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Fifth suit filed over teen deaths

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A fifth civil complaint was filed last month in connection with an auto accident that claimed the lives of four Floyd County teens in February 1997.

The suit names as a defendant a Georgia corporation which apparently purchased the Prestonsburg Super 8 Motel, where the four youths allegedly attended a party prior to the fatal mishap.

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley, who filed the first civil suit on behalf of one victim's family, explained the latest suit was necessary because the

prior case is "lingering in federal court."

The first complaint was transferred to U.S. District Court in November 1997, shortly after being filed.

Bartley said the case was removed from Floyd Circuit Court after an attorney erroneously reported that P'burg Lodging "no longer exists as a separate corporation."

P'burg Lodging was the corporation listed as owning the motel.

A motion prepared by Bartley to remand the case to Floyd County provides documentation from Secretary of State John Y. Brown III, who says P'burg Lodging is a Kentucky corporation.

The motel's attorney has apparently

agreed with Bartley's findings, however, the issue is still pending before federal Judge Joseph Hood.

Bartley said Thursday that the federal judge has not addressed the matter due to a "backlog" of cases and, because of the delay, the latest suit was filed to include Impac Hotel Group Inc. before the statute of limitations expired.

That complaint was filed on February 20, a year and four days after the deaths of the teens.

"If we would have waited and never got that done, then we would have been barred from suing Impac," Bartley said.

Thomas Word II, 18; Sean A. Pilch, 19; and 17-year-olds Forrest L. Howell

and Gregory Todd Walters were killed on February 16, 1997 after their vehicle veered off the road and struck the Alano building in Lancer. Autopsy reports indicate the teens were intoxicated at the time of the accident.

Bartley also said "there may be some additional causes of action" against Impac Hotel Group because of its alleged failure to respond to complaints about Super 8 motel's management.

He said that prior to Impac Hotel's purchase of the motel, representatives from Impac allegedly were responsible for hearing complaints about the motel's

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**A hair-raising
experience...**



Samantha Shelton, a seventh-grade student at McDowell Elementary, got a new "do" from her visit to the U.S. Army's Mobile Discovery Center. Samantha placed her hand on the Van deGraff Generator, which generates 50,000 volts of static electricity. (photo by Cindy Yates)

**McDowell students
learn and have fun
at the same time**

by Cindy Yates
Editorial Assistant

"This is actually fun," one boy said in amazement during Thursday's science exhibit demonstration inside the U.S. Army's Mobile Discovery Center which has been stationed at Prestonsburg Community College this week.

"Yeah, science really rocks," another was heard to say in return. Not exactly what most people remember from their own classroom days; however today's lucky youngsters are able to see science in action, and have fun doing so.

McDowell Elementary's Title I instructor Gwen Hamilton accompanied Carol Martin and her seventh-grade science class to the exhibit, which included a short, five-minute video about science. Then the fun really began.

Science van soldier Walter Mays began the hands-on demonstration, along with several "victims" - or assistants, from Mrs. Martin's class.

The first assistant was Sheree Hamilton, who was chosen by Mays to help him demonstrate the theory of polymer binding using an ordinary balloon. She blew one up, tied it off, and then proceeded to stick a rather large needle through it. It popped.

"Way to go," Mays told her. "It wasn't supposed to do that."

Sheree hadn't been told that if she stuck the needle through the part of the balloon where it was tied, the polymer binding would allow the needle to pass through without disturbing the air

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**Angry crowd
holds theft
suspect until
police arrive**

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A man charged with stealing personal belongings from the vehicle of a firefighter who was responding to an accident scene Tuesday is being held in the Floyd County Jail without bond.

Clyde Bentley, 27, of Martin is charged with one count of theft by unlawful taking, a felony, for allegedly taking approximately 30 compact discs from a firefighter's personal vehicle.

Bentley was arraigned on the charge Wednesday in Floyd District Court and Judge James Allen denied bond for the accused. Pre-trial officer Bill Taylor reported that there was an active bench warrant for Bentley's arrest from Knott County. Taylor said there is a \$1,000 cash bond restriction on the Knott County charge.

Witnesses at the scene of a two-car crash Tuesday on KY Rt. 80 near Martin said that Bentley took a CD case from the vehicle of one of the rescue workers on the scene and then fled.

Police received a call shortly after Bentley allegedly left the scene that the suspect was at SuperAmerica in Martin and was being held at the scene by a group of angry citizens. Sheriff's deputy Charlie Thompson, who arrested Bentley, said the citizens were apparently upset that items had been taken at the scene of an accident.

In that crash, three people were sent to Our Lady of The Way Hospital in Martin. Two were later transferred to the University of Kentucky Medical Center, according to a spokeswoman at the hospital.

A truck hauling steel beams driven by Gregory Marshall of Blue River apparently went out of control and

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**Agony of
defeat**

**Allen Central's
Jennifer Hopkins
(left) hit five treys
before fouling out
in a 70-65 overtime
upset of the Bel-
frey Lady Pirates
Wednesday night.
The Lady Rebs bid
for their first 15th
Region title since
1981 fell short,
though, as the Pike
Central Lady
Hawks pulled away
in the fourth period
Thursday for the
title and a trip to
the state tourney.**

photo by Ed Taylor

**Time runs out on
Cinderella Rebs**



**Bill would require newspapers to
publish photos of drunk drivers**

A bill has been filed in the Kentucky State Senate that would require the photograph of a person convicted of drunk driving to be published in newspapers.

Senate Bill 403, filed by Sen. Tom Buford, R-Nicholasville, requires notice, including a photograph of the person, to be published in a newspaper in the county where the offense occurred. Publica-

"I think tolerance of people convicted of a DUI is almost zero."—Sen. Tom Buford

tion of the notice and photograph would be upon the person's second and any subsequent conviction.

The person convicted would be responsible for paying for the space in the newspaper with the cost assessed at the time of conviction, in addition to any other fine imposed.

The bill was filed March 4 and assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The Anderson News in Lawrenceburg recently began publishing photographs of individuals convicted of drunk driving in Anderson County. Publisher Don White contacted Buford with the idea for SB 403.

"I think tolerance of people convicted of a DUI is almost zero," said Buford. "The streets aren't safe and I agree with Don White. I think it's a great idea."

"I want to bring the numbers down—show fewer people hurt and killed by drunk drivers," said White.

Buford's bill would require the notice of conviction be published as a legal notice and be submitted to the paper by the district court clerk. In addition to the photograph, the notice would include the name and address of the person convicted.

The bill also provides that the court clerk, the newspaper publisher and "any other person involved in the publication" cannot be held liable in the event of an error, unless it can be proven the notice was published in "bad faith."

The state operates a toll-free line at (800) 372-7181 to allow Kentuckians to leave individual legislators a message concerning any legislation before the General Assembly.

**Harold man plans to contest his
extradition to Ohio on theft charge**

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

While a Harold man serves a jail sentence for contempt, court officials will be seeking the necessary paperwork to have the inmate extradited to Ohio, where he is accused of being a fugitive from justice.

Robert Kidd, 25, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail Thursday for failing to provide proof he had successfully completed an alcohol treatment program.

Kidd told Floyd District Judge James R. Allen Thursday that he had completed the court-ordered program, but court

records did not reflect he had done so.

"Mr. Kidd, I'm going to give you 30 days in jail for not obeying the court," Judge Allen said. The judge also placed Kidd under cash bonds for fees and fines he had neglected to pay.

When the judge asked Kidd if he wanted to waive extradition on the fugitive's warrant, Kidd said he would "wait till I get a lawyer."

Attorney Mike Greer briefly spoke with Kidd about the matter and announced that the defendant was going to contest the extradition.

According to warrants from Ohio, Kidd is charged with theft and receiving stolen property, a savings bank debit

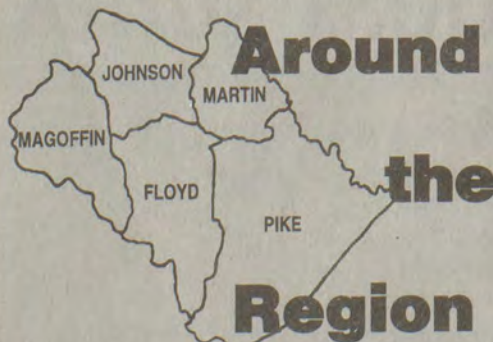
card.

Kidd knew or should have had "reasonable cause to believe...(the) property had been obtained through the commission of a theft offense," the warrants say.

Kidd is also accused of making \$113.71 in unauthorized charges on the bank card.

Assistant county attorney Lance Daniels said Thursday that he has to obtain a certified copy of a Governor's warrant and a witness who can identify Kidd before he can be extradited to Ohio.

An extradition hearing is scheduled for March 24.



**Around
the
Region**

**Rebecca Howard
records song
for
new movie**



State winners

J.M. Stumbo Middle School's stock market team took first place honors in state competition recently. Pictured are members: Misty Parsons, Josh Howell, Kristy McKinney, Shannon Slone, Dedra Hamilton, Justin Dye and coach Gary Spears. They won \$175, shares of Papa John's stock, a first place trophy, and tee shirts.

Search begins for new commissioner of DSI; interim chief has been named

A veteran manager for the Cabinet for Families and Children has been named interim commissioner of the Department for Social Insurance while a selection committee searches for a permanent commissioner.

Dietra Paris, field services manager for a 10-county DSI area based in Owensboro, has agreed to serve as interim chief of the department.

Paris, a 30-year veteran of state government, began work as interim commissioner last week and will serve in that capacity for 90 days.

A permanent commissioner is expected to be in place by May 1, replacing John L. Clayton, who retired at the end of January to take a new job as deputy director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security.

The nine-member selection committee, which includes two human-services professionals from outside state government, is headed by Stephen Jones, an executive staff advisor with the Cabinet's Office of Program Support and its Equal Opportunity/Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator.

Advertisements in The Courier-Journal, the Lexington Herald-Leader, the New York Times and the Washington Post will be part of the strategy to seek a permanent

commissioner.

The search committee will screen and rank the candidates, interviewing five to eight of them, before recommending one to three top candidates for a further interview with Cabinet Secretary Viola Miller.

Paris is a 1967 graduate of Centre College in Danville, where she earned a BA degree in psychology. Fresh out of college, she took her first job with state government

Area attorneys accepted as distinguished fellows of the Kentucky Bar Foundation

Kentucky Bar Foundation President (97-98) Henry L. Stephens, Jr. of Fort Mitchell announced recently that attorneys Terri Smith Walters, Pikeville, and Benita J. Riley, of Prestonsburg, were recently accepted as Distinguished Fellows of the Kentucky Bar Foundation. Ms. Walters also serves on the Bar Foundation's Board of Directors as one of three representatives from the Seventh Supreme Court District. Both attorneys are partners in the law firm of Riley, Walters and Damron. New Fellows Riley and Walters join tenured Life Fellows in the Pikeville-Prestonsburg area:

William J. Baird, III, Herman G. Dotson, William G. Francis, Earl Martin McQuire, Daniel P. Stratton, and David C. Stratton.

The Kentucky Bar Foundation Fellows' program is designed to recognize those members of the Kentucky Bar Association who, through their success in the practice of law and their willingness to contribute to charitable endeavors related to the law, have made a significant contribution to the Foundation's mission. Recognized as "the charitable arm of the Kentucky Bar Association," the Kentucky Bar Foundation in recent years has awarded over \$340,000 in

Woman ends up back in court a day after pleading to charges

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

About eight hours after resolving a run-in with the law, a Garrett woman found herself back in the court system.

Rita Slone, 43, was arrested Wednesday afternoon, the same day she pleaded guilty to a drunk driving charge and other misdemeanor violations.

She is charged with alcohol intoxication; disorderly conduct; and failing to appear for a prior violation of drinking alcohol in a public place.

Slone apparently admitted that she drank a pint of liquor and, she was allegedly "yelling and cursing" at people beside the roadway before her arrest, according to court records.

"I was here yesterday," Slone said when Floyd Judge James R. Allen asked if she was the same person who was in court earlier this week.

"This court's not going to tolerate this kind of actions," Judge Allen said. "You were here yesterday and you're right back."

On Wednesday, Slone entered a guilty plea to charges of second offense drunk driving, criminal mischief, and resisting arrest prior to a scheduled jury trial on the matter. She was sentenced to serve nine days in jail on weekends.

Those charges, along with numerous other traffic violations and misdemeanor charges, were the result of a December auto accident. But the traffic violations and other charges were apparently dismissed in exchange for her guilty plea.

The charges, which included criminal trespassing; criminal mischief; and indecent exposure, apparently resulted from incidents that allegedly occurred before and after her arrest.

Slone allegedly forced entry into a residence after the accident and exposed herself to people at the scene of the mishap.

"The subject pulled her pants down and mooned people at the scene," court records say. "Subject then urinated in the cruiser seat and floor."

The records indicate Slone urinated in the cruiser a second time

after threatening the arresting officer, trooper Ronald Peppi II. She was also accused of trying to assault the officer and a deputy jailer.

Just hours after resolving the charges from the December incident, Slone was lodged in the county jail on the new allegations.

She entered a not-guilty plea to those charges Thursday morning during arraignments in Floyd District Court. A pre-trial conference hearing is scheduled for April 23.

Slone is being held at the Floyd County Adult Detention Center in lieu of a \$5,000 cash bond.

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Science

inside. Mays demonstrated the experiment.

Electricity was the next topic, and the Tesla Coil was the focal point. The invention of a Croatian physicist, the coil generates 20,000 volts of electricity, much to the concern of Jeremy Tackett, who was picked to be what Mays called "the guinea pig - uh, assistant."

Mays then chose a "Queen of The Galaxy," better known as Ashley Reynolds. Her king, Larry Shepherd, and body guard, Jody Spriggs, assisted her in proving the Tesla could work without really touching anything, thus allowing onlookers to "see" that electricity travels through thin air. Armed with fluorescent bulbs, Shepherd and Spriggs held them above Ashley's head in an inverted "V" formation while she held in her hands a single household light bulb. She was then fitted with "goggles," (oversized sunglasses) and the experiment began.

Mays plugged up the Tesla, and

the three young people were astonished when the lights went out in the room, all except for the bulbs they held. The frames of Ashley's glasses glowed in the dark along with the three bulbs, and the room filled with verbal adjectives ranging from "cool," to "wow," and all the audience agreed on one thing - this was the place to be!

A short history lesson was brought to life when Mays reminded the students of the atomic bomb, leading him into a demonstration of the Van deGraaf generator.

Samatha Shelton's long strawberry-blond hair "rose to the occasion" as she placed her hand on the silver ball while 50,000 volts of static electricity ran through her body. "Don't worry," Mays told the class, "in about 48 hours or so, she'll be fine," he laughed, but when she removed her hand, her hair fell back around her shoulders, much to her relief. Jimmy Blanton was the individual picked to hold her other hand during the demonstration, and he

was relieved as well to find out that his life would not be taken during the experiment.

The next demonstration called for "a real brain," according to Mays, and Stacy Halbert, Nathan Johnson, and Heather Stumbo were each asked to take turns reading a poster and telling the rest of the audience the color of each word. Unfortunately, all failed, but were not too upset when their teacher, Carol Martin, failed as well. Gwen Hamilton gave it a try, and also had some difficulty.

The audience could not see the contents of the poster at first, but were told, much to the chagrin of those who had attempted it before, "Kindergarten kids pass this test with no trouble, why can't you do it?" Mays asked. Then, those in the rest of the room were shown the chart, which had the names of colors on it, written in colors that did not coincide. Asked as a group to do it "really fast," everybody stumbled, demonstrating the theory of "persistence in vision," where what the eyes see and the mind thinks are two different concepts.

The final experiment was a group effort, as they counted to 30 while watching a spiraling wheel go 'round. They then looked at a flower immediately afterwards, and were amazed that it appeared to be "growing" right before their eyes. "This is an optical illusion, sort of like what magicians do in their acts," Mays told them.

As a final word of wisdom, Mays told the class, "Always remember, science can be fun, but only if you participate. Ask, ask, ask those questions. That's what your teacher is there for. It's the only way any of us can learn," Mays concluded.

"In these seventh graders here in this room may very well be the next Albert Einstein," he said.

Arrangements for the van were made through the Floyd County Board of Education and the East Kentucky Center for Science, Mathematics and Technology.

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After Friday, it is estimated that over 1,000 students in the region will have gone through the van.

Angry

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crossed over three lanes of traffic and came to rest on top a Honda Civic driven by Donald Mellencamp of Sycamore, Indiana. Mellencamp and his passenger, Scott Morgan, were extricated from the vehicle by members of the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad and members of the Martin Fire Department. Members of the Left Beaver Rescue Squad also responded to the scene.

Mellencamp and Morgan were transferred to U.K. and Marshall was treated and released. Morgan was later released and Mellencamp remains hospitalized in stable condition.

The accident is under investigation by sheriff's Lt. Ricky Thornsberry.

Deaths

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management.

"When the complaints were heard, they were heard by people with Impac," Bartley said. "We were told by former employees of complaints against (the management) and no actions were taken...despite the many complaints."

Bartley said that if Impac failed to respond to complaints, which were allegedly made before the fatal mishap, the corporation could also be found negligent in the matter.

In another civil suit related to the deaths of the teens, the insurance company for the owners of the Alano building filed a complaint against Fannie Walters, who owned the vehicle which struck the building.

According to the civil action filed last month, American States

Insurance paid Hansel and Francis Cooley, the owners of the building, \$31,417 because the building was declared dilapidated due to the fatal mishap.

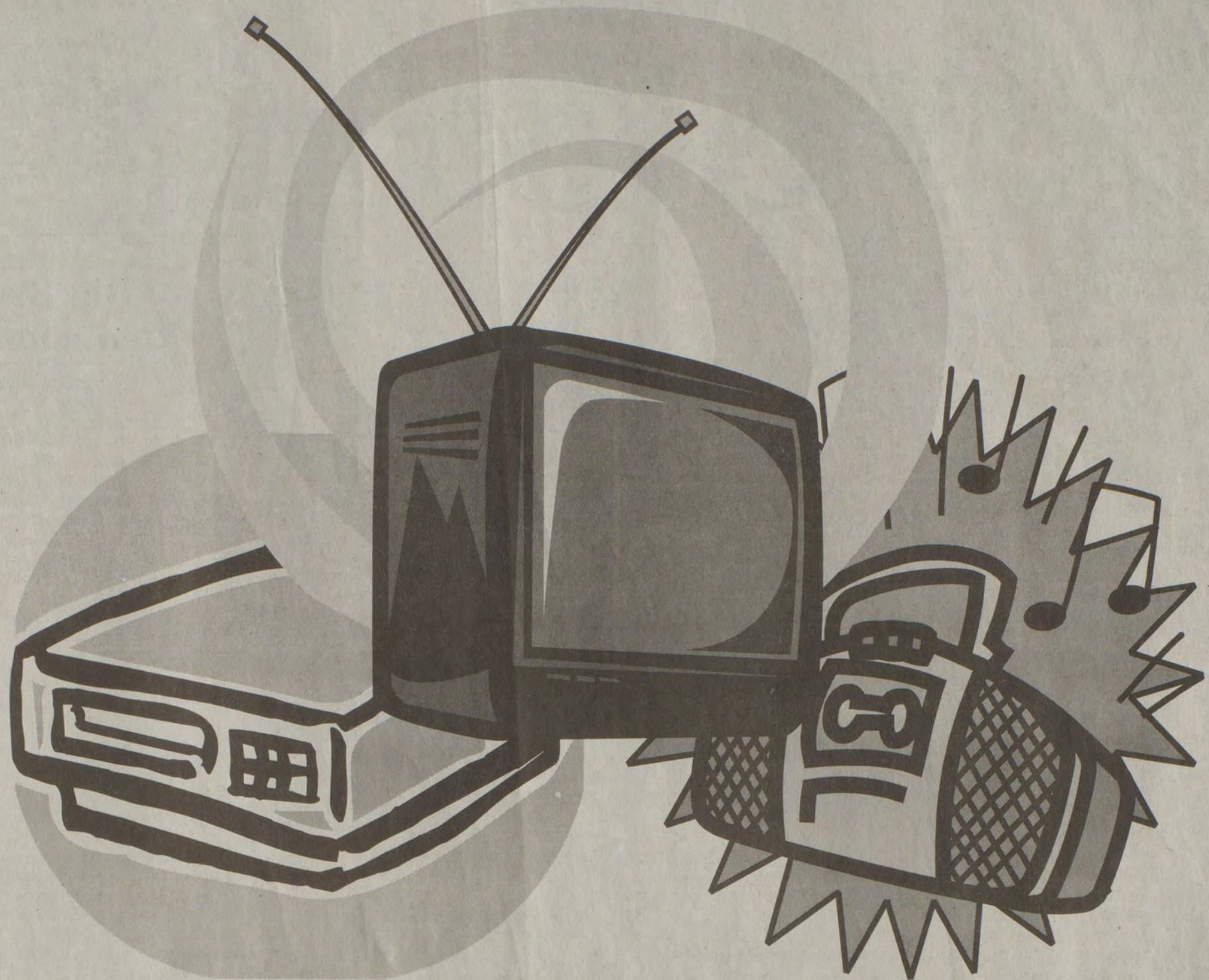
The insurance company also paid nearly \$5,000 for emergency repairs to prevent the building from collapsing before it was demolished and for the removal of debris after the building was torn down.

The civil suit is seeking reimbursements for the insurance company's payments for the value of the building and the related expenses, and for the Cooleys' \$1,000 deductible.

Criminal charges have not yet been filed in relation to the accident, but the case has been presented to a Floyd County Grand Jury.

Note: A civil suit only gives the plaintiff's cause of action.

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—First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Viewpoint

Quote of the week...

"I am a human being: Do not fold, spindle or mutilate."

—author unknown
slogan seen on a button during
a 1960's anti-war protest.

Editorial

Post no bills

by Scott Perry

It may sound to some of you like we're closing the barn doors after the horse has escaped but, with just under 90 days until the May primary, we think there is still time to convince our candidates to do the right thing and obey the law during their campaigns.

It is illegal to post campaign advertisements on public property, including highway right-of-ways, traffic signs, guardrails and public buildings.

It is illegal to post campaign advertisements on utility poles.

It is illegal to post campaign advertisements on private property without first obtaining the permission of the property owner.

Despite these prohibitions, which candidates are obligated to understand, there are few poles, trees or flat surfaces safe from posters, stickers and signs during the campaign season.

Everybody does it...they have for years...and we don't know of anyone who has been hauled into court for violating the advertising restrictions.

But, like mom used to ask...if everyone jumped off the Brooklyn Bridge, would you?

Well, when it comes to campaign advertising, it appears that another sort of wisdom applies...

Laws were made to be broken.

Ironically though, many of those laws are being broken by people who want the voters to hire them to enforce the laws.

We don't expect those people to pay any heed to our lectures, but they might listen to you.

Ask them this...

If you are so willing to break the laws to get yourself elected, why should we believe you wouldn't violate the laws after you take office?

Some candidates will argue that they aren't responsible for posting the illegal signs, their supporters are.

Well, where did they get the signs to begin with?

We urge all candidates to follow the rules, to campaign fairly and to accept that they are, in fact, responsible for anyone and everyone working for them, volunteer or paid.

Tell us that your campaign is going to be different from the rest and different from the past...

