in Ashland.

Born March 11, 1929 in Boyd County, she was the daughter of the late Ben and Lillie Hatcher Parker. She was former office manager of Big Sandy Rural Electric Corporation in Prestonsburg. She was a member of the Bonanza Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Isom Poe; one daughter, Nora Lou Williams of Hilliard, Ohio; two sons, Thomas A. Poe and Benny I. Poe, both of Prestonsburg; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 10, at 1 p.m., at the Bonanza Freewill Baptist Church, with pastor Herbert Arms officiating.

Burial will be in the Poe Family Cemetery at Ivyton, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.



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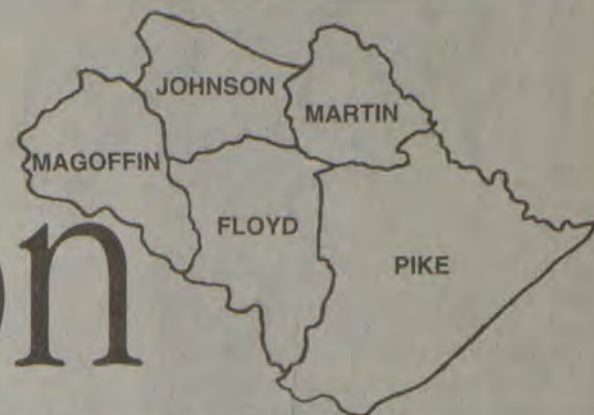
In Memory of the late Lillie Mullins Hall, deceased, June 9, 1979, and her late husband of 55 years, Sam Hall. She was the mother of 11 kids, 2 deceased, Lenard Hall, 7-15-94; and Joseph. They have nine children living. She is gone, but not forgotten. This is from her son Jeff Hall and from the rest of her kids,
Jeff Hall

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Around The Region

Regional RE Events



Cheerleading championships

The 12th annual Mountain Classic Cheerleading Championships will be held Saturday, February 28, at the Pikeville High School Gymnasium for elementary and junior high squads. For more information, call Lisa Wheeler at (606) 432-0185 during school hours.

Pikeville College spring registration

Pikeville College will hold open registration for the spring semester on Friday, January 9, in the Administration Building, first floor lobby, from 9 a.m. to noon, and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Call (606) 432-9200 or (606) 432-9322.

Bob Campbell at Stonewall Theatre

The Virginia Opry will feature Bob Campbell in concert with family and friends on stage at the historic Stonewall Theatre, Clifton Forge, Virginia, January 10, at 8 p.m. The concert will kick off Appalshock's programming for the new year. Appalshock was founded by M. Ray Allen, formerly of Floyd County.

For more information, call the theatre at (540) 863-9606.

Swing dances are offered

The East Coast Swing, West Coast, and the Shag are some of the swing dances offered at the Paintsville Community Center Tuesday evenings. Beginner's class is 6:30-7:30; advanced from 7:30-9 p.m. Call the center at 789-2612 or Greg Hamilton at 265-4178 for information and cost.

Epidural anesthesia class

A free epidural anesthesia class for pregnant women wanting to know about the use of epidural anesthesia will be held January 20 and 22, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Call 437-3938 to register.

Sibling class is offered

Boys and girls who are expecting a new baby in their families are invited to attend a sibling class at 10 a.m., January 17, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Call 433-0065 to register or 433-3938 for more information.

Weight loss

Whether you'd like to lose a few pounds that you gained over the holidays or you'd like to lose a more substantial amount of weight once and for all, Pikeville Methodist's Lifestyles Center can help you scale back for 1998. Call 437-3563 for more information.

Air Force Band will present free concert

The United States Air Force Band will hold a free concert on Tuesday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held in Booth Auditorium (level 5 of the Record Memorial Building) on the Pikeville College campus. For more information, contact the Pikeville College Office of External Affairs at (606) 432-9326.

Accused contractor gets repair work

by Ralph B. Davis
The Paintsville Herald

A contractor named in the conspiracy which brought down former judge-executive Hobert Meade is working with the fiscal court once again.

The court voted Tuesday to award a contract on bridge-repair project to Dave's Concrete. The contractor's bid was \$700 less than its nearest competitor for the project.

The action raised some eyebrows in the courtroom when announced, given the county's current relationship with the contractor.

Dave's Concrete owner David Lee Bowling was named in the indictment of Mead and three others for having made four

"kick-back" payments totaling over \$6,000 in exchange for preferential treatment when road repair projects funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency were awarded between June and September of 1995. Bowling, however, faced no charges for his alleged involvement.

Then, three weeks after Meade pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge related to the FEMA kick-backs, Bowling's name came up again, this time a lawsuit filed by the court to recover money stolen in the scandal.

The court sued Bowling, Meade, former road supervisor Ernie VanHoose, former bridge and road supervisor Woodrow Thomas Staniford, Flap Gap auto broker Johnny Pennington and fellow contractor Larry Milton Butcher, who operates M.A.T.

Construction, seeking to be reimbursed the money involved in the scandal.

But despite the current strained relationship between the court and Bowling, officials say there is nothing wrong with the arrangement.

"He [Bowling] has not been removed from the [state-approved] bid list and we have no grounds to disqualify him—and he was considerable under the other bids," County Judge-Executive Gail Gillem said after the meeting. "As long as he does the job and does it right, I have no quarrel with him."

Even county attorney Scott Preston, who filed the suit against Bowling and the others, sees nothing wrong with Dave's Concrete performing the work.

While he would not comment specifically on the case, Preston said awarding work to a contractor involved in a lawsuit against the county is not unprecedented. He noted that Mountain Enterprises sued the court several years ago, but even at the time the county still brought blacktop from them every day.

"It's part of the business," Preston said. "You get in conflict in one area but you have to work with them in another."

The court also awarded several other bids

during the meeting including a stone contract to The Rock Group and Pine Mountain Stone, a blacktop contract to Mountain Enterprises and JanRay Enterprises, and a fuel contract to Action Petroleum.

All of the contracts were approved unanimously by the court.

In other news, the court:

- Heard from John Bowlin and Frank Castle from the state Department of Transportation, who reported the state's recommendations for improvements on rural secondary roads. Bowlin said \$209,000 was available with which to make improvements, which this year will include resurfacing John's Creek road and Route 825, patching on Routes 1559 and 3387, and four guardrail projects.

- Awarded bids for stone, blacktop, fuel.
- Gave the industrial authority the go-ahead to have an environmental study performed on the site.

- Appointed Sandy Chenault and William Wheeler to the library board.

- Raised the salary of courthouse custodians to the same levels as that of laborers.

- Met in executive session to discuss litigation.

All members were present for Tuesday night's meeting.



Congressman Rogers recognized by Kentucky Prosecutors with lifetime achievement award

U.S. Representative Harold "Hal" Rogers, of Somerset was recently recognized by the Kentucky Commonwealth's Attorney's Association with its Lifetime Achievement Award. Rogers, who served as Pulaski-Rockcastle Commonwealth's Attorney from 1969 to 1980, was selected as the first recipient of the Award for his longstanding service to the improvement of the criminal justice system in Kentucky. Presenting Congressman Rogers with the Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of Kentucky prosecutors are Commonwealth's Attorneys, Ray Carmichael, Somerset (left) and Tom Handy, London.

Martin County, Prestonsburg to provide prison water service

by Vernon Robinson
Martin County Sun

Under a plan put together by the Big Sandy Area Development District (BSADD) and local governing bodies, Martin County's Water District should see a sizable increase in consumer usage.

Meeting in special session last Wednesday, members of the Martin County Fiscal Court agreed to adopt a resolution supporting a plan presented by BSADD's Roger Recktenwald.

"To date, five local governing bodies have agreed to adopt the plan and Martin County will make six," Recktenwald told court members. "I hope to have all the necessary signatures on the inter-local agreement and have it submitted by January 15. It is required for the decision to site the prison."

According to the plan submitted by Recktenwald, Martin County and Prestonsburg will share in the sale of water to the new prison. After the meeting, Recktenwald explained, "They (the new

prison) will eventually use water on a 50-50 basis. Of course, in the event of some sort of an emergency, they would draw more water from one, than the other."

Martin County Judge Executive Kelly Callahan explained an added benefit to local residents.

"The lines that will be run, will follow the old road, instead of new Route 3. All the houses up Middlefork will have an opportunity to hook up," he said.

Looking to spread the wealth, the plan for utilities also includes Johnson County. The city of Paintsville will provide waste water service to the new prison.

"Paintsville will be building a new sewage treatment facility on old route 23," Recktenwald explained.

All agencies will obtain financial assistance with the projects. Martin County will receive a good deal of help from the Appalachian Regional Commission, Callahan said. No start-up date for any of the work was announced at Wednesday's meeting.

Pike County School Board to consider replacing attorneys

by Alicia Carmichael
Appalachian News-Express

The Pike County Board of Education next week is planning to consider whether to rehire its board attorneys, including one who claims Superintendent Reo Johns pressured him to endorse a contract with the controversial Kentucky Youth Academy reform school in exchange for his job.

Board Chairman Alvin D. Newsome said he hopes the board will consider, at its regular meeting January 13, a search for an in-house lawyer who will charge less and be more readily available than attorneys Pam Robinette May and Neal Smith, who have several other clients.

He said he thinks the board also needs an attorney who will represent more than a few members.

Newsome said he and some other board members do not think Smith represents the entire board because he recently "to my understanding had a meeting with a couple of board members and someone from the OEA in his office."

The OEA (state Office of Education Accountability) is currently investigating the Kentucky Youth Academy that Johns' son, Bary Johns, is allegedly involved in

and which is housed in the former Sycamore School, which closed over parents' protests in 1996.

Newsome said he thinks all board members should have been notified of the meeting, which should have been held in the school board's central office.

But board member John Blackburn said he thinks board members who support Reo Johns are looking to oust Smith because he refused to endorse a contract to allow the board to provide educational services to the youth academy as Johns recommended.

"No one had a criticism of him until he

stood up for what he thought was wrong and potentially criminal," Blackburn said. "It's an awful coincidence that Mr. Smith takes the position he has and all of a sudden people are dissatisfied with him."

Newsome said he does not think any board members want to get rid of Smith because he didn't support the contract. He said board attorneys are hired on a year-to-year contract, but if the board does not vote to sign a contract with the attorney each year and the attorney continues working for the school board, the board has the right to fire the attorney at any time.

Citizens ask for 24-hour police protection

by Kim Stacy
Appalachian News-Express

The Pike County Fiscal Court will ask officials with the Kentucky Youth Academy to consider signing a contract with the Pike County Sheriff's Department to provide 24-hour police protection in the Sycamore community.

The resolution was approved after a small group of citizens from the area made the request to the court at a meeting Monday night.

Pike County Judge-Executive Donna Damron said the court was not allowed by law to single out a specific area for protection and the budget for next year's funding for the sheriff's department had already been submitted.

The academy just last month received its license to operate and is now waiting to sign a contract with the Department of Juvenile Justice and is expecting to start receiving juveniles by the end of this month.

Editor gets 'daylight beating'

From the Martin County Sun

A well-known Inez man was attacked and beaten by an unknown assailant Monday evening in downtown Inez, in front of about 20 witnesses, a spokesperson from Martin County Sheriff Darriel Young's office said.

Ronnie Hickman, 42, who lives in Inez (and is editor of a Martin County newspaper), was taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center by his estranged wife who witnessed the beating, police said.

Hickman's young son also saw the incident. The victim refused transport by the Martin County Emergency Service.

Hickman told investigating officers that "a large man with dark hair" approached him in the parking lot of Inez Pump N' Shop and asked him "Is your name Ronnie Hickman?"

When he responded, Hickman told officers the man hit him without warning in the face repeatedly and forced him to the ground where the unknown man proceeded to kick and stomp Hickman...

Police said Hickman's employers at a local newspaper called Sheriff Young at approximately 4 p.m. and told him that Hickman had been "beaten up" and that they needed the law to respond.

When Chief Deputy Sheriff F.D. "Pete" Fitzpatrick arrived at the newspaper office, several witnesses said Hickman's attacker jumped into an orange Jeep Cherokee driven by an unidentified man.

License numbers were reported by witnesses, but when police ran them for identification, no record was found.

Fitzpatrick asked a spokesperson for the newspaper, where Hickman works as an editor, if she knew of anyone who was mad at Hickman and who may have called in with complaints. The spokesperson said, "We get complaints every week, but we haven't received any threats."

Hickman sustained facial injuries, including a black eye and abrasions, as well as a possible broken cheekbone in the attack.

"No, I don't know who he was or why he

done it. It's really not a big deal anyway," Hickman told Fitzpatrick.

Another employee of the newspaper where Hickman works said he thought he had seen the Jeep at Warfield, which prompted the newspaper's co-owner, Lisa Stayton, to head out to Warfield in her Mercedes Benz in search of the culprits, police said.

But she returned within 30 minutes without finding the suspects.

