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School finances 'as ugly as it gets'

"I can't imagine that any principal left that meeting with any heart whatsoever... This is a whole lot worse than anyone thought..."

— state financial specialist Kenya Koch

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

For at least four years, and for maybe as long as 10 years, there is little, if any hope, that the financial condition of the Floyd County school system will improve.

At a work session Monday evening, board members were told that the 1998-99 proposed budget is one of the "bleakest" documents ever seen by state officials.

"When I had to tell (the local budget committee), I was literally sick at my stomach," state financial specialist Kenya Koch told board members. "I can't imagine that any principal left that meeting with any heart whatsoever . . .This is a whole lot worse than anyone thought. Folks, this is as ugly as it gets."

The proposed budget does not provide for any upgrades in the district's technology department or access to state technology funds in escrow; there are no funds to address a textbook shortage; and no money to address over half a million dollars in maintenance needs.

Koch told board members the proposed budget is based on an assumption that the district will have a "zero" balance at the end of the current school year, but state officials have predicted the district will end the year with a deficit.

She said the lack of funds to match a state offer for new technology was "one of the most troubling" aspects of the district's financial outlook. She added that there is a new offer for state technology funds in the state budget "that you can't even sniff."

Koch said the only options for the board to increase revenue are a tax increase; raising average daily attendance percentages; consolidate schools; or driving down the cost of lawsuits filed against the district.

Also, Koch pointed out that there are numerous vendor contracts with schools that were entered into with the principals, which could be invalid.

"There are contracts that the board has never approved; that the superintendent has never approved," Koch explained. "The vendors know they aren't valid."

Board members appeared devastated by Koch's financial report and agreed to call on state officials for help.

Board chairman Terry Dotson suggested that state Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody and the Kentucky Board of Education "revisit" their assessment of the school district and use their positions to effect rapid changes in the district.

Dotson said local board members cannot make decisions in a rapid manner to address the needs, due to state regulations they must follow. He asked Koch and associate education commissioner Tom Willis to talk with Cody about circumventing those pro-

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What, me worry?

City officials cheer football field plan at PHS despite dire financial news

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Despite signs of an impending financial catastrophe in the Floyd County School System, Prestonsburg's mayor and one councilman applauded the maneuvering of local lawmakers to secure state funds for a football stadium at Prestonsburg High School.

For a portion of Monday's meeting, council and Mayor Jerry Fannin cheered State Representative Greg Stumbo's and Senator Benny Ray Bailey's efforts during the last general assembly to get funds to build an athletic complex at Prestonsburg High School.

Fannin said that the city was allocated over $9 million for its mountaintop recreational complex—which is to have several athletic fields—and "money for Prestonsburg High School for a football field."

Councilman Hansel Cooley supported the football field proposal.

"I think that's wonderful," Cooley said, referring to the football field. "It's needed."

State officials announced later Monday night that the financial condition of the school system is "a whole lot worse than anyone thought," and the situation is "as ugly as it gets."

Local board members also learned that the financial condition is not expected to improve for at least four years and, it could be a decade before the financial picture brightens.

Stumbo and Bailey were primarily responsible for getting additional funds appropriated in the state budget for school construction projects, provided that athletic complexes be built at Prestonsburg and South Floyd High School. Those projects must be completed before the school system can ac-

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Sign, sign, everywhere a sign...

Kentucky transportation department workers began removing all sorts of signs this week from state rights-of-way. Complaints about the posting of campaign signs on state property prompted a statewide effort to rid highways of all illegal advertisements. Along with the illegally posted political advertisements, workers also collected various other signs, such as "For Sale" posters; flea market and realty signs; and store advertisements. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Board seeks to renegotiate PHS contract

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Costs for renovations and additions at Prestonsburg High School have risen over $8 million and an additional $1.2 million is needed to complete the project.

Board members discussed phase III of the high school project with state officials Monday at a work session dealing with construction and finance issues.

Mark Ryles, director of the state's Facilities Management Department, told board members they should look at negotiating the fees for architectural and construction management services because the previous fees appeared to be too high.

Ryles told board members that paying a construction management (CM) fee of 3.75 percent of the total project cost, plus a $5,200 monthly fee over the 11-month projected construction period seemed "a little lengthy" in his opinion. He said he felt the CM, Sam Martin, and the architectural firm, Johnson Romanowitz would agree to negotiate.

He added that a proposed five percent fee for architectural services should also be looked at because the firm has been paid "a fair amount" for additional services required on the project.

Board chairman Terry Dotson asked Ryles if it would be prudent to offer a guaranteed maximum amount for the phase III CM services, which would amount to a six percent fee and no additional monthly payments.

Ryles said that would be a fair offer but, the board needed to make sure the CM and architect were "kept on task" to get the project completed as quickly as possible. Ryles said a six-month construction timeline could be achieved.

Dotson said the architect and CM would have an incentive to complete the project quickly by offering a guaranteed maximum. He explained that the company's profit margins would depend on how quickly the job is completed.

Board member Johnnie Ross asked if the board could complete the project without a CM. He noted a state education building regulation which says "a CM shall not be employed on any project estimated at less than ($1 million). . ."

Ross said he thought it was "odd" that phase III total construc-

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Floyd students are big winners in CEDAR event

by Rita Brock
Contributing Writer

Writing well has paid off in a big way for a Prestonsburg High School senior.

Leslie Fugate, PHS senior, received $6,000 in scholarships at a Coal Education Development And Resources (CEDAR) Scholarship Awards Banquet on May 7 at the Landmark Inn in Pikeville.

Fugate, son of Jackie and Marshall Fugate of Prestonsburg, was awarded a $5,000 scholarship as the overall winner of a competition based on coal education and a $1,000 scholarship for his essay addressing a "real world" audience, such as a legislator, coal industry official, or community and business leader.

Fugate is one of thirteen seniors to win scholarships worth $22,000 in the writing competition. Four students in each of the high schools in Floyd and Pike counties were invited to enter a written submission in the form of an editorial, speech, proposal or news article. In their submissions, the students had to convince the judges that coal is a very important factor in today's world.

Floyd County students Les Fugate, Misty Stephens, and Latisha Yates received scholarships from CEDAR. Patricia Watson, Woodrow Carter, Michael King, and John F. Justice congratulated the students on their achievements. (photo by Rita Brock)

"CEDAR has students to put writing into practice addressing a real world purpose to influence a real world audience. That is our ultimate goal in education. Writing is a tool for sharing of knowledge and CEDAR brings a practical application with outstanding rewards for writing communication which is done well, " Patricia Watson, Floyd County Schools Writing/Reading Subject Content Coordinator, said.

"It is most rewarding to see seniors receive rewards for their written and oral performance," she added.

Watson also serves as a CEDAR liaison and CEDAR board member. She has been instrumental in starting the CEDAR scholarship program.

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Ledford to keynote Chamber banquet

Kentucky's most celebrated sportscaster will be the guest speaker at next week's Floyd County Chamber of Commerce's annual awards banquet.

Cawood Ledford has been designated as the key-note speaker for the event because of his distinguished accomplishments and notoriety, according to Chamber director Carla Coburn.

Cawood Ledford

The banquet will be held Thursday, May 21, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. A reception will begin at 6 p.m. with the raffling of a 1998 NCAA Championship game ball.

Numerous awards will be presented during the banquet and a special recognition ceremony will be held to honor each of Floyd County's high school valedictorians.

Call 886-0364 to register.

STARRING IN ANOTHER Court..Former Miss Basketball Geri Grigsby, a McDowell native, has been named General Counsel for the state Transportation Cabinet.

Geri Grigsby takes top legal post in state Transportation Cabinet

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Former McDowell basketball standout, Geri Grigsby left a trail in the sports world that started at McDowell High School, took her to the University of Kentucky and on to Western Kentucky University. Her exploits in the basketball world earned her much recognition and several hall of fame awards.

But today Grigsby, a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law, is blazing a different trail. She was appointed last week to the post of General Counsel for the transportation cabinet's Office of General Counsel by Transportation Secretary James Codell.

Grigsby, who spent the last eight years in Washington, D.C., says although she has only been at the post a week, she is enjoying her new position.

"It was a good opportunity for me," she said. "I'm very happy with the job."

Grigsby's role with the Transportation Cabinet will be managing and reviewing cases and claims filed against the cabinet; conducting legal research; drafting legal opinions; and providing legal advice and services to all agency heads in the cabinet. She also reviews contracts and reports to the executive director regarding all legal matters.

Her resume as a lawyer began as Assistant Commonwealth Attorney in Louisville. She was staff attorney/legislative analyst for Kentucky's Legislative Research Commission; Associate Coun-

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Times, Taylor recognized for coverage of Games

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

All that glitters isn't gold. Sometimes it's bronze and silver that capture attention, as Floyd County Times sports editor Ed Taylor recently found out.

Taylor's journalistic excellence won silver and bronze awards in the Bluegrass State Games competition. The sports editor won a silver in his overall coverage of the meet and a bronze in the photography division.

His photographs of Governor Paul Patton pitching horseshoes during last year's Games were used by Bluegrass officials in their publications.

Taylor has won an award almost every year since the Games began in 1990. He has won a total

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cedures in order to speed up the "healing" process.

"It's like a cancer; the quicker you cut it out then the healing process can begin," Dotson said. "We need to get in the healing process. We have nooses around our necks that won't let (the process) move."

Dotson said he felt if different decisions had been made in February, when the local board agreed to a state takeover, the improvement process could have been speeded up.

"I'm not trying to blame anyone," Dotson said.

Willis said Cody does have the authority to "bypass" certain regulations, but it would amount to telling the board it "can't make a decision" regarding the district's operations.

Dotson said he disagreed, and that if Cody looked at the system's financial situation, he would be "compelled to make decisions" to speed up the healing process.

Koch asked Dotson if he was referring to directives involving school closings and Dotson said he was, plus "a lot of other things." Koch said the state would not be involved in such matters.

"It's no secret what needs to be done," Koch said. "I don't want to say the state told you to close schools and it never will, I don't think."

Board member Johnnie Ross said if Cody told the board that some things must occur in order to cut spending, "this board will make sure it happens."

Willis said he would discuss the situation with Cody.

Willis also told the board that the Department of Education cannot continue to pay for three consultants to work full-time in the district.

"It's safe to say that the state doesn't intend to pay for three people (to work in the district)," Willis said. "There's no way I can pay for three people out of my budget."

Dotson asked Willis how many people the state would continue to pay for to work in the district.

Willis indicated that the department may pay for two people, but that state officials didn't expected state manager Woodrow Carter to be in the district on a full-time basis after June. He added that the working situation and salary for interim superintendent Mike King for the next school year has not been discussed.

Games

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of four golds, five silvers and three bronze medals.

The Bluegrass State Games are held in the later part of July by the Lexington/Fayette Urban County Government, and are open to athletes and non-athletes across the state. Competitions range from archery to horseshoes.

The Games have grown and are now held in seven different counties over a two-day period, Taylor said, and that makes coverage difficult.

"During the two days, I put a good 225 miles on my car, not counting from home to Lexington," Taylor said. "I just go from place to place. I try to cover people from Johnson, Pike, Floyd and surrounding counties."

Those people are the reasons why Taylor puts in the extra miles and hours.

"I enjoy the atmosphere of it, but mostly (I enjoy it) because I'm able to cover the people in the counties ... who don't normally get their names in the paper. It's the highlight of my summer season."

Taylor said that covering the Games also has some other pluses, including interviews with some of his favorite sports personalities. He has talked one-on-one with Dominick Wilkins, a basketball player for the Atlanta Hawks; Mark Pope, a former UK basketball player; and Wes Unseld, a coach for the Washington Bullets.

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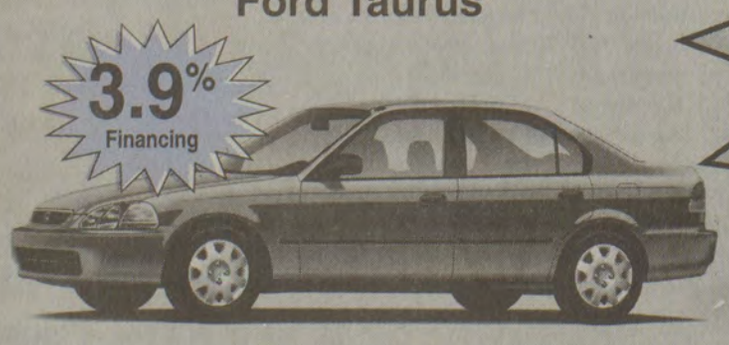

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tion estimate is $1,049,800.

Dotson said he would not recommend "changing horses in midstream" on the project and that it is imperative to get the project completed.

He added that if changes were made, the board may have some liability concerns if there are problems at the school. He also said if the project was re-bid, the district would have to pay prevailing wage rates.

Ross said he was unaware of that issue and that he would be in favor of supporting Dotson's recommendation.

Also, Ross asked why the board was paying the monthly expense fee when the CM was using the telephones, fax machine and the school "as an office."

Ryles said Ross made a good point, but no one could answer the board member's question.

Representatives from the architect or CM firm were not at the meeting.

As for who oversees the project on the district level, interim superintendent Mike King said construction projects were under the supervision of administrative assistant Pete Grigsby Jr. and facilities director Greg Adams.

Ross said he didn't think having Grigsby oversee that department was "a good idea" because Grigsby is a brother-in-law to the CM. He added that Adams had said during a meeting at the high school he wasn't "qualified" to give oversight on the project and that he was "uncomfortable" doing so by himself.

King said he and Adams would keep a close eye on the renovation.

Original estimates of the renovation project were $5.9 million, to be split into two phases. Ryles explained that phase II consisted mainly of items deleted from the first phase because of a funding shortfall. Phase III is to complete all the items deleted from the project and to make roofing repairs that were not listed in the original plans.

Ryles said it is difficult to determine exactly how much money remains in the project account and that "more audit work" will have to be done. He said his office has had "difficulty" tracking the spending on the project.

In order to fund the final phase, the district will have to secure a $350,000 low interest loan from a statewide school lending association, KISTA, Ryles said.

Board members also said they wanted to have regular reports on the progress of the project.

King said he was told not to have Martin attend a meeting because it "would cause WW III." He declined to say who had told him that, or what it meant.

There is a board order, which resulted from the 1992 state management audit, that requires the CM and architect to appear at monthly meetings and give a status report on building projects.

Board member Carol Stumbo and Dotson had an exchange of words after Stumbo said she felt she was being pushed to make a decision about how to proceed on the construction project. She explained that she had not been able to review the construction procedures. She told Dotson she would not be "pushed" into anything.

Dotson apologized and said he didn't intend for Stumbo to be under that impression.

Stumbo and King also snapped at each other when Stumbo wanted to know why it is taking so long to make changes in the district.

King said he was working as hard as he could and some things just take time to accomplish. He added that with a new management plan in place, changes are beginning to occur more quickly.

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Viewpoint

Quote of the week...

"A leader is a dealer in hope."

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Editorial

S.O.S.

(Save Our Schools)

by Scott Perry

This comment is directed to Floyd County's state legislators, but you can read it, too.

Dear sirs:

As the great debate opens on revisiting Workers' Compensation reforms in a proposed special legislative session, we recommend you revisit your home district, where some extremely troubling news is afoot.

The Floyd County School System is on the brink of unprecedented, total financial collapse.

Never in the history of this Commonwealth, we are told, has a school district faced such a dire future. Actually, there appears to be no future at all.

"This is as ugly as it gets," noted one observer in reference to the school system's financial picture.

These aren't the ramblings of some wacky, end-of-the-world theorist.