It's going to be run according to the law and according to the rules of common decency.



The World's Policeman

Letters to the Editor

"Good politics...bad policy"

Editor:

Usually when a politico says, "trust me," it's cause to watch your back, protect your wallet or both. Such is the case with the impassioned plea by Kentucky Education Association president, Janet Carrico, to trust her on the issue of collective bargaining.

She spends the first five paragraphs of her carefully crafted letter pointing out the benefits of the bureaucracy necessary to support collective bargaining, and then says it would not increase the likelihood of tax hikes. How else will this bureaucracy be paid for? If not through tax hikes, then through reduced services, which constitutes a defacto tax increase.

If I pay a dollar in taxes for school services, I want a dollar of benefit in return. I don't want a portion of it—a significant portion—going to feed the bureaucratic beast required to sustain forced collective bargaining.

Ms. Carrico also claims that strikes by public employees would be "less likely" under Governor Patton's plan. Do I detect that the ironclad no strike clause the governor wants is starting to rust? The fact that she says that strikes are less likely is an acknowledgment that public employee strikes can and will occur.

The war that organized labor is waging needs to be thwarted by every taxpayer in this state right now! Legislators will listen to you if you let them know that you are opposed to higher taxes, reduced services, or both. Call today at 1-800-372-7181 and let them know that mandated collective bargaining for public employees may make for good politics, but it's bad public policy.

Barth Pamberton
Lexington

Lives with this legislation

Editor:

I'm not a public employee, but I appreciate the work they do. I trust them with my kids at school, with my personal safety and with doing the important things that need to be done.

So, you can be assured that I trust them with the same rights everyone else in Kentucky has had since the 1930's — the right to decide for themselves if they want collective bargaining. Governor Patton was right when he talked about public employee collective bargaining and said "Folks, it's not the end of the world — 28 other states already have it."

Not only won't it not be the end of the world if they get it, but if they don't get it, it will be a monumental insult to their dignity. They should have the right to some say on the job — the same thing the rest of us are entitled to.

Everyone needs to get behind the governor — and their public employees — on this bill, the Labor/Management Negotiations bill. It doesn't mandate anything, other than that the politicians and school bureaucrats have to respect the right of their employees to decide if they want to vote for collective bargaining.

It's about fairness, democracy and a voice on the job. We can live with that. In fact, we'll be

better off with it.

Charles H. Dixon
Pikeville

Endorses cannabis as medicine

Editor:

Governor Patton's commitment for East Kentucky's future has rewarding outcomes. A proposed \$90 million widening of Ky. 15 to four lanes between Campton and Hazard has been placed in the state's six-year road plan. An outstanding topic many have dreamed of for years.

However, Governor Patton's support is crucial for patients in need of medical treatments going against the norm of society's understanding. Could he appoint Gatewood Galbraith to head a committee to investigate the constructive uses of cannabis as a medicine. Patients with AIDS, or cancer, lose their appetite, when taking chemotherapy treatments and smoking cannabis increases both taste and food intake. Smoked marijuana has shown real advantages over alternative treatments for these patients.

Marijuana consumed in its herbal form, is therapeutic in a wide range of ailments including the side effects from treatments for AIDS and cancer, and could be substituted, in many instances, for the treatment of glaucoma, and should become immediately available as a medicine. In California and Arizona, persons who use marijuana for medicinal purpose, at the written or verbal recommendation of a physician, are provided with a legal defense. Smoked marijuana has shown real advantages over alternative treatments for these patients and the issue of medicinal marijuana is very important to them. For these reasons, Governor Patton, consider this plea for those in need of medical treatments and allow the public to vote on a proposition to make it legal.

Danny Pigman
Lexington

Problems not addressed; messenger is terminated

Editor:

It is my opinion that Ms. Bertie K. Salyer, president of the Big Sandy Health Care Inc. (BSHC) Board of Trustees, a member of Governor Paul Patton's Ethics Committee, and the chairperson of the Division of Business—Prestonsburg Community College and some of the Big Sandy Health Care Inc. Board of Trustees, terminated me as their executive director, because (1) I uncovered and presented documented evidence concerning problems in finance (example: senior staff members were allowed to pay themselves "extra" for doing their jobs) and medicine (example: clinics were open and allowed to see and treat patients without a doctor on the premises); and (2) I had an excellent working relationship with the union.

This information was presented to the board and their action—subtracting ethics from the equation—was not to address the problems, but to terminate the messenger.

Ellis G. Buchanan
Prestonsburg

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"Big Brother" is not coming, but...

It might be that a law in this day and age that authorizes electronic eavesdropping by law enforcement officials doesn't draw much attention. The legislation now in front of the General Assembly will allow a state prosecutor to ask a circuit court "for authorization to intercept wire, oral, or electronic communications." For the first time, state judges will be able to issue a warrant to let prosecutors gain evidence through eavesdropping in investigations for murder, kidnapping, organized crime, drug sells, use of drug money, and conspiracy to commit any of these crimes.

Many other states already have such laws on their books. In fact, federal law is not only approves of but encourages states to give that power to their judges because few state or local authorities are interested in fighting organized crime, the crimes where electronics surveillance is most important. For regular crimes, the crippling cost of government eavesdropping means that such action is impractical and rare.

The US Supreme Court's constitutional interpretations make it possible for state judges to assume this role of referee in the fight between police and power and privacy rights, but the nine justices require more than the run-of-the-mill warrants needed for physical privacy invasions (like in your home). Government intrusion into a citizen's conversations over the phone, computer, or in person is a particularly offensive invasion, so a "super warrant" is required.

The warrant must be very particular, must show that there is a reasonable belief that the crime is being committed, results must be reviewed by the court, the wiretapping must be for a limited time and it must end when the evidence is obtained. The Kentucky law will meet all of these mandates (and actually go a few steps further). But for the law to pass, a very comforting privacy safeguard must fall. In Kentucky, it is a felony to intentionally eavesdrop.

The eavesdropping statute, as it has been said, is an implied deterrent to police misconduct. What prosecutor will risk jail time to use an investigative tool that is fairly ineffective for the crimes they deal with from day to day? Like a kid with a new toy, if the law passes will state prosecutors now devote an abusive amount of time with their new liberty to obtain the "super warrant" from state judges? Doubtful.

Aside from the prohibitive costs, the truth is that the application of the eavesdropping law has never bullied zealous state law enforcement agents out of the citizen's private conversations. A forgiving statute already on the Kentucky law books says that, "conduct which would otherwise constitute an offense is justifiable when it is required or authorized by a provision of law imposing a public duty or by a judicial decree." Exclusion of the evidence has been the only practical deterrent to unlawful invasions into private conversations.

And since federal investigators (with a federal warrant) can legally violate a state law that outlaws eavesdropping the evidence they obtain (contrary to Kentucky law) can be admissible in a state criminal trial. "Collusion," or a forbidden agreement, between state and federal law enforcement to bypass the state eavesdropping law is illegal, but "collusion" has been given a limited definition. The sharing of information and combining of efforts is merely cooperation. So, what might look like collusion is not necessarily "collusion."

In spite of the large number of people who could be investigated based on the loose definition sometimes given to some of the crimes that would qualify for government eavesdropping (engaging in organized crime, trafficking in a controlled substance, using or investing drug related income, or conspiracy to commit any of those), and in spite of the fact that law officers might feel an (understandable) urge to try out their new crime fighting tool, the fear of "big brother" that opponents of the bill will try to install is probably a false fear. Eavesdropping is expensive. And it is relatively ineffective in fighting the vast majority of crimes.

But what drew my attention to the proposed law that will make it easier for government officials to tap our wires, is having read it together with another proposal facing the General Assembly. "It is proposed that Section 1 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows...The right to individual privacy...shall not be infringed upon without the showing of a compelling private or state interest."

Political Party

by Dave Porter



Members of the Adams Middle School Y-Club donated \$100 to the Big Sandy Chapter of the American Red Cross. Pictured, from left, are Janice Allen, AMS principal; Amanda Arnett, Y-Club representative; Bridgett Bellamy, secretary; Ms. Hammonds, Y-Club sponsor; Rachelle Greer, club vice president; Allison May, president; and Doris Barnett, chairperson of the Big Sandy Chapter of the American Red Cross. (photo by Rita Brock)

Y-Club collects for cause

Adams Middle School students learned a lesson from Mother Theresa about giving, and gathered up food and money to donate to the needy.

On their own initiative, the students, who are members of the Y-Club at AMS, conducted a can recycling fund-raising drive. The students donated the money, in part, to the American Red Cross in memory of Mother Theresa, so that "it could be used to help in some small way to continue the good work that Mother Theresa and the Red Cross do to help those in need," the students said.

The \$100 donation will go to provide Red Cross services in the Big Sandy area, Doris Barnett, chairperson of the board of directors of the Big Sandy Area American Red Cross, said recently.

The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization, led by volunteers that provide relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to

emergencies.

Barnett said the Red Cross provides the following services:

- Response and assistance during times of disaster;
- Disaster planning, preparedness, and community disaster education;
- Training in first aid, CPR, life guarding, swimming, and water safety education;
- HIV/AIDS prevention education;
- Assistance to members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families; and

lies; and

• Collection of blood. The programs of the American Red Cross are made possible by the voluntary services and financial support of the American people and students like those at Adams, according to Barnett.

For more information about the Red Cross, call 886-8330. The Big Sandy Chapter's office is located at 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg. The office serves the counties of Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, and Pike.

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Floyd Court clerk to help recruit local athletes for U.S. Transplant Games

Floyd County Circuit Court Clerk Frank DeRossett Jr. has been named an official "scout" for Team Kentucky to help recruit athletes and support for the 1998 U.S. Transplant Games. The Games are for August 5-8, on the campus of Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

An Olympic-style competition for recipients of lifesaving transplants of all kinds, the games are sponsored nationally by Sandoz Transplant and presented by the National Kidney Foundation.

Individuals who have received lifesaving organ transplants—including kidney, liver, heart, lung or pancreas—will compete for gold, silver and bronze medals in one or more of 14 sports, including bicycling, golf, racquetball, tennis, swimming and various track and field events.

The 1998 Transplant Games in Ohio are expected to be the largest ever in the history of the event, with an anticipated 1,500 athletes from across the country participating. In 1996, the last year of the games,

Team Kentucky sent 22 athletes to Salt Lake City, Utah, and brought back six medals. For the 1998 Games, Team Kentucky hopes to more than double the size of the team and to bring back even more "gold."

DeRossett is involved in this effort through the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks Association's Trust For Life which is co-sponsor of the Games' Team Kentucky. The Trust For Life is funded by the contributions of Kentuckians when they renew their drivers' licenses, and is dedicated to promoting organ and tissue donation.

Any resident of Kentucky who has received an organ transplant may register for the 1998 U.S. Transplant Games by joining Team Kentucky. To become involved as an athlete or team sponsor, contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office for further information, or Donna Slone, team manager, KODA, 2201 Regency Road, Suite 601, Lexington, KY 40503, 606-278-3492.

Floyd County students named to dean's list

The Dean's List for the 1997 Fall Semester at Prestonsburg Community College includes seventy-eight students from Floyd County. The Dean's List recognizes those students who achieve a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

Floyd County students on the Dean's List for the recent Fall Semester include:

Mattie S. Donta, Allen; Connie Lynne Hall, Allen; Kevin J. Hinchman, Allen; Tina Janelle Horn, Banner; Rebecca Ellen Jones, Banner; Donna L. Meade, Banner; Phillip Dwayne Reed, Betsy Layne; Kevin Johnson, Bevinsville; Amanda Leanne Slone, Blue River; Amanda Rae Bentley, Bypro; Stacey Lea Spurlock, Dana; Sheryl Ann Stroud, Dana; Zethaniel Dean Shepherd, David; Christy Renee Slone, David; Elizabeth Ann Stratton, David; Jeffery Lance Bowling, East Point; Kristi Leigh Jackson/Webb, Eastern; Jamie Alan Slone, Eastern; Amberly Dawn Leslie, Emma; Jill Danette Conn, Endicott; Rita Lynn Gerretson, Gamer;

Also Johna Ramaya Lawson, Garrett; Malinda Dee Wallen, Garrett; Jason Collins, Grethel; Delena Marie Hamilton, Grethel; Rita B. Maynard, Grethel; Willis Dean Newman, Grethel; Kimberly Denise Clark, Harold; Ruth Ann Conn, Harold; Jack Bryan Hamilton, Harold; Robert Steven Harper, Harold; April Marie Meade, Harold; Jerrinell Martin Sexton, Harold; Deanna Marie Spears, Harold; Kimberly Sue Spears, Harold; Heather Dawn Stevens, Harold; Kristy Amanda Tackett, Harold; Jesse Franklin Osborne, Hi Hat; Charles E. Centers, Hueysville; Dellea Dawn Meade, Lackey; Connie Sue Sexton, Lackey; Robin Renee' Sexton, Lackey; Jeffery Chad Martin, Langley; Marna Belle Harris, Louisa;

Also Sharon C. Mullins, Martin; Cynthia L. Prater, Martin; Regina Gail Sexton, Martin; Jada Denise Webb, Martin; Lora Susanne Chaffins, McDowell; Crystal Gale Tackett, Melvin; Larry Brent Tackett, Melvin; Heather Rae Bentley, Prestonsburg; Lynn I. Combs, Prestonsburg; Pamela

Susan Fannin, Prestonsburg; Jolean Goble, Prestonsburg; Patricia Ann Goodman, Prestonsburg; Scott Alan Hall, Prestonsburg; Kelli B. Hansel, Prestonsburg; Christopher Clyde Hicks, Prestonsburg; Stephanie Anne May, Prestonsburg; Corey Lee Ousley, Prestonsburg; Elizabeth Lynn Pettit, Prestonsburg; Misty L. Price, Prestonsburg; Justin Dean Reichenbach, Prestonsburg;

Also Clarissa Renee' Risner, Prestonsburg; Deanna S. Spears, Prestonsburg; Barbara J. Spradlin, Prestonsburg; Shonda L. Wright, Prestonsburg; Jamie Michele Yates, Prestonsburg; Edwin A. Zinn, Prestonsburg; Jennifer Marie Damron, Printer; Donna Sue Hamilton, Teaberry; Naomi Adkins, Tram; Jeremy Ryan Hall, Wayland; Terry Lynn Howell, Wayland; Tiffany Dawn Compton, Weeksbury; Michelle Lee Broadnax, Prestonsburg; and Kristi Lou Hall, Wheelwright.



Allen goes to state
Marcus Allen (left) placed second individually in the MATHCOUNTS regional finals on February 14. He is also a member of first-place winning team at John M. Stumbo Elementary. His brother Josh Allen placed first. The brothers will compete individually and as a team on March 28. If the students win one of four places, they can win a full, 4-year scholarship. Marcus and John are the sons of Ronald and Glenna Jean Allen of Grethel.

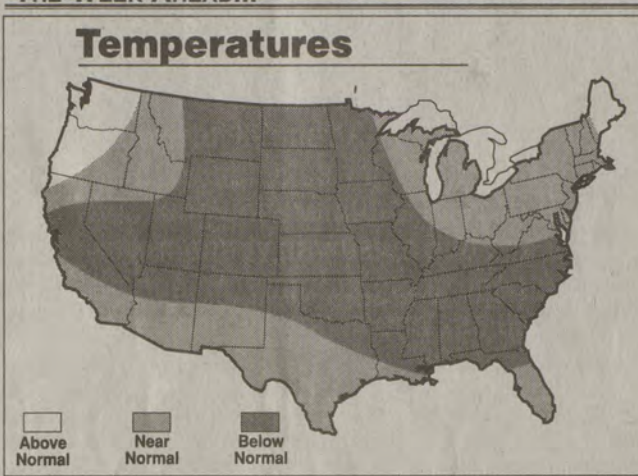
Forecast for Floyd County, KY

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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Cloudy with showers. 56	Occasional rain overnight. 46	Rain in the morning. 60/43	Cloudy with rain. 57/39	Clouds and sun. 54/35	Mostly cloudy. 55/33	Clouds and sun; cold. 44/24	Partly sunny and cold. 46/25

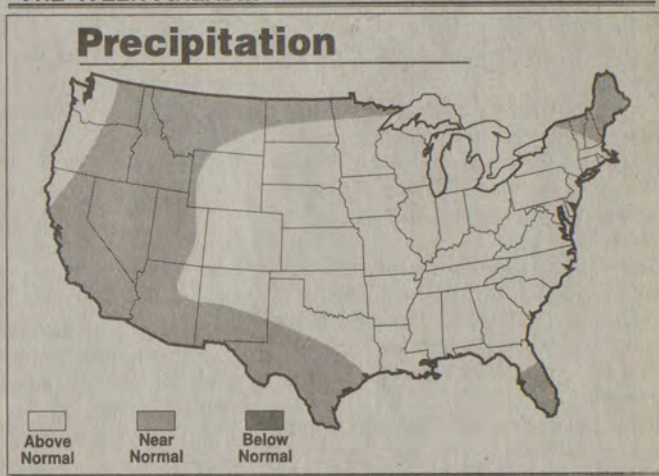
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Cold, stormy weather will be found over much of the nation during the period. A few storm systems will bring snow, rain and thunderstorms to sections of the Plains, the Rocky Mountains and the East. Arctic air will push into the extreme portions of the northern Plains. A few storms with rain and mountain snow will occur in the Northwest.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today			Saturday			Sunday			Monday			Tuesday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	63	51	sh	64	50	sh	60	40	sh	58	42	pc	60	41	pc
Boston	42	28	s	44	37	pc	54	41	sh	55	34	sh	44	32	pc
Chicago	44	34	c	44	28	sh	43	27	c	43	25	pc	41	25	pc
Cleveland	43	32	c	50	35	i	51	35	r	44	28	pc	42	25	c
Denver	50	19	sh	39	21	pc	54	27	pc	50	25	pc	53	29	pc
Des Moines	42	33	c	36	22	c	44	26	pc	45	27	pc	44	25	pc
Detroit	40	32	c	48	33	r	49	33	sh	44	26	pc	39	23	pc
Houston	78	63	c	70	46	sh	66	44	pc	69	50	pc	71	50	pc
Indianapolis	50	40	sh	51	34	sh	48	30	sh	47	29	pc	46	30	c
Kansas City	50	40	c	43	25	sh	48	29	pc	50	30	pc	49	31	pc
Los Angeles	65	41	s	71	47	pc	72	47	pc	76	48	pc	75	49	pc
Miami	78	66	pc	82	69	pc	82	66	pc	79	64	pc	78	64	pc
Minn.-St. Paul	36	26	c	32	19	pc	36	22	pc	34	19	pc	36	18	pc
New Orleans	77	64	t	73	58	r	64	44	pc	65	48	pc	68	48	pc
New York City	52	33	s	48	40	pc	53	44	sh	52	36	sh	47	33	pc
Omaha	43	33	sh	36	20	pc	45	25	pc	46	24	pc	46	24	pc
Phoenix	63	44	sh	70	49	s	76	51	pc	79	52	pc	80	55	pc
San Francisco	60	43	s	59	46	sh	59	46	pc	62	48	pc	64	49	pc
Seattle	49	33	pc	49	35	r	46	33	sh	49	35	sh	53	38	sh
Washington	51	36	pc	55	44	c	56	46	sh	56	38	pc	55	35	pc

SUN & MOON

Sunrise		Sunset	
Fri.	6:56 a.m.	6:29 p.m.	
Sat.	6:55 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	
Moonrise		Moonset	
Fri.	12:47 p.m.	2:23 a.m.	
Sat.	1:41 p.m.	3:16 a.m.	
Moon Phases			
First	Full	Last	New
Mar 5	Mar 12	Mar 21	Mar 27

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today			Saturday			Sunday			Monday			Tuesday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	49	48	r	54	37	sh	41	25	pc	33	21	pc	33	23	pc
Berlin	38	37	sn	48	37	r	38	18	pc	32	19	pc	30	21	pc
Buenos Aires	80	63	pc	79	60	pc	83	63	pc	87	67	pc	81	59	pc
Cairo	69	47	s	63	42	pc	70	50	s	70	52	pc	75	58	pc
Jerusalem	61	38	pc	52	36	c	57	40	pc	58	41	pc	62	47	pc
Johannesburg	88	64	pc	88	62	pc	83	61	pc	82	61	pc	82	61	pc
London	55	53	r	55	39	r	48	33	pc	40	23	sn	36	25	s
Madrid	73	48	s	75	46	s	72	47	s	61	32	s	52	27	pc
Mexico City	83	50	s	76	48	pc	74	46	pc	75	47	pc	74	44	pc
Moscow	32	13	c	25	14	pc	21	20	pc	36	26	sn	33	21	pc
Paris	49	47	r	57	37	sh	50	34	s	40	23	pc	36	25	s
Rio de Janeiro	84	72	pc	82	73	pc	85	74	pc	84	73	pc	84	74	pc
Rome	59	45	s	67	50	s	68	48	s	63	45	s	55	31	pc
San Juan	82	74	r	83	72	pc	86	73	pc	86	73	pc	86	73	pc
Seoul	54	29	pc	47	29	s	56	42	pc	61	42	sh	54	32	sh
Sydney	75	61	pc	69	55	pc	73	62	s	75	66	s	79	69	s
Toronto	35	24	pc	43	29	sn	49	37	sn	40	18	pc	31	14	pc
Tokyo	51	43	pc	48	33	pc	48	44	s	58	56	s	67	55	r
Winnipeg	15	3	sn	14	6	pc	20	5	sn	15	3	sn	15	9	pc
Zurich	45	44	sn	52	40	r	50	34	s	41	26	r	32	22	sf

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

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

ABBOTT

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

ALLEN

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

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

BANNER

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

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

BEAVER

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

BETSY LAYNE

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

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

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

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

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

BLUE RIVER

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

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, Nathon Lafferty.

Benedict Baptist Church, Slick Rock Branch of Cow Creek, (half mile up Cow Creek on left); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Youth Service, 6 p.m. each Wednesday and Evening Service, 7 p.m. each Wednesday.

DANA

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist Church, Dana; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Church, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Youth Meeting Sunday, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Jody Spencer; Assistance Pastor, Terry Hall.

DAVID

Goodloe Pentecostal Church, Rt. 850, David, Ky.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Fourth Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Kilmer Lambert.

DRIFT

Drift Pentecostal Church, Drift; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ted Shannon.

Drift Independent Church, Drift; Thursday, 6:30; Sunday, 11:00.

Drift Freewill Baptist Church, Drift; Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m., Thursday; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Church Service, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Randy Turner.

Drift Presbyterian Church, Route 1101, Drift; Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m.; Part-time minister, Mary Alice Murray.

DENVER

Liberty Baptist Church, Denver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Pastor Merle Little.

DWALE

Dwale House of Prayer, Dwale, Ky.; service Saturday night, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday night, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Woodrow Crum.

EAST POINT

Free Pentecostal Church of God, East Point, Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 11:00; Sunday Night, 6:30; Thursday Night, 6:30; Pastor, Buster Hayton.

Little Paint First Church of God, East Point, 671 Little Paint Road; Sunday School, 9:45; Morning worship, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 6:00; Youth Fellowship, Sunday 6:00; Wednesday Night, 7:00; Kings Class (Children Ministry) Wednesday 7:00; Pastor, A Wayne Burch.