Fitzpatrick said witnesses were eager to tell what they say, and all of them agreed that the attack was unprovoked...The incident is under investigation by the sheriff's office and anyone with information about the assault should call 298-2828.

Two Johnson men killed in accident

by Jerry Pennington
Big Sandy News

Two Johnson County men were killed in an auto accident along U.S. 23 in Lawrence County Monday night just eight days after a fatality at the same intersection.

Police said Jerry Cox, 50, of East Point and John Preece, 47, of Paintsville were both pronounced dead on the scene following the accident at the intersection of U.S. 23 and Ky. 645. A third person involved, Barbara Cox, 48, of East Point, was airlifted to Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, where she is listed in critical condition.

After a preliminary investigation, police said it appears that Preece was traveling west on Ky. 645 in a 1994 Chevy Blazer while Jerry and Barbara Cox were traveling south on U.S. 23 in a 1988 Audi. After Preece's vehicle traveled through the intersection, both vehicles collided in the south-bound lane of U.S. 23.

Preece and Jerry Cox were not wearing seat belts, but Barbara Cox was wearing a seat belt, police said.

Blackburn said in the last five years, the board has never voted to re-hire Smith.

Smith claimed this week, in a letter sent to board members, that in mid-October Johns pressured him to recommend board members agree to the contract in exchange for him keeping his job as board attorney.

[T]wo weeks after the alleged meeting between Johns and Smith, Johns recommended the board contract to provide \$170,000 worth of educational services to the school.

But the board shelved that recommendation, and instead authorized Smith to begin investigating the matter. Smith said at the time that one focus of the investigation would be whether Barry Johns had any role in the project.

[T]he OEO is investigating Barry Johns' role in the academy and how Sycamore School became the home of the youth academy...

A top official for the state Cabinet for Health Services announced last week that it has decided to issue a license for the academy, clearing the way for the school to begin receiving \$2.2 million annually from the state Department of Juvenile Justice in return for housing 60 juveniles between the ages of 14 and 18.

Big Sandy Briefs

The Numbers Game

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Man shot in top of head

A Magoffin County man suffered a gunshot wound to the head last Saturday night during what was described as a "drunken altercation."

According to reports, Orville White was wounded in the top of the head at apparent close range.

The victim reportedly was alert and conscious when emergency medical personnel arrived on the scene and remained that way during transportation to the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville, where he reportedly checked himself out of the emergency room following treatment.

According to reports, Danny Porter, no age available, has been accused of shooting White. White was said to have been intoxicated at the time of the shooting.

What led to the shooting was not revealed. The incident is still under investigation by KSP Detective Bill Meade. — *The Salyersville Independent*

Sons of Confederate Soldiers chartered Licking Valley Camp

The Magoffin County Chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans has officially received its charter. The Licking Station Camp attested the approval of their official charter last month with ten charter mem-

bers in attendance to add their signatures.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans originated in 1889, in New Orleans, as the United Confederate Veterans. Seven years later an organized effort to establish a national organization of Sons of Confederate Veterans was successful, and since that date, the group has spread on a national level. — *The Salyersville Independent*

Principals oppose plan by board of education

During the December regular meeting of the Magoffin County Board of Education, school administrators voiced their disapproval of the Magoffin County Board of Education's proposed plan to reorganize the district that would feature three large PK-8 schools.

The presentation requested by the board as to how much this project would cost and how much savings, if any, it would provide the district was met with negative reactions from administrators attending the meeting.

The discussion ended with orders for Superintendent Howard Wallace to prepare a rationale to submit to the Kentucky State Department of Education requesting the right to change the district's current facilities plan. — *The Salyersville Independent*

Fire in racing car garage kills two Pike teenagers

Two Ashcamp teenagers were killed in a fire January 1 that swept through a garage where a race car and a tractor-trailer were stored.

Ricky Ratliff, 14, and Josh Cable, 16, were killed in what authorities suspect is a flash fire involving the fuel. The boys had planned to remove an engine from the race car.

When Sycamore firefighters arrived on the scene, they discovered that the two boys were inside the building, according to police reports. They found one of the boys had died of smoke inhalation as he attempted to escape. His body was discovered next to a doorway. The other boy's body was burned beyond recognition, Pike authorities said.

Pike pair jailed for sexual crimes

A McAndrews pair was jailed Tuesday for sexual crimes, authorities said.

Douglas Fish, 34, and Virginia Fish, 24, were arrested by Kentucky State Police Detective Bobby Johnson.

According to a citation, Douglas Fish was charged with rape for allegedly having sexual intercourse with a 15-year-old girl.

Virginia Fish was charged with complicity to rape,

sexual abuse and unlawful transaction with a minor, a citation said. — *Appalachian News-Express*

Pike man jailed for having stolen car

A McVeigh man was jailed Saturday after he told police he took an unlocked car from the side of the highway so he wouldn't have to walk home, authorities said.

Stephen Varney, 19, was arrested by Kentucky State Police Trooper Andy Cain for receiving stolen property.

According to the citation, Varney told Cain he took the car after he was issued a Miranda warning. The citation said the car was stolen.

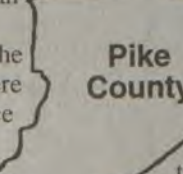
Varney was lodged in the Pike County Detention Center. — *Appalachian News-Express*

\$1.5 million allotted for rural Pike roads

Some \$1.5 million will be spent in Pike County during the 1998-99 fiscal year by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet on rural secondary roads including about 45 miles of repaving, four new bridges, maintenance and the installation of more guardrail. — *Appalachian News-Express*



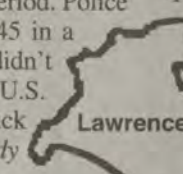
Magoffin County



Pike County



Martin County



Lawrence County

Police arrest Crum Motors burglary suspect

Eighteen-year-old Kevin Lee McCoy turned himself in to Martin County police authorities Tuesday. McCoy faces charges in connection with the recent burglary at Crum Motors where three later model vehicles were stolen, and the business was ransacked. Charges include complicity to commit burglary in the third degree, as well as complicity to commit criminal mischief. He is lodged in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center in Johnson County. — *The Martin County Sun*

ent attempt to steal the vehicle, authorities said. — *The Martin County Sun*

Missing woman found hiding under porch

Diane Sparks, a former Martin County woman who has been missing since December 19, has been found.

Sparks, who was badly beaten and robbed the night of her disappearance, was found hiding under the porch of a Collins Creek residence. Sparks said she had been hiding in a basement for four days at the home because she feared for her life and she didn't want her family to see her condition.

Apparently, when Sparks stepped out of her car after stopping at the Lovely Fast Lane to get breakfast for her family, someone yelled out a name. When she turned around, two males grabbed her and put her in a car. They took her to the Warfield Cemetery and beat her. Then they robbed her and left her for dead, Sparks' relatives said. — *The Martin County Sun*

Vehicle stolen from Copley's Auto Mart

One car was stolen and another had the steering column busted at Copley's Auto Mart in Warfield last Friday night. The thief took a 1990 model Honda Accord, dark blue in color. The culprits also busted the steering column on a 1990 Honda Accord in an appar-

Flight by trustees well planned, had outside accomplice

It finally happened. Two inmates escaped from Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex in West Liberty, leaving some citizens and local business owners perplexed about why they were not immediately notified of the breakout, as was promised before the prison opened.

It was the first escape since it opened in 1990. The escapees were both trustees assigned to the prison's minimum security unit. They were identified as Brian Kidd, 24, of Sandy Hook, and James Hood, 32, a Corbin native.

A letter from Kidd seemed to confirm that the escape had been planned for some time.

The rambling, typewritten letter contained allegations of wrong-doing by members of the prison staff and complaints by Kidd that he had been mistreated and his life threatened by inmates and staff members during his incarceration at the prison—all of which has been denied by prison officials. — *The Licking Valley Courier, West Liberty*

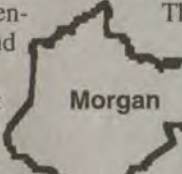
Census Bureau notes population increase

Information recently released by the Census Bureau shows that patterns of population change in Morgan County differed significantly from national and state patterns from 1990 through 1996.

From April of 1990 through July of 1996, the population of Morgan County increased by 15.2 percent — from 11,648 residents in 1990 to 13,420 residents in 1996.

The sharp increase, observers say, is due to the rapid growth of the inmate population at Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex in West Liberty. Originally built for 500 inmates, the medium-security facility for men now has an inmate population of around 1,500.

The resident population of the United States increased by 6.7 percent, while the population of Kentucky increased by 5.3 percent. — *The Licking Valley Courier, West Liberty*



Morgan County

Goble trial date set for August

A trial date was set in Johnson Circuit Court for accused sex offender, Kelly Goble, for August 3.

Goble will face 20 counts of rape, sodomy, and sexual abuse in his second trial since March of last year, when a jury found him not guilty of sexually abusing his daughter. — *The Paintsville Herald*

East Kentucky waking up with Jill Fraley

For early risers, Paintsville native Jill Fraley will be a sight for sleepy eyes.

Fraley, 23, is now the morning anchor for WYMT out of Hazard, replacing Deann Stephens' morning spot opposite news and weather anchor, M.K. Combs.

"When I found out from Tony (Turner, WYMT news director) that I was hired and was asked to start that following Friday, I couldn't believe it," said Fraley. "I mean, it's almost unheard of to go straight to an anchor position."

"We are very excited about Jill working at WYMT," said Turner. "She's from Eastern Kentucky, so she's very familiar with the area. She's also intelligent, both as an anchor and a reporter."

Under a one-year contract with the station, Fraley will host the morning show along with M.K. Combs, but will eventually go solo in the a.m., said Turner. — *The Paintsville Herald*



Johnson County

Grand jury to investigate shooting

A Sitka woman could face assault charges after allegedly shooting a man fighting her husband.

According to Kentucky State Police, Judy Campbell, 39, allegedly shot William Kenneth Smith, 42, of Sitka, in the leg with a small-caliber handgun. Smith was allegedly involved in a physical altercation with Campbell's husband outside the couple's residence at the time.

Campbell's case will be presented to a Johnson County grand jury, which will decide whether to charge her with first-degree assault. — *The Paintsville Herald*

Coal truck collision kills teen

A teenager was killed Sunday when he lost control of the car he was driving and collided with a coal truck, state police said.

Bryan D. Carroll, 18, of Chavies, was traveling eastbound on Ky. 28 in Perry County near Chavies about 11 a.m. when he lost control of the vehicle because of slick road conditions and veered into the path of the west-bound coal truck, police said.

Carroll was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the coal truck, Elijah Ritchie, 44, of Emmalena was not injured. Both drivers were wearing seat belts. — *Troublesome Creek Times*

including several television appearances. She was featured in an article in Rolling Stone magazine. A seven-page article titled "Rebecca on the Rise" appeared in Natural Living Today magazine. She is also on the cover of the February/March issue of Twist.

She did a two-year stint on the soap opera "Loving," then had parts in "Beverly Hills 90210" and "Earth 2." She appeared in "Nothing to Lose" with Tim Robbins, and had a co-starring role in "Money Talks," which was directed by her boyfriend of nine years, Brett Ratner. — *Troublesome Creek Times*



Knott County

Elk herd on move, doing well

Within 24 hours of hitting the ground, Kentucky's tiny elk herd had moved ten miles from the release site. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife have had reports that six of the elk were grazing near Robinson Forest. The bull elk, which was the last elk off the trailer, is still near the release site.

Fish and Wildlife authorities are pleased that the elk are moving toward Robinson Forest because there is a 10,000-acre core area of the forest that they hope the elk will move into. — *Troublesome Creek Times*

Gayheart's movie career grows

Rebecca Gayheart, Knott County's representative in Hollywood, is appearing in "Scream 2," which set box-office records for the best December opening (\$39.2 million).

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Smile Awhile

Sara Hopson

What's mine is mine

Regardless of their age, your children have a way of pulling at your heartstrings. Yet, as they grow older the strings they become most attached to are connected to your purse. My son, who is now a junior in college, is able to tug at these strings in the most appealing way.

"Mom, I'll need some extra money this week," he said as he prepared to return to school after Christmas vacation.

"Didn't you get some money for working?" I asked as I folded his clothes in a laundry bag.

"Yeah, but I spent that on YOUR Christmas gift," he replied.

"Oh, that's right. But didn't you get gift money?" I queried as I packed his toiletries.

"But that's MY money," he stated bluntly.

"Oh, that's right," I apologized. "You can do whatever you want with your money. Can I ask why you need extra money?" I asked as I ironed his dress shirts.

"Fraternity stuff like shirts, logos, retreats, parties. Stuff like that."

"Are those all essential items?" I questioned as I packed his books in his book bag.

"They're essential to me."

"Can't you use some of your own money for that?"

"Sure!" he exclaimed. "But I hate to waste my gift money on stuff like that."

"I understand completely," I said as I packed \$75 worth of groceries in his carry-all. "All your money is used for 'stuff' you want, and all my money is spent for 'stuff' you want. Right?"