These are the words of a state financial specialist sent here to survey the system's finances.

Survey says:

"This is a whole lot worse than anyone thought."

How bad is it?

The district has no money to access state technology matching funds.

The district has no money to address a shortage of textbooks.

The district has no money to meet maintenance needs, some of which concern safety issues.

The district has no money to do much of anything.

If this was a temporary financial glitch, we might be able to ride it out. But the specialists say things aren't going to improve for a minimum of four years and the troubles may last a decade.

Ten years?

That's an entire generation of students.

Rest assured that this school district will not weather a ten-year storm. It is dying now.

No cure exists to address this situation.

Here are the options as we see them:

(1.) We can watch the system die a painful, miserable death.

(2.) We can put it out of its misery and send our students elsewhere.

(3.) We can take immediate, emergency legislative action to devise a workable plan to save our schools.

Your call.

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—Voltaire

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Letters to the Editor

Sign removal bill should go to politicians

Editor:

I'm writing in response to an article in the May 6, paper. The article stated "State to remove campaign signs from right-of-way at taxpayer's expense." As one of many taxpayers, I don't think we "taxpayers" should pay this expense.

Let those who are running for office pay for the "total expense" of removal. We didn't ask them to put up their signs; therefore, we shouldn't pay for removal.

Jim Holbrook
Auxier

Blocking streets block business

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Prestonsburg City Utilities for blocking off Court Street on Tuesday, May 12, 1998.

Our city is trying to grow, but they forget that there are other businesses in town that also need to be thought of.

Have you ever noticed the only time road construction is done is on the first five days of the month?

If indeed our city was as big as they thought they are—roads would be blocked at night so as not to interrupt the business day.

The new stop light in Prestonsburg by the new courthouse was installed at night. This was a great help to businesses. Please look our situation over. We need all the downtown traffic we can get. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Becky Kuss
Prestonsburg

Appreciates positive coverage of academics

Editor:

I want to express my appreciation for your very positive recognition of Floyd County students during the course of my tenure here.

Last week is a prime example. Front page coverage was given to Governor's Scholars recipients, full page coverage of state Student Technology Leadership Program Conference (STLP students), and a most appealing section of Young Authors winners' writings were all very positive and very impressive. To top it off, your positive editorial has assisted us in promoting our "Open-Door" approach to improving our school district.

I look forward to future student recognitions, and as a member of this community, I invite your input as we move forward with the task of giving direction to this school district.

Arnold Woodrow Carter
State Manager

Thanks for making Environmental Day a great success

Editor:

The management and staff at the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the following exhibitors who participated in the first annual Floyd County Environmental Awareness Day. They are: Kentucky Reptile Zoo, American Electric Power, National Weather Service, Ky. Wood Products, Kentucky Department of Forestry, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife (Frankfort Office), U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Floyd County Solid Waste, Kentucky Department of Fisheries (Floyd County Office), Trus Joist, Big Sandy R.E.C.C., Floyd County Rescue Squad, Prestonsburg Fire and Medical Department, Floyd County Health Department, University of Kentucky Entomology Department Kentucky Technology-Mayo State Vocational School, Appalshop, Floyd County Conservation District, Southern Appalachian Recycling, Magoffin County Recycling Club, Knott County Extension Service, Floyd County Extension Service, Prestonsburg Elementary School, Department of Surface Mining, Wal-Mart of Prestonsburg.

A special thanks to the following people who were responsible for helping in the organization of the event: Patricia Spicer, Floyd County agriculture agent; Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale; Mayor Jerry Fannin and the city council; Vivian Rudd and the liaisons with Southern Appalachian Recycling; Alanna Miller; Jean Dorton; Rebecca Derossett; and Avonell Patrick.

Our sincere appreciation and thanks goes out to the following people who gave of their time and energy to work that day. LaShonda Jarrell, Nina Ratliff, Teresa Scott, Sierna and Garnis Akers, and Brooksie Akers.

Thanks goes out to the following counties: Johnson, Pike and Morgan, the teachers and principals for bringing their kids over to enjoy those fabulous exhibits. We hope they had a good time and took back some valuable information with them. We hope you come back next year. To those counties that were unable

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Coffee Break

by Scott Perry

Saw an opinion piece the other day which urged humankind to be kinder and gentler by replacing our natural bent toward revenge in instances involving high crimes against humanity with "forgiveness."

Forgiveness is a popular buzzword these days and it is promoted by everyone from newspaper columnists to preachers in an attempt, we assume, to convince us that turning the other cheek is better than turning over spades of dirt at the cemeteries.

We happen to agree with that premise, with some qualification.

In the Lord's Prayer, we ask forgiveness for "our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

The key words there are "our" and "us."

In other words, we can forgive those who act badly toward us, personally and individually, but we have no right to offer forgiveness to anyone else.

Who are we to offer "forgiveness" to the Oklahoma City bombers?

Only the victims of that crime have that right.

Who are we to turn forgiveness into a fad?

It's a personal matter between victims and victimizers, not an offer for society in general to make.

Meanwhile, back at the funny farm...

Just as March has its "Madness," May has its "Mania" at our house.

The prom is past, the last for our graduating first-born, and it's time to reset the old tear-duct meter to full blast as graduation nears.

Oh, we've managed to stay dry-eyed so far (it's the manly thing to do), but we're making no promises come commencement.

Between our daughter's final senior ceremonies our son will celebrate birthday number 11...another Kleenex moment, no doubt, for the emotional members of our household...and he's a bit miffed that graduation has relegated his personal celebration to the back burner.

Of course playing second fiddle does come with opportunity and the kid knows how to strike a chord.

When asked what he wants for his birthday, he's quick to answer...

His sister's room.

Uh oh, there goes mom's sprinkler system again.

Are you sure it's bad luck to open an umbrella in the house?

Speaking of flooding, a couple of pertinent issues have been raised since last month's flash floods inundated several Eastern Kentucky communities.

One concerns the possibility of dredging streams where flooding is a persistent felon as opposed to the traditional after-the-fact response of sending in federal disaster aid to clean up messes.

Looks like dredging could provide a double play toward flood protection, first by deepening stream channels and, secondly, by providing materials for building natural barriers along creek banks.

Don't know how the costs would compare but, over the long haul, we suspect it would pay out.

They rerouted the river, after all, in Pikeville, and that seems to be working.

Of course, that project cost about $77 million, too. Might be cheaper just to relocate all these flood-prone towns.

Seems like our lives jump from one media frenzy to another.

This month's slobberfest concerns the final episode of a TV show, and the big guys in the media biz are falling all over one another trying to make sure no stone goes unturned and no angle goes unexamined as we count down the days to "Seinfeld's" demise.

Okay, it's a funny show. But geez, this ain't the end of the world, just like it wasn't the end of the world when M*A*S*H was squashed; when "Family Ties" unraveled; and when "Cheers" went on the wagon.

C'mon people, get a grip.

When the end of a TV comedy is front page news and when columnists feel compelled to tell us what the show "means" to them and to us, it's time to seriously consider our priorities.

Like, whatever in the world will we do for the 30 minutes between 9 and 9:30 on Thursday nights from now on?

Reruns anyone?

Gift

First Commonwealth Bank has taken the opportunity to step to the forefront of Jenny Wiley Theatre by donating a leadership gift that will ensure the continued quality of Jenny Wiley Theatre's services. Robert Allen of First Commonwealth Bank recently presented board member Julie Paxton with a donation check.

CEDAR

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the coal industry, the business community, educators and the Kentucky Coal Marketing and Export Council, was formed in July 1993 through the joint efforts of the North Carolina Coal Institute and the Coal Operators and Associates of Pikeville.

CEDAR has four project areas: Teacher's Coal Study Unit program; Regional Coal Fair; School Awards Program; and the CEDAR Scholarship Program.

Through the scholarship program, Floyd County had three recipients of $1,000 scholarships. In addition to Fugate, Betsy Layne senior Misty Stevens, daughter of Leonard and Glenda Stevens of Harold, and Allen Central senior Letisha Yates, daughter of Donald and Judy Yates of Eastern, were awarded the scholarships.

In a closing statement at the banquet, CEDAR president John F. Justice urged the students to "stay focused in your pursuit of higher learning because learning is the liberating force for advancing human endeavors."

On hand to share the students' recognition were Floyd County Schools state manager Arnold Woodrow Carter and interim superintendent Michael King.

Scholarship committee members are Chuck Mueller, David Gooch, Patricia Watson, John Blackburn, Karla Corbin, Jim Clay and Karen Smith.

The six judges evaluating the writing submissions were coal industry representatives John Spencer, Al Pitcher and Dan Edwards; and Kentucky Department of Education representatives Starr Lewis, Margaret Nickell, and Sharon Hatton.

Worry

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cess other state construction funds.

In other business Monday;

• Council approved a zone change request by councilman Trent Nairn on behalf of Orney Corporation. The land is at 37 Greer Street and was re-zoned as commercial. In a letter to council from Larry Adams, the city's zoning officer, the purpose of the zone change is to allow the construction of multiple family dwellings. Nairn was not at the meeting.

• First reading was held on an ordinance annexing 11 acres owned by the mayor into the city limits.

Councilmen Estill Lee Carter, Gormon Collins Jr. and Nairn were absent from Monday's meeting.

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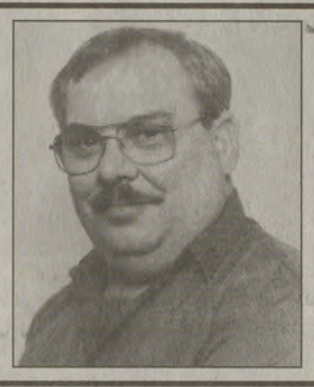

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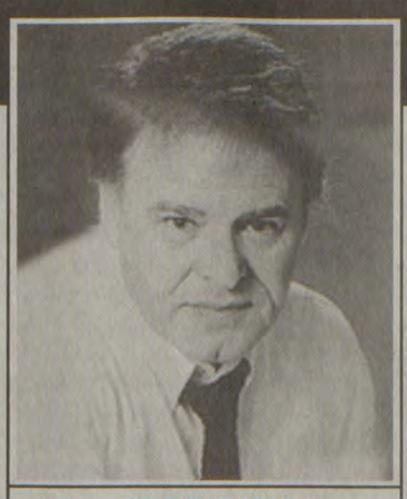

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Why is it that almost every person in the county knows who is selling dope; but the police can never find them? We face this problem here in Floyd County. Virtually every person knows who sells drugs in his or her community or school. They know which parking lot to go to; which school locker. Why can't our county police identify these drug pushers that our children know so well. Why did the Drug Task Force fail to identify them and get them out of our schools, off our streets.

Like every other aspect of our county government, drug enforcement is suspect, aimless, disorganized. The only organized attempt to control drug traffic in Floyd County failed in disgrace; abandoned under a cloud of suspicion, with claims of huge quantities of missing drugs, missing evidence, missing money supposedly paid to informants. No, the candidates running for re-election have not had much to say about drugs...**Why are they silent?** Like every other aspect of our county government, under these candidates seeking re-election, the drug program is a failure, in reality, non-existant. Here, however, unlike stolen truckloads of gravel or illegally paved private driveways, the results are all too often tragic....

Neither the incumbent Judge, nor our incumbent Sheriff have even been a police officer or administrator where employment was based on experience and education related to law enforcement. Neither has accomplished nor established any meaningful program to abolish drugs from our schools or our streets. They simply do not have the professional experience and training to do so.

I offer you years of experience with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and as a police officer in Washington, D.C. I am a graduate in Police Administration from Northern Virginia University. I have the experience and the education to rid our county of drugs. **I will do it. Help save our children...ELECT**

Dale McKinney
COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE
Paid for by the candidate, Lloyd Blue Goble, Treasurer, HC 66, Box 25, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653

Tommy Hall for Floyd County CORONER

Family History

I am the son of Kathryn Hall and the late John C. Hall of Martin. My paternal grandparents were the late Milford and Puss Martin Hall of McDowell. My maternal grandparents were the late Bert and Irene Chalmers Osborne. My one brother and business partner in Hall Funeral Home is John C. Hall, Jr. of Martin. He an his wife, Gloria Newsome Hall, have two daughters, Kara and Blair. I have one sister, Kimberly Ann Hall. I am married to Dr. Burnetta Hall, DMD, whose practice is at Harold. I am a Licensed Funeral Director.

My Ideas for an Effective Coroner's Office

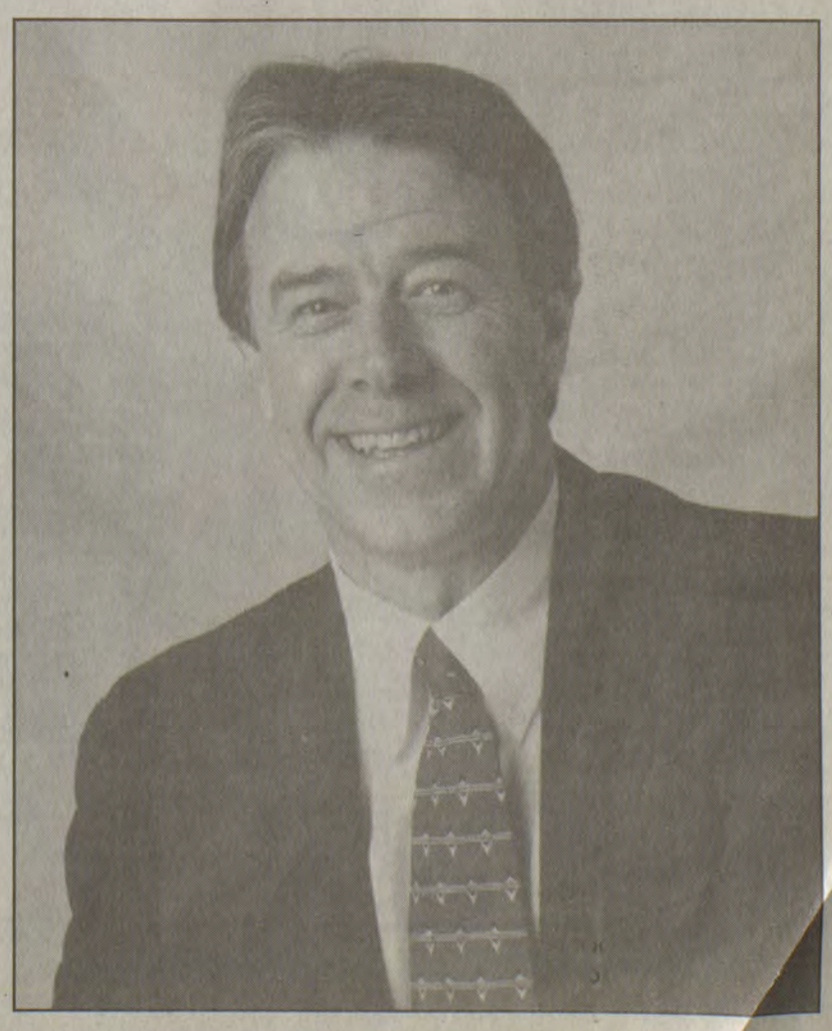
The Coroner's Office here in Floyd County needs a change. The taxpayers deserve a better system. When elected, I will work with the Fiscal Court to establish a centralized morgue to eliminate the confusion regarding the whereabouts of one's family members. **I am for IMPARTIALITY.**

The Floyd County Coroner's Office should have a listing in the phone book. Have you ever called directory assistance to ask for the Coroner's number? I am a Funeral Director but I choose not to have the Coroner's Office directly associated with my business. The Coroner should have an office in the courthouse to place and store important documents such as investigative materials and evidence. **THIS WOULD BE A MORE SECURE FACILITY.**

The Coroner's Office should work with school children to help educate them about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

I will operate the Coroner's Office with the utmost Professionalism and Dignity. **Think about it. . . this is your office.**

While I consider my experience in the Funeral business to have prepared me for the job of Coroner, when I'm elected I will undergo the 40 hour training course required by the Department of Justice before taking office. This is the same program my opponent was required to attend.