EMMA

Emma United Methodist, Emma, Ky.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.; Paul Aiken, Pastor.

ESTILL

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Wayne Stevens.

GARRETT

Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church, Garrett; 4th Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Moderator, Elder Earl Slone; Assistant Moderator, Elder Jerry Manns.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist Church, Garrett, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Elder Brodey Amburgey.

First Baptist Church, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday; Pastor, Randy Osborne.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Donald Bragg.

Garrett Community Christian Church,

Route 550, Garrett, Ky.; Service Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting 2nd Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Come and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Donnie Hackworth.

GOBLE ROBERTS ADDITION Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:10 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth E. Prater, Jr.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 4th Saturday Night, Regular Service & Business, 6:00 p.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Paul D. Coleman.

GRETHEL

Grethel Baptist Church, State Route 3379, (Branham's Creek Road), telephone 587-2043; Junior Church and Morning worship at 11:00; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth meeting Wednesday night 6:30 p.m.; Prayer meeting and bible study at 6:30.

HAROLD

Harold Church of Christ, at Harold. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Minister, James H. Harmon

Lower Toler Church of Christ at Harold. Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Minister, Doyle Meade.

HI HAT

The Church of God of Prophecy at Hi Hat, invites you to worship with us each week. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday 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 exit (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Chuck Ferguson.

LACKEY

Lackey Freewill Baptist Church, Lackey. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Everyone Welcome. Pastor Johnny J. Collins, of Wayland. "If we meet and you forget me you have lost nothing, but if you meet Jesus and forget him you have lost everything."

LANCER

Lancer Baptist Church, Lancer, welcomes you to the services. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Tom Biddle.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist, Lancer-Water Gap Road; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Youth Service Wednesday, 6:30; Pastor, Joe Coleman.

Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Lancer-Water gap Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 6 p.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday programs available for children; Pastor, Mark Tackett.

LANGLEY

Maytown United Methodist Church, Langley; Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Youth Sunday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Roy Harlow.

MARTIN

Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Stephens Branch; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Martin House of Worship, in Martin on Old Post Office St. Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Sunday; Relief Society/Priesthood/Primary 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Meeting 11:40 a.m.; Wednesday; Seminary 6:00 p.m.; Young Women/Young Men/Scouting 7:00 p.m.; Family History, Tuesday 12-8:00 p.m. and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Missionettes & Royal Rangers, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Lorie Vannucci.

Trinity Chapel, Pentecostal Holiness Church, North Main Street, Martin; services: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday worship, 7:00 p.m.; Second Saturday Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Youth Activity nights, 1st and 3rd Saturday, 6:00 p.m.; Womens Ministries, 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Ministries, 2nd Friday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Bible study Monday evenings, 6:00 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Pastor.

Faith Bible Church, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.; Independent Fundamental Baptist; Pastor, Don Crisp.

Martin Freewill Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Youth League, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Pastor, John L. Blair.

First Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Bible Study, 10:00; Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 6:00; Mid Week, 7:00; Pastor, Pastor: Russ Taylor.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Friday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Deacon, Bud Crum.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Group, 7 p.m.; Evangelist, Gary Mitchell.

Martin Methodist Church; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Harlow.

Old Time Holiness Church; 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Brother John W. Patton. Friday Evening, 7:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Sunday School, 11:00; Everyone Welcome.

Full Gospel Community; Main Street, Martin, Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Bible Study; Pastor, Lavonne Lafferty.

MAYTOWN

Maytown First Baptist Church, Main Street; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bob Varney.

MCDOWELL

McDowell First Baptist Church, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 7 p.m.; individual counseling and family counseling by appointment. Pastor, Harry Hargis.

MIDDLE CREEK

Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church, 2656 West Mt. Parkway Prestonsburg, (across from Clark Elem. School); Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Jennings West.

Spurlock Bible Church, Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Dan Heintzelman.

MOUNTAIN PARKWAY

Free Pentecostal Deliverance Church, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton, Saturday and Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Patricia Crider.

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal Church, Located at the Floyd and Magoffin County line. Sunday night, 6:30; Wednesday night, 7:00. A worship Center for everyone. Pastor, Mike D. Caldwell welcomes all.

PRESTONSBURG

Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above WorldWide Equipment. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00; Midweek, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Randy Hagans.

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Sabbath School, 9:15; Church Service, 10:30; Pastor, Mike Foraker, 886-3459.

St. Martha Church, Water Gap; Saturday evening mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Religious Education Classes, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 a.m.; Adult Class, Wednesday,

7:30 p.m.; Pastor: Father John Moriarty.

Community United Methodist Church, 141 Burke Ave., (off University Drive), Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday morning worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m.; classes for adults, youth and children; choir practice, Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Sam Knox.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 6:00; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Pastor, Manford Fannin.

First Christian Church, 560 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg. No Wednesday evening or Sunday evening services at present. Bible study, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Minister, Kevin G. Jett.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, David Garrett.

First Baptist Church, (Irene Cole Memorial), 54 S. Front St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; S.M.A.S.H. 6:45 (on Wednesday); Wednesday night, 7 pm.; Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Dr. S. Thomas Valentine, Pastor.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile South of Prestonsburg, intersection of route 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Praise & Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; nursery provided. Pastor, J.M. Sloce.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church, located two miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Van West.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. George C. Love.

First United Methodist Church, 138 S. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:45; Morning Worship, 10:55; Evening Worship, 7:00; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00. Pastor, Reverend David Fultz.

Victory Christian Ministries Church, 1428 E., Prestonsburg; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Sherm Williams.

Parkway Baptist, Rt. 1428, Sugar Loaf, Prestonsburg; Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Ed Taylor.

Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.; Evangelist, Benny Blankenship.

St. James Episcopal Church, school starts 9:45. Enquire classes to begin in January. For more information, contact the Rev. Johnnie E. Ross, 886-8046.

Faith Freewill Baptist Church, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment on Rt. 1428. Buddy Jones, Pastor; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Prayer meeting, 7:00; Sunday Night Service at 6:00 p.m.

Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union; meets every Wednesday, 11:30-12:30 in J102. Lunch, discussion, travel available to all students, faculty and staff. French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, president. For more information, call: 874-9468 or 478-2978.

First Church of God, Prestonsburg; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Kids Bible Club, 7 p.m.; Pastor Allan Hutchinson.

Town Branch Community Baptist, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10; Morning Worship, 11; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor Clifford Austin.

Benedict Baptist Church, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Gordon Fitch.

PAINTSVILLE

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; WKLW (600 a.m.) "Chapel Window", 12:05 p.m. every Sunday; Pastor Rev. Rolland 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.

Byro 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 Ferrari.

Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Friday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Louis Sanlan; Rev. David Pike, assistant pastor.

Lighthouse Temple, Hall Hollow, Wheelwright, Kentucky; Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday Services, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Cosby.

WEST PRESTONSBURG

REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Johnson County

Amos T. Dickerson, 70, of River, died February 4. He was a bookkeeper for Bowman Inc. He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene Castle Dickerson. Funeral services were February 26, at the Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Clista J. Harris, 76, of Flat Gap, died February 24. She is survived by her husband, Herbert Harris. Funeral services were February 27, at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Vada Ruth Lemaster Horn, 58, of Staffordsville, died February 13. She was a hair dresser. Funeral services were February 16, at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Roy Lee "Hitler" Conley, 60, of Hager Hill, died February 20. He is survived by his wife, Gladys Lemaster Conley. Funeral services were at Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Keith Alan Storberg, 46, of Boons Camp, died February 19. He was disabled. Funeral services were February 23, at the Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Dr. Ernest E. Musgrave, 75, of Paintsville, died February 14. He was a general practitioner in downtown Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Gail Shepherd Musgrave. Funeral services were February 17, at the Southside Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Knott County

James Cortland Seals, 24, of Ary, died February 22. He is survived by his wife, Samantha Seals. Funeral services were February 25, at the Reynolds Fork Regular Baptist Church, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services Chapel.

Joe Oliver Dyer, 52, of Hindman, died February 27. He is

survived by his mother, Cora Collins Dyer, and his wife, Gaynell Dyer. Funeral services were March 2, at Hindman Funeral Services Chapel.

Pike County

Betty Branham, 82, of Pikeville, died February 27. She is survived by her husband, Dock Branham. Funeral services were March 2, at the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Lonnice Denver Huffman, 62, of Red Creek. He was self-employed at Huffman's Auto Sales. He is survived by his wife, Doris Jean Looney Huffman. Funeral services were March 1, at the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Daniese B. Emody, 74, of South Williamson, died February 27. She was a retired teacher and principal. She is survived by her mother, Marie Lowe Blackburn of Pikeville, and her husband, Andy Emody. Funeral services were March 2, at the First Presbyterian Church in Williamson, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

Mirl Collins, 65, of Pikeville, died February 27. She was a former manager of Thrifty Shop. She is survived by her husband, Hatler Collins. Funeral services were March 2, at the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Roger Dale Sincell, 45, of Phelps, died February 27, from injuries sustained in an ATV accident. He is survived by his parents, Frankie and Mildred Hardin Sincell. Funeral services were March 2, at the Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Home.

Anna Marie Price, infant daughter of Jenny Suzanne Price, was stillborn February 26. Graveside services were held February 27, at the Conn Cemetery at Prater, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Hazel Mae Johnson, 75, of Virgie, died March 1. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arslay Johnson. Funeral services were March 4, at the R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Flora Tackett, 66, of Dorton, died February 27. She is survived by her husband, Norvel Tackett. Funeral services were March 2, at the Old Elkhorn Regular Baptist Church, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

Rebecca Ferrell Wolford, 88, of Stopover, died March 1. She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Wolford. Funeral services were March 5, at the Stopover Church of God, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Home.

Billy J. Edmonds, 56, of Shelbiana, died February 25. He was the owner/operator of Edmonds Mining and Keystone Coal Corporation and a U.S. Air Force veteran. He is survived by his wife, Lacy Kinney Edmonds. Funeral services were February 28, at the Greasy Creek Old Regular Baptist Church, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Virgil Clevinger, 73, of Varney, died February 26. He is survived by his mother, Amy Harrington Clevinger. He was a retired coal miner. Funeral services were March 1, at the Piso Freewill Baptist Church.

Everett Justice, 80, of Raccoon, died February 19. He was a retired coal miner. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bessie Reynolds Justice, and his second wife, Creedia Goff Justice. Funeral services were February 22, at the Red Creek Church of Christ, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Finis Hackney, 80, of Mouthcard, died February 26. He was a retired coal miner. He is survived by his wife, Mertie Hackney.

Funeral services were March 1, at the New Zion Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services-Morris Chapel.

Martin County

Sandra G. Watts, 45, of Inez, died February 25, in a single vehicle accident. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Dean Watts. Funeral services were March 1, at the Phelps & Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Henry "Junior" Goble, 72, of Inez, died February 26. He worked

as a carpenter. He is survived by his wife, Laura "Bootsie" Maynard Goble. Funeral services were March 1, at Richmond-Callahan Funeral Services Chapel.

Eula Cox, 85, of Inez, died March 2. She was preceded in death by her husband, Boyd Cox. Funeral services were March 4, at the Inez Chapel of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Gaines Howard, 80, of Salyersville, died February 17. He

is survived by his wife, Ollie Lovely Howard. He retired from the trucking business. Funeral services were February 20, at the Elk Creek Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Roger Pat Elam, 60, of Salyersville, died February 19. He is survived by his wife, LaDonna Owens Elam. He was a merchant and did auto body work. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Funeral services were February 22, at the Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES

Madge Burchett Harris

Madge Burchett Harris, 92, died Wednesday, March 4, 1998, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.

Born June 11, 1905 at Emma, she was the daughter of the late Beverly and Nora Harris Burchett. She was a member of the Church of Christ at Lancer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Wheeler Harris.

Survivors include one son, Joe W. "Buddy" Harris Jr. of Prestonsburg; two daughters, Betty Keathley of Prestonsburg and Peggy Daniels of Emma; one sister, Margaret Mosely of Allen; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 6, at 1 p.m., at the Church of Christ at Lancer, with Evangelist Bennie Blankenship officiating.

Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Clyde Bryant

Clyde Bryant, 67, of Wakeman, Ohio, formerly of Hi Hat, died Wednesday, March 4, 1998, at the Edison Health Care Center in Milan, Ohio, following a long illness.

Born April 18, 1930 at Hi Hat, he was the son of the late Johnnie and Lissie Bryant. He was a retired employee of Cleveland City Forge in Wellington, Ohio, and a U.S. Army veteran. He attended the Old Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine Kidd Bryant; one son, Glenn Bryant of Elkhart, Indiana; one daughter, Phyllis Bryant Leitz of Tiffin, Ohio; two brothers, Sidney Bryant of West Milton, Ohio, and Ballard Bryant of Phillipsburg, Ohio; two sisters, Ida Hall of Wakeman, Ohio, and Marie Hall of New London, Ohio; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 7, at 10 a.m., at the Little Nancy Regular Baptist Church at Hi Hat, with the Regular Baptist Church ministers officiating.

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

Shirley Collins

Shirley Collins, 60, of Jefferson, Ohio, died Tuesday, March 3, 1998, at Ashtabula County Medical Center.

Born November 8, 1937 at McDowell, she was the daughter of Ocie Hamilton Moore Mitchell of McDowell and the late Astor Moore. She had been a resident of Ashtabula County, Ohio, for 40 years.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Paul Collins; two daughters, Judy Stumbo of McDowell and Verna McMahon of Jefferson, Ohio; two sons, Teddy Collins of Jefferson and Van Collins of Ashtabula, Ohio; three sisters, Clara Cooper of Ashtabula, Ohio, Brenda Rice of Mechanicsville, Virginia, and Barbara Parrott of Richmond, Virginia; two brothers, Gomer Moore of Ashtabula, Ohio, and Carl Moore of Hanover, Virginia; and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were Thursday, March 5, at the Lily of the Valley Church in Geneva, Ohio, with Scotty Hamilton and associates officiating.

Burial was in the Oakdale Cemetery in Jefferson, Ohio, under the direction of Ducro Funeral Home, Ashtabula, Ohio.

Auby Brewer

Auby Brewer, 71, of Gibsonton, Florida, died Monday, March 2, 1998, at the Columbia Regional Brandon Medical Center.

He was born January 24, 1927 in Lucedale, Mississippi. He was the owner/operator of the Brewer & Son Mobile Home Park in Gibsonton, Florida.

Survivors include his wife, Ina Merle Lafferty Brewer; two sons, Drexyl Brewer and Erwayne Brewer, both of Gibsonton, Florida; one daughter, Shelessa Austin in Gibsonton, Florida; one brother, Bud Brewer of Lucedale, Mississippi; three sisters, Glovia McLeod, Verlene Hilton and Zenlene Golf, all of Lucedale, Mississippi; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 7, at 11 a.m., at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Nathan Lafferty officiating.

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

Serving as pallbearers will be his nephews.

Yvonne Griffith Goble

Yvonne Griffith Goble, 47, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, March 2, 1998, at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington, following an extended illness.

Born September 10, 1950 at Auxier, she was the daughter of Nellie Charles and Doc Griffith.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Goble; three daughters, Trina Hall of Kite, Jamie Nelson of Prestonsburg and Kim Goble of Langley; one brother, Tony Griffith of Allen; two sisters, Gracie Ellis of Prestonsburg and Erma Sue Hager of Mt. Sterling; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were Thursday, March 5, at 11 a.m., at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Kenneth Prater officiating.

Burial was in the Goble Family Cemetery at Brandy Keg, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Serving as pallbearers were Scott Crum, Frank Nelson, Donnie Tilly, Joey Hall, Del Hagans, Leanny Goble, Stevie Hager and Andrew Griffith.

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.

Jenny Wiley 3528, AARP dinner meeting, March 20

Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), will meet at Highlands Regional Medical Center office complex, Friday, March 20, at 5:30 p.m. All member and friends are urged to attend.

Youth skating party

Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society will be having its annual youth skating party on March 20, from 5-7 p.m., at Music Rollerland, East Point. Free skating and pizza. Call 874-8400 or 874-1206 by March 18. The event is open to all youth.

Mended Hearts meeting

The Mended Hearts Inc. Chapter 220 will meet at Highlands Regional Medical Center March 10, at 6 p.m. in conference room B. The group's motto is "It's great to be alive and to help others."

Training session

The Workforce Training Center at Prestonsburg Community College will offer training in the geographical information system (GIS) to area business, service agencies and individuals interested in learning more about this tracking program. Call 886-3863 for more information. It is stop by the Office of Continuing Education.

Williams Family to sing

The Williams Family will sing Sunday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal Church, located at the Floyd/Magoffin County line.

Everyone welcome. Pastor is Mike D. Caldwell.

Beekeeping workshop

A beekeeping workshop will be held at the Floyd County Extension Service office on March 7, at 10 a.m. James E. "Jed" Davis, president of the Kentucky State Beekeepers Association, will be the guest speaker. A drawing to give away ten, three pound packages of bees with queens will be held. For more information or to register, contact the extension office at 886-2668.

Computer class

Allen Central Youth Service Center will provide a free computer class on the Internet March 10, from 6-8 p.m. See what your child is getting into. Call 358-3048 to pre-register. Space is limited.

Stroke Support Group to meet

The Stroke Support Group meets the second Monday of each month. This group is a support system for stroke patients and their families. Family members and patients welcome. The next meeting will be held March 9, at 5 p.m. in the McDowell ARH library. Call 377-2347 for more information.

Scholarship applications

The Floyd County Conservation District is accepting college scholarship applications from Floyd County students. Applications are available at the conservation office at 26 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, and from the guidance counselors at the high school. Call 886-3128 for more information.

St. Patrick's Dance

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with square, folk and line dancing for the entire family at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Prestonsburg, on Saturday, March 14. \$3 per person; children free. Call 886-2711 for more information.

Mini-revival

The Town Branch Church will host a mini-revival March 6, 7, and 8. Rev. Shermie Williams will deliver the message. Services begin at 6 p.m.

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.

Pikeville College Phonathon

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

35-year reunion

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

MCA registration

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

CPR classes

Our Lady of the Way Hospital will offer a basic CPR class for the public on March 20, at the Seton Complex. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.; class starts at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is required by March 12. Call 285-5181, ext. 301 to register.

Coffee house, rally

Martin Church of Christ will hold a free coffee house at the church, on March 19, at 7 p.m. Also, Fifth Sunday Rally will be held March 29, at 6 p.m. with special music and a puppet show.

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PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY
CHURCH OF CHRIST
 South Lake Drive at Entrance to Jenny Wiley Park
 Sun. Bible Study—10 a.m.
 Worship—10:45 a.m.
 6 p.m. Std. Time
 7 p.m. D.L.S. Time
 Wed. Bible Study—7 p.m.
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Worship	6:30 p.m.

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Depressed anonymous

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

Entrance test

The Piarist School will hold its first entrance test for students entering the ninth or tenth grades in the fall on March 7, at 9 a.m. The school is a small, private, tuition-free, college preparatory high school, located in Martin. Call 285-3950 or write for more information: The Piarist School, Hwy. 80, Box 870, Martin, KY 41649.

ACHS Class of '88 will have reunion

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

HIV/AIDS update

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

Adams Middle School Youth Service Center

- Advisory council meeting, March 9, at 7 p.m. in the school library.
- The center will be sponsoring a trip for the eighth grade students to Toyota on March 12 and April 14. Call 886-9812 for more information.
- Community Breakfast and Reading Day at the school on March 26. Call the center for more

information on how to get involved.

Spring basket class

The Floyd County Extension Homemakers will hold a spring basket class on March 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the extension office. The class will be taught by Dr. Mary Wiss of Pike County. Preregistration and payment required by March 9. Cost is \$20. Bring a sack lunch and old towels. All other supplies will be provided.

Halls announced birth of son

Tanner Ray Hall was born December 3, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. His parents are Alvin and Debbie Hall of Prestonsburg. His maternal grandparents are Willie Jr. and Gwendolyn Martin of Prestonsburg. His paternal grandparents are Melvin and Mable Hall, of Prestonsburg.



Festival committee will bring gold of gospel to Mountain Arts Center

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

The Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival plans to make its gospel sing a "golden" attraction in October.

The festival's entertainment committee, which met Monday night at Prestonsburg City Hall, is making arrangements to bring the southern gospel music entertainment's top group, Gold City, to the stage during the festival's gospel night.

Gold City — which consists of Mark Trammel, Tim Riley, Jonathan Wilburn, Adam Borden, Jay Parrack, and Doug Riley — will appear at the Mountain Arts Center on October 9. Gold City has won numerous awards for their talent. Their songs include "God's Building a Church" and "It's Still the Cross." Both songs are listed on The Singing News' Southern Gospel Top 80 chart.

Tim Riley's son, Daniel, will also perform during the festival's gospel night at the MAC. Daniel Riley has been touring with Gold City this year and has agreed to perform at no extra charge to the festival.

Gospel Tide, who also waived their performance fee for the concert, will open the show, which will begin around 7:30 p.m.

The festival's entertainment committee suggested making gospel part of the 'Bluegrass on Stage' event Friday night at the

Town Center Parking lot. Members suggested that Bluegrass gospel performers perform between 3:30 to 6 p.m., and a bluegrass show featuring the Boys from Middle Creek, begins at 8 p.m. Several committee members reported that the Boys from Middle Creek and Gone Country were crowd pleasers last year and should be asked to return to the festival.

Bids for sound equipment were also discussed during the entertainment committee. The group decided to solicit bids for two venues.

Members Wes and Les Fugate asked that more activities for teens be available. They also suggested that the carnival be "bigger and better" this year. The Prestonsburg High school twins were asked to question other teenagers about events they would like to see at the festival and report to the committee at the April meeting.

After the entertainment committee meeting, the festival committee held its meeting. Items discussed included a car show at Prestonsburg Community College and the need for more financial support from the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission. A motion was made and approved to invite members of the tourism commission to the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival will be Monday, April 6, at 6 p.m.

To volunteer to become part of the festival, call Sue Webb at Prestonsburg City Hall at 886-2335.

Violin, piano concert

The Eastern Kentucky Concert Series recently announced the next concert in the Family Arts Series on Sunday, March 15. Isaac Ospovat, violinist, and Steve Wogaman, pianist, will perform at Mayo United Methodist Church, Paintsville, at 3 p.m.

Isaac Ospovat is an accomplished violinist who is currently pursuing a Master's of Music Degree at the Eastman School of Music. He has won several music competitions and chamber music awards. Steve Wogaman, also trained at the Eastman School, has appeared in solo and chamber

recitals in the United States, Central America, and Europe. He is the founding pianist of the Whitney Trio, and is founder and executive director of New Performing Arts, a music outreach organization in Louisville.

Family Arts Series subscribers will have tickets for this performance, and tickets may also be purchased at the door. Single tickets for this concert are \$6 for adults, and \$3 for students accompanied by an adult. For information, call the Mountain Arts Center Box Office at 886-2623 or 1-888-622-2787.

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Pamela Shepherd

Shepherd wins top prizes

Pamela Shepherd, a student from Images Model and Talent Agency, placed among the top ten at a top modeling competition.

Twenty-five students from Images Model and Talent Agency ventured west to be one of the newest finds at the International Modeling and Talent Association's (IMTA) Los Angeles Convention. The convention was held January 4 through 10 at the Western Bonaventure Hotel.