"Now you're cooking, Mom," he replied as he played a game on his playstation. "Did you pack my socks?"

"Your grandmother washed and folded your clothes. I ironed them and packed them in your bag. Anything else?"

"Did you get my car washed?"

"J.R., it's 60 degrees outside. Can't you wash it yourself?"

"I don't have time!" he exclaimed as he started packing up his playstation. "I have to take a shower and shave. Did you get my comforter washed?"

"I know I'm slow, but I think I'm missing something here," I stated as I fixed his breakfast. "Let's get this straight. I am your mother, not your personal valet. We had a Civil War to end what you are doing to me. Can you explain what's going on here?"

"Mom, I don't want to get into a philosophical discussion before I leave. Have you seen my deodorant?"

Philosophical! If he thought we were having a philosophical discussion, his prior two and a half years of college were ill-spent.

"How much money are you going to give me before I go?"

"Can you leave me enough for the mortgage?" I asked pitifully.

"Mom, you're such a kidder," he joked as he hugged me. "Did you think to get me a gas credit card? It'd be awful if I got stranded somewhere without any gas in this weather."

I'm thrilled my son is astute enough to think about serious financial matters such as credit cards, I just can't wait until he puts HIS money where his mouth is and pays the monthly bills - plus interest.

1998-Miss Teen East Kentucky Scholarship Pageant set for Saturday at the MAC

The fourth Miss Teen East Kentucky Pageant will be held this Saturday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

"This will be a night to remember," said pageant director Don Lowe. "Our fourth pageant promises to be the best yet. Better facilities allow us to really expand the show, and we have beautiful sets, as well as a few on-stage surprises this year. We're all really looking forward to this year's pageant."

Lowe also said the pageant will be done for the first time as a television program and will later air on local cable channels.

"We are moving forward with the eventual plan to broadcast the pageant live in the next year or so," said Lowe. "We are honored once again to have Sandra Cole, news anchor at WOWK-TV 13 News in Huntington, West Virginia, as our host. She adds so much to the excitement of the evening."

Ten contestants from all over Eastern Kentucky will compete for the title of Miss Teen East Kentucky 1998 with a prize package of over \$3,000 going to the winner.

"We added scholarships this year," said Lowe. "Local businesses have contributed to help us begin our scholarship fund. The winner's prize is a \$1,500 scholarship which she may use at any college she wishes."

Additionally, prizes include: a scholarship at Images Modeling Agency in Lexington; entry fees and travel expenses to the state level teen pageant; trophies from Castle's Jewelry and Gifts; flowers from Jan's Florist and Gift Shop of Martin; a hand-sewn banner from Initially Yours in Paintsville; a tiara from Allen's Trophies of Kansas City, Missouri; voice and diction lessons; an appearance contract; and much more.

THIS YEAR'S CONTESTANTS ARE:

- Christy Lester of Phelps, the daughter of Muncy and Linda Lester;
- Charity Collett of Pineville, the daughter of Woody and Brenda Collett;
- Angelina Athy of Pikeville, the daughter of Glenetta Stump;
- Natasha Bentley of Myra, the daughter of Ted and Ruby Bentley;
- Tabatha Williams of Salyersville, the daughter of Kathy Puckett and Timothy Williams;
- Kymberli Vereen of Carrollton, the daughter of Marianne Vereen;
- Farrah Butcher of Van Lear, the daughter of Joy and Darell Butcher;
- Erin Diabo of Hager Hill, the daughter of Pete and Judy Diabo;
- Heather Meeks of Paintsville, the daughter of Cheryl Meeks;
- Ashley Blair of McRoberts, the daughter of Jack and Delma Blair.

"As always, it will be very hard to say good-bye to the current Miss Teen," said Lowe. "Sally Francisco has done such a beautiful job as our titleholder (she became Miss Teen East Kentucky after Christy Newsome gave up her title and was married last summer). She stepped in and handled everything beautifully. It will be very hard to replace her."

Tickets for this year's pageant are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the Mountain Arts Center ticket office at 1-888-MAC ARTS.



Angelina Athy



Ashley Blair



Charity Collett



Christy Lester



Erin Diabo



Farrah Butcher



Heather Meeks



Nathasha Bentley



Tabatha Williams

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

— In October, the Hotel Nagoya Castle, 170 miles west of Tokyo, began calling its rates "suggested" and allowing customers to pay whatever they thought the rooms were worth (but at least 38 percent of the suggested rate). In trial runs, the hotel found the average discount to be only 10 percent, which management expected to be overcome by higher volume.

— The Rocky Mountain News disclosed in June that business was brisk for the Denver company DDx Inc., in sales of its HeatWatch system, which detects when one cow attempts to mount another cow (which, though it has no procreation significance, is still a good indication that one or both are in heat) and alerts ranchers and dairy farmers of optimum

"Women are very open. Men hide their toes."

time for artificial insemination.

— In September in Hackensack, N.J., pharmaceutical chemist Puzant Torigian introduced the latest "safe" cigarette, Bravo, made of enzyme-treated lettuce leaves. They are sold mostly in health-food stores, at about \$3.50 a pack. (Bravos actually appeared on the market briefly 28 years ago, but safe-smoking was not as important then, and they failed to sell.)

— The German news agency Deutsche Presse-Agentur reported the introduction of a "Letter Bomb" toy in stores in the Philippines in October, selling quickly by urging kids to "have fun and become a terrorist." The toy resembles an airmail envelope, and instructions say to write the target's name on it, clap on it heavily, and then present it to the victim within seven seconds so it will "explode" in his hand.

— A July New York Post article described the rapidly expanding retail

market for bullet-resistant clothing (leather jackets, sneakers, mink coats, bras), including denim jeans with 25 percent Kevlar, which the manufacturer believes will sell because of their unique appearance rather than their bullet-retarding properties. And the Village Voice reported in November that a New York City security gadget store sells an ordinary-looking chair with electric plates on the seat and on a shelf extending from an arm; it can detect when someone is hiding a metal object in his mouth.

TOO MUCH TIME ON THEIR HANDS

— In June, Netherlands native Imre Somogyi told an audience at a book festival in Chicago that he was the world's first toe reader. In the course of promoting his book, "Reading Toes: Your Feet as Reflections of Your Personality," Somogyi told one New York woman that the inward turn of her right small toe indicated she was likely "to turn away from the subject," according to a Reuters news report. Somogyi said 70 percent of his clients are women: "Women are very open. Men hide their toes."

UNCLEAR ON THE CONCEPT

— In November, the Dayton Daily News reported that a vandal operating in local libraries is still on the loose after two years of incidents. The vandal targets books that, as he once wrote, are "an affront to public decency (and that) corrupt young children," such as those on homosexuality or the United Nations, and smears them with human feces.

— In June trial testimony in Providence, R.I., against retired Roman Catholic Monsignor Louis Ward Dunn, a woman who claimed to have been raped by him in 1965 when she was 18 said she initially did not believe Father Dunn's advances were sexual. She said Father Dunn had asked her to remove her blouse, which she did, and that he had spread talcum powder over her breasts, and that the two of them then killed a bottle of wine, but, she said, "I did not consider that sexual in any way."

(See Weird, page four)

by Chuck Shepherd

News of the Weird

— Can't Possibly Be True: In December, John Caballero, 42, who had just been awarded \$30 million in punitive damages by a jury in Corpus Christi, Texas, in his lawsuit over injuries from an oil well explosion, voluntarily gave up every penny of it when the company agreed to institute a safety plan to protect future workers. (Caballero will retain several million dollars in actual damages for treatment of broken vertebrae, a crushed foot and ankle, a dislocated hip, vision and hearing loss, and a scarring of the scalp.)

— In Miami, Fla., on Dec. 4 at 10:30 p.m., Edna Benson, in curlers and ready for bed, grabbed her Taurus 85 handgun and prepared to see who was knocking on her door at that hour. To her great surprise, it was Mayor Xavier Suarez, who "looked mad, really, really mad," said Benson, and was clutching the four-page letter she had written criticizing the mayor for firing the police chief. After she turned out the lights and shouted at him, Suarez finally walked away. Later, Suarez said he tries to call everyone who writes him but that he didn't have Benson's phone number.

— In November in Waukesha, Wis., Kenneth J. Nowicki, 34, was formally charged with disorderly conduct following his arrest in August. According to the police complaint, Nowicki targeted three kids in a park, left them candy and a cup, and via typewritten instructions asked them to spit into the cup after consuming the candy. He told police he is preoccupied with saliva and uses it for sexual gratification.

SOAP UPDATES

by
Seli
Groves

ALL MY CHILDREN: Gillian told Dimitri about Tad and Edmund's plan. Later, Dimitri and Edmund faced off at the mausoleum. The magician made Gloria "disappear." Gloria later blasted Dimitri after overhearing his conversation with Edmund. Dimitri "saw" Hugo. Jake urged Allie to tell him the full story about David. **Wait To See:** A new man arrives in town.

ANOTHER WORLD: Alexander closed his trap when Carl surrendered to him rather than risk Matt's life. During the takeoff

of Alexander's jet, Carl attacked him and a gun went off. The plane crashed into Lake Michigan. Rachel learned Carl may be dead. Shane told Vicky he'll survive. **Wait To See:** The Corys prepare to deal with Carl's loss.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: David pressed Emily for the blackmail money so he could hire a lawyer. Later, he struck a deal with James for more money. Lisa watched Molly's tape before Molly destroyed it. Andy urged John to keep reassuring Barbara of his love. Holden got Lily to stay in Oakdale.

Meanwhile, Molly learned the wedding time was pushed up. **Wait To See:** Molly reacts to news about two Snyder weddings.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Sheila realized she'd been taken captive by Maggie, Mike, and Marty, Mike's brother. Meanwhile, a distraught James agonized over why Sheila didn't want anyone to know where she'd gone to recover from her fall. Taylor told Brooke to prove she's pregnant or she'll tell Ridge the truth herself. Stephanie left a message for Taylor about the changed hours of Ridge's and

Brooke's wedding. Amber happily accepted Beth's offer to help her baby-sit for Brooke's children. **Wait To See:** Sheila fears her life will be jeopardized again.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Sent to the airport by Kristen, Roman reeled when he saw Marlena and John there together. Jack found Jennifer and Abby hiding in the trunk of his car. John confronted Kristen about Roman's collapse. Jack and Jennifer wound up fleeing from both Peter and the police. In England, Susan was smitten by Edmund. Franco put his plan vis-à-vis Sami into action. **Wait To See:** Stefano searches for his son.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Luke had another warning about the Cassadines for Alexis. Nikolas met Helena. A paranoid Brenda attacked Robin as Jason's spy. Luke considered telling Bobbie the truth — that she and Carly are mother and daughter. Meanwhile, Alan suspected Carly set A.J. up to look as if he'd fallen off the wagon. Jason was a suspect in Valentine's mysterious death. **Wait To See:** Tony begins his revenge on Jason.

GUIDING LIGHT: Reva agreed to help Blake against Ben. Harley told Phillip he had to resolve his feelings for Beth. Dinah continued her "revenge" by "accidentally" driving into Cassie. Rick questioned Ross about an injured Kevin. Phillip asked Beth to move out of the Spaulding mansion. Alan gave Michael a job. **Wait To See:** Michelle comes to a turning point in her treatment.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Dorian shared more about her past with Cassie. Later, Dorian had a frightening dream about her mother and told Mel the next day she can't face Miss Stonecliff, her childhood nanny. Ian gave Blair the go-ahead

to organize The Sun's employees against Todd. After arguing with Dorian, Mel considered taking a drink. Dorothy had a romantic fantasy about Joey. **Wait To See:** Kelly's jealousy leads to betrayal.

PORT CHARLES: Rex learned Lucy's pills were not for fertility, making him suspicious that she's still with Kevin. Rex then arranged for Lucy to get poisoned "stress-relief" pills. Ellen told Scott how Alice shut her out the day her husband died. The interns learned Lark's mother is mentally unstable. Scott was sure the jury would find him guilty. **Wait To See:** Chris notices Matt's reaction to doing a newspaper interview.

SUNSET BEACH: Matt spoke of the murders of New Year's revelers on the island 50 years earlier. Later, the soup was laced with drugs causing hallucinations. Meg "saw" Ben with bloody scissors. Jade stole Meg's engagement ring and left the house only to be seized

by the assailant and clubbed to death. Caitlin offered to pay Rachel's debts in return for giving her baby a loving home. When Caitlin delayed coming in for an examination, Annie realized Caitlin lost her unborn baby in the car accident. **Wait To See:** The group views the telltale video of Elizabeth's murder.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: Keith fumed that Tricia would lose her virginity to Ryan. Nikki upset Diane by saying Victor should never have children in a marriage that's bound to fail. Later, Veronica watched Nikki and Josh talk about Victor. Grace exploded when Tony said if she loves Cassie, she should send the child back to her real mother, Sharon. Ashley helped Cole celebrate the completion of his manuscript. **Wait To See:** Grace gives Sharon overwhelming news.