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Letters

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to attend this year, we extend an open invitation and hope to see you in the future.

Last but not least, special thanks is extended to Jenny Wiley State Park, management and staff for the use of the convention center, for their full cooperation and support. They were there to assist in our every need.

To WSIP and Q95 for the live remotes, to Floyd County Times for their wonderful articles, we really appreciate all of you.

We are looking forward to a bigger and better Environmental Awareness Day next year to better educate our children and general public in helping to preserve our Earth and natural resources for future generations.

Cindy L. Hackworth
Green Coordinator
Prestonsburg Wal-Mart

Kindness to strangers is never forgotten

Editor:

I would like to take this means of thanking a gentleman who helped me recently in Prestonsburg. I don't know his name, but he was working at Luv Mobile Homes in Prestonsburg, on April 16, 1998 in the afternoon.

I was on my way home pulling a trailer loaded with farm equipment. During a storm, I lost a wheel south of Prestonsburg. After stopping at three mobile home centers to purchase parts for repair, I could get no help.

Then I stopped at Luv Mobile Home Sales. The gentleman there gave me the parts I needed. I'm sorry I did not get his name, but I would like to thank Luv Mobile Home Sales and the gentleman who was so kind to help me get home.

Kenny Queen
Lavalette, WV 25535

Parent decides to speak out

Editor:

I'm Phyllis McKinney, a widowed mother of six children. My youngest son attended Prestonsburg High School four years with perfect attendance and a member of honor choir for three years. He loved the school and his associates. His goal was to go to school everyday...and he did.

In his last two years in elementary school he had perfect attendance and was greatly rewarded. But when it came to Prestonsburg High School awards night, my son was deeply hurt and so was I, because he was not recognized.

When I approached the principal, Thomas Tackett, and asked why, he said, 'I don't know,' you'll have to ask Mr. Lafferty.

Mr. Lafferty said, 'I'll get it straightened out.'

I also contacted Mrs. Horn and we went over everything. She said she'd get it taken care of. They all three told me, right up until the last day of school, my son would be specially recognized at his June 14, 1997 graduation. On that day, again, my son wasn't recognized.

These people lied to us. They embarrassed my son and I in front of our family and friends. After graduation, my son and I went up to Thomas Tackett, Mr. Lafferty and Mr. Davis, the superintendent, and asked what happened. Tackett said 'I think he missed a half a day of school.' Lafferty said he didn't know, and Davis said 'I was told he missed one day.' I told him yes, that was excusable, because it was a college day.

I said you all wouldn't make a good liar. Lafferty said, and I quote, 'Here, Ms. McKinney, I have his attendance pin if you want it,' and he got it out of his pocket.

I said no, we don't take anything behind the scenes.

This is what our students deal with in school. School personnel need to be screened very close before they are hired in our schools. In other words, take politics out and put honesty in. Everyone told me when I visited the high school that "if every student came to school like your son did we'd be okay."

I speak for my son and myself. I will meet with anyone who wants to hear my story in person. I have nothing to hide.

Phyllis McKinney
Parent, grandparent
Martin

Grigsby

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sel/Legislative Analyst for the U.S. House of Representatives and, most recently, she served as senior attorney for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington, D.C.

Codell says Grigsby's work history makes her a valuable asset to the cabinet.

"Her knowledge and expertise will further the cabinet goal of providing the citizens of our Commonwealth with the safest, most progressive transportation system in the nation," he said.

Grigsby said the move back to Kentucky was welcome.

"It was time to come home. I was ready to come back to Kentucky," she said. "I spent eight years in Washington, and I liked it there, but I'm glad to be back home."

Grigsby now resides in Lexington and likes the challenge of the job.

"I will be involved in all issues with the cabinet," she said. "I'm looking forward to it."

Grigsby is a former Kentucky Miss Basketball and holder of various national and state high school basketball scoring records. She is the daughter of Phyllis and Pete Grigsby, Jr. of McDowell.

Appreciate learning opportunity at ARH

Editor:

We, the students of South Floyd High School, would like to thank McDowell ARH for allowing us to participate in the volunteer program at the hospital. This program allowed us to observe the different departments in the hospital facility. The students of South Floyd that participated in this program were: Danya "Bubbles" Fraley, Jessica Hill, Erica Johnson, Misti Johnson, Cora Moore, David Newsome, Josh Pineda, Carrie Reynolds, Launa Rose, Michael Salisbury, Stacia Stumbo, Amy Tackett and Matt Taylor.

Josh and Cora worked in the Nursing Facility, which allowed them to interact with patients. Erica and Launa were placed in the Occupational Therapy department. Their duties were to observe patients going through rehabilitation for daily living. David was the only individual who volunteered his full term in the Pediatric Clinic. Mostly he observed the doctor and nurse's daily routine. "Bubbles" helped accomplish her full term in the Adult Clinic. She had the opportunity to observe patients and learn how the front desk is operated everyday. Matt thoroughly enjoyed the Radiology unit. In this department he observed the techniques of x-rays, EKG's, CT's and Ultrasounds. Stacia experienced two departments, which were Business and Admissions. She learned how patients were being registered and taken care of. Michael worked with the Respiratory Therapist. He learned the different breathing disorders and how to administer treatment for each disorder. Carrie participated in the Physical Therapy and Radiology programs. She observed how to rehabilitate patients. There were three individuals who were on a rotating schedule, which means they had the chance to observe several departments. They were Jessica, Amy, and Misti. Some of those departments included the Adult Clinic, Laboratory, Pediatric Clinic, and Radiology.

We feel this experience, which will last a lifetime, has helped us determine whether or not we want to pursue a career in the medical field. Once again, we would like to thank those who helped us to realize our dreams and cultivate our future and also those who gave their support and dedication. The students of South Floyd High School would like to give their special thanks to Dena Sparkman, Leigh Ann Maynard, and Janet Lawson. Thanks so much! Anyone interested in being a volunteer should contact Leigh Ann Maynard in the Community Relations department at McDowell ARH.

South Floyd High School Students

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Re-Elect
ROGER WEBB
FLOYD COUNTY JAILER

May 1, 1998
Editor

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Floyd County Jailer, Roger Webb, his wife, Kay, the deputy jailers, and other staff members at the Floyd County Detention Center. Their invaluable assistance with our practicum work in criminology in common with Morehead State University has been most helpful in advancing our educational careers.

The people of Floyd County can be proud of the professionalism that Mr. Webb has brought to the facility in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. All staff members are professionally trained, and certified each year. The integrity and professionalism of the deputy jailers is exemplified as each staff member performs his duties. The facility was well-maintained and the kitchen area was immaculate.

A special thanks to the staff, because of your professionalism and caring attitudes we have gained immense knowledge in the criminal justice system. Being allowed to participate in the actual operations of the facility and working along with each of you has enlightened us far beyond any classroom setting.

Dianna Hale
Deborah Bentley

We the employees of the Floyd County Detention Center, are proud to endorse our Jailer, Roger Webb, for Re-Election to the office of Floyd County Jailer, and would like to ask all of our friends and relatives to vote for and support him.

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Floyd County Judge-Executive

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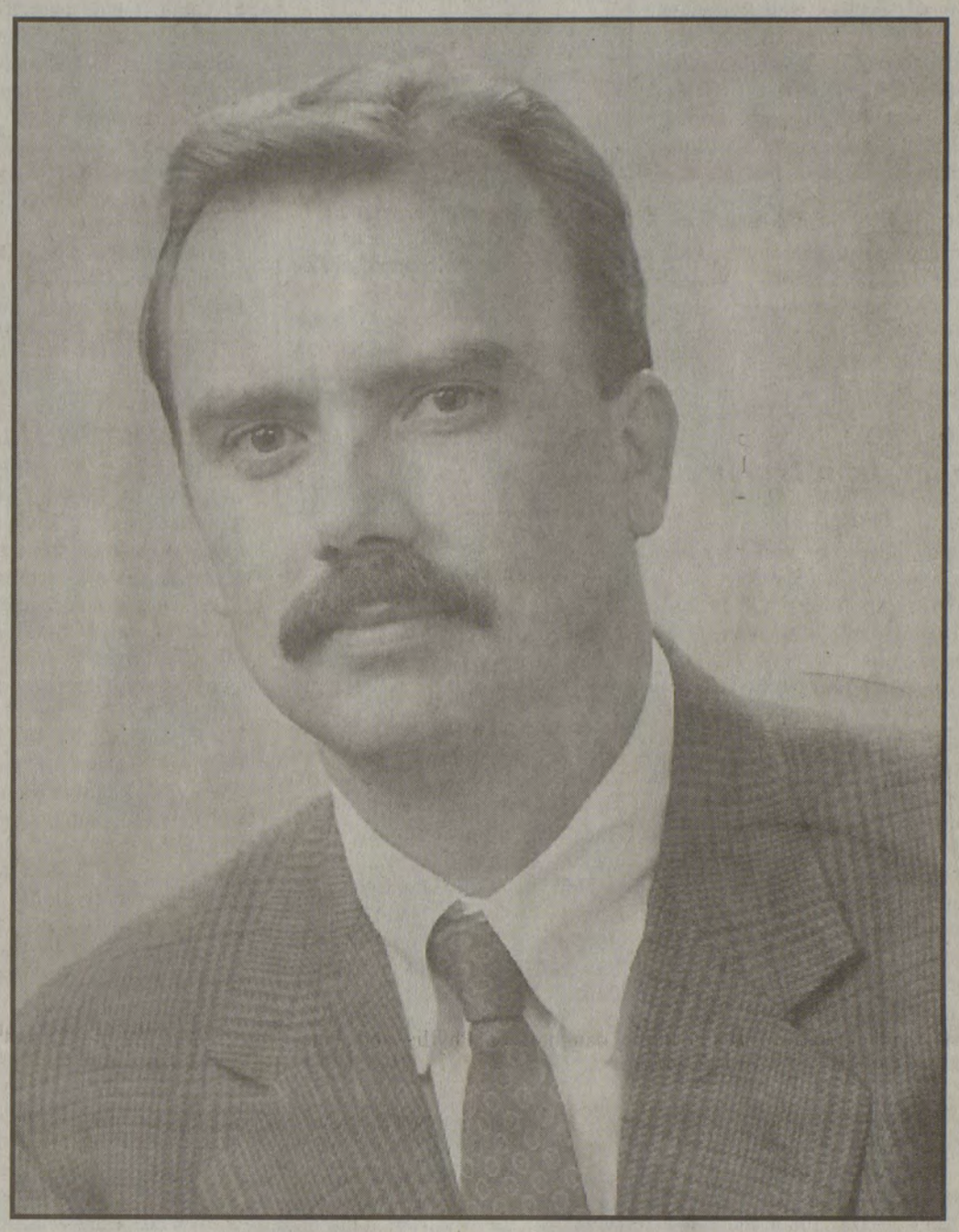

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★A $4.5 million sewer extension at Allen, Dwale and U.S. 23.

★Complete development of Honey Branch Industrial Site where the Federal Prison will create 400 new jobs to the area economy.

★A 4-year plan to extend water to All areas of the county.

★Complete recreation complex at Garrett.

★Complete U.S. 23 industrial site, attracting new business and creating jobs for our area.

Don't Gamble with your Future. Please support me, A True Democrat, on May 26, and together we can take advantage of the opportunities now within our reach, to make water available to every household, better roads to your homes, and better job opportunities for your families!

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Floyd County Judge-Executive

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OBITUARIES

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Ronnie Edward King

Ronnie Edward King, 54, of Mousie, died Saturday, May 9, 1998, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center, following a sudden illness.

Born March 16, 1944 at Rome, Georgia, he was the son of the late Herbert and Lois Moore King. He was a former employee of Bartlett Tree Experts.

Survivors include her husband, Diane Combs King; one son, Nicholas Wayne King of Mousie; one brother, Wayne King of Social Circle, Georgia; three sisters, Elaine Evans of Cumming, Georgia, Janice Schmidthe of Covington, Georgia, and Freda Storey of Georgia.

Funeral services were Tuesday, May 12, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with clergymen Roger Bolen and Sterling Bolen officiating.

Burial was in the Combs Cemetery at Mousie, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Serving as pallbearers were Jack Salyers, Brian Lafferty, Wayne King, Wayne Schmidthe, John Thacker, Nick King, Gary Combs and Vernon Combs.

Nancy Jean Lambert Hagans

Nancy Jean Lambert Hagans, 85, of Ashland, died Saturday, May 9, 1998, at Wurtland Manor Nursing Home, following an extended illness.

Born November 14, 1912 at Tomahawk, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Rose Meek Lambert. She was preceded in death by her husband, Claude P. Hagans, in 1991. She was a charter member of the First Baptist Church in Martin.

Survivors include one son, Alan Hagans of Martin; two daughters, Eileen Slone of Burlington, Michigan, and Claudia Hayes of Ashland; 12 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, May 11, at 1 p.m., at the Steen Funeral Home Ashland Chapel, with Rev. Mike Saunders officiating.

Entombment was in the Rose Hill Mausoleum, under the direction of Steen Funeral Home in Ashland.

Roberta Lee

Roberta Lee, 85, of Letcher Manor Nursing Home, formerly of Neon, died Friday, May 8, 1998, at the Whitesburg ARH.

Born April 4, 1913, she was the daughter of the late L.P. Isaac and Ludema Hall Isaac. She was a retired nurse. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hobert Lee.

Survivors include one son, Hobert Lee Jr. of Madison, Indiana; one brother, Lee Isaac Jr. of Wheelwright; one sister, Gertie I. Burke of McRoberts; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sunday, May 10, at 2 p.m., at the R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home Chapel, with the Church of Christ ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Isaac Family Cemetery at Wheelwright, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home, Virgie.

Goldia Layne Hall

Goldia Layne Hall, 77, of Ivel, died Monday, May 11, 1998, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville.

Born April 16, 1921 at Ivel, she was the daughter of the late Morgan and May Stratton Layne.

Survivors include her husband, T.J. Hall; one son, Tommy D. Hall of Ivel; two grandsons, Duran Hall of Mason, Ohio, and Larry Hall of Betsy Layne; one great-grandson, Nicholas Hall of Betsy Layne.

Evening services will be held at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 14, at 2 p.m., at the Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist Church at Ivel, with Rev. James Harmon officiating.

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

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Serving as pallbearers will be Bobby Adkins, Kelly Layne Jr., Malcolm Layne, David Layne, Ralph DeBord, Archie Kennedy, Danny Canada, Gary Hall, Jerry Hall, Ronnie Hall.

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Pallbearers listed for Charles Loy Stumbo

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Charles Loy Stumbo were Steven Woods, Alan Wright, Bobby Allen, Bobby Mosley, Rodney "George" Isaac, Virgil Isaac Jr., John Gregory, Brent Tackett, and Craig Isaac.

Honorary pallbearers were Paul Hopkins, Tom Isaac, Herby Bentley, Roy Tackett, Walk L. Tackett, Greg Hopkins and Michael Tackett.

Pallbearers listed for Mae Bolen Turner

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Mae Bolen Turner were Kyle Turner, Brad Tackett, Joe Hofelich, Jeff Hofelich, Tim Caudill, Bob Richmond, Steven Collins, Barrion Allen and Brent Tackett.