"This is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity for the potential model or talent," said Janie Olmstead Head, Images' Owner. "Our students met and auditioned for scores of modeling and talent agents that they would never have had the opportunity if it weren't for IMTA's convention."

agents in the industry attended this convention searching for new faces and fresh talent. One of those fresh new talents was Pamela Shepherd.

Shepherd (7), of Staffordsville, recently returned from the IMTA Convention where she made her mark on Hollywood. She received top honors in: Child Model of the Year (Finalist) and Soap Opera (Third Runner Up). She also won several Honorable Mentions in: Runaway, Swimwear, TV Real People, Theatrical Headshots, Fashion Print, Commercial Print and Team Fashion.

Pamela had numerous call backs while she was in California, and she is signing a contract with Jean Paige Management in Los Angeles. She is the daughter of Wendell and Brenda Shepherd, also of Staffordsville.

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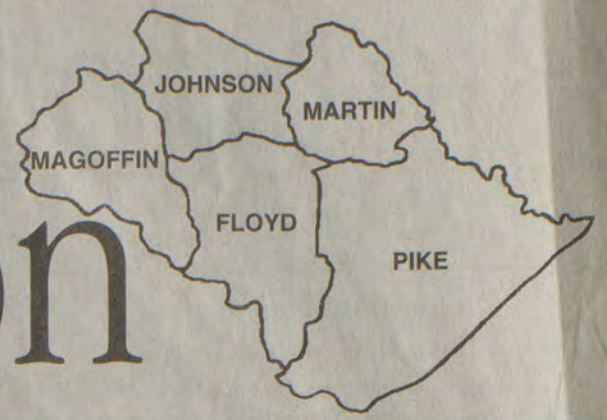
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Around The Region



Regional RE Events



National artistic treasures on display at the center for rural development

Graphic designer Malcolm Gear brings his internationally-acclaimed designs home to Somerset for a month long exhibit at The Center for Rural Development on South Highway 27. The presentation of Malcolm Gear's "The Art of Design" is offering a unique opportunity not only to the viewing public but also for the region's students who are invited for special tours and workshops.

An opening reception and slide presentation and lecture by Malcolm Gear for "The Art of Design" will be held at The Center for Rural Development on Saturday, March 14. The reception and exhibit preview begin at 7 p.m. Eastern Time with the lecture following at 8 p.m.

This is a free presentation.

Talent search

Embassy Music of Nashville, Tennessee, is conducting its fourth annual artist and song search. "The ultimate talent search" will offer more than \$50,000 in prizes, which includes a recording contract for the grand prize winner in the artist division. The grand prize winning song will be recorded and distributed nationwide to Christian radio stations. Entry forms will be available March 5, and must be post-marked no later than May 9.

This year's judges include: Michelle Davis of CCM Magazine; Jay Demarcus, a former member of The Benson Recording Artists, East to West; and Joel Lindsey, staff writer for Benson Music. Credits include: Larnelle Harris and Point of Grace, Scott Mills, president of the Chandler/Mills Agency, The Martins and Stephen Curtis Chapman, Darwin Moody, president of Embassy Music, The London Philharmonic.

To receive entry information, call the "Ultimate Hotline," at 615-367-0677, or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Embassy Music, 1161 Murfreesboro Road, Suite 323 Nashville, TN. 37217.

Do you love to sing?

The community is invited to get their vocal cords warmed up in order to join the Pikeville College Community Choir. Teens and adults alike are invited to participate.

The Pikeville College Community Choir rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Record Memorial Building, room 407. The practices will culminate in the annual Spring Concert on Thursday, April 23.

Come, experience the joy of singing every Monday evening now through April! For more information, please contact director Margaret Andraso at (606) 432-9214 or Brad Daniels, director of music ensembles, at (606) 437-3486.

State Park Activities

The Mountain Showcase March 1-31, Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, Buckhorn, Appalachian heritage will be celebrated with special exhibits and workshops. For information call (606) 398-7510.

The Kentucky Hills Weekend, March 13-14, at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park in Corbin. Appalachian heritage comes alive through craft demonstrations, traditional music and storytelling. Traditional handicrafts are available for sale. For information call (606) 528-4121.

Howard records song for movie

From The Salyersville Independent

Magoffin County native Rebecca Lynn Howard, tabbed as one of Nashville's and country music's rising stars, performed February 22 on the Nashville Network's (TNN) "Primetime Country."

She shared the spotlight with such big name music stars as Wynona Judd, Steven Curtis Chapman, and Larry White.

Judgment sought in occupational tax lawsuit

by Ralph Davis
Paintsville Herald

Both sides in a lawsuit to determine whether an occupational tax enacted by the fiscal court last year is constitutional now want to bypass a trial and have a judge settle the matter.

State representative candidate John David Preston filed the suit last year, claiming the state law upon which the tax is based is unconstitutional. Preston argues that residents of small counties are arbitrarily treated differently than residents of larger counties by the tax.

State law provides that residents of counties with populations over 30,000 are given a tax credit against their county occupational tax when paying occupational tax to a city.

When the state Supreme Court extended the occupational tax to all counties in 1988, however, no similar credit was imposed for counties such as Johnson with fewer than 30,000 residents.

"Such a scheme of taxation is clearly inequitable and the court should find that it is unconstitutional," Preston wrote in court records.

He claims that the tax violates the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution, resulting in double taxation for residents of small counties but not large counties.

"In this case, there is simply no rationale for treating residents of counties with more than 30,000 people differently from residents of counties with fewer than 30,000 people," Preston writes. "... Nothing in the statute, or anything relating to it, indicates anything that would justify the different treatment of people in counties of fewer than 30,000 people or more than 30,000 people. That being the case, it seems clear that the statute is arbitrary and capricious, is a denial of equal protection, and is not based on any rational distinctions."

Preston made a motion for summary judgment January 26. Such a motion asks a judge to settle a case when there is no dispute over the facts of a case, but only a question of how a law should be interpreted.

Rather than challenging the motion, Johnson County Attorney Scott Preston responded with one of his own Thursday, agreeing there is no dispute over the facts of the case, and asking that Circuit Judge James Knight rule in favor of the county.

Scott Preston disagrees with John David Preston's assertion that there is no justification for extending a credit to large counties but not small ones.

"It is unfortunate that some of the citizens are paying both occupational taxes, but is not unconstitutional," Scott Preston writes. "There is a just reason for the classification that exists between cities of over 30,000 and cities of under 30,000. The simple fact is that counties that have populations of less than 30,000 normally only have one major city. As a result of that one major city, most of the business community is located within city limits of that city and, therefore, it would be totally uneconomical to pass a county occupational tax for persons living in the county and the business in the city avoid the occupational tax."

John David Preston disagrees with that argument in a response filed Monday.

"That argument misses the point completely," John David Preston writes. "The point the plaintiff makes in the case is that it is unconstitutional and a denial of equal protection to allow employees and employers in counties of greater than 30,000 people to have a credit on the occupational tax, when there is no such credit for counties of fewer than 30,000 people."

He is asking in the class-action lawsuit that the court force the county to stop collecting the tax from those also paying city tax and to refund the money which has been collected so far.

Howard performed the hymn "Softly and Tenderly," which she also sings on the soundtrack for the critically-acclaimed movie *The Apostle*, written and directed by Robert Duval, who is also stars in the movie.

The *Apostle* is currently playing in theaters across the nation. The soundtrack is already available in stores nationwide.

Since the completion of her first album, which is expected to be released this summer, Howard has been busy with appearances across America.

As part of an on-going western radio

tour, she has traveled to and performed in cities such as Seattle, Portland, Salt Lake, and Las Vegas.

She is also preparing to film a video to accompany her first single "Back in the Game Again," a cut from her first album that will be released in April.

Filming of the video has been postponed due to bad weather in Los Angeles, where it will be filmed.

Filming is rescheduled and will now begin in the middle of March.

Future noteworthy appearances for Rebecca Lynn will include a Country

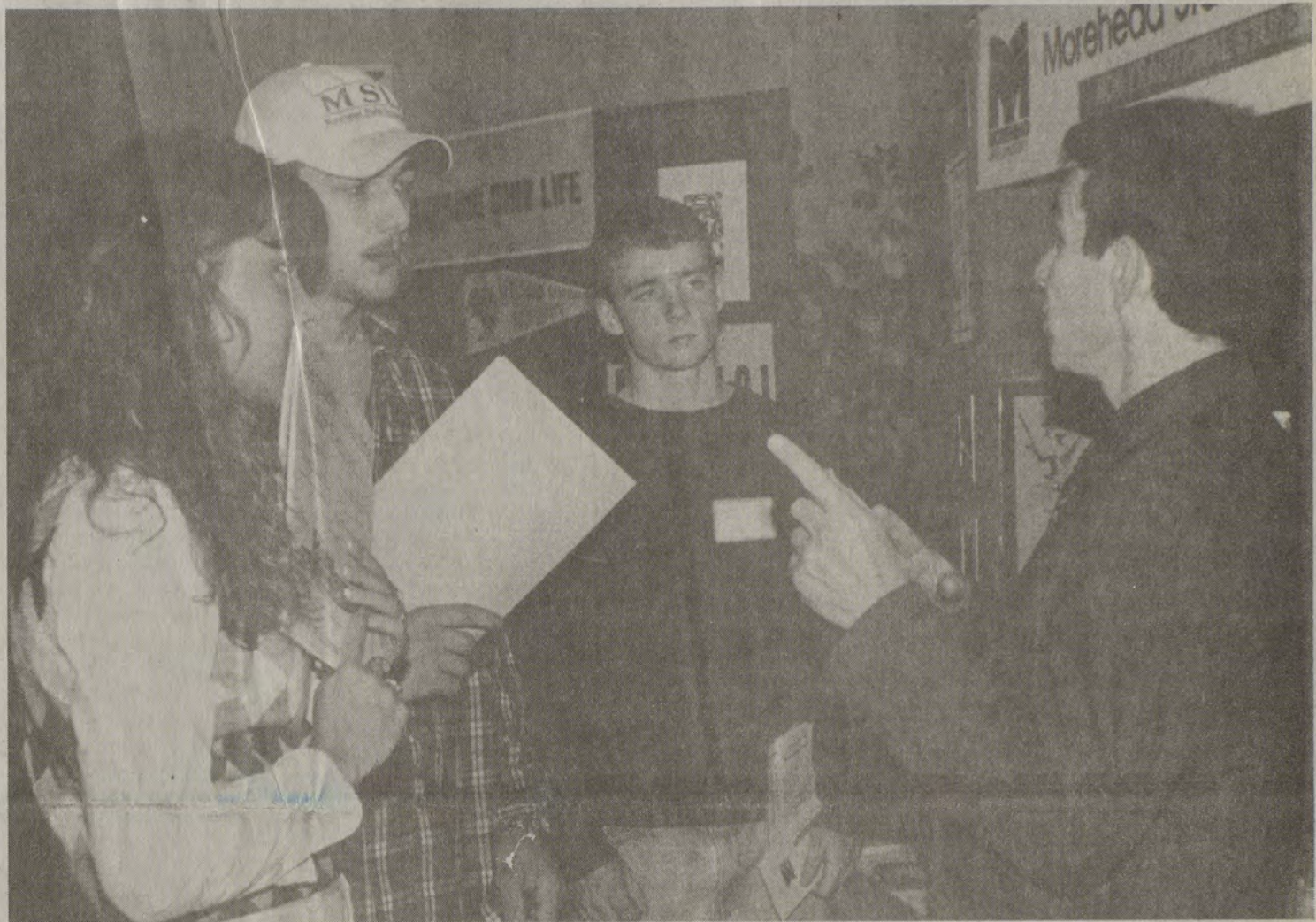
Radio seminar, held at "Cafe Milano" in Nashville.

This CRS is a chance for record label representatives to introduce new artists and new albums from established artists to radio personalities and owners.

This year, for the first time, she will also be part of the annual and always popular Fan Fair in Nashville.

Anyone wishing to inquire about tickets may call (615) 889-7503.

Editor's Note: Rebecca Lynn Howard is a former member of the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros.



MSU preview

Prospective students and their parents were encouraged to visit the Morehead State University campus recently for a Preview Day. The program, which provided information on academics, financial aid and housing, also offered students an opportunity to experience college life by attending a mini-class. During the activity, William Salazaar, right, minority retention specialist, talked with Amanda Compton of McDowell, left, Phillip Coy of Lexington and Mark Tarry of Lexington. (MSU student photo by Amy Riddle)

Pikeville Methodist Hospital opposes Steelworkers' unionization efforts

by Alicia Carmichael
Appalachian News-Express

The United Steelworkers of America are actively attempting to organize a union at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, and the hospital administration is actively opposing the effort.

In a letter to hospital employees, PMH Administrator Martha O'Regan Chill asked employees to "seriously consider the consequences of signing a union card."

According to the letter: "If 30 percent or more of the employees in what the law describes as an 'appropriate unit' sign cards, those cards will be used to support an election petition."

An election petition would bring union supporters one step closer to representation by the Steelworkers at PMH.

Chill said the hospital opposes the union campaign out of obligation to the community and employees.

"We will do this because our obligation

to the members of this community and our employees is not served by all of the problems which seem to follow unions wherever they go, not because we are 'anti-union,'" Chill said. "Our mission in providing quality and efficient health-care services is too important for us to simply ignore this campaign."

Carl Hall, an organizer and staff representative for the United Steelworkers, said just as the Steelworkers are entitled to communicating with hospital employees, the hospital's administration is entitled to an opinion about the campaign.

"It doesn't violate any labor laws," he said.

Hall said at this point the Steelworkers' responsibility is to find out how much interest there is in a union campaign.

"We are in the process of contacting hospital employees to see what the interest is for forming a union," Hall said. "We have the responsibility to make sure the interest is reflective of the whole hospital."

In December, a seven-year-old battle between PMH and the Steelworkers came to a close when the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the hospital's appeal to an earlier ruling upholding an issue ordered by the National Labor Relations Board.

The refusal reinforced the NLRB's order that said the hospital violated unfair labor practices by refusing to allow employees to unionize.

With that battle behind the hospital and the Steelworkers, Hall said the people will not decide whether a campaign will succeed.

"We don't assume, just because the Supreme Court case is resolved, that employees will want to unionize," Hall said. "The people will decide whether there's an election, not the organization or the company."

Hall said the people will also decide when union efforts head toward an election.

"The time on it is up to the people," he said.

Officer suspended following complaint

by Ralph B. Davis
Paintsville Herald

A Paintsville policeman has been placed on suspension following the alleged grabbing of a convenience store clerk during off-duty hours.

Officer Greg Hyden has been suspended for 30 days without pay, following the alleged incident on February 16.

Paintsville Mayor Robin Cooper said he could not comment specifically on the case, but did say, "Yes, we had a suspension for conduct unbecoming to an officer."

The incident allegedly took place at the PB Action Mart on Route 321 across from Mayo Plaza. Tara Daniels, the clerk involved in the incident, said in an interview with the Paintsville Herald, she was standing on a ladder in the store when Hyden came in and allegedly grabbed her with both hands, placing one hand on her buttocks and the other on her leg.

She said the alleged incident was cap-

tured on the store's security camera and that five other people were in the store at the time.

Hyden, in a telephone interview Tuesday, issued the following statement:

"I have received a punishment due to the incident. I am sorry that all aspects have happened and hope that everything has been forgiven. I rest my forgiveness on my Lord."

Daniels says she knew Hyden from previous visits to the store. She said he sometimes had made "crude" remarks, but that she had considered him a friend before the incident.

Daniels also said Hyden appeared to be off duty at the time. She said he had driven his police cruiser to the store during the time in question, but that he entered the store wearing "street clothes."

Daniels reported the alleged incident to police chief Tom Haney and to Cooper. Afterwards, Cooper accepted Haney's recommendation to suspend Hyden.

"Officers should perform and behave at a little higher level than your average citizen if they're going to represent the city of Paintsville," Cooper said.

But Daniels says she is not satisfied with the suspension.

"I think something more should be done," Daniels said. "I don't feel closure on it."

Since the alleged incident occurred, Daniels says she has received phone calls from unidentified people, threatening her and her boyfriend.

"They were just calling me names and asking me how I could do this to that man," Daniels said of the phone calls.

Daniels says she also harbors no ill feelings toward the police department.

"I have nothing against the police department," Daniels said. "I know them all and like them all."

Chief Haney was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

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Screening committee set in superintendent search

A screening committee that will recommend the next superintendent of Magoffin County schools was approved by the Magoffin County Board of Education during its regular February meeting February 19.

The five-member committee consists of two teachers, a principal, a member of the board of education, and a parent.

Those approved to serve on the committee are Larry Carpenter, board member; Vickie Risner, parent; Diana Howard and Terry Watson, teachers; and Bronna Francis, principal. — *The Salyersville Independent*

Property purchase suggested for transfer and recycling center

During a recent meeting of the Magoffin County Fiscal Court, Jerry Hardt, coordinator of the Magoffin Solid Waste and Recycling program, asked the court to vote on a lease to acquire land for a new transfer station and recycling center.

The new center would be on the property located on the May Farm, just across KY Rt. 460 from the cur-

rent transfer station, west of Salyersville.

Possible purchase of the property has been discussed. The option to lease would incur at a cost of \$350 per month, for the duration of a 99-year lease. — *The Salyersville Independent*

Victim of sex abuse opposes dad's jail release

On December 18, Larry Dean Patrick was meted a five-year prison sentence after pleading guilty to three counts of first-degree sexual abuse.

He was originally indicted on 24 counts of child sexual abuse related charges and was facing over 420 years in prison if convicted on all counts.

A motion to grant Larry Dean Patrick shock probation was filed recently, and Patrick's daughter, 15-year-old Sandy Patrick, is making a public appeal for the motion to be denied.

Miss Patrick revealed in a letter to the Salyersville Independent that her father is lodged in the Big Sandy Detention Center in Paintsville, where his nephew, Rodney Patrick, is a guard. — *The Salyersville Independent*



Nine people injured in wreck at Chloe

Nine people were hospitalized Saturday as a result of a three-vehicle accident on Chloe Road in Pikeville.

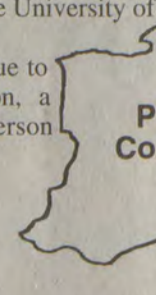
Eight people were taken to Pikeville Methodist Hospital and one person was flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Victims' names are being withheld due to notifications and ongoing investigation, a Pikeville Police Department spokesperson said. — *Appalachian News-Express*

County's proposal to assist SouthEast Telephone approved

An application by county government to utilize up to \$1.2 million of coal severance tax funds to assist a statewide telecommunications company with constructing its headquarters in Pike County was approved by a state board Thursday.

SouthEast Telephone, a Pikeville-based company, plans to employ 46 people at its administrative and customer care headquarters in the city within two years after the new facility opens and 66 people within five years. — *Appalachian News-Express*



Assault case ends in hung jury

The trial of a Pike County man on charges of first-degree assault, in which, he admitted he shot his sister's boyfriend last September, resulted in a hung jury. A new trial date has been set for May 6.

Robert Lee Sword, 37, of Island Creek was accused of shooting Dewey Keith Ratliff in the chest following an argument at Sword's mother's house on Island Creek on September 3, 1997.

Sword admitted shooting Ratliff. However, his attorney argued Sword only shot Ratliff in order to prevent Ratliff from causing physical injury to his mother, Margaret Young. — *Appalachian News-Express*

Hillbilly Days less than six weeks away

Festivities for Hillbilly Days were officially kicked off Tuesday for Hillbilly Days with the signing of a proclamation by Pike County and the city of Pikeville declaring the week of April 16-18 as Hillbilly Week.

Congressman Hal Rogers will serve as the grand marshal of the parade. — *Appalachian News-Express*

Mother dies in wreck; son is critically injured

Sandy Watts, 45, of Grassy was killed, and her 18-year-old son Jason was critically injured, last Wednesday morning in a crash that witnesses said was caused by a patch of black ice.

The wreck occurred about four miles north of Inez. Sandy and Jason were flown to the University of Kentucky Med Center where Sandy died and Jason underwent surgery for extensive facial injuries.

The ice had settled on the road from water that had run over from the ditchline. County workers were on the scene two hours after the accident to remove excess mud and dirt to clear the ditchline. — *The Martin County Sun*



Fugitive car thief nabbed by deputies

Volunteer deputies from the Martin County Sheriff's Department nabbed a would-be car thief just after midnight last Friday in the parking lot of the Fast Lane at Warfield.

Jimmy Howell, 38, of Inez, was indicted on November 6, 1997 by a Martin County grand jury charging him with the theft of a 1992 Chevy pickup truck.

Howell, who has remained a fugitive since the indictment, was also wanted on warrants from Martin and Johnson counties, as well as in Mingo County, West Virginia.

Howell attempted to steal a truck at Fast Lane when its owner went inside the business. A member of the Warfield Fire Department observed the attempted theft and pulled his vehicle into the path of the stolen pickup. Howell rammed the fireman's vehicle and was trapped. Howell was trying to escape when police officers arrived and apprehended him. — *The Martin County Sun*

Murder trial set for May

Edgar Jude Jr., accused of killing and robbing his father, appeared in Martin Circuit Court last Friday and had a May 4 trial date set by Circuit Judge James A. Knight.

Jude faces a capital murder charge of the shotgun death of his father Edgar Jude Sr. at the Wolf Creek home they shared on Jeff Jude Road. He has been in the Big Sandy Detention Center since his January arrest.

Lead investigator Pete Fitzpatrick tracked Jude to a Columbus, Ohio residence and alerted Ohio officials to his whereabouts. — *The Martin County Sun*

comply with the deadline. If they still do not, though, he said he would tell them to do their own payroll.

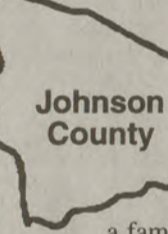
"If I can't convince them that they need to do this, then we'll tell them to get their own tax number," Gillem said. — *Paintsville Herald*

Johnson woman helps UK become national cheerleading champions

Throughout grade school and high school, folks in Johnson County got used to seeing Brooke Davis of Hager Hill on the sidelines of athletic events, exhorting them to cheer louder for her team.

Today, Davis, 20, the daughter of Danny and Cheri Davis of Hager Hill has become a familiar face to fans of the University of Kentucky's football and basketball teams.

In January, Davis and the other UK cheerleaders carried away the top-prize trophy in the Universal Cheerleading Association's national championships in Orlando, Florida. It was UK's fourth consecutive title and UK's eighth title overall. Davis has been on two of those championship teams. — *Paintsville Herald*



City gets help with prison sewer project

The city of Paintsville learned last week that it will receive financial assistance in running sewer lines to the site of an announced high-security federal prison along the Martin and Johnson County lines.

Gov. Paul Patton announced last week that the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority is issuing a \$1,772,800 loan to the city from its infrastructure revolving loan fund. The loan will be paid back over 20 years at an interest rate of 1.3 percent. — *Paintsville Herald*

Fiscal court issues ultimatum to offices

The late payment of withholding taxes from two county offices has forced the fiscal court to issue an ultimatum.

County Judge-Executive Gail Gillem said the county has had a problem getting timely payments from the county clerk's office and sheriff's office.

He proposed giving the offices one more month to

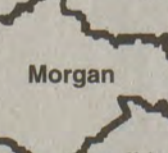
Lion Apparel will celebrate 100th

Lions Apparel, which operates manufacturing plants at West Liberty, Beattyville, and Williamsburg and a distribution center at Mt. Sterling in Kentucky, is celebrating 100 years in business this year.