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NATASHA'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You could receive a useful financial tip this week. An intellectual project may be less time-consuming than you had thought. You'll want to go places and do things this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Communications skills are tops, but you may have to wait a bit before you can get the ear of a higher-up. Shopping for home and family is a plus over the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good week for buying and selling. It would be better to go out for good times than to have guests over later in the week. Place a special emphasis on leisure interests.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Creative interests are highlighted. You're effective in presenting your ideas to others. You could decide to get a difficult household chore out of the way over the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

Judgment is excellent this week about job and family interests. You're able to help a child out with an endeavor. Couples will enjoy a weekend out on the town.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Couples will reach an understanding with a child. You could receive financial backing for a project. Extra momentum may cause you to put in some overtime toward the end of the week.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Common sense and efficiency combine to bring you gains at work this week. You may have second thoughts about an investment. The weekend favors partnership interests.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Partners will be in agreement this week about mutual concerns. In business, you'll meet with extra responsibility, but you'll also have extra initiative and drive.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Talks with those in authority positions are favored. A friend may ask you for advice. Plans for travel fall into place. Social interests highlight the weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Couples will be making important plans for the future this week. You'll also be devoting extra time to a career project. Behind-the-scenes moves bring positive results.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A private business talk will give you key insights. You'll fulfill a social obligation this week and may plan a party. You project confidence and authority.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A talk with a friend is especially meaningful. You're able to bring a difficult project to a successful conclusion. It should be a good moneymaking week for you.

TUNING IN

by
Sally
Stone

The Japanese classic, "Seven Samurai," was the model for the 1961 film, "The Magnificent Seven," which starred Eli Wallach and the late Yul Brynner. Now, 37 years later, a television series based on the film has debuted on CBS, with Michael Biehn, Eric Close, Rick Worthing, Anthony Starke, Dale Midkiff, Ron Perlman and Andrew Kavovit — playing the men who come togeth-

er to bring justice to the western frontier.

I once asked Perlman if he ever regretted playing Vincent on "Beauty and the Beast," because of the character's strong association with him even after years of starring roles in films such as "The Name of the Rose" and the recently released "Alien: Resurrection," and "The Last Supper" with Bill Paxton and Cameron Diaz.

Perlman, who just wrapped "Prince Valiant" (he plays Bolter, the role James Mason played in the original movie) said, "I'd worked in theater for years and suddenly, with this television show, people in the industry became aware of me.

"I feel what Vincent has done for me was a blessing. I don't mind that people remember Vincent: I'll never forget him."

DIAL TONES: On January 18, ABC airs "Ruby Bridges," based on the true story of a little girl (Chaz Harbin), who dared to be the only black child in an all-white school in the '60s. Penelope Ann Miller is the sympathetic white teacher, Barbara Henry.

On January 18 and 19, A&E airs a two-part miniseries, "California and the Dream Seekers," which traces the remarkable history of the state which is home to 32 million people.

All you ever wanted to know about bears is revealed in "The Ultimate Guide: Bears," airing January 18 on the Discovery Channel.

Finally, Chris Farley, the former "Saturday Night Live" star who died on December 18, idolized "SNL's" John Belushi.

Chris, who had moved into a successful film career, once told an interviewer that if he never did anything more in show business, he'd feel he'd accomplished his most important goal by performing on the same set Belushi worked on.

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CRITIC'S CORNER

by
Mickey
Greene

AMISTAD: Taken from a very painful, even now divisive, period in our history, this film tells the tale of African slaves who engage in a mutiny in order to win back their freedom.

Captured from West Africa by Spanish slave traders, the men and women are chained together for their voyage, bound for Cuba. Along the way, the horrors of the voyage are incomprehensible. Yet, Steven Spielberg, the genius behind this film, doesn't shirk from the brutal, raw depictions. The result is a piece of cinematic power that jolts and jars you every nerve.

Led by Cinque (Djimon Hounsou in a stunning debut), the slaves revolt against their captors, killing all but two of their captors. Because of the ship's location, the

remaining 53 slaves are taken into custody by the United States. Subsequently, a fierce legal battle ensues.

Are the slaves sub-human pieces of property, or are they kidnapped human beings who should be allowed to return to their own country? Matthew McConaughey portrays an attorney who initially takes on the case for the slaves. Ultimately, former president John Quincy Adams, portrayed by Anthony Hopkins, takes over to argue his case before the U.S. Supreme Court. Morgan Freeman stars as a free black abolitionist who also gets involved with the slaves' plight.

There aren't enough superlatives to tell you how excellent this film is. True to history (and a little

known piece of it at that), it is a cinematic masterpiece. Spielberg does not shy away from such horrors as showing us men and women being chained to rocks and thrown overboard in order to lighten the load because the ship is behind schedule. We see a young woman jump into the sea with her child in order to escape the torture she's going through on the ship and is destined to mark the rest of her life in captivity. We see bloodied fingers desperately scratching at a bolt in order to undo the chains.

In its own way, this film is as important as Spielberg's last contribution to cinematic greatness, "Schindler's List." History buffs will love it, but I recommend it as a must for everyone!

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Weird

(Dunn was acquitted of that rape charge. However, the next week, he was found guilty of raping another woman and called by the judge "a sexual predator," but in August the judge granted him a new trial in that case.)

— In August in Sharnbrook, England, Emma Webster, 15, revealed she was pregnant, due in January, and that the father was

Sean Stewart, age 11, whom she had met in school and whom she thought was at least 15. Said Emma to London's Daily Mail, "I think he will be a good father. He may only be 11, but he is quite mature and responsible for his age."

THINNING THE HERD
— A 38-year-old man passed

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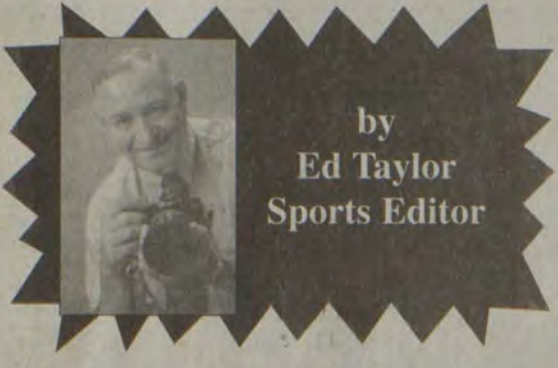


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by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Sports

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A Look At Sports

Tire slashing at Martin, officiating causes parents, fans concern

It is really getting bad when you cannot go and play a game of basketball without someone trying to ruin the event for you. When I came in to work today (Monday) I had phone calls and was told of the happenings at Martin Middle School when the Purple Flash hosted the Allen Eagles.

Seems someone took advantage of the evening and slashed a few tires of cars parked around the school. While I doubt it was game-related, still, someone was caused some discomfort over the incident.

While the slashing was going on outside, there was some upset fans on the inside over the officiating. I don't know if there is an answer to that problem.

Some good news is that the roof at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse has been repaired. Seems the players no longer have to dribble around water buckets when practicing. Herb Kingsley will have to find something else to keep up with since the rain no longer falls in the gym.

The high school basketball season is a month old, and already the district tournament meeting is being planned. Prestonsburg High School will be the host school this year, with the boys' regional held at Elkhorn City. Some are questioning the decision to allow the tournament to go to Elkhorn with limited space. But, look for the split sessions to return.

Here's a note of interest. The 15th Region Sports Forum will be carried over WPRG, Channel 5 this Sunday night beginning at 7:30 p.m. The date change is due to the Pikeville Invitational being held this week. We will be looking at the girls' All A regional which tips off Wednesday night.

Favorites for the tournament? Allen Central and Pikeville. If both teams win their opener, they would meet in a semifinal game. Outside shot? Two teams, Elkhorn City and Paintsville. Both of those are in the same bracket. Should be a good tournament. Allen Central is the defending champion; and four-time winners. Only two schools have ever won the classic: Elkhorn City the first year, and Allen Central ever since.

We wish the Prestonsburg Dance Cats the best as they head out to St. Louis today to defend their national title. The squad will perform Saturday, and again Sunday.

The grade school basketball tournament is just a month away from starting and, with the new format, it should be a great tournament. I look forward to the county tournament. There is always a lot of excitement at the games. This year all teams in the county will play in the tournament.

I understand that Paintsville has pulled out of the WYMT Classic next week. Why? I don't know. Prestonsburg will be part of the field once again this season.

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Rax Invitational...

Adams, Stumbo advance to semifinals

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Coach Neil Turner's Adams Middle School Blackcats advances to the semifinals of the Rax Invitational basketball tournament, scheduled for tonight at the Pikeville College gym, and Hayes Hamilton's John M. Stumbo Mustangs will be the second county team in the Final Four of the tournament as both teams posted impressive victories in quarterfinal play.

Both games demonstrated a marked contrast with the other as Stumbo won the more thrilling game, beating the Allen Eagles in overtime, 44-40. Adams broke open a close game in the third quarter as the Blackcats ripped Johns Creek 61-42.

Stumbo outscored Allen 6-2 in the

extra period to pull out the four-point win. The two teams played to a 38-38 standoff through regulation play as Allen fought back to tie the game behind the scoring of Daniel Knausz. Knausz, who led all scorers with 21

points, scored nine in the fourth period, including a three-point basket.

It was a 10-10 ballgame after the first period, but Allen held a 21-15 advantage at the half, holding Stumbo to but five points in the second quarter. But, the Mustangs returned the favor and Allen could only collect five points

on the scoreboard in the third quarter as Stumbo led 29-26 after three quarters. Josh Allen led Stumbo's scoring with 15 points. Josh Howell added 14 points. Marcus Allen finished with seven, while Brian Roberts tossed in

offense but, once they did, they made the best of it. The Cats held a slim two-point, 26-24, lead at the half, but outscored Johns Creek 18-10 in the third period to take a 10-point lead.

"We did open it up in the third," said Adams coach Neil Turner. "We came out and started shooting the three's and they weren't falling."

Coach Turner informed his team, during a time out, that the three's were not there and, "it was time to start shooting some two's."

"Johns Creek is a good team," said Turner. "I feel we are playing good basketball right now."

Shawn Newsome tossed in 25 points to lead all scorers. Ryan Martin added 10, and Matt Turner netted eight.

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Allen falls in overtime Osborne loses to Virgie

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six. Keith Howell had two points.

Nick Clay, a seventh grader, scored 13 points for Allen. Austin Clark, Burke, and Matt Setser finished with two points each.

ADAMS VS JOHNS CREEK

It took three quarters before the Adams Blackcats could get in synch on

Damron scores 18 as Shelby Valley walks past Raiders

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The South Floyd Lady Raiders are still looking to get on track for the basketball season as they enter a new year. But it turned out to be the same story when they fell to the Shelby Valley Lady Wildcats on the road this past Monday night.

Ashley Damron scored 18 points to lead all scorers. Tasha Bakay added 10 points, and Summer Jones totaled eight.

Olivia Stewart led South Floyd with her eight points. The game marked the return of Misty Berger and Jo Jo Pack, who have both been out with injuries. Shawna Hall had six points for South Floyd.

Shelby Valley led 13-6 at the first stop. Stewart scored all six points for the Lady Raiders. She had a three-point basket in the opening period. Shelby Valley had a 26-14 lead after the first two quarters. The fourth quarter was the drastic one as the Lady Wildcats outscored South Floyd 23-7. Damron had six points in the period, and Jones buried a trey and scored five points.

"Last night was the first time we had our full team back since our second game of the season," said South Floyd coach Henry Webb. "Jo Jo and Misty have been out for several games. Both were very rusty and Jo Jo only played about five minutes."

"Shooting the basketball was our weakness. We shot less than 30 percent from the field and the free-throw line."

Pack settled for four points on her return. Martha Crawford and Brook Hamilton netted two points apiece. Angie Tackett and Danielle Tackett scored one apiece. Minnie Tackett had one point.

Sarah Vanover tossed in five points for Shelby Valley. Candy Kanes added four.

South Floyd will entertain Magoffin County at Raider Arena Monday night.



Hard to the boards
Prestonsburg's Andy Jarvis (24) battled South Floyd's Nick Compton (32) and Justin Paige (20) for a rebound in last Tuesday's district match up at Prestonsburg. Jarvis had 16 points and 14 rebounds in the game the Blackcats won 73-6. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Prestonsburg escapes South Floyd in district game, 73-62

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

If the South Floyd Raiders believe in moral victories, they got one at Prestonsburg last Tuesday night, even though they dropped a 73-62 decision to the second-ranked Blackcats.

Coach Barry Hall's ballclub gave Prestonsburg all they wanted and then some in a game that was closer than the final 11-point margin.

Joe Campbell, with some timely shooting, scored a game-high 25 points, and pulled in eight rebounds to send the Blackcats to their first conference win and an overall 7-3 mark through 10 games. Campbell had two three-point baskets in the contest. Andy Jarvis and Wes Samons each totaled 16 points. Samons was hot from the three-point circle, hitting four treys.