Pallbearers listed for Isaac Arnold Keathley

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Isaac Arnold Keathley were Rick Keathley, David Howell, Ronnie Keathley, Randy Thacker, Robert Keathley and James Keathley.

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Versie Triplett

Versie Triplett, 74, of Hindman, died Sunday, May 10, 1998, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born March 9, 1924 at Rockfork, Knott County, she was the daughter of the late Claude Handshoe and Molly Conley Handshoe. She was a member of the Rockfork Old Regular Baptist Church at Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kelly Triplett.

Survivors include three sons, Tracy Triplett of Lima, Ohio, Charles Triplett of Bluffton, Ohio, and Clinton Triplett of Hindman; one daughter, Brenda Joyce Miller of Lima, Ohio; one brother, J.B. Conley of Garner; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Wednesday, May 13, at 11 a.m., at the Rockfork Old Regular Baptist Church at Garrett, with Jerry Manns, Earl Slone and John Priest officiating.

Burial was in the Bolen Cemetery at Rockfork, Garrett, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Harlos Hall

Harlos Hall, 65, of Elyria, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Saturday, May 2, 1998, at Medina General Hospital from an apparent heart attack while attending church.

He was born at Drift and lived in Lorain County, Ohio, for 34 years. He was formerly employed by the Ford Motor Company foundry in Brookpark, Ohio, for 35 years until his retirement in 1992. He was an ordained deacon of the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church in Litchfield, Ohio, where he was a member for 18 years and a deacon 15 years.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Hall; sons, Tim Hall and Eldon Hall, both of Elyria, Ohio; daughters, Vanessa Martin and Sabrina Russell, both of Lorain, Ohio; brothers, Ivan Hall of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, Terry Hall of St. Louis, Missouri, and Charles Hall of St. Charles, Illinois; sisters, Lydia Rakosy of Brookpark, Ohio, Mary Yvonne Castle of Drift, Lorraine Daniels of Cleveland, Ohio, and Emma Jean Burton of Cullamn, Alabama; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 6, at 10 a.m., at the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church, with Elder Stoney Blackburn officiating.

Burial was in the River Road Cemetery in LaGrange, Ohio, under the direction of Blackburn Funeral Home, Grafton, Ohio.

Elder James Albert Slone

Elder James Albert Slone, 61, of Kite, died Saturday, April 9, 1998, at his residence, following an extended illness.

Born April 23, 1937 at Hollybush (Knott County), he was the son of the late Maryland Slone and Emilie Tuttle Slone. He was a disabled miner and member of the Ivy Point Old Regular Baptist Church at Garner.

Survivors include his wife, Cynthia D. Hicks Slone; five sons, James M. Slone of Mt. Sterling, Garland R. Slone, Joe Slone and Emery L. Slone, all of Topmost, and Ray Slone of Carrie; two daughters, Etta Mae Holland of Fisty and Carol S. Slone, all of Topmost; five brothers, Isom Slone, Steve Slone and Willie Slone, all of Topmost, Joe Slone of Garrett, and Bobby Ray Slone of Wayland; one sister, Anna Sue Gibson of Ligonnaire, Indiana; 29 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, May 12, at 11 a.m., at Ivy Point Old Regular Baptist Church at Garner, with the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Slone Cemetery at Potato Branch, Kite, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Pallbearers listed for James E. Allen

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of James E. "Jim Ed" Allen were Shawn Allen, Joe Back, Estill Lee Carter, Gormon Collins Jr., Rick Hughes, Norm Marcum, Justin Setser, Eddie Shelton and Dennis Walker.

Russell Robert Gallimore

Russell Robert Gallimore, 35, of Auxier, died Sunday, May 3, 1998, at Cabel-Huntington Hospital in West Virginia.

Born April 23, 1963 in Chicago, he was the son of R.C. Gallimore and Mary Jane Gallimore.

Survivors include his wife, Kim Gallimore; one daughter, Ashley Gallimore; two stepdaughters, Samantha Thompson and Caterina Cross; three brothers, Kenneth Bauers, Dennis Bauers and Carl David Bauers; and one stepgrandchild.

Funeral services were Wednesday, May 6, at Hindman Funeral Services Chapel, with Father John Moriarty officiating.

Burial was in the Terry Cemetery at Larkslane, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Earlyta Claire Lafferty

Earlyta Claire Lafferty, 54, of Harold, died Thursday, May 7, 1998, at her residence, following an extended illness.

Born April 23, 1944 at Harold, she was the daughter of Montana Layne Brooks of Harold and the late James Earl Brooks. She was a member of the Baptist Church in Homer, Michigan.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Harry Eugene Lafferty; one brother, Larry Brooks of Kingston, Tennessee; and one foster sister, Nina Howell of Grethel.

Funeral services were Sunday, May 10, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home Chapel, with J.M. Sloce officiating.

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

Serving as pallbearers were James Boyd, Dez Voils, Chuck Lafferty, Steve Lafferty, Roger Lafferty, Henry Ledoux, Ronnie Burke, Cline Hale and Allen Adkins.

Card of Thanks

The family of Hattie Fannin Williamson wold like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the Clergyman Jack Howard for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The family of Hattie Fannin Williamson

Card of Thanks

The family of Sola Hall wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who send food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the clergymen Frank Kidd Jr., Bob McKinney and Christopher Kidd for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The family of Sola Hall

Card of Thanks

The family of Walter Clyde Justice would like to thank each and everyone who were there to give love and support during our time of need. Thank you all for the encouraging words, the wonderful food, and for taking the time to be there by our side and mourn the loss of our loved one. Thanks to the United Baptist Church for bringing the word of God and singing God's praises. Much thanks are also given to Tommy Hall and the entire staff of Hall Funeral Home, not only for their preparation of the service, but also for their friendship and concern for our needs. Most of all we would like to thank God for helping us through this difficult time. We love and appreciate everyone of you. Thank you all very much.

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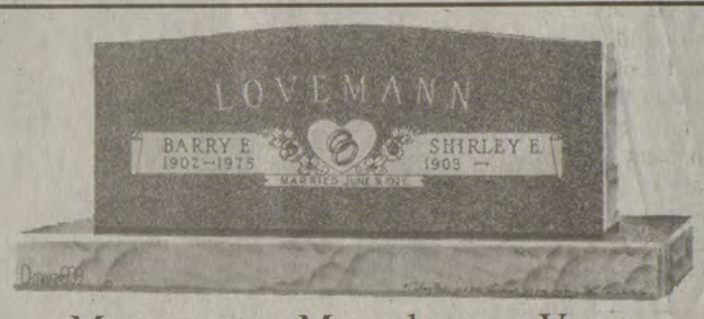

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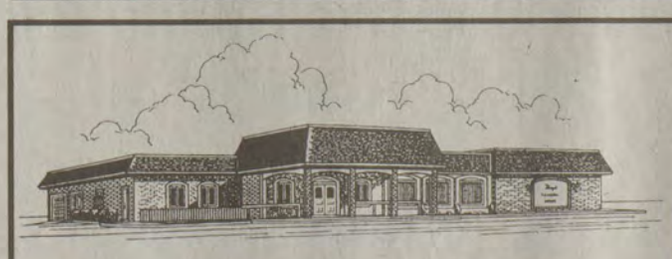
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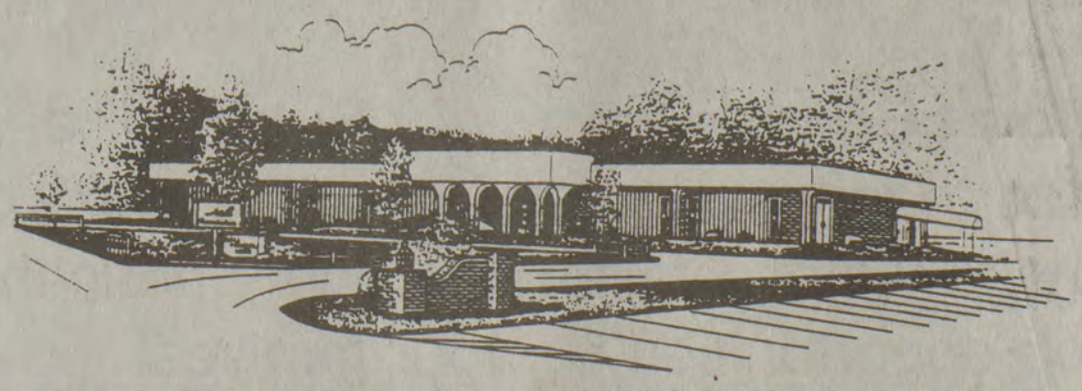
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Fishing galore

Scores of people turned out Saturday for the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad's annual bass fishing tournament. Overcast skies didn't deter the 64 boaters and Jason Patton and Stewart Halbert walked away the big winners. (photo by Susan Allen)

Tourney reels in fishermen

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

There were plenty of fishermen and fish Saturday at the third Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad bass fishing tournament.

Squad volunteers kept busy after the 2 p.m. cutoff weighing in almost 100 pounds of fish which were caught by 28 of the contestants.

"It was a great success and really helped the squad," captain Harry Adams said. "Some of those who entered said they had fished the Red Man tournament and we had the most organized and efficient tournament they'd seen."

Jason Patton and Stewart Halbert walked away with the top prize of $3,000 for hauling in 8.70 pounds of bass, including the "big

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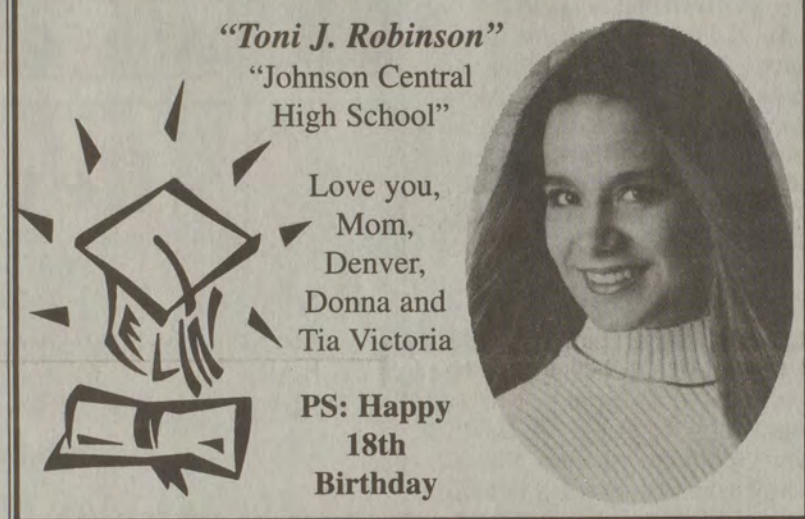

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I have over 500 college classroom hours on death scene investigation, over 650 hours working with scene re-construction experts.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Diabetes/support group

The Johnson County Diabetes Association and Support Group meetings will be held the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m., at the Johnson County Health Department. Call 789-2590 for more information.

Soupbean dinner

A soupbean dinner with all the fixin's will be held at the Prater Elementary cafeteria May 16, from noon-4 p.m. Cost is $4 per dinner. Call 478-9919 for orders. Sponsored by the Prater Little League.

AARP dinner meeting

The monthly dinner meeting of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will be held at the new office complex of Highlands Regional Medical Center, on May 15, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Williams/Moore reunion

The Williams/Moore reunion will be held May 23, at the Spillway, Shelter No. 3. If musically inclined, bring your instruments. Lots of food, games and trophies. Bring a covered dish.

Clark council to meet

The SBDM council at Clark Elementary School will be held May 13, at 6 p.m. in the school library. Everyone welcome.

Diabetes support group

A Pikeville Methodist Hospital's diabetes support group will meet May 18, at 6 p.m. in the Lifestyles Center in the Collins and Love building. Call 437-3513 for more information.

Panda Program

The Panda Program, a presentation to address nicotine dependence in adults class will be conducted at 6 p.m., on May 21, at the Lifestyles Center in the Collins and Love building. Call 437-3563 to register. The class is free.

May Valley parent election

The parent election for May Valley SBDM council will be held May 14 from 5-6 p.m. Submit written nominations to Carole Combs by May 13, at 1 p.m.

Auction

An auction will be held May 16, at 4 p.m., at the Mud Creek Senior Citizens Center at Grethel. Lots of items donated by local businesses. For more information, or to donate items, call 587-2507.

F.O.R.C.E. meeting

Fathers On Rights for Custody Equality (F.O.R.C.E.) will be held May 14, at the Shriner's Hospital auditorium from 6:30-8 p.m. To contact FORCE, call (606) 264-0909, in Paris call (606) 987-4779, or Winchester at (606) 745-2380.

Osborne elections

The D.W. Osborne Elementary School site-based election for parents will be held May 27, at 7 p.m. Stop by the school for qualifications.

Albert Dotson reunion

The Albert Dotson reunion will be held Sunday, May 24, at the Allen Volunteer Fire Department Community Center, beginning at 11 a.m. Bring a covered dish. Call 874-2462, 874-1793 or 874-9117 for more information.

MMS election

The Martin Middle School site-base parent election will be held May 27, at 6 p.m. at the school. Written nominations will be taken in the principal's office during school hours until May 22. Call the school for more information.

KFTC to meet

The Floyd/Johnson County Chapter of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth chapter development meeting will be held May 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Floyd County Public Library.

Old Fashioned Sunday

An old-fashioned Sunday will be held May 17, at the First Christian Church of Prestonsburg. Various activities, such as homemade ice cream and special singing. Dinner will follow morning worship.

Clark Elementary School activities

- May 13: Especially for Girls presentation.
- May 14: SBDM council meeting at 6 p.m.
- May 15: Fifth grade class visits Adams Middle School.
- May 15: Kindergarten registration and kindergarten/preschool screenings from 9-12.
- May 20: Nutrition presentation by Tonya Hall.
- May 20: Parent workshop entitled "Is My Child Ready for Fourth Grade" at 6 p.m.
- May 20: Heart Health presentation.
- May 27: Resource center advisory council meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the school library.
- Exercise class every Tuesday and Thursday, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Adams council elections

The Adams Middle School SBDM council will hold parent member elections on May 18, at 6 p.m. in the school library. Nominations must be made in writing to the principal before 3 p.m. May 14.

Music in the Air Festival

The third annual Music in the Air Festival will be held August 22, at Indian Fort Theater in Berea. Applications now being accepted for craft exhibitors, independent business exhibitors and food vendors.

Call Betty Jo Foster at 1-800-265-9040 for an application or more information.

Shipmates sought

The USS LST Association is looking for all LSTER's to have a reunion with shipmates, from WW2 to present date. The next reunion will be in Washington, D.C. September 2-8. Contact Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill, Texas 75948, or call 1-800-228-5870.

Newsome reunion

There will be a Newsome family reunion for relatives of Elias G. Newsome, Sarah Jane Akers Newsome and Rhoda Newsome. Contact Raymond Newsome, 12651 Bruce Hunt Rd., Clermont, Florida 34711-9056. Phone: (352) 394-1684

Newsome reunion

The descendants of Daniel Newsome of Teaberry will meet for their annual reunion May 24 at the Army Corps of Engineers Dewey Dam Spillway, Shelter No. 4. Family members are asked to bring a covered dish, deserts, drinks, etc.

Fall kindergarten registration at PES

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

DeLong-Hyden reunion

The eleventh annual DeLong-Hyden reunion will be held May 24, beginning at 11 a.m. in the Pines building on Jenny Wiley State Park. For more information, call Amma Hyden Vaughn at 886-3944, or Donald Hyden at 789-5024.