Headquartered in Dayton, Ohio, the company is a leader in the manufacture of weather and fire-resistant clothing, as well as corporate, uniforms and other clothing items. — *Licking Valley Courier, West Liberty*

Chamber to hear executive director of East Ky. PRIDE

Darrell Ishmael, executive director of the Eastern Kentucky PRIDE Program, will be the guest speaker at the Morgan County Chamber of Commerce's noon dinner meeting on Tuesday, March 10, at Morgan Inn. — *Licking Valley Courier, West Liberty*



Pippa Passes man kills self following shooting

A 26-year-old Pippa Passes man apparently shot himself to death Monday night, March 2, after shooting his 18-year-old girlfriend in Pippa Passes.

Michael Ritchie shot himself in the head around 7 p.m. after he apparently shot Kimberly Jacobs with a handgun, Kentucky State Police reports indicate.

Jacobs was taken to Hazard ARH and later transferred to the UK Medical Center in Lexington. Ritchie was pronounced dead at the scene. — *Troublesome Creek Times, Hindman*

Man arrested in Tennessee for 1996 DUI murder charges

A Litt Carr male fugitive was arrested last week in Tennessee on murder charges stemming from a 1996 indictment involving a Knott DUI accident which claimed a life. Jonathan "Peanut" W. Stamper, 36, was arrested in White Bluff City, Tennessee. He will be returned to Knott County this week



He was indicted in November 1996 for murder for allegedly driving under the influence. The passenger in the vehicle was killed. — *Troublesome Creek Times, Hindman*

Court votes for audit exoneration

The Knott Fiscal Court accepted former county clerk Robert Short's explanation for why he should not pay to the county \$5,636 in excess fees for 1987, and is recommending to state officials the state audit finding be dismissed.

Short said that the finding was a result of the auditor's office misunderstanding, and not accepting, the payments he made to his deputies for work they did on delinquent tax records.

Former sheriff Jimmy Amburgey did not attend the meeting to discuss the alleged \$30,000-plus funds the state audit finding claims he owes the county.

The court met in closed session to discuss the audit issue. The audit had recommended that the collection be turned over to the state attorney general's office concerning amounts allegedly owed by Short and Amburgey. — *Troublesome Creek Times, Hindman*

Pedestrian killed at crossing

An 82-year-old Martha woman was killed last Wednesday after she apparently stepped in to the path of an oncoming train.

Police said Emma Skaggs and another woman were walking east on Madison Street in Louisa, where they attempted to cross the railroad tracks.

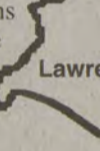
"Apparently, she didn't look up and see it," Louisa Police Chief Kevin Adkins said. Adkins said the crossing signals were down and the train had sounded its horn.

Witnesses on the scene said one lady saw the train in time and ran, but Skaggs didn't make it.

"It just picked her up and threw her," Larry Jenson, who had just walked out on the street when the accident occurred, said. "I saw the whole thing."

Adkins said the train's engineer said he saw that the woman was going to come across the tracks, and began the emergency braking procedure a block away at the Franklin Street crossing. The train finally came to rest about three blocks past the Madison crossing near Sword Manufacturing. The engineer said he was traveling between 25 and 30 miles per hour at the time.

Adkins said 22 cars plus both engine units passed through the intersection before the train stopped, and the impact knocked Skaggs about 67 feet. She was pro-



nounced dead on the scene by Lawrence County Deputy Coroner Shawn Spears. — *The Big Sandy News*

County sues over logging damage

A dispute over damage to a county road from a logging operation has resulted in a lawsuit filed by the county, but the logging operator said the lawsuit is necessary due to Kentucky's lack of regulations.

During a special fiscal court meeting on February 2, magistrates viewed a videotape regarding the poor condition of Nebo Road, which was supposedly caused by a nearby logging operation by Collins and Son, Inc., of Ironton, Ohio.

During the special meeting Gregory Collins, the chief operator of the logging site, said he would no longer operate on the paved section of the road, and that he would repair any damages. However, a week later the court claimed that he had not abided by the agreement and a suit was filed.

"The defendant has caused damage and destruction to the Church Fork Road (also known as Nebo Road) starting at Kentucky Rt. 707 extending to Mud Lick Road and connecting to Kentucky Rt. 3, by driving loaded logging trucks, trucks loaded with logging equipment and tractor-trailer trucks, empty and loaded, all being in excess of the statutory maximum 36,000 pound weight limit," the lawsuit said. — *The Big Sandy News*

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War on drugs

It is well known that if drug users were subjected to the same standards by which smokers have grown accustomed, they might never become addicts. "Mind if I snort?" my friend was asked one day several months ago as she rode a bus.

"I'd rather you didn't," she replied, as she lit a cigarette.

"Hey, man. Don't light that butt. Cigarette smoke makes me sick," he grunted as he snuffed white stuff up his nose.

"I can't believe smoke bothers you," my friend announced indignantly.

"The odor's so unbearable, it offends me."

"Offends you!" my friend declared.

"Whoa!" a man behind her yelled. "Tell her to put that thing out. I hate smoke."

"You hate smoke! The man right beside me just snorted coke!"

"His snorting coke won't give me cancer."

"You're right! But if he decides to kill you so he can steal your money to support his habit, then I suppose that's okay."

"You're over-reacting. Now snub that thing out. You're polluting my air."

"But that man is violating the law! Cigarettes are legal."

"Not on public transportation," he replied as he flipped open a beer and swallowed a pill. "It's a filthy habit anyway. I gave it up years ago."

"That's admirable," my friend replied.

"At least it's not against the law."

"True," the crack head beside her slurred. "But with cigarettes you get addicted for nothing. At least I get high. Don't waste your time on something that just makes you cough. Coughing's unproductive."

"Drugs are illegal. The government has waged a war on them," my friend announced.

"A war on drugs. Wonder what kind of ammunition they're going to use?"

"Would someone put that cigarette out," a woman from the back yelled. "It's smothering me and my unborn child to death."

Seconds later, my friend said the bus almost turned on its side as the entire front section of people bolted to the back. As they started making their way back to the front, she noticed that they no longer had a driver.

"Where's the driver?" my friend asked.

"He's still in the back," a coke-head passenger replied. "He'll be back after he's done."

"Done what?" my friend asked.

"He's a drug dealer. Driving buses is a sideline."

"Put that cigarette out," the driver said as he passed my friend. "You can't smoke on this bus."

"I can't believe it," my friend said. "Every person on this bus is breaking the law, but I'm getting harassed because I smoke."

"These people are only casual users, lady," the man said blankly. "If you smoke, you're hooked. If you want to smoke, you'll have to get off the bus now."

Now, if President Clinton would send the soldiers to fight the war on drugs instead of Iraq.

KEVIN SPENCER FAMILY TO SING AT SPRING FLING



Mountain Christian Academy's Spring Fling Gospel Sing '98 will feature a Christian family of singers who are well-known to Southern Gospel music fans.

The Kevin Spencer Family will headline MCA's gospel show at the MAC on Saturday, March 7. The Kevin Spencer Family is a southern country gospel group that was organized in June of 1992. The group consists of Kevin Spencer, his wife, Tammy, and Scott Bircher.

Kevin traveled nearly a million miles and made 19 albums with his family, "The Spencers," who appeared in concert at the MAC last year without Kevin. Just a few years ago, Kevin Spencer left the group that included his mom, dad, and brother because he felt he needed to spend more time with his wife and children. That's when he started his own "family" group.

Kevin definitely feels God has opened doors for him to start his own musical family. His wife, Tammy, is a very warm person and loves meeting new faces. Her voice blends with her husband's deep baritone to create a sound that makes the audience want more.

Scott Bircher completes the trio. He enjoys traveling from town to town, singing for God. He also enjoys meeting people and making new friends everywhere the group goes.

The Kevin Spencer Family has recently been awarded The Singing News' "Horizon Group of the Year" and the Gospel Voice's "Sunrise Group of the Year" awards, the two highest honors for a new group to receive.

The Kevin Spencer Family are all born-again Christians, and believe in living what they sing. Kevin wrote a Singing News number one Song of the Year, "Let's Meet By the River," along with his mother, Barbara Spencer. He also is known for the number one song he sang, "It'll Be Worth It After All," and the ever-popular, "Shepherd Of My Valley."

Other performers during the Spring Fling Gospel Sing include The Sammons Family, Nancy Click Banfield, and the MCA students and choir.

The show begins at 7 p.m. General admission is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Children 12 years and younger are admitted free.

Bursaspor, police arrested 114 fans and confiscated 121 cleavers and scimitars, which was a good thing because the home team lost, 3-2. And in November, with a minute left in Yugoslavia's national championship basketball game before 7,000 fans in Belgrade, someone fired a tracer rocket that hit acting mayor Milan Bozic, causing severe burns and setting off a melee.

THE LITIGIOUS SOCIETY

— Bowler Sheila Torimino filed a \$50,000 lawsuit against Montclair Bowl in Edwardsville, Ill., in December after a piece of popcorn that was stuck to her shoe caused her to lose her balance during her approach, sending her sprawling on the lane just behind her ball. She claimed Montclair Bowl should have posted warnings about popcorn on the floor.

— In November, Vickie Dugan, fired as women's softball coach at Oregon State University, won \$1 million from a jury in her sex discrimination lawsuit. She showed that she was paid less than the men's softball coach and argued as irrelevant her win-loss record (9-112 in conference games, 0-24 her last season) and the fact that two mostly female search teams had recommended she be replaced.

— In December, Kingston, Ontario, inmate Patrick McGuire, 58, won about \$52,000 (U.S.) from the prison for a 1988 injury that occurred when a bale of hay fell on him during a work detail. He was in prison for murdering his wife.

— A Hindu man, Mukesh K. Rai, filed a lawsuit in Ventura, Calif., in January against Taco Bell for causing him to do "the equivalent of eating his ancestors," said his lawyer, by negligently substituting a beef burrito for a bean burrito. Rai thus required medical attention, he said, was forced to miss work, and will have to travel to India for "purification." Taco Bell offered to calm the anguished Rai by exchanging the beef burrito for a bean one but, according to Rai, refused to refund him the price difference between the two.

— The family of Karen Seaton, who died in 1995 when she fell off a barstool and hit her head at Wild Willie's in Sioux Falls, S.D., with a .441 blood-alcohol reading, filed a lawsuit in January against the bar for having

served her too much to drink.

— In September, Mr. Anoki P. Sultan filed a lawsuit in Washington, D.C., against Roman Catholic Archbishop James Hickey, claiming that the Church was responsible for the devil's taking over his body in 1983. Sultan said that would account for his being out of work so much, dropping out of college, seeking mental-health treatment, smoking cigarettes, speaking in tongues, and engaging in homosexual acts. He sought either \$100 million or an exorcism. (The lawsuit was dismissed.)

WEIRD SCIENCE

— University of Texas sociologist David Buss told reporters in September that his interviews of 107 couples reveal that certain behaviors are highly correlated with a tendency toward infidelity. Among them: arriving late for dinners or meetings, spending much time looking in the mirror, forgetting to thank friends for favors, laughing at injured animals, running up debts, and walking out of a room without turning off the light.

— A British research team, writing in the December issue of Nature Genetics, identified a gene disorder that makes some people smell like rotting fish, almost without regard to their eating or hygiene habits. Most people produce a certain enzyme to absorb a particularly smelly protein made by bacteria in the stomach, but those who can't produce the enzyme see the protein seep out through their breath or perspiration. Said a researcher on a Canadian team also studying the problem, "These are severely isolated, depressed and lonely people."

RECURRING THEMES

— Latest prices charged by parents to sell their kids (Covington, La., January, \$7,400; Orlando, Fla., January, \$1,000); latest game of automobile chicken that ended in a tie (Michigan Center, Mich., January, three hospitalized, one in critical condition); latest attempted robbery in which the unarmed perp simulates a gun with his thumb and forefinger but doesn't have his hand in his pocket at the time (La Ronge, Saskatchewan, December, not surprisingly, coming away with no money).

by Chuck Shepherd

News of the Weird

— The Lingering Influence of Mike Tyson: In West Monroe, La., in February, a 35-year-old mother allegedly bit a teacher, a teacher's aide and the principal during a parent-teacher conference. And in January, a couple filed assault charges on behalf of their son against his Clay County (Ky.)

High School basketball coach, Bobby Keith, for allegedly biting the kid during a game. And in January, the Nebraska Court of Appeals ruled that teeth are not a "dangerous weapon" under state law and thus that bites should be punished as minor assaults.

— The London Daily Telegraph reported in January on the thriving addiction clinics of Dr. Robert Lefever, who specializes in helping people who are obsessed with helping other people. Among the 500 patients a year he sees in London and Kent are a number of women who compulsively marry alcoholics so they can cure them. Another recent patient was hospitalized for exhaustion after caretaking an overweight woman, including obsessively rolling her in her wheelchair to many places she did not want to go.

— Timothy Lobdell, 20, escaped from the Fairbanks (Alaska) Correctional Center in January but was picked up the next day after several people identified him. Lobdell, who was awaiting sentencing for assaulting a police officer, made a decision a couple of years ago that limits his flexibility as an escapee: He has an expletive (the specific word was not revealed in newspaper accounts) tattooed in inch-high letters on his left cheek.

SPORTS NEWS

In January, before a soccer game in Istanbul, Turkey, against visiting

Patrick Stewart: A whale of a challenge

by Sally Stone

On March 15 and 16, the USA Network will air "Moby Dick," one of the most eagerly-awaited television events in recent years. The two-part production stars Patrick Stewart as Captain Ahab, the man obsessed with finding and killing the great white whale. Moby Dick, who chewed off one of his legs in a previous encounter. Gregory Peck, who played Ahab in the classic 1956 film directed by John Huston, plays Father Mapple. Henry Thomas plays Ishmael, the character some people say was the conscience of the driven Ahab. Or, perhaps, the conscience of the whaling ship itself.

The film is based on the brilliant novel by Herman Melville who, according to some scholars, used Ahab's anger at the whale to

express his own anger at the social mores of his time which forced him to hide his homosexuality.

But whatever deeper meaning there may be in this almost mythic saga of man versus monster — and it's debatable who the monster really is — Patrick Stewart says, "Once we've sifted through all the symbolism, it remains a wonderful story. A masterpiece of literature, really."

"Today, of course, we're far more aware of our responsibilities to the environment, and the idea of slaughtering whales is something we can't accept. But in Melville's day, whaling was a very important and, indeed, a very respectable profession and it paid quite well. Yet, we see through Melville's writing that although whaling had an important place in the commerce of 19th century society, there is a sense of sorrow that these creatures are

killed."

That may be why there are always more people cheering for Moby Dick than they are for the captain.

Stewart chuckled. "As would I." In the course of his career, Patrick Stewart has played some of the most formidable characters in drama. But any actor would agree that taking on the role of Captain Ahab has to be among the most overwhelming challenges an actor can face. Was he at all intimidated by the prospect?

"Intimidated? No. Not at all," Stewart said. "But that doesn't mean I didn't respect the challenge involved in playing Ahab. We are speaking of one of the complex characters in literature, after all. Ahab is at once mythic and yet very human."

Patrick Stewart prepared for

almost a year before shooting began.

"I not only reread Melville's novel," he said, "I also read about his life and his times, and the critical literature on the book. I traveled through some of the New England towns that were once centers of the whaling industry: Nantucket, New Bedford — and Fairhaven, from which Melville sailed on his whaling voyage. I finally came to Mystic (Connecticut) where I could see a real 19th century whaling ship. All of this gave me a sense of what it must have been like to have lived then and to have your life so closely linked with whaling."

I reminded Stewart that during one of our previous chats, I asked if he ever worried that despite everything else he's done and would do, he would be forever associated with another captain, Jean Luc Picard of

the Federation Starship Enterprise, part of the "Star Trek" saga. He said then that he felt audiences would always recognize him as an actor and allow him to play other roles.

"And that's how it's worked out," Stewart said. "The audiences have been wonderfully supportive of my other, shall we say, non-Star Trek efforts. That's why I don't mind going back to 'Star Trek' now and again. As a matter of fact, you might like to know that in a week or so, I'll be starting our third ('Star Trek: Next Generation') film. Jonathan Frakes will direct, and I'm quite looking forward to it."

Stewart, whose most recent film was "Conspiracy Theory" with Mel Gibson and Julia Roberts, has several other movies coming up for release, including "Dad Savage," and "Safe House," and, of course, there is his annual one-man theatrical phenomenon, "A Christmas Carol" in which he performs over 40 characters.

Finally, I asked Stewart how he felt when he saw himself — as



Patrick Stewart is Captain Ahab

Captain Ahab — tied to Moby Dick in the final scenes, and being carried down into the sea by the white whale.

Patrick Stewart said, "Curiously enough, I thought of Ahab and hoped — and I do believe — that he found peace."

SOAP UPDATES

by Seli Groves

ALL MY CHILDREN: Miles gave Edmund more information about the crash. The board argued over what to do about David. Travis and Erica shared a warm moment as they talked about Bianca's problems. Gillian proposed to Scott. The Mystery Woman snuck into Chandler Enterprises. Tad tried to get Stuart to talk about Joy. Later, Tad risked his life to try to save the Mystery Woman. **Wait To See:** The Mystery Woman is identified.

ANOTHER WORLD: Vicky caught Marley on the verge of telling Jake the truth about the day Michael died. Felicia told Rachel and Carl about the events connected to the book, "Embers in the Snow," and spoke of her concern for Cass. Matt wondered if Lila and Shane's divorce was valid. Carl was sure Matt was using the chauffeur as a spy. **Wait To See:** Cass and Felicia find new disturbing clues to Wally.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Molly told the police it was Teague,

not Holden, who beat her. Lucinda told Lily she heard Holden's voice over the phone. Later, a devastated David heard Emily tell Tom she can never trust him again. Lily recognized Holden's handwriting on the matchbook and realized James could be holding him and Sam at the Mona Lisa. Meanwhile, Holden tried to stop the gas leak, but he and Sam passed out. As Jack watched, Carly repeated her wedding vows to Hal, but also passed out from the fumes. **Wait To See:** James' triumph seems complete.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Nick, Lauren, Maggie, and Judy began their gaslighting of Sheila. Brooke was stunned when Stephanie said she knows Ridge is the father of Taylor's baby. Macy deflected any attempt by Thorne to get close to her by telling him she's engaged to Grant. As Lauren spoke of her growing attraction to Jonny, Rush got Jane to agree not to reveal his whereabouts on the ship. **Wait**

To See: Sheila considers leaving the house.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Edmund and Susan shared a close moment at the police station, and later announced their engagement. Meanwhile, the coroner ruled Kristen's death a suicide, but later a disturbing message on John's answering machine opened new questions. Eric came face to face with the person following him. Kate pressured Hope to allow Bo and Billie to have a life together with their baby. **Wait To See:** Roman saves a child's life.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Ned accused Alexis of being a Cassadine spy. Taggart called Alan a "pill popper." Nikolas shattered Lucky's growing respect for him. Jax turned down Brenda's marriage proposal. Later, Jason and Justus planned to thwart Jax's dock effort. Michael was taken from Carly's home. Tess placed a mysterious phone call and was told "James" would take the

fall. **Wait To See:** Lucky checks Nikolas' accusations.

GUIDING LIGHT: Although Josh agreed to Michael's plan, he began to believe he'd lost Reva forever. Rob told Hart he's not out of Cassie's life yet. Later, Rob told Dinah she won't find it easy to get rid of him. Baby Maureen made it through surgery. Later, as Fletcher tried to save his marriage, he realized Roger was still on Holly's mind. Harley went to check out what Beth wants kept secret. **Wait To See:** Ben makes a decision that could change Blake's life.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: At Ian's memorial service, Todd accused Andrew and Tea of adultery. Max and Blair found a clue to the kidnapping in R.J.'s office. A troubling vision kept Dorian from reconciling with Mel. Todd asked Sam for help in saving his marriage. Barbara offered to help Kevin get his life back together. **Wait To See:** Nora meets an old flame.

PORT CHARLES: Serena's encouraging words helped Lucy awake from her coma. Later, Lucy was reunited with Kevin and Sigmund. Upset that Matt is back at General Hospital, Chris sent a photo of Matt to the people searching for him in Philadelphia. Lark tried to sabotage Eve's date with Scott. Rex warned Lucy the best is yet to come! **Wait To See:** Lucy has a plan to recover Jacks Cosmetics.

SUNSET BEACH: Ben was relieved that Meg wasn't hit when his gun accidentally discharged. Later, Eddie accused Ben of setting him up to kill Meg. Gregory and Bette wondered why Olivia was so far from home when she went into labor. Vanessa awoke to find a scaly rash on her arm. A nurse mistakenly brought a newborn baby to Olivia. **Wait To See:** Antonio has something to tell Ricardo.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: After finding their wedding rings in Joshua's drawer, Veronica tried to seduce him. When that failed, she feigned illness, but was upset when Joshua had another doctor examine her. Neil's "performance" problems continued to thwart his and Dru's love life. Nick was puzzled over Sharon's fixation on Cassie. Danny told Chris he still loves her. **Wait To See:** Veronica makes a bold move.

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NATASHA'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The week is perfect for good times, just don't spend it foolishly. A small irritation with a family member could develop into something bigger if you let it. Remember, holding grudges has resulted in trouble in the past.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You'll be happy about the week's career developments. Although financial gain is possible, make sure that money that comes in doesn't go out just as quickly. Plan a budget and be sure to stick to it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You receive an honor or recognition, but you still need to exercise diplomacy with a co-worker. Make sure a family member is made to feel special as well. You need to exercise more sensitivity and compassion.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You don't end up dealing with the problem you intended to solve at this time since something else captures your attention. Home matters could be under some stress. However, you are able to sort

everything out satisfactorily.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's best to have an alternative in mind, just in case plans are changed. Watch a tendency to exaggerate while socializing during the weekend. This could get you into some trouble with a friend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) If one career plan doesn't take shape, don't rush pell mell into another. Give yourself enough time to examine your ambitions in perspective. Then you can plan accordingly.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There's a tendency to have a double standard. While you insist upon your own freedom, you don't give others room to breathe. This doesn't go unnoticed by friends and family alike.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Although you see both sides of a question, you still have to take a difficult stand with family members. Your first instinct is the correct one. However, some grinding and gnashing of teeth is bound to occur.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A major household project could get underway. However, you experience some trouble in making a very personal decision. Don't be too proud to turn to someone for advice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Luck is with you in matters of your career. Your efforts pay off handsomely with both recognition and increased chances for success. You end the week on a very relaxed and easygoing note.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Interests of the heart are favored. Later in the week, romance and familial togetherness are accentuated. Those who are students receive good news about an educational endeavor.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Friends in high places are favorably disposed toward you. Charm and optimism reign supreme and others are magnetically drawn to you. Make those important phone calls and social visits over the weekend.