South Floyd, who has vastly improved from the start of the season, lost for only the second time in the past six games. The game was tied seven times before Prestonsburg took charge early in the fourth quarter.

The Raiders, who trailed by six, 38-32

after three quarters, shot an air ball and had two consecutive turnovers to start the final period. Prestonsburg scored on all three mistakes. Jarvis had a rebound basket, Samons buried a three-pointer, and Jason Keathley had a free throw that gave the Blackcats a 58-49 lead with 6:22 to play.

After a basket by Timmy Butler, the Raiders had four straight turnovers, three were unforced. Prestonsburg, behind Jarvis, Campbell and Kyle Conley raced out to a 66-51 lead at the 4:00 mark.

A tip in basket by Nick Compton brought the Raiders back to within 10 of Prestonsburg, 70-60, with 1:43 to play, but that would be as close as they could get.

It was a frustrating evening for senior center Andy Jarvis, as South Floyd was double teaming him when he received the ball in the paint area. The collapsing defense left things open for Samons from the outside.

Campbell had the hot hand for Prestonsburg in the first quarter, keeping Prestonsburg in the game. South Floyd opened sharp on offense, but found no way to slow Campbell. Campbell scored five baskets for 10 points in the first quarter.

His baseline jumper from 6-feet out gave the Blackcats a 20-18 first-quarter lead. The lead changed hands four times in the first four minutes of the game. It was tied at 12, 14, 16 and again at 18 before Campbell gave Prestonsburg the lead.

Compton's 17-foot basket gave South Floyd what would be their final lead at 22-21. The Raiders could not take care of the basketball against the Prestonsburg press, and turned it over four times on four possessions. Prestonsburg ripped off 12 unanswered points to lead 32-22, when Coach Hall decided he had seen enough and called a time out. Butler's three-point basket brought the Raiders to within five, 32-27, but they trailed by six at the half, 38-32.

A pushing call against Prestonsburg drew the wrath of coach Jackie Pack and he was whistled for a technical. Justin Paige connected on the two charity tosses to cut the lead to four. A layup by Coby Little could make it a 44-42 game with 4:02 to play. Justin Holbrook's three-pointer made it 46-45, and his second try tied the game at 48-48 before Prestonsburg

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Good defense
Prestonsburg's Kyle Conley (3) tried to cut off South Floyd's Justin Holbrook (14) during conference basketball at Prestonsburg Tuesday night. The Blackcats pulled out a 73-62 win over the Raiders. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Tackett has triple-double in win over MCA

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It is rare when you find a grade school basketball player pull off a triple-double in a game, but

Melvin's Rusty Tackett accomplished the feat this week against the Mountain Christian Academy Falcons on the road.

Tackett scored 40 points, had 12 rebounds and came up with 10 steals while dishing off four assists in a 67-44 win over the Falcons. Jeremy Tackett added 16 points for the Cougars, while Matt Smith and Kevin McKinney had four points apiece. Jessie Tackett had two points. McKinney had 10 rebounds in the game, with Jeremy Tackett pulling in seven. Jeremy Tackett had 11 assists in the game.

final three minutes of the game, scored 11 in the first quarter, 10 in the second, 11 in the third and eight in the fourth before he left the game. He hit three three-point baskets.

The Cougars led 23-10 after the first quarter, and went to the locker room with a 40-23 advantage.

Burchett led MCA in scoring with 10 points. Repuyan added nine and Barnette scored seven. Caudill, O'Neal, and Halbert had two apiece. Repuyan and Barnette each had three-point baskets for the Falcons.

Tiffany Williams scored 20 points and Ashley Thornsberry added 12 to lead the Melvin Lady Cougars past the Mountain Christian Academy Falcons, 50-27, Williams, who did not score in the fourth quarter, had half of her points in the third period.

Melvin led 18-2 after one period and went to the locker room with a 30-11 lead. In the fourth period, Melvin went scoreless with Hutchinson scoring eight points for MCA.

Harris added five points for MCA. Whitt had two points.

LADY COUGARS WIN

Music scores 26 in win over Auxier

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Allen Lady Eagles soared to a 65-23 win over Auxier last week in grade school basketball behind the 26-point performance of Ramanda Music. Beth Joseph added 18 points, with Rachael Mitchell scoring nine.

Tiffany Rowe netted 10 points to lead the Lady Hornets. Meredith Powers and Rhonda Shepherd scored four points apiece.

Allen ran out to a 22-2 first-quarter lead, as Music scored 13 points in the opening period. Joseph tossed in six first-quarter points. Rowe had Auxier's two points.

Allen took a 36-8 halftime lead to the locker room. Music and Joseph both had six points in the second period. Jennifer Curnutte scored two points for Auxier before the half and Rowe hit three free throws.

Shepherd scored her four points in the third period, with Rowe and Powers getting a field goal apiece. Music had 10 points for Allen in the third.

Curnutte finished with three points. Annie Vanover netted two, and Deanna Garrett scored one point for the Lady Hornets.

Chanel Music, Rachel Hall, and Heather Goodman scored two points apiece for Allen in the game.

Allen, Howell lead Stumbo past Melvin

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Josh Allen scored 16 points and Josh Howell added 14 to lead the John M. Stumbo Mustangs to a 35-32 edging of the Melvin Cougars in grade school basketball last Monday night at Wheelwright.

Rusty Tackett had game-scoring honors with 20 points, including two three-point baskets. Melvin led most of the game, but could not connect on some key free throws at the end.

"If we had made our free throws, it would have been different," said Melvin coach Tony Isaac. "It was a good game."

The Cougars lost Tackett for the final two minutes of the game on fouls.

"That hurt us," said Coach Isaac.

Melvin owned a 12-9 lead after the first quarter, with Tackett scoring eight points in the quarter. Allen had six of Stumbo's nine points.

Matt Smith had a three-point basket and Tackett hit his first one in the second quarter to lead the Cougars to a 21-17 halftime lead. Allen and Howell scored four points apiece for the Mustangs.

Stumbo picked up some ground on the Cougars in the third period by outscoring them 12-9 in the period. Allen and Howell each scored four points in the quarter. Marcus Allen and Jermy Daniels had two points apiece. Tackett buried his second trey and scored five in the third quarter.

Melvin could only collect one field goal in the fourth quarter, and that was by Tackett before he fouled out. Howell scored all six of the Mustangs' points in the fourth.

Marcus Allen and Daniels had two points for the game. Adam Hamilton had one point.

Smith finished with five points for Melvin. Kevin McKinney scored three.

Melvin hit only seven-of-16 free-throw attempts. The Mustangs attempted four and connected on three.



"Frankly, I think they made one sequel too many."

Cold shooting Lady Mustangs fall to Melvin Lady Cougars

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The John M. Stumbo Lady Mustangs made only five field goals, and hit only three-of-14 free-throw attempts in dropping a 44-13 game to the Lady Cougars of Melvin.

Tiffany Williams scored a game-high 11 points, and Jessie Petty added 10 to give Melvin the win.

Tabitha Mitchell led Stumbo

with six points and scored five of those in the first quarter to give the Lady Mustangs a 5-4 lead after the first period. Williams and Carla Hall had two points apiece for Melvin in the first quarter.

Williams led a 16-1 second quarter run for the Lady Cougars that netted them a 20-6 halftime lead. Toni Little hit a three-point basket in the quarter. Petty scored four second period points. Mitchell had the lone free throw for Stumbo.

Melvin outscored Stumbo 24-7 in the second half.

Ashley Thornsberry added seven points for Melvin. Hall netted four and Courtney Blocker scored three, a three-point basket in the fourth quarter. Kayla Ray, Shanna Little and Pam Vance finished with two points apiece.

Brandi Johnson, Heather Evans and Kristen Smith had two points apiece for Stumbo. Sarah Flannery scored one.

Semifinals

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"We got a good game from T.C. Hatfield," said the Adams coach. "He only scored two points, but he had 12 rebounds and played a very good defensive game."

Adams trailed 14-10 after the first quarter. Johns Creek's Jason Gillespie hit two three-point baskets as five players scored in the first for Johns Creek. Turner had Adams' only trey in the first quarter, and Newsome scored four points.

Newsome picked up his offense in the second period, scoring nine points that staked the Blackcats to a 26-24 lead at the half. Craig Fleenor came off the Adams bench and had four points in the second period.

Newsome burned the nets for 10 points in the third quarter as Adams began to put more distance between themselves and Johns Creek. Adams led 44-34 after three quarters.

Adams three-quarter press and, at times, half-court trap took Johns Creek out of their offense in the second half.

"We're playing defense real well right now," said Coach Turner. "At the start of the season we didn't have time to practice our press, and had to play a man or zone defense. But we have improved there."

The bench came through for Adams, with Fleenor finishing with six points. Kevin Younce added five in a starting role. Hatfield, Aaron Neeley, and Andrew Howell scored two points apiece. Philip Allen scored one point.

Josh Thompson led Johns

Creek with 12 points. Gillespie finished with eight, and Brandon Stanley had six.

VIRGIE VS OSBORNE

Virgie, the number two seed in Pike County, took the Osborne Eagles out of competition with a 55-36 win in another quarterfinal game. The second and third quarters, offensively, for Osborne spelled defeat for the Eagles.

The two teams played each other close during the first quarter, with Virgie coming out with a 13-12 lead after one period. Michael Hall kept the Eagles close with two three-point baskets and 10 points.

Except for two points by Wendell Tackett, Hall was the complete offense for Osborne in the first half. He scored 15 of the Eagles 17 points in the first two quarters. He buried his second trey in the second period and had five points, the only player to score in the period. Virgie led 23-17 at the half.

Virgie hit 12-of-13 free throws in the third quarter as the Eagles continued to struggle offensively.

Prestonsburg

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got a short jumper from Nathan Leslie and two free throws by Campbell that gave the Blackcats a 52-49 lead after three quarters.

South Floyd did not execute well on offense the fourth quarter, and their shot selection was not good. Justin Holbrook, who finished with 14 points, hit four three-point baskets. Paige led the Raiders with 18 points, while Compton finished with 11. Ryan Shannon, who played

a strong floor game, scored eight and Butler finished with seven.

Kyle Conley came off the bench and scored eight points for Prestonsburg. John Ortega added five, and Nathan Leslie had two points.

Prestonsburg will travel to Perry Central tonight, playing in the 14th Region. South Floyd travels to Greenup County this Saturday night.



A typical move
Andy Jarvis of Prestonsburg put up a short jumper over South Floyd's Justin Paige (20) in his team's 73-62 win over the Raiders. Prestonsburg travels to Perry Central tonight. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Tangle
South Floyd's Adam Tackett (54) keeps ball away from Prestonsburg's Joe Campbell (13). Prestonsburg pulled out a 73-62 win over the Raiders. (photo by Ed Taylor)

NASCAR CONNECTION

BIG NAMES, NEW TEAMS IN '98

Why should the upcoming season be any different than years past in Winston Cup racing? Each year when the season opens at Daytona, even the most loyal fans have to buy a program to see whom is driving what and whom he is driving for.

As usual, the top teams have little if any turnover in personnel, but those teams are still searching for that magic combination that produces wins, and is out there beating the bush during the off-season. For many teams, it is a new driver, while other teams think all that is missing is another crew chief to produce that chemistry that translates in visits to victory lane.

In one of the more publicized moves in the sport, two of the most famous names in racing have been reunited for the 1998 season. John Andretti will return to Petty Enterprises for the upcoming season.

Sports

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• Here is "Ed's Elite Eight" (boys') regional teams: 1) Paintsville, 2) Prestonsburg, 3) Magoffin County, 4) Allen Central, 5) Shelby Valley, 6) Phelps, 7) Belfry, 8) Pikeville.

• How about "Ed's Elite Eight" girls' regional teams: 1) Belfry, 2) Pike Central, 3) Shelby Valley, 4) Sheldon Clark, 5) Allen Central, 6) Pikeville, 7) Paintsville, 8) Betsy Layne.

Coach Tammy Tussey has her team playing solid basketball at Pike Central. The trio of Tiffany Slone, Amanda Collins and Ashley Melvin have started to blend together well. The Lady Hawks got off to a slow start at the beginning of the season, but seem to have the right chemistry now. Coach Tussey is an excellent coach.

• I had a chance to Cindy Halbert's Belfry Lady Pirates play at Prestonsburg last Monday night and I was very impressed with them. Susan Thomas is all they bragged her to be. She will be a great addition to Pikeville College next season.

• There is a lot of basketball to go, and the fun part is ahead of us. Conference games are going to bring out the larger crowds.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports. Take the kids to Sunday School and church this Sunday. Visit us at Parkway Baptist Church.

Andretti drove for Cale Yarborough Motorsports in 1997, but will replace Bobby Hamilton in the famous number 43 STP sponsored Pontiac for the '98 season. Hamilton left to drive for Morgan-McClure Motorsports after recording a pair of victories while driving for Petty.