Newsome-Newsom reunion

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

Rainbow of songs

Reno's Roadhouse and the PHS Honor Choir will present a Rainbow of Songs, Saturday, May 16, at 7 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center.

Rainbow of Songs is an educational, musical adventure into the world of music with the Prestonsburg High School Honor Choir.

Reels

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fish" award. The largest fish caught Saturday weighed 5.60 pounds and was worth an additional $1,200 to the first place team.

Second place and $1,000 went Danny Haddox and Jerry Spencer, who brought in 7.08 pounds of bass.

T.C. Miller and Roger Maynard captured the third place prize of $750 with their catches weighing in at 6.86 pounds.

The $500 fourth place prize went to Mike Horn and David Stone for 4.86 pounds of fish.

Wayne and Mark Harless hooked fifth place and $250 for their 4.72 weigh-in.

In all, the fisherman caught 37 fish with a total weight of 92.05 pounds. The fish were released in the lake by state Fish and Wildlife personnel.

Adams said the 64 boats were started in eight minutes at the beginning of the tournament. He explained that the numbers of the entrants have to be called out, their boats started and heading out before the next fisherman is allowed to start.

Hundreds gathered at the swimming pool area of the lake to witness the weigh-in and to see if they held any of the lucky tickets for the countless door prizes given away.

Adams said the squad raised over $6,000 in the event, thanks to the sponsors of the tournament who guaranteed the cash prizes. The tournament is one of the squad's biggest fundraisers for the non-profit volunteer organization.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Elizabeth Conn Roberts would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the United Baptist Church ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The family of Elizabeth Conn Roberts.

Card of Thanks

The family of Wanda Lee Gregory wishes to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to the clergymen Lori Vannucci and Ted Shannon for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The family of Wanda Lee Gregory

Card of Thanks

The family of James E. "Jim Ed" Allen wishes to extend to everyone our heartfelt thanks for the cards, food, kind words, prayers and other acts of benevolence shown us during our bereavement.

We would like to especially thank John Gray Auto Dealership, Burchett's Ambulance Service, Paul B. Hall Medical Center's Emergency Room and Cardiac Unit, the entire staff and management of WQHY and the Holiday Inn.

Our most gracious appreciation to Rev. D.P. Curry for words of comfort and Rev. Rufford Howell for spiritual uplifting; Grace Curry and Tim Sammons for the most beautiful songs ever sung; and Joe Back and Norm Marcum for the wonderful eulogy.

Our sincere thanks to Carter Funeral Home for their professionalism and compassion in easing our burden. Many thanks to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for traffic control. Last, but most definitely not least, much gratitude is extended to Ed Taylor and The Floyd County Times.

God Bless You All
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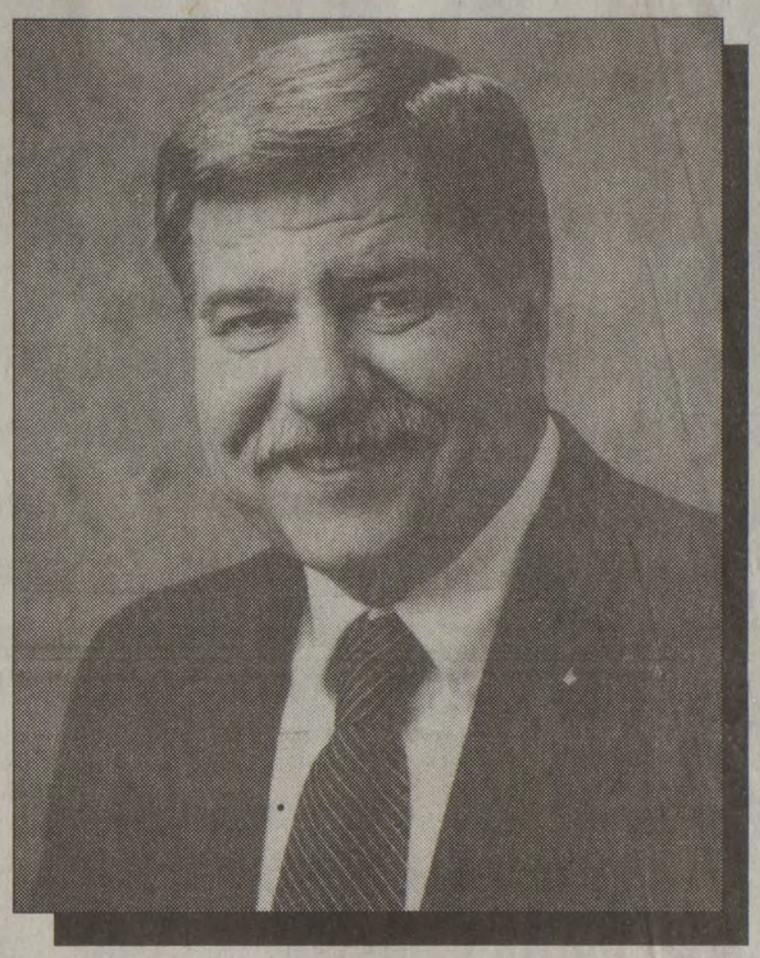

There is nothing as demoralizing to an individual as wanting a job, looking for work, and never being able to find a job that pays sufficient wages that enable them to give their families the necessities of food, shelter, clothing and, indeed, educational opportunities beyond high school.

I have seen firsthand our peoples' chronic need for jobs. I also know that we can do better—starting right now.

We must fight to ease the restrictions placed on our coal severance tax money so that we can begin to develop the infrastructure, water, sewer service, roads and industrial parks, that will enable us to attract industries. We must gear up our job recruitment efforts to target jobs that are suitable for Floyd County.

We must look at the emerging new technologies of the Internet and explore the possibilities of communication and information that could lead to a whole new area of job growth. The beautiful mountains of our area have become less of a barrier in the informational age.

We must look at the service industries. I was pleased to have been able to work with state officials to get a new prison located at Wheelwright which created over 100 new jobs for Floyd County. I was also pleased to have been the county official that met with and helped convince the United States Justice Department to locate a federal prison in this area. This facility will provide over 400 permanent, high-paying jobs. This is the kind of effort that we must continue. There are other government-funded service industries that could locate here in Floyd County and we must pursue these.

The main priority for me, as County Judge-Executive, will be to bring jobs to Floyd County. If our children are going to have a future here, we must bring jobs to our area. I will vigorously pursue every option available that would help in bringing a strong employment base to our county. Every person in Floyd County should have the opportunity to stay home and work. As County Judge-Executive, I will work every waking moment to make sure that this is a reality for Floyd County.

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LOCAL NEWS

Jonathan Collins petted a kangaroo as one of the trainers kept a gentle watch on the animal.

Michael Wallen's sholder became a perch for one of the birds.

Middle school students travel down under

On April 25, Adams Middle School traveled to Horse Cave, Kentucky to visit Kentucky Down Under.

The trip, sponsored by the Adams Middle School Youth Service Center, was a reward for students who had successfully participated in the school's Read-A-Meter program, in which all students in grades 6-8 were encouraged to read at least 300 pages each six weeks throughout the school year.

Students attending the trip listened to an aborigine storyteller, viewed wildlife native to Australia, experienced daily life on an outback sheep station and toured the Kentucky Caverns.

The trip offered students a taste of life in Australia without leaving the state.

Dove house celebrates 20 years of evangelization

by Gwen Hall
Contributing Writer

Twenty years ago this month, a unique evangelization effort was formally incorporated as Dove House Inc. The nondenominational, nonprofit ministry has changed in many ways. But its mission, logo, and leader have remained the same.

"We don't push anything but Jesus," explains Dove House founder and president, Jerry Herrmann. "The Lord led me into this. He picked the name and everything. I argued with him. But the Lord told me to make a sign showing the Holy Spirit in the home built on the foundation that Jesus is Lord. A seminarian named Frank Cankro, who is now a priest, designed it for me in 1978."

The ministry began during a charismatic prayer meeting in a room, the "Upper Room," of what was in 1977, St. Theodore Catholic Church, and is now Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church in Prestonsburg. Herrmann, who was then a St. Vincent Mission volunteer, and several other Christians of various denominations met there weekly to pray for the Holy Spirit to lead their lives. These serious Christians began collecting books and tapes to share with one another and others. Herrmann kept these materials in his small room at the mission. Eventually they purchased a large trunk and kept the books and tapes in the Upper Room at church.

About the same time, some of the men in the group felt the Lord calling the prayer group to witness at the Floyd County jail. Herrmann, who was the leader of the prayer group, says when it came to the jail ministry, he was a reluctant follower.

"The Lord conned me into it," says Jerry with a smile. "I told them, 'I got enough stuff to do.' They told me to pray about it. I did, and here I am 20 years later still doing it and they're long gone."

Although ministry to prisoners is not Dove House's primary mission, Herrmann is not surprised that evangelization efforts have brought him into all three Floyd County correctional facilities.

"When things are going easy for us," he told a reporter back in 1979," we forget that it is the Lord who cares for us. It is only after some hard knocks that some people turn to the Lord in prayer."

Herrmann points to his own life as an example. He says his "total commitment to Jesus Christ" began with a deep hurt. When his wife left him for his best friend, Jerry's spiritual life grew from faithful Sunday Mass attendance in Lansing, Michigan, to a life of disciplined prayer, ministry and mission in Eastern Kentucky.

He worked first at St. Michael's Mission Center in Paintsville, where he set up a clothing warehouse and worked with Boy Scouts. In 1967, he and Prestonsburg cabinetmaker Bill Ackerman, restored an old school building built in 1903, that had been used as a Presbyterian Church and the building became St. Theodore Church. In 1970, he took his carpentry and other skills to St. Vincent's Mission and directed the Home Improvement Program. But in 1978, the Brothers of Charity who founded St. Vincent's Mission decided to return to Philadelphia and consequently began "winding down" its many programs to the few still in operation today.

Herrmann began praying and looking for a new involvement. He was encouraged to begin a construction company, but he was certain he was meant to do something "useful and different." Prayer and the Upper Room Prayer Group helped him decide to launch Dove House Inc. Herrmann cashed the certificate of deposit he had bought with the proceeds from the sale of his Michigan home, rented a small store above the Prestonsburg Eagles' Club, and made it Dove House's first home. He also bought a library of Christian books and cassette tapes plus a tape duplicator from Hosanna of Albuquerque, New Mexico. His pastor let him live in the parish house next to St. Theodore Church. With an all-volunteer staff, Dove House made real the Upper Room Prayer Group's dream of public access to their fine library of Christian books and tapes.

> *"All I know is that there is no retirement, this is service I will do the rest of my life," said Jerry Herrmann. "But the benefits are out of this world!"*

Because of continued demand for new Bibles and books, and another bookstore's disinterest in providing them, the library eventually became a Christian bookstore.

"People came in and wanted help finding particular books or passages," explained Herrmann. "They wanted to talk about their spiritual lives. Maybe there was a death of a loved one which upset them. We would recommend books. We would pray with them. We also did a lot of laying on of hands."

The bookstore had three different locations and lasted until 1990. "We found ourselves going in the hole," said Herrmann. "Another Christian bookstore had moved in town and had three sales at which they offered books cheaper than we could buy them. A man made me an offer and I took it to God and asked the board to meet. God told me, 'Launch out into the deep.' I took that to mean God wanted us to sell. Within a year, all of Dove House's bills were paid and we have been able to keep the budget balanced since."

"Into the deep" meant refocusing on a newsletter sent to Dove House supporters only three times a year as the group's primary source of funding. Herrmann also applied for and received some small grants from the Diocese of Lexington and the Christian Appalachian Project. The board has since made the newsletter a quarterly one. But "with no promise of the future, operating strictly on faith," Dove House continues to pay its rent, and buy Bibles, tracts, videos and tapes essential to its evangelization mission. Dove House has also expanded its outreach.

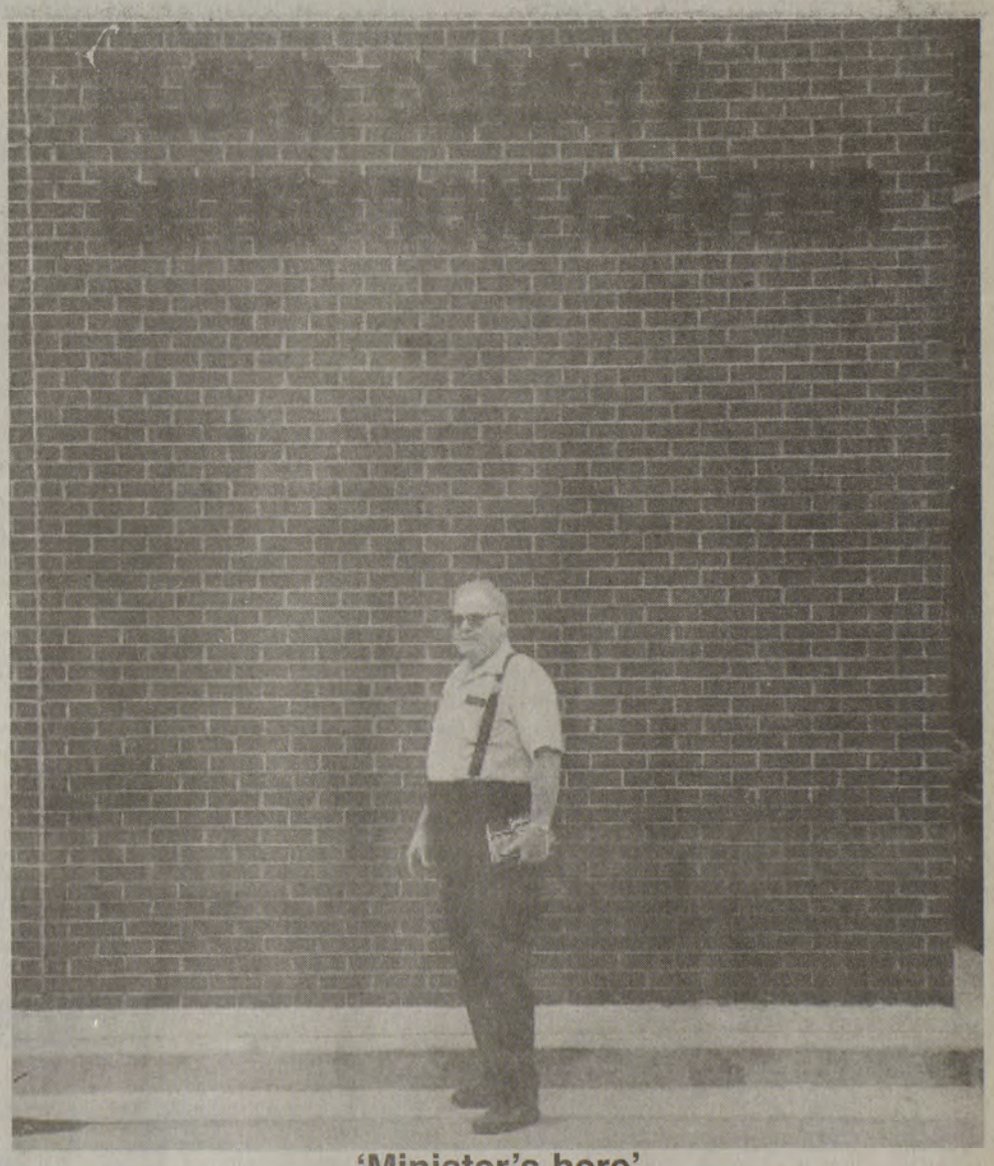
The Monday night visitations to the Floyd County Jail that began before Dove House was incorporated, continue. The volunteer who accompanies Herrmann, first encountered him there in 1977. Eleven years later he gave his life to Christ. He now does a lot of teaching in his ministry. When they arrive, the jailer announces "Ministers here" over the public address system. About 20-35 prisoners voluntarily leave their cells for a one-hour session that includes a 30-minute movie and a 30-minute teaching session.