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by Sally Stone

TUNING IN

IN FOCUS — TIMOTHY DALTON: On March 15, SHOW-TIME will air "The Informant," a brilliant film about the continuing troubles in Ireland. Timothy Dalton ("Licence to Kill"), who stars in the movie along with Cary Elwes, says he never quite realized how deeply the wounds run on the two sides of the long Irish struggle until he went to Belfast to make the

movie. "The city itself is beautiful. And the people are wonderful. But you soon find that you're not in one city, but two cities. It's divided between Catholics and Protestants not only by geography, with Protestants largely living in different sections, but also economically ... I feel the film ('The Informant') captures the way people who would probably

never think of themselves as murderers, sanction so much spilling of blood in the name of freedom or justice."

Ask Hector Elizondo ("Chicago Hope") why he agreed to take part in the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Annual Hall of Fame Awards airing March 9 on SHOW-TIME, and he'll give you a two-word answer: "Garry Marshall." Elizondo, who has had at least a cameo in every Marshall film going way back — and who will soon start a new Marshall feature — says, "He's not only my friend, he's also one of the most brilliant directors the country has. He's achieved some very important things, yet he remains the unassuming, warm, and caring Bronx, New York guy he's always been. To see him inducted into the Hall of Fame is a great personal joy for me."

Other inductees are James L. Brooks, the late Quinn Martin, Diane Sawyer, and Grant Tinker. Maria Pitillo has two big events

happening this year. On March 9, her NBC series, "House Rules," kicks off, with Maria playing a young lawyer named Casey who shares her home with two young men whom she describes as "more like Casey's brothers than real brothers could possibly be." Pitillo also has the feature flick, "Godzilla," coming out soon.

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"How do you say 'Where are the portraits on black velvet?' in French?"

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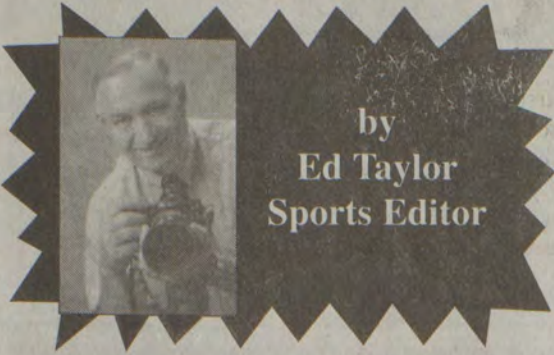
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by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Sports

**Boys' 15th Region
Paintville vs. Elkhorn City
Prestonsburg vs. Pikeville
Tonight at Elkhorn City**

A Look At Sports

Girls' basketball most certainly on the upswing

High school basketball is a big thing in the state of Kentucky and around this great country of ours. The art of trying to put a ball into a basket from a distance, has never lost its appeal to the fans.

At first, only the boys played the game as if it were just invented for "men only." But in 1975 when the Title IX law came into effect, the sport was opened up to girls as well.

While the girls program struggled to get off the ground early, immediate acceptance by the public was slower in coming. After 23 seasons, girls basketball has finally arrived with more scholarships, pro leagues and an increased interest in the sport.

Much can be said of the girls' game. It is exciting, taken seriously, and, at times, more interesting than the boys' game. John Wooden, famed UCLA coach, said he "would rather watch a good girls' game than the men."

The girls' 15th Region tournament being held at South Floyd has been filled with excitement. I have never seen fans so into the game than this week at South Floyd. It hasn't been a good tournament. It has been an excellent one.

If you were not present Wednesday night when Allen Central upset top-ranked Belfry in overtime, you missed perhaps the best game of the year.

Allen Central may, or may not, win over Pike Central in the finals (Thursday), but fans in Floyd County should be very proud of coach Anthony Moore and the Lady Rebels. Here is a team that many had high expectations of when the season started. A new coach, a new philosophy and the Lady Rebels opened with consecutive losses. Some began to have doubts.

But, as Coach Moore told me, the players had to learn a new system all over again.

Last week, after his team was awesome in winning the district tournament and playing so well the final three weeks of the season, he told me that the players were now able to respond to his coaching because, "they know what I want them to do."

It is programs like the one at Allen Central, Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg, South Floyd, Belfry, Pike Central and others that have kindled a great interest in girls' basketball. In the 15th Region, we have excellent coaches, like Coach Moore, Cindy Halbert, Tammy Tussey, Bill Newsome, Jackie Day Crisp, Bobby Spears — and the list goes on and on.

I'm very proud of the Allen Central Lady Rebels and the way they performed Wednesday night. They beat an excellent ballclub in the Lady Pirates, who have an excellent coach.

KELLY COLEMAN...

For all you "King" Kelly Coleman fans who own a computer and are on the internet, you might want to surf on this URL for information on one of the greatest to play the game of basketball: <http://www.geocities.com/~kingkelly>. More on this later!

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports. Take the kids to church Sunday.

15th Region...

Allen Central shocks Belfry

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Allen Central Lady Rebels overcame some early difficulties and went on to post a 70-65 overtime win over top-ranked Belfry Wednesday night at South Floyd High School. The win moved the Lady Rebels into the championship game (Thursday) against Pike Central.

The last time Allen Central made a state tournament appearance was in 1981 under then-coach, the late Judy Eversole.

Jennifer Hopkins was the player of the hour for the Lady Rebels as she drilled five three-point baskets in scoring 17 points for Allen Central. Crystal Martin led the Lady Rebels with her 20 points. Misty Scott and Ramanda Music scored 12 points each.

It was an almost-packed fieldhouse that watched the Lady Rebels hold off one of the state's premiere programs under coach Cindy Halbert.

It was an emotional moment when

With Hopkins out of the game, Belfry seemed to have things in control as they raced out to a 57-52 lead on Camille Kline's long three-pointer with 2:21 to play.

throws for a 57-54 game. Senior Misty Scott stole the ball and led a break that saw Martin score on a layup with less than 50 seconds left.

Mandy Smith hit the front end of a two-shot foul as Belfry led 58-56. Scott, on one of her patent leaners, banked home a shot but was called for a walking violation, taking the basket away. Allen Central was forced to foul Belfry with just 28 seconds to play and Susan Thomas went to the freethrow line where she missed both attempts. Up court, Allen Central forced a shot with Belfry coming away with the rebound and time running down.

But the Lady Pirates threw the ball out-of-bounds with 15 seconds to play,

(See Allen Central, page seven)

Hopkins buries five treys in overtime win

Hopkins fouled out in the fourth quarter with 2:42 left in regulation. Tears filled her eyes as she departed for the bench. Karen Wallen, who entered the game for her, stopped and gave her a consoling hug. Hopkins had hit her last trey at the 5:13 mark that gave Allen Central a 48-45 lead.

The Lady Pirates had the ball and 1:44 showing on the clock, but Belfry was whistled for a walking violation against the tight defense of the Lady Rebels.

The two teams exchanged turnovers when the senior for Allen Central emerged. Crystal Martin hit two free

Prestonsburg falls to JCHS

Lady Blackcats commit
38 miscues in 49-37 loss

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It wasn't a very pretty game to watch, from both sides of the stands. The Johnson Central Lady Eagles and Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats almost combined for more turnovers than they did points in a first round girls' 15th Region game Tuesday night at South Floyd High School.

When the game finally ended, it was Johnson Central coming home with a 49-37 win over the Lady Blackcats, but the Lady Eagles did not place a player in double figures.

Both teams combined for 68 turnovers in the 32-minute game as the officials were busy blowing the whistles. Prestonsburg had 38 turnovers while Johnson Central was guilty of 30.

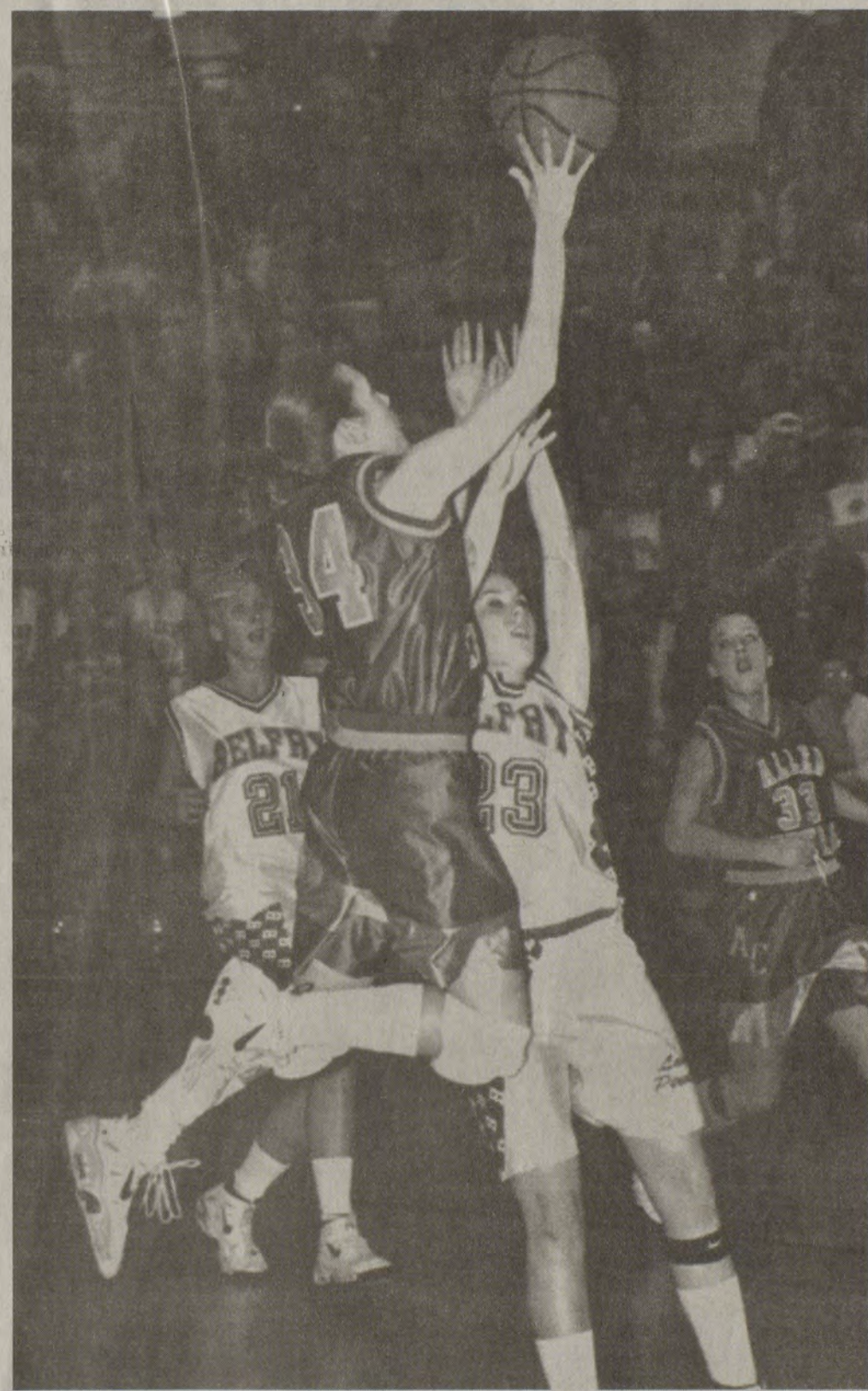
Game scoring honors went to Prestonsburg freshman, Amelia Conley, who tossed in 12 points. Brandy Wells finished with nine, and Brooke Coleman scored seven.

No one scored in double figures for Johnson Central. The Lady Eagles were led by Amanda Griffith and Megan Salyer's nine points. Becky McKenzie came off the bench and scored seven.

It was in the third quarter that the Lady Eagles put some distance between them and the Lady Blackcats. Prestonsburg committed ten consecutive turnovers in the quarter allowing Johnson Central to build a 33-22 lead after three quarters. Johnson Central outscored Prestonsburg 16-7 in the period.

Prestonsburg owned an 8-7 lead after the first period as both teams failed to move the ball up and down the court without turning it over. Central went in

(See Prestonsburg, page seven)



To the basket
Allen Central's Crystal Martin (34) scored on this layup in the second quarter against the Belfry Lady Pirates Wednesday night. The two regional powerhouses faced off in the semifinals of the girls' 15th Regional tournament at South Floyd. Martin scored 20 points in the game to lead Allen Central to a 70-65 win over Belfry in overtime. The Lady Rebels faced Pike Central in the championship game Thursday night at Raider Arena. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Girls' 15th Region...

Belfry advances with win over Shelby Valley

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Camille Kline and Susan Thomas combined for 28 points to lead the Belfry Lady Pirates past a very strong Shelby Valley Lady Wildcat team this past Monday night at South Floyd's Raider Arena, 50-44, in a scare the Lady Pirates survived.

Kline finished with 15 points while Thomas, who has signed with Pikeville College, added 13. Tonya Francis and Ashley Rosen added eight points each.

Game scoring honors went to Shelby Valley's freshman standout, Summer Jones. Jones hit four three-point baskets and scored 22 points for coach Bobby Spears' team. Ashley Damron added 11 points.

Shelby Valley gave the Lady Pirates all they wanted and more as they hung around for the full game. The Lady Wildcats owned the halftime lead at 23-21.

Belfry hit nine-of-ten free throws in the final 50 seconds to secure the win. Shelby Valley trailed 41-39 after a basket by Jones. Belfry then camped at the free-throw line and made them count.

The two teams played to a 7-7 first-quarter tie. The game was tied the first time

at 2, and Shelby Valley took a brief 4-2 lead on a basket by Jones. Kline then drained a trey for a 5-4 Belfry advantage. They led 7-4 on a rebound basket by Francis.

Jones buried three treys in the second quarter as the Lady Wildcats tied the Lady Pirates 16-16 before going in front 21-16 on Jones' third three-point basket of the period. A 5-2 Belfry run cut the lead to two at the half, 23-21.

Coach Cindy Halbert's ballclub scored the first five points of the third quarter in assuming a 26-23 lead. The defending regional champions got a basket from

Francis, two free throws by Kline and a charity toss from Thomas. Damron completed an old-fashioned three-point play to tie the game at 26. The game was knotted again at 28, but Kline's long three-point basket sent the Lady Pirates in front 31-28 and they never trailed after that.

Belfry led by four, 33-29, after three quarters and extended the lead to eight, 41-35 with 2:47 to play in the game. A basket by Jones got the Lady Wildcats to within four points, 43-39, as the Lady Pirates hit from the charity stripe.

Belfry faces Allen Central in tonight's first game at 6 p.m. at South Floyd.

Engle, Hall combine to lead South Floyd AAU to dual wins

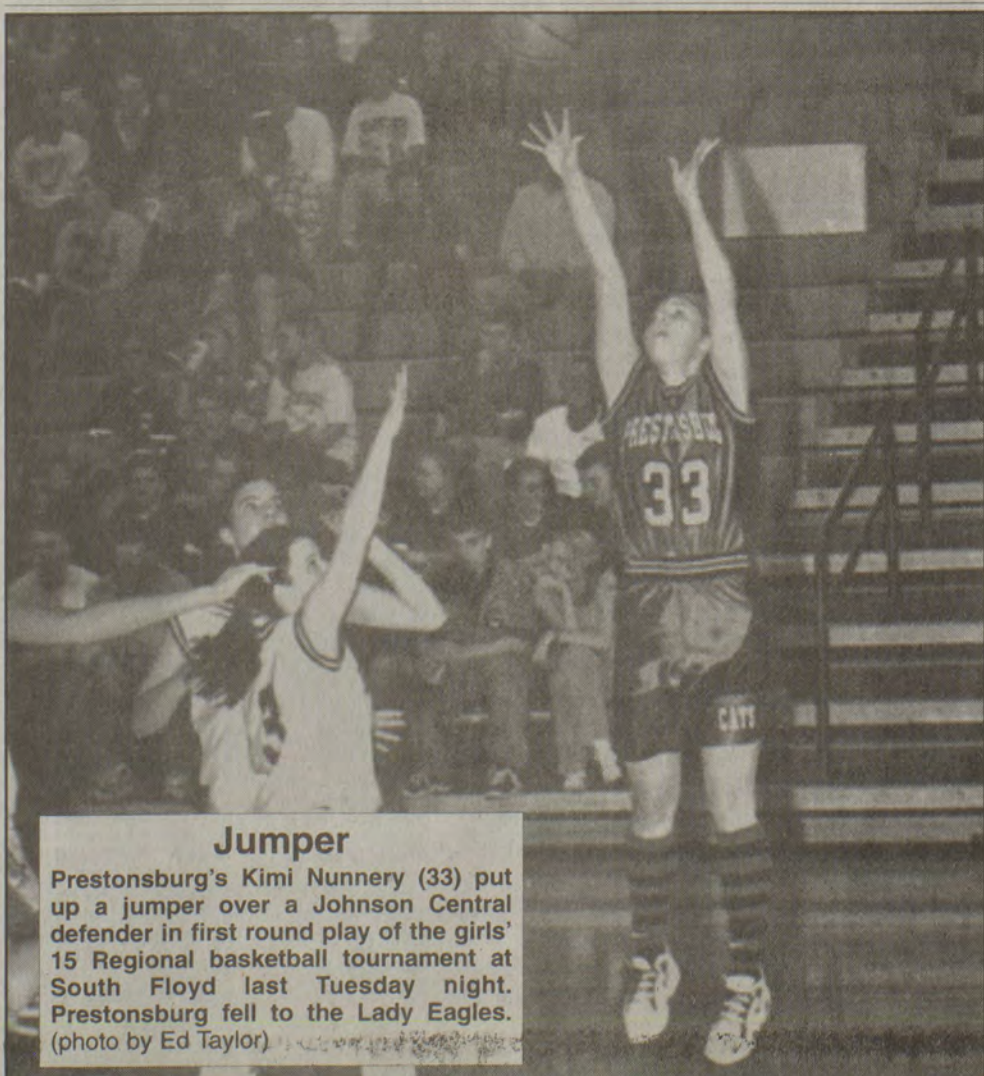
by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Shane Engle and Tyler Hall put together strong back-to-back games to lead the South Floyd 13-year-old AAU All-Stars to two wins at the start of the season, but both did not come easy.

Last weekend, South Floyd posted a 52-51 win over Dorton at Dorton but opened the season with a 51-50 win over Pikeville.

Engle scored 20 points and Hall added 14 in the South Floyd win over Dorton last Sunday. Leon Brown netted ten points.

(See AAU, page seven)



Jumper

Prestonsburg's Kimi Nunnery (33) put up a jumper over a Johnson Central defender in first round play of the girls' 15 Regional basketball tournament at South Floyd last Tuesday night. Prestonsburg fell to the Lady Eagles. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Boys' 15th Region

Paintsville Tigers



RECORD: 24-6
HEAD COACH: Bill Mike Runyon
COLORS: Blue and White
DISTRICT: 57th
STATUS: District champions
The Paintsville Tigers will be shooting for a stat that no other 15th Region team has accomplished: four straight regional championships. Paintsville has won the last three regional meets. The Tigers reached the Sweet Sixteen Final Four last year after winning it all in 1996. Standouts J.R. Vanhoose and Todd Tackett have already inked letters-of-intent with Division I schools, with Vanhoose going to Marshall University and Tackett signing with Clemson.

Elkhorn City Cougars



RECORD: 20-8
HEAD COACH: Randy McCoy
COLORS: Gold and White
DISTRICT: 60th
STATUS: District Runners-up
The Elkhorn City Cougars have been here many times before and know the way to Rupp Arena, having been there in 1996 when they unseated the Belfry Pirates, who had won three consecutive regional crowns.
Coach McCoy and the Cougars also know their work is cut out for them in taking on the region's top-ranked team, Paintsville. The Cougars have an outstanding guard in B.J. Ratliff.
Coach McCoy is a veteran coach and one of the state's top winners. Hard-nose defense is one way to describe the Cougars.

VS

PAINTSVILLE VS ELKHORN CITY
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 6:05 P.M.

Prestonsburg Blackcats



RECORD: 18-10
HEAD COACH: Jack Pack
COLORS: Black and Red
DISTRICT: 58th
STATUS: District Champions
The Prestonsburg Blackcats are one of the top success stories in 58th District basketball, as well as in the 15th Region. Prestonsburg has an array of talent that makes them a strong contender for their first regional title since they went to the Sweet Sixteen in 1989.
Coach Pack has a strong bench to support five of the top players in the region. Andy Jarvis, a 6'6" senior, is one of the state's top scorers and rebounders. Add Wes Samons, John Ortega, Joe Campbell and Nathan Leslie and you have a talented quintet.
Prestonsburg finished runners-up to Paintsville last year in the regional tournament. Could this be the year of the Cats?

Pikeville Panthers



RECORD: 16-11
HEAD COACH: Dave Thomas
COLORS: Maroon and White
DISTRICT: 59th
STATUS: District Runners-up
Coach Dave Thomas and the Pikeville Panthers have a claim that no other regional team can boast about and that is a win over Paintsville during the regular season.
However, the Panthers have a chore before them in taking on what many feel is the second best team in the region, Prestonsburg.
Coach Thomas has a balanced team with good size in the middle and some outside power as well. Will Isom roams the paint area for the Panthers and is a strong leaper. He plays the paint area as well as any big man. Jeremy Akers gives the Panthers the outside shot, and dependable John Mims runs the show at the point. Freshman Chase Gibson is one of the region's best freshmen and cracked the starting lineup early. He had a strong game against Paintsville earlier.

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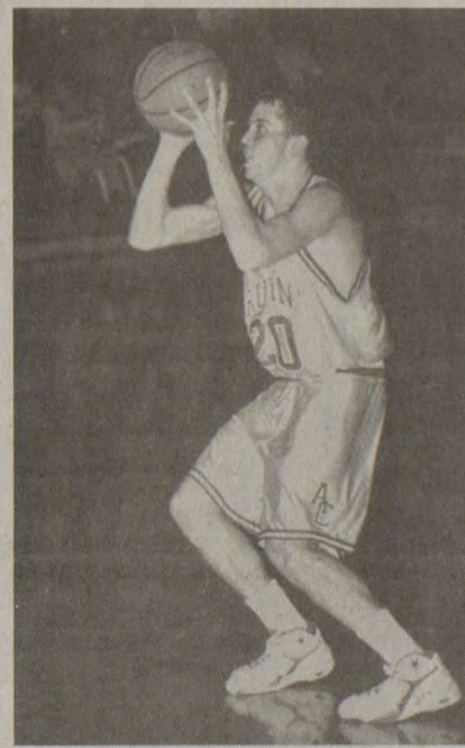
PRESTONSBURG VS PIKEVILLE
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 9:05 P.M.

Shelby Valley Wildcats



RECORD: 18-9
HEAD COACH: Rodney Rowe
COLORS: Blue and White
DISTRICT: 59th
STATUS: District Champions
The Shelby Valley Wildcats were tagged early in the season as perhaps the second best team in the 15th Region. With the Wildcats returning four starters, they were expected to improve on a 20-plus season in 1996. Things did not turn out as expected, but the Wildcats are still a solid regional team that can put some points on the scoreboard.
The Wildcats will be led by John Wright, Chris Johnson, and Sterlin Isaac. Wright is the big man in the middle with Isaac and Johnson scoring from the outside.
Coach Rowe hopes to use inside presence to score against a smaller Allen Central team.