This will be Andretti's second stint as the driver for the Richard Petty-owned team. He drove 11 races for the team in 1994 after taking over for Wally Dallenbach in August of that year.

Andretti is a former Indy car driver and the nephew of open-wheel legend Mario Andretti. He has been in Winston Cup since late 1993, when he drove for car owner Billy Hagan. Financial problems fell on Hagan's team the next year and that led to Andretti leaving for the Petty ride when Dallenbach left.

This past season with Yarborough, Andretti visited victory lane for the first time in his Winston Cup career with a win in the Pepsi 400 at Daytona. For his career besides the one victory, he has two poles, six top-five and 11 top-ten finishes.

Although the on-track success is yet to be determined for these two famous names of racing, it is a sure bet that both Andretti and Petty will be a hit with their sponsor, STP. Petty has been with STP, it seems like forever, and at times have sponsored Mario Andretti and his sons Michael and Jeff. The name recognition is there for success, but name recognition alone won't win on the toughest of all racing circuits.

Another team that is uniting household names is the team being formed by Bill Elliott and National Football League quarterback, Dan Marino. Unlike the Petty team, this union will start from the ground up and become a rookie team on a circuit that can be very tough on rookie teams.

The team will be known as Elliott-Marino Motorsports, and will be based in Dawsonville, Ga., and will have Winston Cup newcomer Jerry Nadeau as its driver. The Ford Taurus that the team will field will sport the number 13, and have sponsorship by FirstPlus Financial Inc., for the next three years. The team will be separated from the McDonald's operation of Elliott, but the two teams will share some personnel and information.

It will be interesting to see just how these two "star-studded" teams do in the upcoming season. For sure when the green flag drops, names mean very little when rubbing fenders at 180 mph.

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2. Dave Marcis 835	Darrell Waltrip 84	
3. Bobby Allison 718	5. Cale Yarborough 83	
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	1. Richard Petty 555	1. Richard Petty 712
	2. Bobby Allison 336	2. Bobby Allison 446
	3. David Pearson 301	3. Darrell Waltrip 388
		4. Buck Baker 372
Wins		5. David Pearson 366
1. Richard Petty 200		

FOR THE FANS

Lodging tips for the NASCAR circuit:

- In most instances, hotel rooms will cost more than twice as much as normal during Winston Cup race weekends.
- Most excessive price-gouging: Dover, Del.
- Honorable mention: Daytona Beach, Fla., during February Speedweeks.
- Most reasonable lodging: Richmond, Va.
- Honorable mention: Atlanta, Phoenix.
- Most difficult place to anticipate traffic patterns: Michigan Speedway.
- In general, try to find lodging on the side of the track opposite major cities. Warning: It won't

be easy.

- Nearby communities with available rooms: Myrtle Beach (near Darlington, S.C.), Birmingham (Talladega, Ala.), Ann Arbor (Brooklyn, Mich.).
- Beware criminals in Southern California. During races at California Speedway last year, thieves hit several fans and team members in the parking lots of hotels in Ontario and Fontana.
- Check out the amenities (golf, horseback riding, especially) at the rustic resort hotels in the Poconos.
- Be sure to check ahead if you are planning to camp out at tracks. The cost and available conveniences vary widely.

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THE WINSTON CUP CIRCUIT

THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT DALE EARNHARDT

- He and Richard Petty are the only Winston Cup drivers to win seven championships.
- He has won 28 races at Daytona International Speedway but only two in official Winston Cup events.
- He has never won the Daytona 500.
- His father, Ralph Earnhardt, was a short-track driving legend who died of a heart attack at the age of 45, in 1973.
- His full name is Ralph Dale Earnhardt. His father's full name was Ralph



Earnhardt

- Lee Earnhardt.
- He made his first Winston Cup start in 1975 but did not win a race until his "official" rookie year, 1979.
- One year after being named Rookie of the Year, he won his first championship.
- His son Dale Jr. will compete as a rookie on the Busch Grand National circuit this year.
- His legendary "pass in the grass" really wasn't. During the 1987 Winston, he drove through the Charlotte Motor

Speedway tri-oval to maintain a lead over Bill Elliott.

- He is a fan of singer Delbert McClinton.
- Three of his 70 Winston Cup victories were in Ford Thunderbirds.
- Three times he has won two championships in a row: 1986-87, 1990-91, 1993-94.
- Since his official rookie season, only twice has he gone through a season without winning at least one race: in 1981, while driving for three different car owners, and in 1997, with Richard Childress.
- Six of his seven championships occurred while driving for Childress. The first, 1980, was with Rod Osterlund.

PROFILE

Jack Sprague



Monte Dutton/NASCAR This Week

Jack Sprague talks NASCAR this week.

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Each of the three champions of the Craftsman Truck Series has seen his career take off due to the exposure generated by SuperTruck competition. Mike Skinner, the 1995 champion, was Winston Cup Rookie of the Year last year. A ride in the series gave Ron Hornaday, the 1996 champ, national attention after years as one of the West Coast's leading short-track campaigners.

Jack Sprague, the most recent champion, will drive a limited Winston Cup schedule this year in a Monte Carlo owned by Hendrick Motorsports, for whom he will defend his SuperTruck title.

Sprague made more than 70 starts in the Busch Grand National series, but he made his reputation beginning in 1996, when he finished second in Truck Series points and became known as "Big Track Jack" for his expertise on superspeedways.

- **AGE:** 33
- **WIFE:** Rhonda
- **HOMETOWN:** Spring Lake, Mich.
- **WHAT ARE THE MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN A CUP CAR AND A CRAFTSMAN TRUCK?** "There's not a whole lot of difference. Their body and aerodynamics are different, but as far as weight and such goes, they're about the same."
- **DO YOU HAVE A TIMETABLE FOR MOVING TO WINSTON CUP?** "Not really. I'd like to do it full-time. I'd like to do it soon. I've had chances to. But, for now, I've decided to stick it out here. And hopefully, I'll be able to run regularly in Winston Cup soon, but I'm not hurrying it. I'm still young. I've got a lot of years left."
- **DO YOU DRIVE A CHEVROLET AS A RESULT OF WORKING**

WITH HENDRICK, OR IS IT MORE A MATTER OF PREFERENCE? "I haven't driven anything other than the Chevrolet. It's kind of a one-sided deal. I haven't run anything but Chevrolets, and Hendrick ran Chevrolets, so it wasn't an option. It just worked out that way."

■ **DO YOU THINK STOPPING THE TRUCKS AT HALFWAY TAKES AWAY FROM THE PROFESSIONAL ASPECT OF THE TRUCK SERIES?** "No. At first I thought it might, but now I like it. It leaves the racing out on the race track, and not into and out of the pits. Ninety percent of these teams can't afford to have a full pit crew. If we needed to have a full-fledged pit crew on this team, we'd have one, but I've spent most of my career on teams who couldn't."

TRIVIA

1. Who had the most poles in a single season?
2. Who holds the all-time record for consecutive victories?
3. Who were the two drivers who compiled 42 top-five finishes in a single season?

ANSWERS
1. Bobby Isaac with 20 in 1969
2. Richard Petty, 10, 1967
3. Ned Jarrett in 1965 and David Pearson in 1969

AROUND THE GARAGE

Earnhardts line up pit crew talent for rookie driver Park

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Dale and Teresa Earnhardt have signed up an impressive array of pit-crew talent to man the stops of Steve Park, the rookie driver who will compete in the Earnhardt-owned Chevrolet this year.

The Pennzoil-sponsored No. 1 will feature three former All-Pro pit-crew members, all hired away from Hendrick Motorsports. Rear tire changer Chad Knause, jackman Walter Smith and front tire carrier Gary Smith all have moved over to Dale Earnhardt Inc., according to team manager Ty Norris.

Other new members are tire changer Travis Block, who was with Kyle Petty last year; gas man and truck driver Troy Cole; catch-can man Charles Dickey; and rear tire carrier Kevin Manion. The latter three will also work at DEI as full-time mechanics.

Park will take part in preseason test sessions Jan. 12-14 at Daytona, Jan. 20-22 at Talladega and Jan. 26-28 at Rockingham.

"We have excellent people building our engines and working on our cars," said Norris, himself an ex-Sabco employee. "There is no way in the world we are going to work that hard to gain two or three

10ths of a second on the track and then lose it in the pits.

"With the experience we have on this Pennzoil crew, if we are not the quickest crew in the pits, then I expect us to be at least one of the best out there. Our goal was to establish a top-notch pit crew, and I think we have more than exceeded our expectation."

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS: As the 1998 season approaches, a number of questions remain to be answered.

■ Geoff Bodine has not announced a primary sponsor for his No. 7 Ford team. On a recent QVC show, host Dan Hughes hinted that Bodine has a new sponsor but did

not divulge its identity. MCI/Worldcom has been the subject of rumors.

■ Tom Kendall, the SCCA Trans-Am champion, will pilot David Blair's No. 27 Ford this year. His Trans-Am sponsor, All-Sport, is apparently considering a move to Winston Cup with the veteran road racer.

■ Richard Jackson's No. 14 Pontiac (it was No. 1 previously) also has made no announcement of its plans. Whether Morgan Shepherd remains as driver apparently hinges on the recruitment of sponsorship. Copenhagen, which sponsored Jackson's cars in the past, is rumored to be considering a return.

YOUR TURN

READERS ASK THE QUESTIONS

Dear NASCAR This Week,
I am writing you to find out just why NASCAR is cheating GM all the time. Every time GM starts winning races, NASCAR cuts them so the Ford can win all the races. When Ford Motor Co. said it was going to quit making the Thunderbird, I knew they would win the championship this year. That just shows Ford cannot do it on its own. They have to have someone to cheat for them. I will never go to another race until they can stop showing favoritism.
Furman Robbins
Shelby, N.C.

Dear NASCAR Fan,
What you say is a matter of opinion and varies year to year. For instance, when Chevrolet was winning manufacturers' championships in 1995 and 1996, Ford fans felt as if the Monte Carlo was given unfair advantages. It just depends on what side of the fence you're on. NASCAR would prefer that each make win its share, and its rule changes are for the purpose of equalizing competition. Sometimes it works; sometimes it doesn't.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
I would like to know if there is a man or driver of the year. I have only just begun following the NASCAR series this year, so I don't know of such things. If there is a "Driver of the Year," Dale Jarrett gets my vote. Is there any way I can get a list of the season's races and where Dale Jarrett finished?
Chris Mills
Pascagoula, Miss.

Dear NASCAR Race Fan,
The National Motorsports Press Association will announce its annual Driver of the Year Award in January. There are other organizations that make similar awards, some cutting across to other forms of motorsports. Space does not allow us to give you Jarrett's complete results here, but the Hickory, N.C., driver competed in 32 races, won two poles and seven races, finished in the top five 20 times and in the top 10 23 times, finishing every race but one. Of course, Jarrett was second to Jeff Gordon in the championship race, finishing 14 points behind in the fourth closest race in history.

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

ON THE MARKET

Over the next several weeks, several publications will be released to commemorate the 50th anniversary of NASCAR. Most of them are officially licensed by the governing body and will feature detailed historical records of the sport's history. Expect the sport to receive treatments in magazine format, hardcover books, videos and audiocassettes. Most will hit the stores prior to the Feb. 15 Daytona 500.

RACING ON THE WEB

Rex's Bobby Labonte Page
www.geocities.com/MotorCity/1832

Overview: This page, maintained by a Tennessee fan, includes photo galleries, fan club information, statistical information and links to other sites dedicated to the driver of Joe Gibbs' No. 18 Pontiac. Weak points: At the time of our visit, complete 1997 statistics had not been entered into the page's grid.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

The rich history of NASCAR

Alphabetically, the first Winston Cup driver was Paul Aars of San Mateo, Calif., who made one major-league start in 1958. On the other end of the alphabet was Ralph Zrimsek of Canonsburg, Pa., who made a start in 1949. The earliest name in the alphabet to win a race was Johnny Allen of Greenville, S.C., who scored his lone victory in 1962. The latest was Emanuel Zervakis of Richmond, Va., who won a pair of races in 1961.

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WE HAVE POSITIONS AVAILABLE: Part-time to begin, office cleaning, floor maintenance, etc. Nights, days, and weekends. To receive consideration, submit brief resume to: Service Master, PO Box 244, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. No phone calls will be accepted.

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Legals

NOTICE TO BID

The City of Prestonsburg will be taking bids on a 24x24 metal building. For further information, contact Mayor Jerry Fannin at 886-2335. Bids will be taken until 4:00 p.m., January 30, 1998.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant To Application Number (836-5325) Renewal In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Branham & Baker Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 271, 148 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.57 mile west of Wayland in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 3.87 surface acres and will underlie 739.85 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 743.72 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.61 mile west from KY Rt. 1086's junction with KY Rt. 7. The nearest stream is the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37° 26' 46". The longitude is 82° 49' 03".