When Floyd County built its Juvenile Detention Center, Dove House began ministering to the youth housed there. Herrmann goes there every Tuesday night to show action-filled Christian videos. He tells the kids how Jesus can change their lives and leaves New Testaments for them to read. He usually offers a hug and is often regarded with suspicion. On his return the next week, however, Herrmann finds the kids lined up for hugs. He finds special joy in helping them understand what safe touch and real love, real Christian love are.

On Thursday evenings, he offers a similar program at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center. Dove House volunteers often pray with the students there and offer both English and Spanish Bibles to the students. Dove House volunteers return to the center on Friday and Saturday evenings to transport students to the Behold the Lamb Teaching Center in downtown Prestonsburg.

Every other Wednesday, Herrmann goes alone to the Otter Creek Correctional Center in Wheelwright.

He spends time in the yard talking and sharing with the men. He eats supper with them (the inmates say he "deserves a medal," they find it hard to believe anyone would voluntarily eat there) and after dinner offers a Christian movie, discussion and prayer. Herrmann says ministry is different there than at the other centers where he evangelizes.



'Minister's here'

Jerry Herrmann visits inmates at the Floyd County Detention Center as part of the Dove House Ministries.

Most of the prisoners he deals with at Otter Creek are already Christians. "They are starving for Christian nourishment. They need spiritual guidance and help to maintain their conversions and Christian lifestyles behind bars," says Herrmann.

Herrmann finds his ministry of presence there helps accomplish that, even if it is in the context of taking a walk or lifting weights with the men.

Ministry often extends beyond the time students and prisoners spend in the respective facilities. Herrmann and other Dove House volunteers write letters to, and on behalf of, the people they've met through ministry. Sometimes help takes other forms like food, jobs, clothing and transportation.

Dove House also has supplied all four institutions with books. The Dove House office is next to the First Presbyterian Church of Prestonsburg in the same building as the Hearing Clinic. They work closely with the Floyd County Ministerial Association, the government housing and social service agencies, Floyd County food pantries, and the Christian Appalachian Project. Dove House helps more than 100 individuals each week.

Dove House's volunteer staff of ten, gave 2,411 hours during 1997 to provide mentoring services, spiritual guidance, and the motivation, encouragement and teaching necessary for individuals capable of returning and functioning in society to do so. Herrmann is hopeful that they will do even more in 1998.

"We plan to expand," he said. "A federal maximum security prison is being built nearby in Martin County. We hope to get more people involved. We've applied for a $110,000 grant in hopes of purchasing some land and getting a building so Dove House will have a permanent home. Finances are always a concern, but who knows what doors the Holy Spirit will open?"

"All I know is that there is no retirement, this is service I will do the rest of my life," said Herrmann. "But the benefits are out of this world!"

A twentieth anniversary celebration is being planned for June. To make a donation, volunteer, or get more information about Dove House, contact Jerry Herrmann at 767 North Lake Drive, P.O. Box 493, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-0493, (606) 886-0427, or e-mail dovehouse@juno.com.

Nelson attends coroner's conference

Roger Nelson, coroner of Floyd County, has just completed participating in a three-day state training seminar that covered such topics as determining differences between sharp and blunt force injuries, the interpretation of gunshot wound patterns, fire related death investigations and the investigation of unusual deaths.

The 1998 annual Kentucky Coroner's Conference began Wednesday, April 15, at the Club Hotel by Doubletree, in Louisville. The Kentucky Justice Cabinet, the Kentucky State Coroner's Association, the Department of Criminal Justice Training and the Kentucky State Medical Examiner's Office held the conference.

The conference offers continuous education to all county coroners by providing the most current topics both state-wide and nationally, said David W. Jones, executive director of the state medical examiner's office. The Conference also offers mandatory training for all coroners.

Coroners attending the conference were able to see and tour the new coroner/medical examiner incident command post that will be utilized during mass fatality incidents and other major death scene investigations occurring throughout the state. This mobile command post and, all the necessary supplies in it, is available to any coroner in the state should the need occur. The Kentucky Justice Cabinet and the Kentucky State Coroner's Association have jointly worked together to secure the mobile command post and to equip it.

During the conference, Philip Vannatter, retired detective for the Los Angeles Police Department gave a lecture on the Nicole Simpson and Ron Goldman murders. Detective Vannatter was one of the commanding officers that assisted in this death investigation.

Floyd County coroner learned the latest technics to investigate murders at the Kentucky Coroner's Conference in Louisville.

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Osborne named outstanding alumni

On behalf of the Pikeville College Alumni Association, Billie Jean Osborne was presented with the College's Outstanding Alumni Award at this week's Alumni/Senior Banquet. Each year, this award recognizes a graduate who has brought recognition and distinction to Pikeville College and to the community.

Osborne had a vision of creating a home for music in Appalachia, and she conquered all obstacles to make this a reality.

Her career began at home. Osborne's musically talented family was an inspiration to her. Her mother, who served as a Pikeville College "dorm mother" during the 1950's and 60's, insisted that she practice piano pieces over and over until she got it right. She gives her mother credit for the development of her outstanding musical career.

The music program at Pikeville College proved to be the foundation of Osborne's success. After graduation in 1951, she attended Eastern Kentucky University and attained her master's degree in music. She then began her career of music instruction at Betsy Layne High School, where she shared the sound of music with students for 30 years.

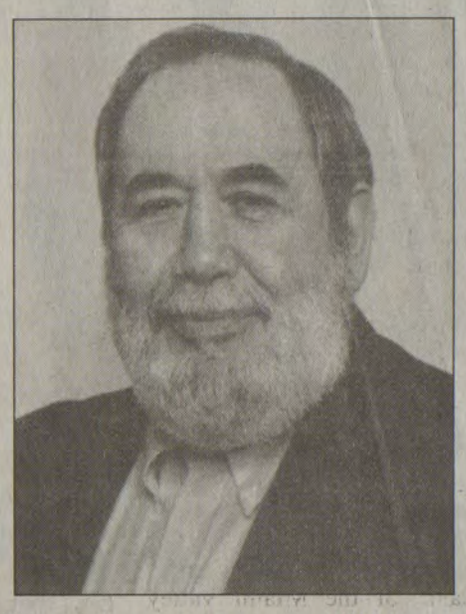
Through these years, Osborne saw many talented young musicians leave the mountains to establish their careers. She envisioned a home for music in Eastern Kentucky, a place where musicians could perform and become well-known. Her first step in accomplishing this was arranging concerts in the Betsy Layne field house, where such talents as Dwight Yoakam, Loretta Lynn, and many others have performed. But she was determined to do even more to help people build their musical careers here in this region.

She started by forming the Kentucky Opry, a group of young performers who volunteered to travel throughout Kentucky and other states to showcase the region's taste. Then she boldly took the next step in fulfilling her vision, by establishing a performing arts center in the mountains. She continually approached government officials to obtain funding for the project. Even when she was called "that crazy Opry woman," she never lost her strong determination. Eventually, faith in the dream spread to many others, including Representative Hal Rogers, who helped make funding possible.

Now, the Mountain Arts Center, fondly called "The MAC," stands proudly in Prestonsburg. Because of Osborne's dedication, thousands of people in Appalachia have enjoyed this musical home.

Hello,

I am Jack D. Rice, a Candidate for Commissioner in District #1, consisting of Allen-Dwale, Cow Creek, Porter #1 & #2, Richmond, Courthouse, Cliff #1 & #2, West Prestonsburg, Rough & Tough, Abbott, and Auxier.



I will try to contact as many of the voters as I can in these precincts between now and election. I appreciate your vote and support

When elected your commissioner, I will, to the best of my ability, see that everyone in District #1 gets a fair shake, not just a select group. As I am sure that you people understand that our Fiscal Court has taken a different setting—three commissioners, instead of four magistrates. I believe, being as the magistrate form of government has been defeated, there should be new faces as commissioners, to head into the 21 Century.

Hoping to see as many voters in District #1 as possible, and if I do not get to talk with you before the election, I, Jack D. Rice, would appreciate your support and vote.

I, Jack D. Rice, will not make any promises as the other candidates have made, because there will be more than One Commissioner. So you see, One is not a majority. I will co-operate with the judge-executive and other commissioners to serve the people of Floyd County.

JACK D. RICE
For Commissioner, Dist. #1

Paid by Jack D. Rice, HC 72, Box 211, East Point, Ky. 41216j

Loan help for students

A free booklet is now available to help student loan borrowers who are graduating, withdrawing from school, or have already entered repayment.

The booklet, titled Don't Let a Defaulted Student Loan Cloud Your Future, is published by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) and describes standard, graduated, and income-sensitive repayment options as well as deferments, forbearance, and consolidation for which the borrower may qualify. KHEAA is the state agency that administers grants, teacher scholarships, workstudy, savings, and Federal Family Education Loans to help families meet higher education expenses.

In addition to reading the booklet, borrowers are advised to notify their lenders about any change of name, address, telephone number, school, or enrollment status, which will minimize the chances that a student loan will be declared delinquent or in default.

To request a free copy of the KHEAA booklet or to discuss your loan with a borrower advocate, call toll-free 1-800-928-5327 or write to KHEAA, 1050 U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601-4323. Students may access current information about their KHEAA-insured loans and grants at www/.kheaa.com.

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Certificate of Need Projects are scheduled for May

The Cabinet for Health Services has scheduled public hearings in May for the following certificate of need projects.

In Floyd County, Our Lady of The Way Hospital Home Health Agency in Floyd and Martin Counties wishes to establish a home health agency to serve Floyd County at an estimated $20,000, on May 26.

Both hearings will be considered at 9 a.m. at the Health Services building auditorium at 275 East Main Street in Frankfort.

In Knott County, Our Lady of The Way Home Health Agency wishes to establish/expand a home health agency to serve that county at an estimated $20,000 on May 18-22.

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Relief offered for storm victims

Persons whose homes or property were damaged or destroyed by the April 16-17 storms and floods in Kentucky may be eligible to delay IRS collection actions or audits and may also be able to get a refund check from the IRS.

"We sympathize with those who are suffering from these disasters, and we don't want them to have additional worries about tax issues right now," said John Stocker, IRS director for Kentucky and Tennessee.

Kentucky storm victims who are currently involved in an IRS tax audit or a collection action or have recently received an IRS notice involving such an issue may contact the IRS regarding relief that may be available.

Taxpayers should call the phone number on their IRS notice, or call 1-800-829-1040 if no number is available.

The special tax refund may result when taxpayers claim a deduction called a "Nonbusiness Casualty Loss." It generally applies to any destruction or loss of property due to a sudden, unexpected or unusual identifiable event.

When the area affected becomes a presidentially-declared disaster area, you can choose to deduct the loss when you file your 1998 tax return next year, or you can claim the loss now on your 1997 return (even though the loss occurred in 1998), to get a refund right away.

Anyone who has already filed your 1997 tax return, may amend it by filing a Form 1040X to claim nonbusiness casualty loss. For people who have just filed a 1997 return on April 15, it is recommended that they delay filing a Form 1040X at least until May 8.

If they requested a filing extension on April 15, they may include the casualty loss claim with their 1997 return when they file it by August 17.

Twelve Kentucky counties have currently been declared federal disaster areas: Adair, Barren, Bell, Casey, Clay, Floyd, Knott, Knox, Metcalfe, Perry, Warren, and Whitley.

Taxpayers in these counties alone may claim the April 16-17, 1998 storm losses on their 1997 tax return. Taxpayers in other affected counties may claim 1998 losses only on their 1988 return filed in 1998.

All written correspondence sent to the IRS related to disaster losses or requesting delays of IRS actions or abatement of penalties, including amended tax returns, should be marked "April Tornadoes/Floods" in bold letters at the top of the first page and on the envelope in order to receive expedited handling.

For more information on claiming casualty losses, order the free IRS Publication 547, "Casualties, Disasters, and Thefts (Business and Non-Business)," by calling 1-800-829-3676. Also, a Disaster Kit is available on the IRS website (www.irs.ustreas.gov.) or for more information, call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-1040 Mon.-Sat. from 7 a.m.-11 p.m.

The following IRS walk-in offices are the closest to the disaster areas, and also offer assistance in filing casualty loss refund claims.

They are open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following days: Bowling Green and Paintsville, Monday and Tuesday only; and Lexington, Monday through Friday.

Correction

In last week's Environmental Awareness Day story, the Kentucky Reptile Zoo was inadvertently referred to as the still being under the name of the Miami Valley Herpatarium.

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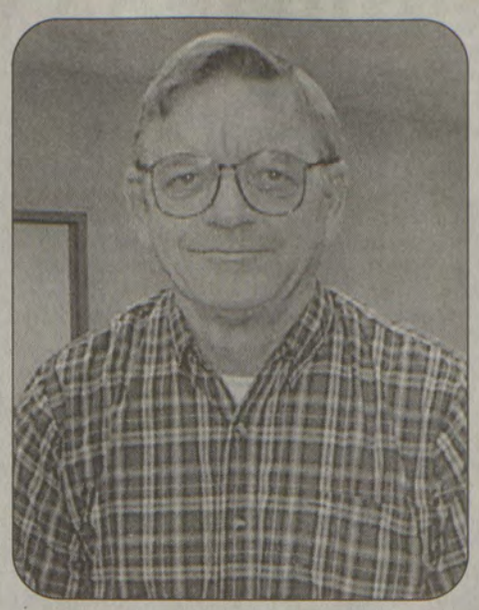

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4-H volunteers awards banquet

Floyd County Extension Service staff Chuck Stamper, Nyoka Slone, Pat Spicer, and Betty Gayheart and Northeast Area Program Director Debbie Murray are pictured with volunteer award recipients Debbie Hatfield, Randy Hatfield, Alana Allen Pam Neeley, Jessica Neeley, Wes Nelson, Ralph Clark, Kris Fultz, Heather Handshoe, Sheena Brock, Stephanie Burrows, and Bonnie Ward.

by Rita Brock
Contributing Writer

The Northeast-South Area Awards Banquet was held April 13 at the Floyd County Extension Office.

Bonnie Ward, area council vice president, welcomed all the participants to the awards ceremony.

Chuck Stamper, Floyd County 4-H Youth Development Educator and director of the Children/Youth Family Projects, said the banquet was held to honor 4-H volunteers — teens and adults — and others from the Big Sandy region who have contributed to the 4-H program.

Stamper said volunteers often put in 10 to 20 hours a month.

"That is something very important to us," he said. "Here in Floyd County we have over three thousand 4-H participants, and we have around two hundred volunteers."

Debbie Murray, area program director for the Northeast Extension area, commented on the impact that volunteers have on the students.

"I feel you can make a difference with a child, and spread your influence to a student. We have a quality of leadership in these counties. Our young people are our leaders for tomorrow," Murray said.

"It is important to recognize our kids for what they do. It is important to reach out to our children in our communities. It is the little things that matter to our students, not the material things ... These students have achieved the high standard of excellence in the 4-H Honor's Program."

Floyd County honor recipients and their awards were Debbie Hatfield, Outstanding County Volunteer; Alana Allen, Outstanding County TEEN; Pam Neeley, CYF Volunteer; Katherine Bailey, Conrad Feltner Adult Award; Wes Nelson, Conrad Feltner Teen Award; Jessica Neeley, Outstanding Junior Achiever; and Ralph Clark, Outstanding County Supporter.