Allen Central Rebels



RECORD: 18-9
HEAD COACH: Johnny Martin
COLORS: Red and Gray
DISTRICT: 58th
STATUS: District Runners-up
Allen Central has had trouble with the bigger teams they have faced, and they will meet another one in Shelby Valley. However, the Rebels will match up better with the Wildcats than they would with Paintsville or Prestonsburg.
Allen Central is a quick team that plays a strong defense and will pressure the ball all over the court. Coach Martin's team last made the Sweet Sixteen in 1993 when they played at Freedom Hall in Louisville.
How the Rebels fare will depend on the play of senior Todd Howard, Edmond Slone and Gary Hunter. Nick Samons was the team leader in the district tournament.
This is a good Rebel team and could be a surprise in this week's regional tournament.

VS

SHELBY VALLEY VS ALLEN CENTRAL
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 6:05

Belfry Pirates



RECORD: 17-9
HEAD COACH: Raymond Justice
COLORS: Red and White
DISTRICT: 60th
STATUS: District Champions
Coach Raymond Justice is one of the premier coaches in the 15th Region and consistently puts a competitive team on the hardwood, especially when it comes tournament time.
While the regular season did not develop as was expected of the Pirates, they are geared for tournament play.
Coach Justice and the Pirates are no strangers when it comes to regional tournament time. Belfry won the title three years running: 1990, 1991 and 1992. They finished second in the '93 classic.
Matt Slater is the floor leader for Belfry with the inside presence of John Wright. Justin Robert and Gerald Roberts give Belfry some strong play underneath the basket.

Magoffin County Hornets



RECORD: 20-6
HEAD COACH: Danny Adams
COLORS: Maroon and White
DISTRICT: 57th
STATUS: District runners-up
Coach Danny Adams has a lot of respect around the 15th Region and that is because he has taken not-so-talented players and made believers out of them.
But this year they believe in themselves as well as having a boatload of talent. That talent begins with big man James Howard (6'6") in the middle and a host of big time scorers in Brandon Howard, Philip Wireman and Wes Bailey.
The Hornets have finished second in two of the last three regional finals. They would love to have another shot at regional rival Paintsville but must get past Belfry in the first round.
This is a quick Magoffin County team, and they play the tough Danny Adams' defense. They will make the opposition work for everything they get. Watch out for the Hornets.

VS

BELFRY VS MAGOFFIN COUNTY
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 9:05

Allen Central

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Senior night

Misty Scott (33) of Allen Central showed her senior leadership late in last Wednesday night's semifinal game against Belfry at South Floyd. Scott scored 12 points, all in the second half and overtime, to help the Lady Rebels to a 70-65 win over the Lady Pirates (photo by Ed Taylor)

Collins scores 20 as Pike Central advances in regional

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Amanda Collins scored a game-high 25 points and Tiffany Stone netted 19 as the Pike County Central Lady Hawks rolled past the Johnson Central Golden Eagles 70-43 in girls' 15th Region basketball play at South Floyd Wednesday night. Kim Hall tossed in 12 points.

The Lady Hawks, the state's top-scoring team, advanced to the finals of the regional tournament where they met Allen Central (Thursday).

The game was never in doubt as Pike Central opened up a 17-8 lead after the first quarter behind the scoring of Collins. Collins had eight points in the quarter with Hall hitting a three-point basket. Alisha Weddington scored all five of her points in the first period, including a three-point basket.

It was a 35-17 game at the half, with freshman Ashley Melvin scoring six of her seven points.

Jamie Blair led Johnson Central with 13 points. Megan Salyer added seven and Goldie Wells scored six.

Over 100 participate in Prestonsburg Bench Meet

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Mountain football is catching up with the rest of the state in the sport of weight lifting, according to Prestonsburg football coach John Derossett. The lifting of weights in competition was not well recognized over the past years, but that is changing.

"We had over 100 football players lift in our meet we had last week," said the veteran Prestonsburg coach. "So that shows you that mountain football is starting to really work in the off-season like schools all over the state and country have been already doing for the last 20 years."

Prestonsburg's Buck Combs won the 145-pound class with a 220 bench press. Hank Mullins captured the 160-pound class with a press of 270 pounds. Bryan Johnson, also of Prestonsburg, won the 175-pound class with a weight of 265 pounds.

Betsy Layne's Ken Webb captured the 180-pound class with a press of 245 pounds. Brandon Bartley of Pikeville was the winner in the 195-pound class. He had a press of 275 pounds.

Prestonsburg's Mark Branham

had a press of 320 pounds for first place in the 220-pound division. Pikeville won the 250-pound meet with Jordan Charles taking first place with a press of 325 pounds.

Tim Koger of Betsy Layne captured the 275-pound class with a bench press of 315 pounds. Pike Central was the heavy weight winner with a press of 285 pounds by Nick Branham.

Prestonsburg was the overall winner with 75 points followed by Betsy Layne (38), Paintsville (33), Pike Central (30), Pikeville (28) and Belfry (16).

"The strength is also getting better," said Coach Derossett. In the past, 250 to 275 was a big bench press. We had 20 lifters press 275 or more last Saturday."

Coach Derossett said he has heard all the excuses as to why a player should not do weight lifting.

"I've heard everything excuse from 'it will stunt my growth' to 'messaging up my shot,' said Derossett. "But all sports, it seems, now have exercises that are specific in the development of their athletes. I read over Tiger Woods' workout regime, which is rigorous."

AAU

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Travis Newsome topped Dorton with 19 points and Phillip Akers finished with 12.

South Floyd held a 9-5 first quarter lead behind the play of Engle, who had five points. Hall buried a trey in the opening period.

The local AAU team owned a 19-16 halftime lead. Akers scored eight of his 12 points in the second quarter. Engle had four points in the second stanza for the Raiders.

In the third period, Engle hit a three-pointer in scoring ten points in a 20-15 run. South Floyd led 39-31 after three quarters. Brown and Hall each had four points in the third period.

Newsome led a Dorton rally in the fourth quarter with ten points, but Dorton came up a point short as South Floyd held off the Wildcats.

Charles Ray netted four points with Shane Allen and Justin Hall tossing two each.

Ira Lee Bolden finished with nine for Dorton. Jeremy Goodson totaled six while Jody Potter scored four. Jeremy Newsome had one point.

Against Pikeville, Hall netted 18 points and Engle scored 14 in the 51-50 edging. Pikeville led 13-10 at the first stop. Roberts, who scored a game high 24 points, had four in the opening quarter and Frasure tossed in seven. Hall scored four for the Raiders in the opening period.

The two teams played to a 23-23 tie through the first two quarters. Hall scored six points in the second with Brown netting four.

Pikeville held a 34-33 lead after three quarters as the two teams exchanged leads. Roberts scored ten points of his team's 11 in the third period. Allen had six points for South Floyd in the third.

In the fourth, South Floyd was a field goal better than Pikeville in taking the one-point victory. Engle scored seven fourth quarter points and Hall added six. Pikeville missed a crucial free throw at the end of the game.

Allen finished with eight points, while Ray and Brown scored four apiece. Heath Hall had three points.

Frasure finished with 16 points for Pikeville. Simmons netted eight and Jones had two.

giving Allen Central new hope. In a rush up court, Scott found an opening off the left side, drove to the basket hitting a four-foot bank shot with just four seconds left to play and the game was tied 58-58 and heading for overtime.

In the extra period, the game was tied at 61 and 63. The lead exchanged hands on the next three possessions, with Scott putting the Lady Rebels up 66-65 with 1:03 to play.

Tonya Francis was called for a walking violation with 53 seconds remaining, but Allen Central turned the ball over giving the ball back to Belfry.

With 29 seconds left in overtime, Susan Thomas, who had scored on a back door play, caught the ball behind the Allen Central defense but was smothered with a triple team. She was called for a five-second lane violation, giving the ball back over to Allen Central. With 15 seconds remaining, Belfry put Scott at the foul line where she converted

Prestonsburg

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front 3-0 on a basket by Josie Melvin and a free throw from Megan Salyer. Wells hit a short jumper and Conley scored underneath to give Prestonsburg a 4-3 lead. Central led 7-4 before Conley and Jessi Burke scored the final four points to give the Lady Blackcats an 8-7 lead.

Johnson Central rolled out to a 14-8 lead by scoring the first seven points at the onset of the third period. Goldie Wells completed a three-point play, McKenzie scored on a short baseline jumper and layup. A basket by Wells and Conley's three-point play closed the margin to one point, 14-13. Central scored the next two baskets before Crystal Slone had a rebound basket to keep the Lady Blackcats close at 17-15 at the half.

The game was tied at 17 and again at 19 before Prestonsburg took their final lead of the game, 22-21, on a three-point basket by Coleman.

Prestonsburg failed to score in the final five minutes of the third quarter committing the ten straight turnovers.

Central's biggest lead was 14 points and that came in the final period. However, the Lady Blackcats did make a final run and narrowed the margin to seven points, 40-33, when Coleman hit her

both attempts for a 68-65 Allen Central lead.

Belfry had one more look at the basket as they went for the tie coming out of a time out. Coach Moore said he did not want to put Belfry at the line in order to prevent the three-point basket.

"I told them no three-pointers, play good defense, get out on the three's. If they hit the two that's all right. I told them to block out and play good defense on the three-point shot.

"My assistant coaches were telling me to foul them and put them on the line. I told them they would probably foul anyway."

Freshman Samantha Hackney attempted a three-point shot from the head of the key, but the shot never drew iron. Eighth-grader Ramanda Music grabbed the rebound, turned and dribbled up court where she was fouled. Calmly, she sank both free throws with just :01.8 left to play.

What about those free throws,

Ramanda?

"I played real bad in the first half," said Music. "I came out stronger in the second half and I knew if I didn't score, I just wanted to rebound and that is what I did."

But what about the free throws, Ramanda?

"I knew I had to hit them or else," she said. "I missed two before in the first half. When the first one went in I knew I was going to make the second one."

"This team never did quit," said Coach Moore. "I told them not to panic because we got off to a bad start. Good things will happen to us if we kept our head up and stay in the game."

"A couple of our seniors had a lot of pressure on them. Ramanda had so much pressure on her she was crying in the locker room at half time."

A lot of people are putting just loads and loads of pressure on her shoulders. They need to just let her play ball."

Coach Moore said Hopkins was a key to the victory over Belfry, along with his seniors.

"I tell you Jennifer was on fire," he said. "She shot the eyes out. But we knew she could do that. My seniors, in the end, did a good job."

Crystal Martin was one of those seniors who took charge late in the game.

"Misty and I put it together. Today at school (Wednesday) we were just talking that we've got to go," said Martin. "Beating Belfry is the highlight of the year for us. They are a great team. A very well-

coached team.

"Hoppy" was in another world. She was throwing up three's from everywhere and they were going in. Every time we would get down she would pull us back up with those three's. We all played well together."

Jessica Martin finished with five points, while Wallen tossed in four.

Susan Thomas, who has signed with Pikeville College, led the Lady Pirates with 23 points. Dee McCoy netted 16 and Mandy Smith finished with 10. Tonya Francis scored nine.

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SHORT SPORTS

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Congratulations go to Linda Yates of Prestonsburg, who was the lucky winner of two UK vs Tennessee tickets given away by the Bobcat Touchdown Club at Betsy Layne. Yates also received accommodations at the Holiday Inn (North) in Lexington for the occasion.

LANE'S BASKETBALL CAMP
Don Lane's 1993 Transylvania basketball camp, the longest-running basketball camp in the state, will open for the 22nd year this summer.

The camp will be held in seven sessions beginning June 7 and finishing with a girls' camp, July 19.

Last year, more than 2,400 campers improved their skills under Coach Lane. Campers came from 23 states and five continents.

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SPRING THAW RUN

The Pikeville Spring Thaw Run 5K and Fun Run will be held Saturday, March 28 at Pikeville. Each age level will receive awards. The Fun Run starts at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call (606)437-5703 or 874-1200.

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POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Rusty Wallace, 505.	1. Mark Martin, 480.	1. Ron Hornaday, 180.
2. Dale Earnhardt, 449.	2. Jeff Burton, 432.	2. Joe Ruttman, 170.
3. Jeremy Mayfield, 446.	3. Matt Kenseth, 421.	3. Rick Carelli, 165.
4. Jimmy Spencer, 429.	4. Buckshot Jones, 420.	4. Jack Sprague, 160.
5. Bill Elliott, 427.	5. Randy LaJoie, 410.	5. Greg Biffle, 155.
6. Jeff Gordon, 412.	6. Hermie Sadler, 392.	6. Joe Nemechek, 150.
7. Mark Martin, 409.	7. Mike Dillon, 379.	7. Jay Sauter, 146.
8. Terry Labonte, 394.	8. Mark Green, 377.	8. Bob Keselowski, 142.
9. Chad Little, 380.	9. Jeff Purvis, 352.	9. Butch Miller, 138.
10. Bobby Hamilton, 373.	10. Mike McLaughlin, 351.	10. Rich Bickle, 134.

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP SERIES:

Mark Martin captured the victory in the first Winston Cup race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, a Ford sweep of epic proportions. The top seven, and nine of the top 10, drove Tauruses. Eighth-place finisher Dale Earnhardt was the lone General Motors driver in the top 10. It was the most one-sided race in terms of manufacturers since Winston's entry as a sponsor brought on the sport's modern era. All five of Roush Racing's drivers, Martin, Jeff Burton, Johnny Benson, Ted Musgrave

and Chad Little, finished in the top 10. **BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL:** Jimmy Spencer held off Dale Earnhardt Jr. to win the Sam's Town 200, held Saturday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. The victory, eighth in the division of Spencer's career, occurred at the expense of Earnhardt Jr., who contested Spencer's every move during the final 10 laps. A nine-car pileup occurred on the final lap. Though no one was hurt seriously, the two-time defending series champion, Randy LaJoie, slid on his roof through the front-stretch dogleg.

TOP TEN

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

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| 1. Jeff Gordon (1)
Had an off week | 6. Jeremy Mayfield (6)
Another good finish |
| 2. Rusty Wallace (2)
Best start ever | 7. Jeff Burton (8)
Ran out of time |
| 3. Dale Earnhardt (3)
Best in class | 8. Terry Labonte (9)
Buried by the Fords |
| 4. Mark Martin (4)
Viva Las Vegas | 9. Bill Elliott (10)
Top 10 every week |
| 5. Dale Jarrett (5)
Taking his lumps | 10. Bobby Labonte (7)
Seeking rules help |

ON THE SCHEDULE

Date	Race	1997 Winner	Pole
March 8	Primestar 500, Hampton, Ga.	Jarrett	R. Gordon
March 22	TranSouth 400, Darlington, S.C.	Jarrett	Jarrett
March 29	Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.	J. Gordon	R. Wallace
April 5	Interstate 500, Fort Worth, Texas	J. Burton	Jarrett
April 19	Goody's 500, Martinsville, Va.	J. Gordon	K. Wallace
April 26	DieHard 500, Talladega, Ala.	J. Gordon	Andretti
May 3	California 500, Fontana, Calif.	J. Gordon	Nemechek
May 16	The Winston, Concord, N.C.*	J. Gordon	Elliott
May 24	Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.	J. Gordon	J. Gordon
May 31	Miller 500, Dover, Del.	Rudd	B. Labonte
June 6	Pontiac 400, Richmond, Va.	R. Wallace	T. Labonte
June 14	Miller 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	Irvan	Jarrett
June 21	Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.	J. Gordon	Hamilton
June 28	Save Mart 300, Sonoma, Calif.	Martin	Martin
July 4	Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.	Andretti	Skinner
July 12	Jiffy Lube 300, Loudon, N.H.	J. Burton	Schrader
July 26	Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.	Jarrett	Nemechek
Aug. 1	Brickyard 400, Speedway, Ind.	Rudd	Irvan
Aug. 9	Bud at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.	J. Gordon	T. Bodine
Aug. 16	DeVilbiss 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	Martin	Benson
Aug. 22	Goody's 500, Bristol, Tenn.	Jarrett	K. Wallace
Aug. 30	CMT 300, Loudon, N.H.	J. Gordon	Schrader

*All-star event

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Mark Martin vs. Dale Earnhardt

A year ago at Charlotte Motor Speedway, Martin was doing an interview when Earnhardt walked by and tossed a crying towel his way. The Las Vegas race winner still bristles. "That hurt me bad," said Martin. "I've got too much class to talk about

other competitors." **NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton gives his opinion:** "Earnhardt is always trying to get under the skin of other drivers in general and Martin in particular. By now, Martin ought to realize that."

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

The rich history of NASCAR

With the Winston Cup Series making a first visit to Las Vegas Motor Speedway this week, one cannot help but recall Riverside International Raceway, the 2.62-mile road course in southern California that closed in 1988. Bobby Allison won six times on the historic course, once more than Richard Petty, Dan Gurney and Darrell Waltrip.

Lincoln Technical Institute adds motorsports curriculum

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week
LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Lincoln Technical Institute, with 14 schools in six states, is the latest school to add a special motorsports curriculum. Geoff Bodine has enrolled in a pit-crew placement project that will put the institute's best and brightest into service for his Phillips-sponsored Ford team. **QUICK MOVE:** The N.C. Auto Racing Hall of Fame was pressed into emergency service recently on behalf of ailing NASCAR legend Tim Flock. Flock, 73, was diagnosed with terminal lung and liver cancer in

THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

COMING UP: PRIMESTAR 500
WHERE: Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga.



Jarrett

OTHER FORMER WINNERS: Ex-driver Cale Yarborough won this race six times. Dale Earnhardt is the active leader with

WHEN: Sunday, March 8.
DEFENDING CHAMPION: Dale Jarrett
EVENT QUALIFYING RECORD: Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 186.507 mph, March 7, 1997 (track has since been reconfigured).
RACE RECORD: Dale Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 161.298 mph, March 10, 1996.

ALMOST HOME COOKING

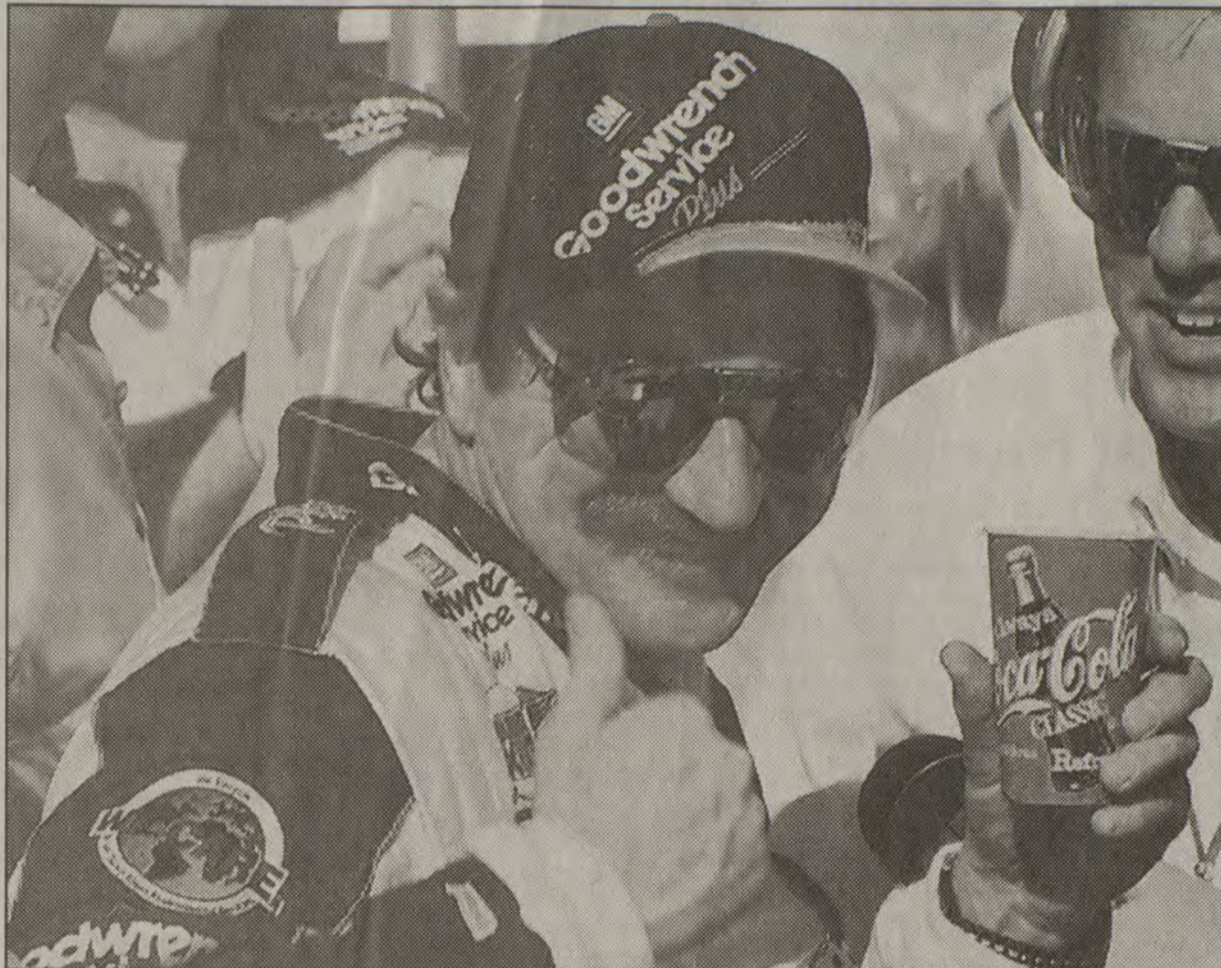
No visit to Atlanta is complete without taking in Buckhead, the city's "party district." In addition to an eclectic array of nightclubs, the area is full of restaurants highlighting both the city's cosmopolitan flavor and its allegiance to Southern cuisine.

four victories. **NOTABLE:** With a new 1.54-mile tri-oval shape, Atlanta's speeds rose sharply last fall. ... The track record is now 197.478 mph, set by Geoff Bodine ... NASCAR rule changes should make that standard difficult to surpass. **BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL COMING UP:** STIHL 300
WHERE: Atlanta Motor Speedway,

Hampton, Ga.
WHEN: Saturday, March 7.
DEFENDING CHAMPION: Mark Martin
TRACK QUALIFYING RECORD: Tim Bender, Chevrolet, 179.835 mph, March 7, 1997 (track has since been reconfigured).
RACE RECORD: Mark Martin, Ford, 151.751 mph, March 8, 1997.
OTHER FORMER WINNERS: No one has won more than once here. Former winners are Martin, Terry Labonte, Johnny Benson, Harry Gant, Ward Burton and Jeff Gordon.
NOTABLE: On the new surface, the track record is almost sure to fall ... Dale Earnhardt Jr. is coming off a second-place showing at Las Vegas ... Two-time defending series champion Randy LaJoie is off to a rather slow start ... Dating back to 1997, Jimmy Spencer has won three of the last 11 events.

PROFILE

Dale Earnhardt



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Dale Earnhardt celebrates at Daytona after winning the second 125 qualifying race.

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

The greatest stock car racer of his generation proved in this year's Daytona 500 that he still has what it takes to visit Winston Cup victory lanes.

Dale Earnhardt needs one more Winston Cup championship to break a tie with Richard Petty and become NASCAR's all-time leader with eight. That is, for Earnhardt, the ultimate career goal.

AGE: 46
WIFE: Teresa
CHILDREN: Kerry Dale (28), Kelley King (25), Ralph Dale Jr. (23), Taylor Nicole (9).
CAR: No. 3 Goodwrench Service Plus Chevrolet Monte Carlo, owned by Richard Childress.