The proposed operation is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Consolidation Coal Company of Kentucky. The operation will underlie land owned by: Ransom and Mary Marcum, Junior Martin, Jerome Messer, Tom Martin, Knott County Land Company and Consolidation Coal Company of Kentucky. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

NOTICE

Upon and on this date after publication of this notice, I will no longer be responsible for any debts incurred by anyone other than myself.

Jeannie Jacobs
637 Openfork Rd.
David, Ky. 41616

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mark's Brothers, Inc., DBA Full House Cafe, doing business at Jct. U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, Watergap, Ky., by Mark Stephens hereby declares his intention to apply for a license as a retail beer dealer under the state law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Midland Food Services, L. C. doing business as Pizza Hut at U.S. 23, Mays Branch Road, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653, by Michael J. Monahan, 6060 Rockside Woods Blvd., Suite 110, Independence, Ohio, hereby declares its intention to apply for a license as a retail beer dealer, under the state law.

A review of News of the Weird from 1997

You already know all the important issues of 1997: weapons of mass destruction, campaign finance reform, Asian market vulnerability, Marv Albert in lingerie. Here's the year's really alarming (though underreported) news, demonstrating the planet's gradual but unmistakable drift to mediocrity.

BOTTOM OF THE GENE POOL

In December 1996, Phillip Johnson, then 32, was hospitalized in Prestonburg, Ky., after shooting himself in the left shoulder with his .22-caliber rifle "to see how it felt," he told ambulance personnel. The sheriff described him as "screaming about the pain, over and over." On Oct. 2, 1997, an ambulance crew was again called to Johnson's home, where he was bleeding from another left-shoulder gunshot. According to the Inez Mountain Citizen newspaper, Johnson said the earlier shooting "felt so good," he had to do it again.

ALREADY THEY CAN SURVIVE NUCLEAR WAR. NOW, WE GIVE THEM COMPUTER ENHANCEMENTS

In January, Japanese researchers began testing microprocessors and microcameras surgically implanted into American cockroaches for a variety of missions including espionage surveillance. The equipment, weighing a 10th of an ounce, uses remote-control signals to command the cockroach's movements.

OVERLOOKED PROGRESS IN THE PEACE PROCESS

One aspect of Israeli-Palestinian relations is running smoothly, according to a May Boston Globe story. Israel has the highest per capita car theft in the world, and police say several cooperative Israeli-Palestinian car-theft rings operate almost effortlessly, fencing cars and parts to dealers on both sides of the border.

THE BOOB TUBE (I)

According to research commissioned by The Weather Channel, disclosed in April, one in five viewers watches for at least three hours at a sitting. The company calls these people "weather-involved."

THE BOOB TUBE (II)

A March New York Times story described what it called really bad Japanese TV shows, among them one in which bikini clad young women crush aluminum cans by squeezing them between their breasts, and another in which a young child was brought on stage and told that his mother had just been shot to death — for the purpose of seeing how many seconds would elapse before he started crying.

THE UNARHYMERS

Brothers Geoffrey and Aaron Kuffner were arrested in New Orleans in June and charged with terrorism as the ones who had recently mailed or hand-delivered suspicious packages to local government and news media offices. The packages were harmless (but nonetheless frightening enough that two offices had to be evacuated), and each contained a four-page manifesto, "Violent Acts of Consciousness Have Only Begun." According to police, the men's goal was to call attention to public ignorance of poetry and that among their demands was that all state inaugural speeches be written in iambic pentameter.

THE MOST AMAZING OF GIULIANI'S NEW YORK CITY TURNAROUNDS

In January, Jack Petelui, 43, climbed the ornate facade of the Ansonia Hotel in New York City and was poised for suicide for more than an hour. According to several newspaper reports, dozens of New Yorkers on the street below were actually yelling "DON'T jump!" (He did anyway, but landed on a police department rescue airbag.)

THIS ONE OUGHT TO BE A SLAM DUNK FOR BARRY SCHECK

Lavelle Davis, 23, was convicted of murder in Geneva, Ill., in February. Prosecutors showed how

Davis and an accomplice rehearsed the murder, including how the accomplice placed duct tape over Davis' mouth just as they would later do to the victim. At trial, Davis was linked to the crime scene by what prosecutors said were his lip prints on the practice tape.

THE LAST HURRAH OF MICROREGULATION

In February, the Palm Springs (Calif.) Regional Airport Commission issued hygiene rules for cab drivers serving the airport, including requirements that drivers shower daily with soap, brush with toothpaste and eat breath mints.

EGG FRENZY

In March the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that a local woman, 66, and her husband were searching for a surrogate mother for their deceased son's sperm so that they could fulfill their longing to be grandparents. And three days earlier, a Milan, Italy, newspaper reported that a 35-year-old woman was three months pregnant with the fetuses of two couples, whose children she agreed to bear simultaneously because of a shortage of surrogate mothers. (She said blood tests after birth would determine which baby was which.)

THERE THEY GO WITH SELF-PARODY AGAIN

The Times of London reported in March that when an employee of the James Beauchamp law firm in Edgbaston, England, recently killed himself, the firm billed his mother about \$20,000 for the expense of settling his office work. Included was a bill for about \$2,300 to go to his home to find out why he didn't show up at work (thus finding his body), plus about \$250 to go to his mother's home, knock on her door, and tell her that her son was dead. (After unfavorable publicity, the firm withdrew the bill.)

NEXT: STRYCHNINE INJECTIONS TO CALM THAT TROUBLESOME TEMPER

The New York Observer reported in May that some New York City dermatologists who have been eliminating patients' facial wrinkles by deadening the skin with tiny injections of the bacteria that causes botulism are touting a new use for the \$800 procedure: that it so deadens the forehead that it prevents scowling, which some patients say is a benefit to keeping a "poker face" during business negotiations.

MOST CLUELESS AMERICAN, 1997

Ms. Courtney Mann, the head of the Philadelphia chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of White People, who works as a tax preparer and is a single mother, was rebuffed in an attempt to join a Ku Klux Klan-sponsored march in Pittsburgh in April. Though she has been in the NAAWP for at least four years, the Klan turned her down because she is black. Said the Grand Dragon, "She wanted to stay at my house (during rally weekend). She's all confused."

man. I don't think she knows she's a black."

YOU'D THINK THE BAR WOULD GIVE HER PROFESSIONAL COURTESY

Marsha Watt, a 1990 graduate of Northwestern University School of Law and formerly an associate at the prestigious Winston & Strawn law firm in Chicago, had charges filed against her in February by the Illinois Bar over her most recent conviction for prostitution (i.e., the kind involving sex, for which her published rate, according to a personals ad, was roughly three times what the law firm billed for her).

PEOPLE WHO NEED SPIN DOCTORS

When Maria DiGiulio was booked in July for robbing the Everett (Mass.) Co-op Bank, she answered police Lt. Robert Bontempo forthrightly. "Occupation?" he asked. "Bank robber," she said. And Mohamed Sead, 47, who was convicted of fraud in July, answered similarly at his original booking in Toronto, Ontario. Occupation? "Con artist," he said. (Sead's scheme was to deceive girlfriends that he was the then-living Dodi Fayed.)

DOING JUST FINE AS THEIR OWN SPINNERS

John H. Bergantini, a candidate for tax assessor in Exeter, R.I., commenting in March on the government's suing him for \$2,678 in back property taxes: "My ability to write a check for a certain amount of money has nothing to do with (my ability to judge) how much a piece of property is worth."

New York Assemblywoman Susan John of Rochester, who is the chair of the Assembly's Alcohol and Drug Abuse committee, upon her guilty plea in March for driving while alcohol-impaired: "This will give me additional insights into the problem of drinking and driving, and I believe, will allow me to do my job even more effectively."

WORST JUDGMENT OF THE YEAR BY ADULTS

In July, in Doncaster, England, police put suspect Martin Kamara, 43, a black man, in a lineup for identification, but because of recent racial incidents, they couldn't find any black men willing to stand alongside him, so police hired a makeup artist to put black faces on seven white men for the lineup. A judge released Kamara because of the foolishness. (In addition to the inherent problem, the artist neglected to make up the men's hands.)

AND HERE'S A REALLY DEEP PILE OF SPIN

According to an October communique from the North Korean Communist Party, "dear leader" Kim Jong Il, 55, was promoted to "great leader," which, said the government, was cause for "jubilation" even in the midst of national famine. The government added that fantastic natural phenomena were occurring to mark the occasion, including the landing of a 4-inch-long white sea cucumber by one angler and the

spontaneous, prolific blossoming of numerous pear trees and apricot trees.

AND THEY LOOK GREAT IN JEANS ADS

In April, researchers at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine announced they had created a strain of mice twice the usual size, with broad shoulders and massive hips. The researchers said they believe they can do the same thing for chickens and cattle.

WELL, SURE ...

Minneapolis firefighter Gerald Brown, 55, who was fired in 1995 for abuse of sick leave but who won a grievance hearing and was reinstated with 18 months' back pay, was scheduled to return to work on June 2. He called in sick.

UNDOUBTEDLY, IT'S THOSE NEW LEAD-ALLOY INPLANTS

Bennie Casson filed a \$100,000 lawsuit in Belleville, Ill., in July against PT's Show Club for its negligence in allowing a stripper to "slam" her breasts into his "neck and head region" as he watched her, a little too close to the stage. Dancer Susan Sykes (aka "Busty Heart") claims show business' biggest chest (88 inches), which Casson said gave him a "bruised, contused, lacerated" neck.

THE CLASSIC MIDDLE NAME

Continuing the annual roundup in this space: In Alabama, murderer Billy Wayne Waldrop was executed in January, and the next month, murderer Dudley Wayne Kyzer was turned down for parole. Two weeks after that, murderer Coleman Wayne Gray was executed in Virginia. In May, murderer Larry Wayne White was executed in Texas. In July, Maryland inmate Richard Wayne Willoughby was sentenced to life in prison for murdering another inmate.

LEAST COMPETENT CRIMINAL

Steven Richard King, 22, was arrested in April for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch in Modesto, Calif., without a weapon. He used his thumb and finger to simulate a gun, but unlike most robbers who use this tactic, he did not have his hand in his pocket.

PROOF THAT THE SYSTEM WORKS

In this space last year appeared hard-luck Oklahoma rapist Darron Bennalford Anderson, who in 1994 had received a 2,200-year sentence but had appealed and won a new trial, only to be convicted again and resented to more than 90 additional centuries behind bars, including 4,000 years each for rape and sodomy, 1,750 years for kidnapping, 1,000 years for burglary and robbery, and 500 years for grand larceny. But Anderson was not to be denied; 1997 was his year. In July, the state Court of Criminal Appeals held that the grand larceny charge was double

jeopardy on the robbery conviction and thus dismissed it. Just like that, the court cut Anderson's sentence by 500 years, speeding up his release date to the year A.D. 12,744.

UNCLEAR ON THE CONCEPT

In May, Scripps Howard News Service profiled former lawyer James Kelley of Washington, D.C., one of a small group at his local church who are enthusiastic Episcopalians but who do not believe in God. Said Kelley, "We all love the incense, the stained glass windows, the organ music, the vestments, and all of that. It's drama. It's aesthetics. It's the ritual. That's neat stuff. I don't want to give all that up, just because I don't believe in God."

WHY THEY KILL

Letter carrier Martha Cherry, 49, was fired by the Postal Service in White Plains, N.Y., in August after 18 years of apparently walking her rounds too slowly. Wrote a supervisor, of the 5-foot-4 Cherry: "At each step, the heel of your leading foot did not pass the toe of the trailing foot by more than one inch. As a result, you required 13 minutes longer than your demonstrated ability to deliver mail to this section of your route."

THE WEIRDO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

In October in Milwaukee, Gary Arthur Medrow, 53, was charged with 24 counts of impersonating a police officer in connection with his unique obsession. What Medrow does, according to the police (who have arrested him various times over the last 30 years for the same thing), is telephone a woman and try to convince her to lift another woman in the room and carry her a short distance, sometimes telling the woman that he's a police officer and that it's an official request.

INTERACTIVE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

At the Eugene, Ore., city council meeting on Aug. 6, an unidentified man who had been sitting in the audience walked up to the controversial Mayor Jim Torrey, leaned over, and vomited on his shoulder. He left but was not pursued by the stunned attendees.

BUT WOULD IT BE HARD MONEY OR SOFT MONEY?

A California pro-prostitution organization, the National Sexual Rights Council, made a fund-raising appeal in April for its benevolent campaign to get teen-age hookers off the streets. For a \$250 donation, the Council's Pretty Woman Committee of adult prostitutes would give the donor a T-shirt and a membership card, but for \$150,000 — the price of a Lincoln Bedroom sleeper — one Pretty Woman would supply a real sleeper, in Nevada.