Honors awards were given to Kris Fultz, bronze; Heather Handshoe, bronze; Sheena Brock, bronze and silver; Cyndi Vanover, bronze and silver; Wesley Nelson, gold; and Alana Allen, gold.

Experts warn flood-damaged appliances should be replaced

All flood-damaged plumbing, heating, cooling and electrical appliances and related systems should be replaced, rather than repaired, warns the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA). The organization representing all major producers of natural and LP gas equipment also strongly recommends that all work on flooded equipment be performed by a qualified, licensed contractor, not by homeowners.

The GAMA warning stems from past reports of accidents resulting from improper do-it-yourself repairs of flood-damaged appliances. One homeowner, for example, suffered severe burns in a flash fire that occurred when he tried to re-light the pilot on his flooded gas water heater. The Association stresses that not only gas equipment is at risk, but also units using oil or electricity as the energy source.

"Controls damaged by flood water are extremely dangerous," notes GAMA President C. Reuben Autery. "Attempts to use equipment with defective gas or oil control devices can result in fires, flashbacks or explosions. And in the case of electric appliances, the result can be injury or even death from a powerful electric shock." The GAMA official noted that devices at risk include water heaters, furnaces, boilers, room heaters and air conditioners.

The Association stresses that the repair of flooded appliances and related systems (including damaged venting and electrical connections) is not a job for the do-it-yourselfer, no matter how skilled. This is particularly true of control valves, according to GAMA officials. These components are manufactured to extremely close tolerances. Once submerged in floodwater, they must be replaced. The homeowner should never attempt field repairs.

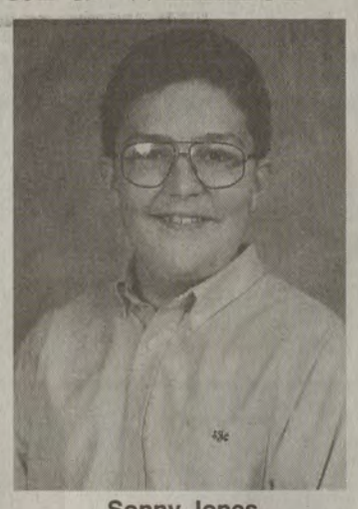
Even when controls appear to be operative, the unit should not be used after floodwaters recede. "It may work for a while," Autery explains, "but it will deteriorate over time.

It might take a week, a month, or even a year, but once any control has been under water, it presents a serious hazard...fire or explosion in the case of gas controls, fire or shock in the case of electric equipment."

Because so many things can go wrong as a result of floodwater, it's usually cheaper, and always safer to replace, rather than repair, Autery stresses. "You can have a control valve replaced, but there may be damage to other parts of the unit, like venting, piping, burners and insulation. There are just so many things that can go wrong, the wise choice is always to start over with new equipment," the GAMA official declared.

In some instances, government aid may be available to help consumers finance the replacement of flood-damaged heating equipment. For information, homeowners should contact any of the offices of the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), set up to help flood victims.

Jones named award winner



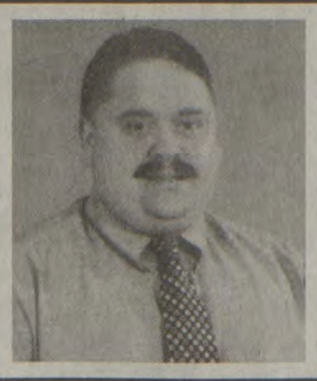
Sonny Jones

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Sonny C. (Clay) Jones, III from Melvin, has been named a United States National Award winner in science.

Sonny Jones, who attends Osborne Elementary was nominated for this national award by Ms. Mead, a teacher at the school.

Sonny Jones will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Sonny C. Jones, III is the son of Sonny and Karen Jones from Melvin. The grandparents are Thelma Jones and the late Raymond Jones of Melvin, and Pluma Coleman of Pikeville.



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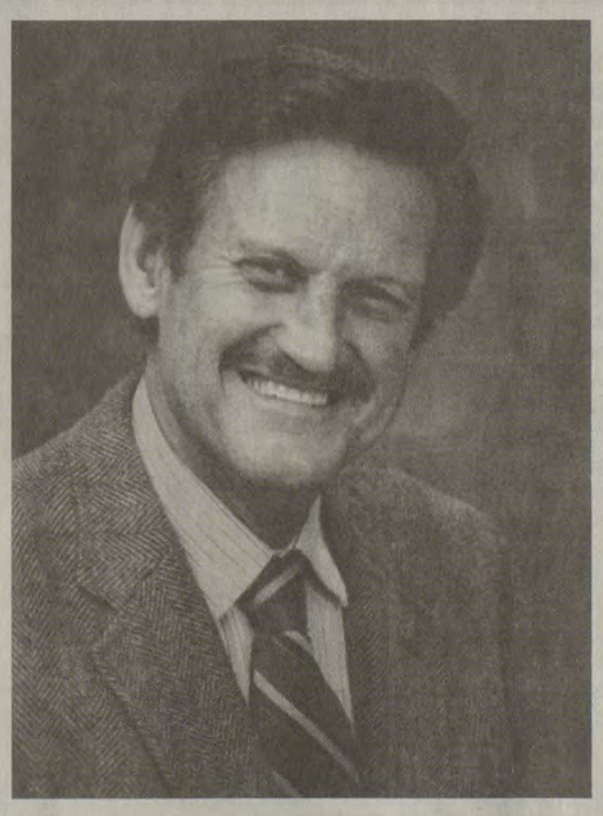

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Annual alumni/senior weekend

A host of activities surrounding Pikeville College's Alumni/Senior Weekend provided ample opportunities for graduates, alumni, faculty, staff, and the community to celebrate this past weekend.

On Thursday night, May 7, Pikeville College recognized the 1998 graduates of the Elizabeth Akers Elliott nursing program. Twenty-three graduates, their families, and friends gathered in Booth Auditorium for the traditional nurses pinning ceremony. Natasha Lafferty, class president, gave words of appreciation to everyone who had made the day possible for the graduates. Gayle Sunday, division chair of the nursing division, presented Kristi Lea Weddington the Vivian Day Award, which honors the student with the highest grade point average.

The Outstanding Nursing Award, whose recipient is chosen by the students as being the classmate whom they would most like to care for them, went to Ginger Rogers Adkins. The first Elizabeth Akers Elliott Award, whose recipient is chosen by the faculty, went to Shannon Larissa Scott, whose "caring, compassion, and empathy...are the very spirit of nursing."

Special recognition went to two other graduates, who completed Pikeville College's LPN to RN program. Debra Bryant and Ginger Rogers Adkins, both of whom were previously LPNs, completed Pikeville College RN program requirements while working full-time as LPNs. Bryant works for Mountain View Health Care Center in Elkhorn City, and Adkins works for Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. They are the first graduates of the Elizabeth Akers Elliott nursing program to do so.

The weekend's festivities continued on Friday evening with the annual Alumni/Senior Banquet held at the Mark III (Landmark Inn). In addition to honoring the 1998 graduates, the banquet was the 50th reunion of the class of 1948. Alumnus Bruce Mater spoke on behalf of the class of '48. In addition, there was special recognition of the classes of '88, '78, '68, '58, '38 and '28. Alumina Maudie Hatcher represented the class of '28.

Howard Roberts, president of the Pikeville College Alumni Association, presented several alumni awards. The Honorary Alumni Award was given to Father Ralph Beiting, pastor of St. Jude Catholic Church in Louisa and member of the Pikeville College Board of Trustees. Beiting's most notable accomplishment is his founding of the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP), in which he now serves as chairman of the board. He has also established child development centers, literacy and adult education programs and the preschool-through-eighth grade Mountain Christian Academy. Most recently, Beiting was awarded the Lincoln Award, Northern Kentucky University's most prestigious award to honor individuals who have a tremendous and positive influence on the community and who possess exemplary qualities of outstanding citizenship, notable achievement and distinguished service.

The Outstanding Alumni Award went to an individual who has brought recognition and distinction to the area, as well as to Pikeville College.

Billie Jean Osborne, founder of the Mountain Arts Center, Kentucky Opry, and Kentucky Opry Jr. Pro's, is a 1952 graduate of Pikeville College. After teaching music for 30 years at Betsy Layne High School, Osborne fulfilled her dream of opening a performance arts center in Eastern Kentucky.

The state-of-the-art Mountain Arts Center, located in Prestonsburg, now hosts hundreds musical and civic events every year.

Robert also presented an Alumni Scholarship to Pikeville College student Julie Ann Sharp of Pikeville. Sharp is a junior business major with an accounting emphasis. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sharp. Her father is a 1952 graduate of Pikeville College.

The Pikeville College Jazz Band provided dinner music and the Kentucky Opry Jr. Pro's entertained the crowd during the banquet.

After the Brunch in the Allara Library Courtyard on Saturday morning, friends, alumni, graduates, and their families gathered at the Pikeville College Gymnasium for commencement. One hundred twenty-four graduates received their diplomas, and three individuals received honorary degrees. Chairman of the Board of Trustees Terry L. Dotson and President Hal Smith conferred Doctor of Humane Letters Degrees upon Reverend Eddie Grigsby of the First Presbyterian Church of Pikeville and Dr. Charles Whittle, retiring dean of the faculty, and the honorary Doctor of Laws Degree upon Congressman Hal Rogers. Rogers delivered the commencement address.

Faculty members Dr. Robert Mayfield, professor of educational psychology; and Dr. Gregory Andraso, assistant professor of biology, received the William Wade and Helen Record Walker Teaching Excellence Awards.

The valedictorian for the class of '98 was Mark Estill Reed, and the salutatorian was Joshua Reed Crum.

Students Anita Auxier Coleman, Stephanie Ann Dobson and Deborah Owens Ratliff received the Rediford Duncan Awards for teaching excellence in middle grades, elementary, and secondary education, respectively. Academic Excellence Award recipients were: Michael Keith Davis, social science and business, Rebecca Ann Mullins, humanities; and Mark Estill Reed, math and science.

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Florence Music (center), received an Adah 50-year membership pin from Patsy Evans, secretary, and Shelby Willis, worthy matron.

Music presented pin for Adah membership

Florence Music was recently presented a 50-year pin for her membership in the Adah Chapter No. 24. She became a member on March 21, 1947.

Shelby Willis, worthy matron, expressed her congratulations, as well as the other members of the Eastern Star.

Her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Music Jr., were on hand to watch as Mrs. Music was honored.

Refreshments were served afterward.

Other 50-year members of the Adah Chapter were Marjorie Sammons of Martin; Alice Baldridge, Langley; Winfred Sturgill Skaggs, Lexington; Pauline H. Sparks, Prestonsburg; Fannie Runnell, Prestonsburg; Florence Music, Prestonsburg; Adis Martin, Martin; Ora Bussey, Prestonsburg; Katherine Stratton, Prestonsburg; Rebecca Rasnick, Lexington; Narcissus Dingus, Martin; Nancy Webb, Prestonsburg; Jane Wallace, Prestonsburg; Roberta Wallace, Prestonsburg; and Ortha Meece, Prestonsburg.

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Mr. Paul Hunt Thompson

Dear Mr. Thompson

It is my pleasure to notify you that the United Mine Workers of America's Kentucky Coal Miners' Political Action Committee (COMPAC) has endorsed your candidacy for Floyd County Judge-Executive. This endorsement was based upon carefully considered criteria and your record on issues important to the UMWA and organized labor.

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Sincerely,

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PHS Honor Choir concert May 16

The Prestonsburg Honor Choir will present its spring concert, Rainbow of Songs, May 16 at the Mountain Arts Center.

Elizabeth Frazier, choral instructor at PHS, said this year's spring concert "promises to the best ever."

"Under the leadership of the seniors, we have been planning since the beginning of the year with our goal and dreams set high," Frazier said. "The technology offered by the MAC and a stage large enough to accommodate our 48 members make the performance possible. We are adding pyro-technics or 'fireworks' this year to add excitement."

The students will present music ranging from classical to country, and from the Wizard of Oz to Rock 'n Roll. Frazier said the show offers a variety that has something for everyone.

The performance begins at 7 p.m. with the Mountain Harmony Handbell Choir. The PHS Honor Choir's show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Music will be under the direction of Frazier and Mike Bell, band instructor.

Choir members have rehearsed many hours learning the music, creating and teaching choreography, Frazier said.

"They are outstanding people who fill my life with joy and laughter, which is the best medicine possible," the music instructor said. "To see the excitement and joy on their faces when they succeed is a great reward for me."

The honor choir members have been recognized for dedication to musical excellence. They consistently receive Distinguished Ratings at the K.M.E.A. Music Festival. This year was no exception. The students received six Distinguished Solos and three Distinguished Ensembles.

The students are also known for their community service.

"Each year we perform for civic and community organizations and nursing homes," Frazier said. "I like to think of the choir members as ambassadors for PHS and Prestonsburg when we travel outside our area"

Frazier said the honor choir members are among the "busiest people at the high school."

"They represent most every sport and club, as well as the band, cheerleaders and dance team. We also boast five 1997 Governor's Scholars and three 1998 Governor's Scholars. Nine of the top ten seniors are also members of the choir.

"After school, rehearsal time is frustrating at times, but their enthusiasm and desire to be the best make working with them exciting."

Prestonsburg High School junior Brandy Mosley wanted to be part of that excitement. She transferred from Johnson Central to Prestonsburg just so she could be a member of the honor choir.

"They (Johnson Central) didn't have that opportunity there. I enjoy performing for people," Mosley said. "I also enjoy all the fun we have as a group here in the honor choir."

Mosley and her friend, Tiffany Warrix, also a junior at PHS, will sing a duet, "Heaven Is A Place On Earth," during the concert at the MAC.

This is Warrix's second year as a member of the PHS Honor Choir. She said the choir is "filled with all sorts of talent," and that the MAC concert will have "something for all age groups."

Tickets for the performance are $5 and can be purchased from any member of the honor choir, or by calling Prestonsburg High School at 886-2252.

Tickets will also be on sale at the Mountain Arts Center, beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Charlie's Angels?

PHS honor choir students Leslie Stout, Leslie Wells and Denise Campbell will perform a segment, "Charlie's Angels," for the honor choir's spring concert this weekend at the Mountain Arts Center. (photo by Rita Brock)

Professional development opportunities announced by Forward in the Fifth

For the past four years, Forward in the Fifth, a non-profit organization that works to brings communities and schools together, has been providing successful professional development to library media specialists. The organization has announced its new training schedule, which includes the Library Power Summer Institute as well as school-year workshops on technology, multiples intelligence, collaboration and grant writing.

Forward in the Fifth conducted a workshop in the Floyd County area on April 25. A technology workshop was held at Allen Central High School. Several workshops are planned throughout the year. Dates and locations will be announced later.

"Our trainings have basically filled a gap that hasn't been met before," said Lisa Gay, program associate for Forward in the Fifth, and organizer of this professional development endeavor. "Library Media Specialists haven't had this kind of training in the past. Now we have even expanded to offer training for administrators and teachers."

The trainings have been very successful in the past years, hosting an average of 250 to 300 people. In 1997, at least 800 teachers attended trainings provided by the Library Power Program of Forward in the Fifth. Upcoming trainings guarantee a worthwhile learning experience for teacher, administrators and library media specialists among others. For more information about these workshops, or about Forward in the Fifth, call (606) 986-3696.

Floyd County students among MSU presenters

Morehead State University student and faculty members took spotlight at the second annual Phi Kappa Phi Honors Program Showcase April 13 at the Adron Doran University Center.