CAREER RECORD: 576 starts, 22 poles, 71 wins, 257 top 5s, 371 top 10s,

more than \$31.5 million in earnings.

FIRSTS: Start (May 25, 1975, at Charlotte), pole (June 8, 1979, at Riverside), win (April 1, 1979, at Bristol).

IS THIS THE YEAR YOU WIN YOUR EIGHTH CHAMPIONSHIP? "I think this is our year because our focus is so good. The confidence is best, and I think Larry (McReynolds) can tell you from what he's seen. I can feel it as a driver, and I can see it in their eyes. We won the Daytona 500 and ran out front all day. That's our plan for every race, to be a contender to win. If we do that, that's how you win the championship."

ARE YOU AS COMPETITIVE AS EVER? "I'm still me. I'm still determined. There was a time in my life we didn't win a race for a year (1997), and we had some-

thing happen to us at Darlington that was unexplainable to mankind and medicine. To this day yet, we're still asking what happened. ... I'm still ticking. Still perfect. That was a time in your life you go through. I don't think it's changed me. I think it's made me appreciate things a little better probably."

WHO DO YOU HAVE TO BEAT? "It's still early in the game. It takes half a season as things shake out to look around and see who's close. It still can change at that point, but I'm still looking. Bobby Labonte was strong last year, but you can't count out the 88 car (Dale Jarrett). Gordon is going to be consistent and Terry (Labonte), there's so many of them. This could be Rusty (Wallace's) year. His team looks good. You can't put your finger on one guy."

TRIVIA

1. What Busch Series/Sportsman driver was sponsored for many years by Thomas Bros. Country Ham?
2. Who was the ex-motorcycle racer who won NASCAR championships in 1962 and 1963?
3. Which two drivers won the championships of two NASCAR touring series in the same year?

- ANSWERS**
1. Sam Ard
 2. The late Joe Weatherly
 3. Lee Petty and Mike Stefanik

AROUND THE GARAGE

February, in tribute, the hall of fame's board went into emergency session to make Flock its third inductee, behind only Richard Petty and Bobby Allison. By the way, donations to assist the Flock family with its medical bills may be sent to: Nations-Bank, Tim Flock Medical Fund, Attn.: Kim Troutman, 8551 U.S. Hwy. 29, Charlotte, N.C. 28262. **FITS LIKE A GLOVER:** Buddy Barnes is out, Tony Glover in (for the time being), as Sterling Marlin's crew chief. Felix Sabates made the move this week, citing Glover's past work as crew chief when Marlin compiled his six career victories with

Larry McClure's team. Glover continues to manage all three of Sabates' Chevy teams. **FEELING THE HEAT:** Winston Cup rookie Steve Park has already noticed the increase in the demands on his time that comes with a promotion to NASCAR's premier circuit. "I have never experienced anything like this," said Park, whose car owners, Dale and Teresa Earnhardt, only heighten the attention. "It seems any moment I climb out of my car I'm doing one interview after another. It's cool, don't get me wrong, but there is a lot more media and sponsor commitments, plus the

competition is a lot tougher." **THE BIG PAYOFF:** Bargain-hunters were betting on Geoff Bodine to win the Las Vegas 400, not because Bodine was a particularly likely winner but because the odds posted next to Bodine's name, 50-1, seemed so charitable. Some other examples, which obviously were subject to change as the race drew closer: Jeff Gordon bouncing between 2-1 and 5-2, Mark Martin 4-1, Rusty Wallace 6-1, Dale Jarrett 7-2 and Bill Elliott 10-1. After Bodine put his Ford on the front row in Friday qualifying, his odds dropped promptly to 10-1.

YOUR TURN

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,
I am so mad. We watched the race (Bud Shootout) on Sunday on CBS, but on the last lap, they cut it off without saying a word. This is a disgrace for CBS-TV. They have done this before. I sure hope people will write and let the race president know how we were treated. I'll do my part and hope everyone will, too. Thanks for reading my note.
Colleen Jenkins
Bessemer City, N.C.

Dear Colleen,
In this instance, the fault was not with CBS. It was the local station, WBT, that cut away from the race for a North Carolina-Georgia Tech basketball game.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
Hoping all drivers read and heed, I would ask all drivers to listen to themselves after being interviewed by and for TV. I do not mean to be critical, but if these fellows could see and hear how many times they say "you know," I wager they would slow it down. Let's face it. There may be some sponsors lurking who want drivers who can express themselves properly.

I also have a request. Please remove your shades when being interviewed. It's rude, plus the fans are looking to see all of a driver.
Ronald E. Denk
Beloit, Kan.

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

CREW OF THE WEEK

Who else but Jack Roush Racing, the far-flung organization that put five Ford Tauruses in the top 10 positions Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway? Race Winner Mark Martin, Jeff Burton, Johnny Benson, Ted Musgrave and Chad Little all drove Fords by Roush.

ON THE MARKET

For race weekends, a "Souvenir City" moves into an area adjacent to the track. Most race teams park entire tractor-trailer sized rigs that are used as mobile stands for the sale of shirts, caps, jackets, die-cast scale models, belt buckles and countless other items.

RACING ON THE WEB

STP: The Racer's Edge
www.stp.com

Strong points: One of the Web's best commercial sites. Plenty of information for racing fans, with hookup to the "PettyRacing" page. Worthwhile place to visit.

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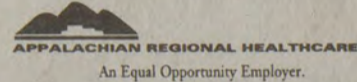
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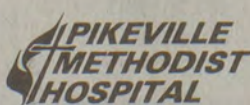
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following items will be offered at public sale on March 20, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed August 31, 1995: 1991 Buick Park Avenue, S/N 0319.

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Call Mike Haney for location, 886-2321. First Commonwealth Bank 169 North Arnold Avenue Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following items will be offered at public sale on March 20, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed October 20, 1997: 1998 Polaris 425 Magnum 4x4, S/N 5947991

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

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PUBLIC 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.

Jerry Miller Prestonsburg, KY 41653

PUBLIC 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.

Donald R. Kidd 3045 KY Rt. 321, Lot 6 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 452 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase 3 bond release on Permit No. 836-5202 Increments 1, 2, 3 & 4 which was last issued on 6/13/89. The application covers an area of approximately 7.23 acres located 1.0 mile southeast of Hite in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 2.0 miles southeast from State Route 122 junction with KY Route 80 and located 0.5 mile east of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37° 32' 30" and the longitude is 82° 14' 22." The bond now in effect

for the permit is a surety bond in the amount of \$14,500.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$14,500.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes final backfilling, grading, and seeding completed early Spring 1991. Pond removal completed March 1997.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by April 27, 1998.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 28, 1998 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 27, 1998.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5368

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 452 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Ky. 41501, has filed an application for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation. This application proposes 4.24 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 118.0 acres, for a total proposed permit acreage of 122.24 acres, located 1.5 miles north of Drift in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.5 miles north from Ky. Hwy. 122's junction with Stonecoal Branch Road and located 1.0 mile east of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37° 29' 30". The longitude is 82° 44' 46".

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the underground method of mining. The surface area is owned by Alma Land Company. The area will underlie land owned by Alma Land Company, Hargis and Ruth Hall and Zella Martin. The operation will affect an area

within 100 feet of public road Stonecoal Branch Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.

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

This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Star-Lite Mining Co., Inc., General Delivery, Highway 122, Hi-Hat, KY 41636, has applied for Phase III Bond Release on Permit Number 436-5201, which was last issued on January 16, 1998. The application covers an area of approximately 194.54 acres located on Orchard Branch of Jacks Creek 1.20 miles southwest of Bevinsville, Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 1.20 miles southwest of the junction of KY 1498 with KY 122 and 1.20 miles southwest of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 20 minutes, 54 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 44 minutes, 15 seconds.

The bond now in effect for Permit Number 436-5201 is a certificate of deposit of \$6,100.00. One hundred percent (100%) of the remainder of the original bond amount of \$10,000.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in the Spring of 1991. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife. Results thus far indicate growth of vegetation is according to re-vegetation plan.

Written comments,

objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by April 6, 1998.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 7, 1998 at 1:00 p.m. at the Prestonsburg Regional Office of the Department of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 6, 1998.

This is the final advertisement of this application.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that Branham and Baker Coal Company, Inc., 148 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for Phase I bond release on Permit Number 836-0179 which was last issued on 11/25/97. The application covers an area of approximately 68 acres located 1.6 miles Northeast of Hippo in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 2 miles Southeast from Rt. 850 junction with Pitts Fork Road and located on Prater Fork of Brush Creek. The latitude is 37° 32' 48". The longitude is 82° 50' 30".

The bond now in effect for the Increments 8 and 10 is \$251,600.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$251,600.00 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: grading, seeding, and tree planting. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 4/13/98.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., 4/14/98 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky

41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 4/13/98.

PUBLIC NOTICE Second Reading Ordinance #97-010 Amendment #9

Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Floyd County budget for Fiscal Year 1997-1998 to include unanticipated receipts from Prior Year Carry Over in the amount of \$177,981.00 and increasing expenditures in the area of Road Materials and Transfers will be held on March 20, 1998 at the regular meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court in the Circuit Courtroom of the Floyd County Courthouse at the hour of 10:00 a.m.

A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

PUBLIC NOTICE Second Reading Ordinance #97-011 Amendment #10

Second reading of a proposed ordinance amending the Floyd County budget for Fiscal Year 1997-1998, to include unanticipated receipts from Prior Year Carry Over in the amount of \$337,739.00 and increasing expenditures in the area of supplies and equipment, utilities, fuel, vehicle equipment maintenance, and road materials will be held on March 20, 1998 at the regular meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court in the Circuit Courtroom of the Floyd County Courthouse at the hour of 10:00 a.m.

A copy of the proposed ordinance with full text is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

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acres located 1.6 mile northeast of Hippo in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 2 miles southeast from Rt. 850 junction with Pitts Fork Road and located on Prater Fork of Brush Creek. The latitude is 37° 32' 48" and the longitude is 82° 50' 30".

The bond now in effect for the Increments 11 is \$600,100.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$600,100.00 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: grading and seeding.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by 4/27/98.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., 4/28/98 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 4/27/98.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc., (S.V.T.S.) will conduct a public hearing on Friday, March 13, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. in the Big Sandy Area Development District building, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The purpose of the public hearing is for the consideration of an application for federal funds for capital purchases and operating assistance for the time period of July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999, for rural public transportation services for the residents of Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike Counties in Kentucky. There is no significant environmental impact and all policies and regulations regarding individuals with disabilities and the elderly will be complied with accordingly. Comments may be made in person or through written submissions. The application will be available for public review at S.V.T.S. office, 80 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky on April 1, 1998.

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RIDDLE-DOTS! "Hey, Mikel! What can go up a chimney down but can't go down a chimney up?" Connect the dots and solve the riddle.

SOMETHING IN COMMON: What do the following two sentences have in common? 1. No lemons, no melon. 2. Was it a car or a cat I saw?

FIND-A-WORD! On the top line is our mystery word. You need to fill in the missing letters. Clue words (smaller words contained in letter-by-letter order within the mystery word) are defined below.

1. Cost per unit.
2. In or near.
3. Spoiled --.
4. Long-tailed critter.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



LADDER PUZZLES

LADDER puzzles have been around for over a hundred years. They were made famous by Lewis Carroll, the author of "Alice in Wonderland." In this type of puzzle you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example we changed WARM into COLD in four moves. See if you can change the following four words:

1. BOAT to CASH.
2. MORE to LESS.
3. FISH to MEAT.
4. SICK to WELL.

1. BOAT, COAT, COST, CAST, CASH.
2. MORE, LORE, LOSE, LESS.
3. FISH, FISH, FEAT, MEAT.
4. SICK, SICK, SILL, SELL, WELL.

Illustrated by David Coulson



MAGIC MAZE

PAPAL NAMES

Answers on B4

H R P M M J G D A X V E S O N
K I F A D A X V T O C O M J H
F T T R C A Y W R A U F R P N
L J N C E H H X F E A F D B Z
X V T E I D Y I I B T R O O M
K P I L C D N R I L N E H F D
B Z A L S O E A O Y E A P V V
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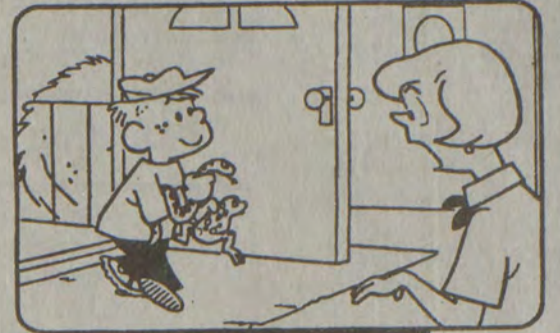
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Alexander Benedict
Boniface Clement

Fabian Felix
Gregory Hilary

Innocent John
Leo Marcellus

Paul Plus
Urban

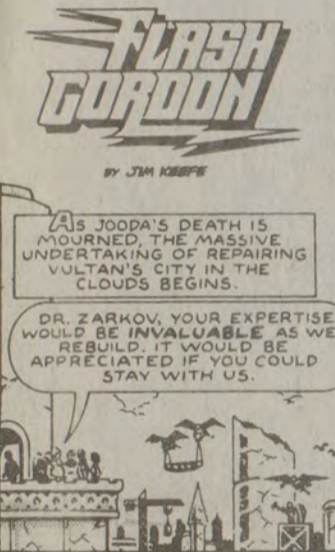


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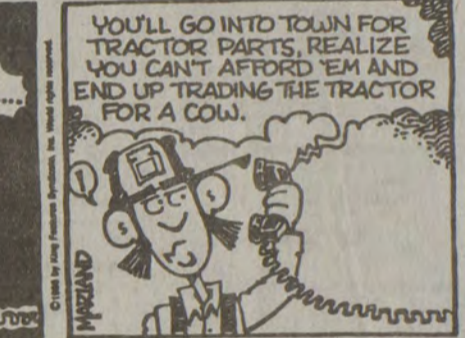


FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
Differences: 1. Window is different. 2. Frog is missing. 3. Door is higher. 4. Flower is missing. 5. Cap is reversed. 6. Earring is missing.

BUTCH AND DOUGIE by ALEX HOWELL

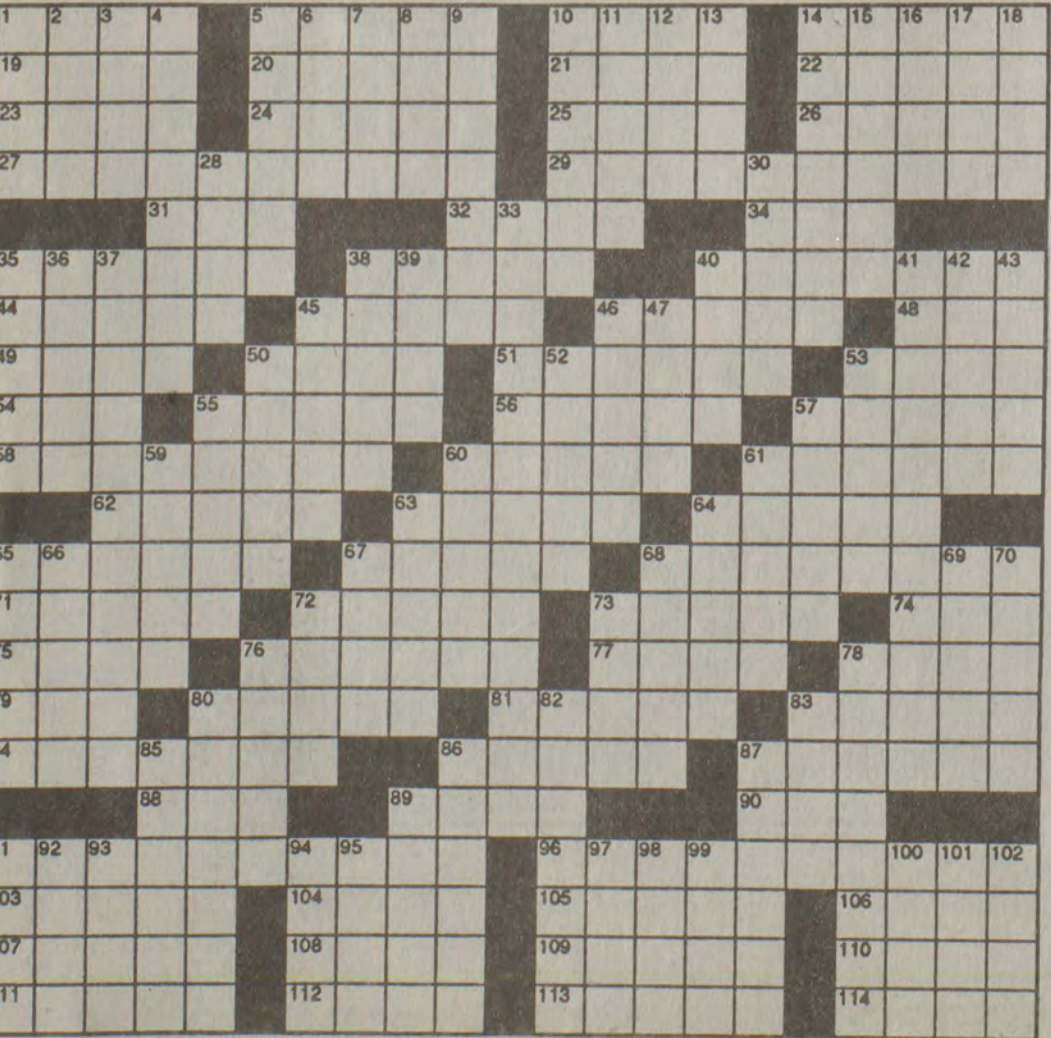


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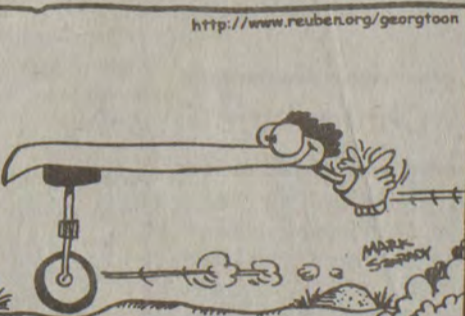


Super Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 Like molasses, 5 Boasts, 10 "Picket Fences" setting, 14 Portents, 19 "Damn Yankees" vamp, 20 Cowboy competition, 21 Lake in HOMES, 22 Card of fortune, 23 Box-elder genus, 24 Hershey hamlet, 25 Frost's "Mending --", 26 Threepold, 27 Song for Springsteen?, 29 Song for Nervous Nellie?, 31 -- Palmas, 32 Rochester's beloved, 34 Latin I verb, 35 Where 13 is a dozen, 38 Lute of India, 40 Spanish nobleman, 44 Mideast VIPs, 45 Island off
- China, 46 Actress Barkin, 48 Like Father William, 49 Tamblin of "West Side Story", 50 Hide, 51 "Fifth Business" novelist, 53 Obstacle, 54 Ending for host, 55 Fresh crew, 56 Like Faistaff, 57 Dull finish, 58 Hardened, 60 Hagar's dog, 61 Was a total failure, 62 Racer Irvan, 63 Daft, 64 Bristles, 65 "The Empire Strikes Back" is one, 67 Shocking colors, 68 Free at last?, 71 Dodge, 72 Ice-cream nut, 73 More stark, 74 Actress Charlotte, 75 Ballet movement, 76 Ravel opus
- 77 City on the Oka, 78 Ancient Elam's capital, 79 Sign of nervousness, 80 Raise, 81 Courted, 83 Applaud, 84 Approach for a date, 86 Former South African premier, 87 Shilly -- (vacillate), 88 Years on end, 89 Proofreader's notation, 90 Goal, 91 Song for Barnacle Bill?, 96 Song for Broom-Hilda?, 103 -- blanche, 104 Verdi heroine, 105 -- barrel (hamstrung), 106 Omnium-gatherum, 107 Torch's crime, 108 Boom, 109 More singular, 110 Cavil, 111 Goatee, 112 Final, in
- school, 113 Nine: comb. form, 114 Patella locale
- DOWN: 1 Thick slice, 2 Places, 3 Actor Wild of "Vidoc Orchid", 4 Small songbirds, 5 Forward, 6 You can spare these, 7 He was first, 8 Actress Rowlands, 9 Oklahomans, 10 Wanted poster, 11 Incentive, 12 Papal cape, 13 Pepper grinder, 14 Footstool, 15 Cast ashore, 16 Psychoanalyst Erikson, 17 Plebeian: Brit. abbr., 18 Footfall, 28 Bireme sights, 30 Leverets, 33 Song for what's his name?, 35 Basque cap, 36 Entertain, 37 Song for the Frog Prince?, 38 Antipasto, 39 A.B.A. member, 40 Merriment, 41 Song Ignored by Marquis de Sade?, 42 Ovarjoy, 43 Sidled, 45 Fracas, 46 " -- street's a boulevard...", 47 Santa's reminder, 50 Danger, 52 Helps, 53 Island in the Philippines, 55 Actress Taylor, 57 Drive, 59 Bluenose, 60 Whale finder, 61 Splay, 63 Cut into cubes, 64 Begat, 65 Biologic partitions, 66 Island near Liberty Island, 67 Soccer's "Black Pearl", 68 Challenges, 69 Picture prop, 70 Term of
- 72 Meter man?, 73 Wellington, for one, 76 Conductor Walter, 78 Symbol of Elre, 80 One of a pair, 82 Grew too large for, 83 Cartoonist Young, 85 Zone, 86 Bonnie Prince Charlie, for one, 87 Bogart film of '43, 89 Fizzy drinks, 91 Strikebreaker, 92 Biblical weed, 93 Bear in the air?, 94 Democratic Donkey creator, 95 "Ouch!", 97 Pavlov or Lendl, 98 Mackerel gull, 99 Algonquian Pianist, 100 Pianist Feinberg, 101 Prometheus stole it, 102 Drink too much



GEORGE by MARK SZORADY



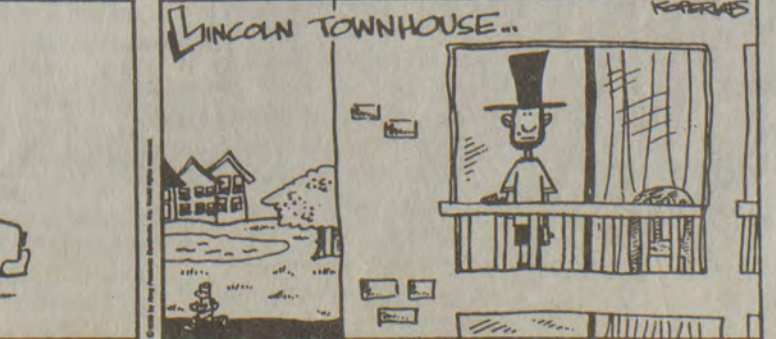
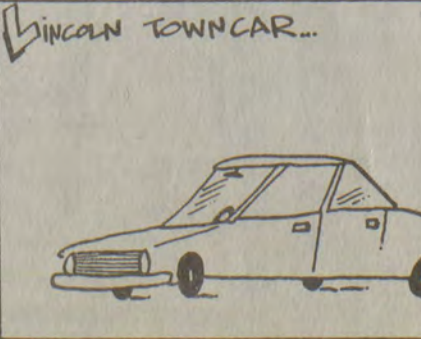
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THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



Answers on B4