FAMILY VALUES

In 1993 India Scott of Detroit dated both Darryl Fletcher and Brandon Ventimeglia and in 1994 gave birth to a boy. Neither man

knew about the other, and she told each he was the father. For two years, Scott managed to juggle the men's visitation rights, but in March 1997 when she announced she was marrying another man and leaving the area, both Fletcher and Ventimeglia separately filed for custody of "his" son. Only then did the men find out about each other. In May, they took blood tests to settle the paternity once and for all. Result: Neither is the father.

YEAR IN WEIRD GRAB BAG

— In September in Columbus, Ohio, Peter "Commander Pedro" Langan was convicted on gun charges for a 1996 shootout with police. Langan also has been convicted of two bank robberies and faces trial in four others as leader of a neo-Nazi, white-supremacist gang that used the robberies to fund its activities. At his September trial, Langan's lawyer brought in two character witnesses (one male, one female) to describe their loving romances with him. Both witnesses were pre-operation transsexuals; around the time of the robberies, Langan was dating both while dressing exclusively as a woman. The lovers were known as Langan's "business partners" because neo-Nazis are not known to be supportive of transsexuals.

— Restaurant Openings: La Nouvelle Justine, an S&M-themed restaurant that offers diners mild spankings, food served in dog bowls, and the opportunity to command and be commanded as they eat, opened in May in New York City. And in Beijing, a restaurant noted for serving the food of the cultural revolution (whose name roughly translates to Compare Past Misery With Present Happiness) achieved prominence. It serves mostly peasant food (ant soup, fried crickets); one customer eating corn cake chewed on it for a few moments, then pushed it away, saying, "It tastes the same, not any better than what I remember."

— In the summer, in the midst of the Army training-instructor sex scandals, a pair of two-star generals at the Pentagon headed a quiet attempt to quash a major jurisdictional battle. Military commissaries (which sell mostly food) started to sell flowers for gardens, and post or base exchanges (department stores), which thought they had the exclusive right to sell bedding flowers, upped their sales of food items. Said one official, quoted by The New York Times, "This is war."

— In July, the Centers for Disease Control reported the first instance of HIV transmitted not through sex or drugs but through deep kissing. Doctors said that the man had gum disease, canker sores and "hairlike growths on his tongue," and the woman had bleeding gums, but that the couple nonetheless were very affectionate.

— An April issue of New Scientist magazine reported that an Australian research group had already made three sales of its "phalloblast" device (at about \$3,500 (U.S.)), whose function is to inflate the genitalia of dead insects in order to make it easier to classify them. It will work on genitalia as small as those of moths with wingspans of 2 millimeters.

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

YOU CAN by Jok Church

Dear Beakman, When I have a cold, my ears plug up when I blow my nose. What's going on? Marcel Merola Woodbridge, Ontario

Beakman or Jax P.O. Box 30177 Kansas City, MO 64112 Question, name & address

Dear Marcel, When you blow your stuffed-up nose, you're putting a lot of pressure on a lot of things. You're pushing really hard to get all that gooeey stuff out of your head. You want it to all go out the front of your nose, but some of it can go up a tiny tube in the back of your ears. When that happens, you've plugged up one of your ears' safety devices — a device that protects your ear drums.

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MORE STUFF TO DO: Breathe for a while because, well, you need to do that. Next close your mouth and hold your nose and suck in gently. You'll feel your ears plug up in a new and different way. Your eardrums will look like this drawing — pushed from the outside in toward stuff inside your head.

Outside Inside

Outside Inside

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P.S. from Jax: When you go up in an airplane, your eardrums look like the first drawing — pumped out. When you go skin diving and the water pressure is high, they look like the second drawing — pushed in.

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

ABBOTT

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

ALLEN

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

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

BANNER

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

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

BEAVER

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

BETSY LAYNE

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

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

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

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

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

BLUE RIVER

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

BONANZA

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Herb Arms.

BUFFALO

Endicott Freewill Baptist Church; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth Service, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. and the first Saturday each month at 7:00

p.m.; Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, B.J. Crider

CORN FORK

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Roger Music.

COW CREEK

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; 3rd Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon; Prayer Meeting and Youth Group, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Nathan Lafferty.

Benedict Baptist Church, Slick Rock Branch of Cow Creek, (half mile up Cow Creek on left); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Youth Service, 6 p.m. each Wednesday and Evening Service, 7 p.m. each Wednesday.

DANA

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist Church, Dana; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Church, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Youth Meeting Sunday, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Jody Spencer; Assistance Pastor, Terry Hall.

DAVID

Goodloe Pentecostal Church, Rt. 850, David, Ky.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Fourth Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Kilmer Lambert.

DRIFT

Drift Pentecostal Church, Drift; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ted Shannon.

Drift Independent Church, Drift; Thursday, 6:30; Sunday, 11:00.

Drift Freewill Baptist Church, Drift; Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m., Thursday; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Church Service, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Randy Turner.

Drift Presbyterian Church, Route 1101, Drift; Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m.; Part-time minister, Mary Alice Murray.

DENVER

Liberty Baptist Church, Denver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Merle Little.

DWALE

Dwale House of Prayer, Dwale, Ky.; service Saturday night, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday night, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Woodrow Crum.

EAST POINT

Free Pentecostal Church of God, East Point, Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 11:00; Sunday Night, 6:30; Thursday Night, 6:30; Pastor, Buster Hayton.

EMMA

Emma United Methodist, Emma, Ky.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.; Paul Aiken, Pastor.

ESTILL

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Wayne Stevens.

GARRETT

Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church, Garrett; 4th Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Moderator, Elder Earl Slone; Assistant Moderator, Elder Jerry Manns.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist Church, Garrett, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Elder Brodey Amburgey.

First Baptist Church, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday; Pastor, Randy Osborne.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Donald Bragg.

Garrett Community Christian Church,

Route 550, Garrett, Ky.; Service Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting 2nd Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Come and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Donnie Hackworth.

GOBLE ROBERTS ADDITION Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:10 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth E. Prater, Jr.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 4th Saturday Night, Regular Service & Business, 6:00 p.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Paul D. Coleman.

GRETHEL

Grethel Baptist Church, State Route 3379, (Branham's Creek Road), telephone 587-2043; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Meeting, 5:30 p.m.; Evening Services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ronnie W. Blair.

HAROLD

Harold Church of Christ, at Harold, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Minister, James H. Harmon

Lower Toler Church of Christ at Harold, Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Minister, Doyle Meade.

HI HAT

The Church of God of Prophecy at Hi Hat, invites you to worship with us each week, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday night is family night! Everyone welcome! Pastor, Don Fraley, Jr.

United Christian Church, Meade Bottom, Hi Hat, Ky.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. Brother, Bill Slone, Pastor

HUEYSVILLE

United Community Baptist Church, Hwy. 7, Hueysville, Ky. Service each Friday night, 7:00 p.m. and each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Come worship with us and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Carlos Beverly.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville, Ky. Service each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and the 4th Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Jacob Jarvis.

IVEL

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23, first creek (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Chuck Ferguson.

LACKEY

Lackey Freewill Baptist Church, Lackey, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Everyone Welcome. Pastor Johnny J. Collins, of Wayland. "If we meet and you forget me you have lost nothing, but if you meet Jesus and forget him you have lost everything."

LANCER

Lancer Baptist Church, Lancer, welcomes you to the services. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Tom Biddle.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist, Lancer-Water Gap Road; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Youth Service Wednesday, 6:30; Pastor, Joe Coleman.

Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Lancer-Water gap Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 6 p.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday programs available for children; Pastor, Mark Tackett.

LANGLEY

Maytown United Methodist Church, Langley; Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Youth Sunday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Roy Harlow.

MARTIN

Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Stephens Branch; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Martin House of Worship, in Martin on Old Post Office St. Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Rt. 80, Martin; Wednesday Seminary at 6:00 p.m.; Young Men and Women at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Relief Society/Priesthood, 9:30 a.m.; Sacrament Service, 11:20 a.m.

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Missionettes & Royal Rangers, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Lorie Vannucci.

Trinity Chapel, Pentecostal Holiness Church, North Main Street, Martin; services: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday worship, 7:00 p.m.; Second Saturday Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Youth Activity nights, 1st and 3rd Saturday, 6:00 p.m.; Womens Ministries, 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Ministries, 2nd Friday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Bible study Monday evenings, 6:00 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Pastor.

Faith Bible Church, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.; Independent Fundamental Baptist; Pastor, Don Crisp.

Martin Freewill Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Youth League, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Pastor, John L. Blair.

First Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Bible Study, 10:00; Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 6:00; Mid Week, 7:00; Pastor, Pastor: Russ Taylor.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Friday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Deacon, Bud Crum.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Group, 7 p.m.; Evangelist, Gary Mitchell.

Martin Methodist Church; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Harlow.

Old Time Holiness Church; 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Brother John W. Patton. Friday Evening, 7:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Sunday School, 11:00; Everyone Welcome.

MAYTOWN

Maytown First Baptist Church, Main Street; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bob Varney.

MCDOWELL

McDowell First Baptist Church, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 7 p.m.; individual counseling and family counseling by appointment. Pastor, Harry Hargis.

MIDDLE CREEK

Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church, 2656 West Mt. Parkway Prestonsburg, (across from Clark Elem. School); Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Jennings West.

Spurlock Bible Church, Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Dan Heintzelman.

MOUNTAIN PARKWAY

Free Pentecostal Deliverance Church, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton, Saturday and Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Patricia Crider.

PRESTONSBURG

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Sabbath School, 9:15; Church Service, 10:30; Pastor, Mike Foraker, 886-3459.

St. Martha Church, Water Gap; Saturday evening mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Religious Education Classes, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 a.m.; Adult Class, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Pastor: Father John Moriarty.

Community United Methodist Church, 141 Burke Ave., (off University Drive), Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday morning worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m.; classes for adults, youth and children; choir practice, Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Sam Knox.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Evening

Worship, 6:00; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Pastor, Manford Fannin.

First Christian Church, 560 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg. No Wednesday evening or Sunday evening services at present. Bible study, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Minister, Kevin G. Jett.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, David Garrett.

First Baptist Church, (Irene Cole Memorial), 54 S. Front St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; S.M.A.S.H. 6:45 (on Wednesday); Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Dr. S. Thomas Valentine, Pastor.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile North of Prestonsburg, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Praise & Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; nursery provided. Pastor, J.M. Sloce.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church, located two miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Van West.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. George C. Love.

First United Methodist Church, 60 S. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 7:00; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Sun., WPRT AM, 11:00; Radio Broadcast WKKZ 105.5 FM; Pastor, Reverend David Fultz.

Victory Christian Ministries Church, 1428 E. Prestonsburg; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Sherm Williams.

Parkway Baptist, Rt. 1428, Sugar Loaf, Prestonsburg; Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Ed Taylor.

Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.; Evangelist, Benny Blankenship.

St. James Episcopal Church, school starts 9:45. Enquire classes to begin in January. For more information, contact the Rev. Johnnie E. Ross, 886-8046.

Faith Freewill Baptist Church, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment on Rt. 1428. Buddy Jones, Pastor; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Prayer meeting, 7:00; Sunday Night Service at 6:00 p.m.

Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union; meets every Wednesday, 11:30-12:30 in J102. Lunch, discussion, travel available to all students, faculty and staff. French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, president. For more information, call: 874-9468 or 478-2978.

First Church of God, Prestonsburg; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Kids Bible Club, 7 p.m.; Pastor Allan Hutchinson.

Priesthood/Relief Society, 9:30 a.m. Sunday; Sunday School, 10:20; Sacrament, 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday evening, Mutual Activities, 7 p.m.; Seminary, 6 p.m.

Town Branch Community Baptist, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10; Morning Worship, 11; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor Clifford Austin.

Benedict Baptist Church, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Gordon Fitch.

PAINTSVILLE

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; WKLV (600 a.m.) "Chapel Window", 12:05 p.m. every Sunday; Pastor Rev. Rolland Bentrup.

PRINTER

Salisbury United Methodist Church, Printer; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby G. Lawson.

STANVILLE

Mare Creek Church of Christ, at Stanville. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible School, 6:30 p.m.; Minister, Tommy D. Bush

WATER GAP

Trimble Chapel Free Will Baptist, Intersection of U.S. 23 and Ky. 80, Water Gap, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00; Wednesday youth meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Joe Coleman.

WEEKSBURY

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, John "Jay" Patton.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Hall.

WHEELWRIGHT

Wheelwright United Methodist Church, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 services; Pastor, Bobby Isaac.

Bypro Church of God; Sunday School Services, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Services, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Services, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday Night Services, 7:00 p.m.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Wednesday evening worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Louis Ferran.

Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Wednesday Worship, 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Louis Sanlan; Rev. David Pike, assistant pastor.

Lighthouse Temple, Hall Hollow, Wheelwright, Kentucky; Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday Services, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Cosby.

WEST PRESTONSBURG

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Don Shepherd.

Family Worship Assembly, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Thursday night, Bible Study and Youth Power Hour; nursery provided; Pastor, Scott Lish.

The Church of God of Prophecy, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Pastor