The presenters, some of whom were Floyd Countians, are members of the University's Honors Program, according to Dr. Mac Luckey, Honors Program director.

The showcase began with registration. MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin and Larry Netherton, assistant professor of radio-television and president of Phi Kappa Phi interdisciplinary honor society, delivered welcoming remarks.

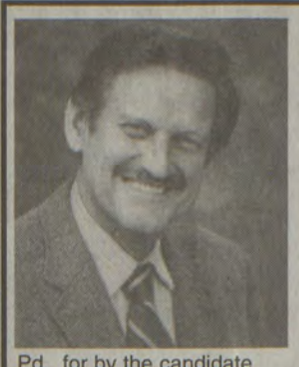
Presentations had three sessions running concurrently.

Student presenters include Allison Conley, a Hueysville biology major who is a freshman, along with Tricia Hornsby of Flemingsburg.

The title of their presentation was "Women in Ancient Greece." The presentation analyzed the role of women in ancient Greece as described in the works of Aristophanes, Aristotle, Euripedes, Plato and Sophocles.

Weeksbury sophomore nursing major Jason Damron presented "Same Gender Relationships In Ancient Greece," along with Lance Williams of Franklin Furnace, Ohio.

The presentation examined same-sex relationships as viewed by Plato, Aristotle and other philosophers of that time.



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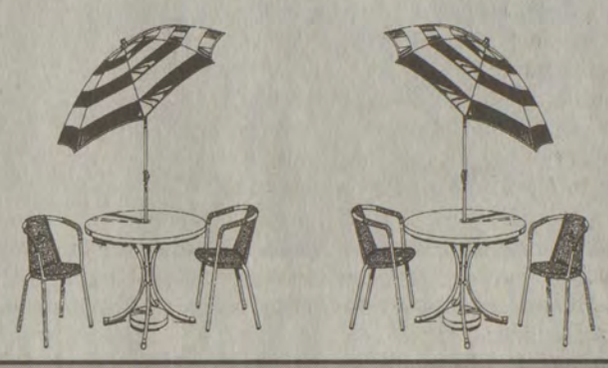

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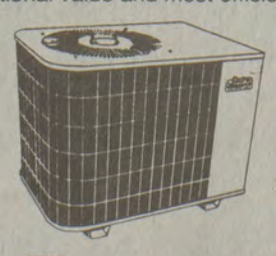

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Skate park creates learning opportunity

While other communities are still debating what to do about the growing popularity of in-line skating and skate boarding—and what they perceive as problems associated with the young people who participate in the sports—a group of Pike County youth and adults have taken advantage of the opportunity by constructing a skate park to provide youth with a safe place to display their skills in the "Extreme Sports."

The grand opening of "Someplace to Skate," the Pikeville Area Family YMCA Skate Park, was held on a recent Wednesday afternoon in Pikeville.

As a bonus, a group of young Pike Countians have learned a valuable lesson about how their community and government works, and how to get things done by working as a team.

Throughout the process of raising money and constructing the park, several of the young skaters have been involved. That is the most exciting aspect of the skate park project, said Pike County Judge/Executive Donna Damron.

"These kids have been the driving force in this project. And they have learned how to be a better, more productive citizen as a result of their experience. They have attended city commission and fiscal court meetings, appeared on TV, worked on site preparation, designed the skate park, and helped write the safety rules," said Damron at the grand opening ceremony.

"They have learned so much from this process and our community has benefited tremendously from their skill and knowledge. It has turned into a leadership development program for these young people."

The popularity of skating sports began rising in Pike County about three or four years ago, partially due to increased coverage of "Extreme Sports" on cable TV.

At first, Pike County's skaters were exclusively males from about ages nine to 20. But now, younger (and a few older) athletes are joining the veterans, and females are also enjoying the fun sport.

Like most communities, Pikeville and Pike County did not have a safe place for youngsters to enjoy their new sport. So, the skaters took to the streets, sidewalks and parking lots, utilizing clubs, rails and anything that remotely resembled a ramp.

But adults in the community frequently clashed with skaters over the new sport. Property owners, business managers and government officials were concerned about potential accidents, so they asked the skaters to leave.

The skaters took their problem to the Pike County Courthouse—literally. They began skating on the concrete, brick and paved area around the courthouse. Like area businesses and residents, county employees were concerned with the skaters' safety, so they attempted to run them off county property. The skaters kept returning, however, despite repeated warnings.

Frustrated by the skaters' persistence, county employees approached Judge/Executive Donna Damron seeking a solution to the situation. Damron said she would personally talk to the kids and explain the county's concerns.

The skaters and parents now refer to that fateful meeting as "The Big Conversation."

Damron, the mother of two young sons, approached the kids on the courthouse square and sat down to reason with them. A few hours later, an unlikely, albeit determined, alliance had been formed.

"I explained to them that we were concerned for their safety," said Damron. "They explained to me that they would love to skate somewhere else, but there simply wasn't a place in Pike County where they could skate safely. In fact, they said there wasn't a skate park in Kentucky, to their knowledge. They said all they wanted was somewhere to skate, but until somebody provided them with a skate park, they would have to keep using the streets and sidewalks."

Damron said she was impressed with the young skaters' intelligence and determination.

"By taking the time to talk with them, I learned that most of them are very good kids. After thinking about the situation, I realized that the government builds basketball courts, tennis courts, baseball fields, football fields, golf courses, walking tracks—all kinds of recreational facilities for different people. But very few communities have adequately addressed the needs of kids who enjoy skating sports."

Problem, or opportunity? The choice was up to the community.

Damron and several others chose to approach the situation as an opportunity.

Damron talked to other community leaders about the opportunity. She approached Suzanne Rasnick, who was then the executive director of the Pikeville-Pike County Tourism Commission—and also mother of two young boys and a teenage girl. Rasnick was familiar with the popularity of skating sports through her sons. She was excited about the possibility of utilizing a skate park as a tourism attraction for the city and county.

"This was the first important breakthrough (for the kids)," said Sara George, whose son Morgan is one of the skaters. "Two adults with important positions in the community were actually taking them seriously."

Damron said that one condition of her support was that the skaters had to agree to be actively involved in fund-raising, design and management of the skate park. The skaters were more than pleased to become the "technical" advisers to the adults working on the skate park.

Damron and Rasnick started talking to others in the community about the potential for a skate park—the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, the Pikeville Area Family YMCA, parents, businesses and the local media. They found overwhelming support for the concept of a skate park, both as a recreational opportunity and as a tourism attraction.

Several parents were pleased that their children might soon enjoy the benefits of having a safe place to skate. Katie Deskins' son, Steven, wanted to skate, so Katie got involved. She read skate magazines and found out that there are skate parks all over the country, the best of which are usually operated by YMCAs.

Deskins shared her information with Damron, Rasnick, the YMCA, other parents and anyone who was interested. She became a catalyst for the project, said George.

George said another key event which helped build momentum came during Summerfest 1995. The city allowed the youngsters to set up a mini-skate park on the basketball courts below Pikeville City Park during the 4th of July celebration. For three days, in-line skaters, skate boarders and a few freestyle bikers performed for the Summerfest crowds. On-lookers were amazed by the skill of the young athletes.

"These people proved to any doublers that skating takes talent, skill, determination, persistence and courage," said George. "No one got hurt; they cleaned up after themselves; there were no fights, no drugs, no problems."

Another breakthrough came when the YMCA board of directors agreed to sponsor the skate park project. They didn't have construction funds available at the time due to having to pay off the debt on their new facility, but the Y agreed to manage the park and provide liability insurance coverage if the community could raise the money for construction.

Enter Gene and Dr. Leonor So., whose son Robert is an avid skater. The So family pledged to donate up to $15,000 to match funds donated toward construction of the skate park.

Damron moved quickly to ensure that the $15,000 was in place. She proposed that the Pike County Fiscal Court provide $10,000 toward construction of the park. The fiscal court agreed.

Damron contacted Inter Mountain Cable and WPRG-TV 5 owner Paul Gearheart and asked if the group could use his local access cable TV station to conduct a fund-raising telethon. Gearheart quickly agreed.

Damron and Rasnick emceed the fund-raiser, but the skaters and their parents helped organize the event, manned the phones and appeared on the show asking for contributions. People called in from throughout the region to voice their overwhelming support of the skate park project. The telethon was a huge success. When the two-hour show was over, the young skaters had secured approximately $6,000 in pledges.

When the county's contribution ($10,000) and $5,000 of pledges were collected, Gene and Dr. So made good on their promise and wrote a check for $15,000 to the Pike County Skate Park. The dream was well on its way to becoming a reality, with $30,000 in the bank.

By this time, the Pikeville City Commission had agreed to allow the YMCA to build the skate park on property the city owns across the road from the YMCA's new building. A committee—including several of the skaters—was formed to move the project forward.

Bill Deskins, grandfather of skater Steven Deskins, agreed to donate equipment and manpower to help perform site preparation work. Dennis Rohrer, former president of the YMCA board and current chairman of the Skate Park Committee, donated a tremendous amount of time and equipment to help get the project moving. TECO Coal donated money and gravel to assist with the project, Pikeville Ready Mix gave a substantial break on the price of the concrete.

"So, many people, businesses and organizations have stepped forward to help with this project," said Damron. "The list of people who have helped is virtually endless. It has been amazing to see the park develop. It has been a true community effort.

"I give the majority of the credit to the kids, though. Their energy and enthusiasm inspired the rest of us."

George thinks the kids may have somehow motivated a higher force to become involved.

"In the summer of 1996, there were three churches in Pikeville praying for these young people and their dream of a skate park. Pikeville United Methodist Church made a donation to the project from its local missions fund. This is a mission, just as the YMCA is a mission. God is at work here and we can choose to join Him in this work or we can choose to pass up this opportunity."

Even though the park is open, George says more funding is needed to help make the park a top-notch, competition-quality facility, complete with bleachers, concession stands and restrooms. She says she is hopeful that the park will someday be able to host regional and national competition events, perhaps even nationally-televised "Extreme Games."

Damron requests $25,000 from the state's budget surplus to help improve the new skate park. Senator Gary Johnson was able to get the funding included in the budget approved by the Kentucky Senate.

George's dream of a top-notch competition facility moved one step closer to reality when Governor Paul Patton signed the budget into law Tuesday.

"It takes everyone, people with money, people with talent, people with time, people with access, people who can haul kids around, people who care what kind of factors influence the lives of these young people—it takes all of us," said George.

As First Lady Hillary Clinton, who helped build a house in Pikeville last summer, often says, "I takes a village to raise a child."

The grand opening of "Someplace to Skate," the Pikeville Area Family YMCA Skate Park, was held on a recent Wednesday afternoon in Pikeville.

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KENTUCKY CAMPMEETING '98

Kentucky Campmeeting '98 will begin Monday, May 18th, and go through May 22nd. The Campmeeting will be held at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. Pastor William Perkins will preach Monday, Pastor Kenneth Prater Jr. will preach Tuesday, Wednesday will be Pastor Steve Rose, Thursday will be Pastor Terry Lykins, and Friday Pastor Jerry L. Castle will be preaching.

There will be special singing each evening, along with a 100 voice Praise Choir. The services will begin each evening at 7:30 p.m. All churches and people are welcome. Admission is free. For more information you may call 606-789-5598, 606-349-3055 or you may also call 606-886-0264.

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Pillersdorf to attend National Computer Camp in Atlanta

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Sarah Pillersdorf, age 12, of Prestonsburg, will this summer be attending the National Computer Camp this summer at Ogethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia. Established in 1978, National Computer Camp is America's first computer camp. The coed camp is for youngsters, ages 8-18, of all levels of experience from novice to advanced. The campers will enjoy small group instruction on Apple and IBM computers for ample "hands-on". In addition, NCC offers sports and recreation including swimming and tennis. For further information and an illustrated brochure contact Oglethorpe University at (404) 364-8423 or visit our Internet site at: http://www.corpcenter.com/ ncc/

Sarah Pillersdorf

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(3) Floyd County parks will be improved, providing activities and recreation for all ages.

(4) Sewage problems will be dealt with by establishing sewage treatment plants and city sewage for rural areas.

(5) Floods—I saved this topic for last because it may be the most crucial before disaster occurs again. We all know how it feels to sit up all night watching the creek rise. I plan to clean out both Beaver Creeks to decrease the chances of major flooding, again and clean up rural creeks and streams that feed the Beaver Creeks. These small streams are always a problem.

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Pd. for by the candidate, Kelli Hall, Treasurer, 100 Ky. Rt. 680, Eastern, Ky. 41622

New web site provides help for job seekers, employers

A new state government Web site provides information for people looking for work, for employers seeking workers, for those who use state labor market statistics and for individuals trying to decide on a career path.

Information on these topics and related subjects are available on the Department for Employment Services Internet site at http://www.des.state.ky.us.

By visiting the Employment Services site, a person looking for work can link to Kentucky's Job Bank or America's Job Bank and search for job openings by broad occupational categories. The same job seeker can find out the location of the nearest Department for Employment Services office and learn about the assistance that can be provided by the department.

Employers can learn about help in filling job openings and assistance in recruiting and handling mass applications for new companies or for company expansions. Information about tax credits for hiring welfare recipients and others is also available.

The Department for Employment Services home page also provides frequently requested labor market statistics, including unemployment rates, which are used by local officials, researchers and the media.

Also available on the Web site is a popular Employment Services publication, the Kentucky Occupational Outlook to 2005. This publication projects job growth for hundreds of occupations into the next century. Wage information, which is frequently requested by employers, researchers and planners, is also available on the Web site.

The occupational projections coupled with the wage information can be useful to people deciding on education and training, said Employment Services Commissioner Margaret Whittet.

"If you're a high school student trying to decide what to do after graduation or a dislocated worker trying to find a new career, this information is very valuable," she said. "You can find a career area that is expected to have rapid growth and then see what the average wage is for that occupation. By using this kind of information, you can make a better-informed decision about your career."

The department's page also has links to federal government sites that provide national statistical information. It also has links to other Kentucky state government sites and links to labor market statistics sites for surrounding states.

The department plans to add more data to its page in the near future, specifically information about the unemployment insurance program.

The Department for Employment Services is an agency of the Cabinet for Workforce Development, which has its own Web site at www.state.ky.us/agencies/wforce. This site provides more information on job training and education in Kentucky, including vocational rehabilitation information for people who have disabilities.

Department for Employment Services www.des.state.ky.us

The following is a summary of information available on the Department for Employment Services Web site. Employment Services is an agency of the Cabinet for Workforce Development, which offers other kinds of employment and training information on its own Web site at http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/wforce.

Employment offices—a listing of all Department for Employment Services full-service local offices, along with addresses, telephone numbers and office managers.

Job search information—links to job listings through America's Job Bank, Kentucky's Job Bank and the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet.

Job services—information on the services that the Department for Employment Services provides to job seekers and employers; information on veterans programs and migrant and seasonal farm workers.

Labor market information—current unemployment rates and employment statistics, statewide and county total and nonwhite population and labor force data for 1995.

Kentucky Occupational Outlook to 2005—a publication that provides protection on job growth in Kentucky into 2005.

Wage data—1996 Kentucky wage information by occupation.

Related information—links to similar federal sites; links to other Kentucky state government sites; link to labor market statistics sites for surrounding states.

Make a world of difference

Erika Stevens wants to bring the world to the Floyd County area, and she needs a few dedicated people to help make it happen. Stevens is a State director of the ASPECT Foundation, a non-profit organization that sponsors exchange students from nearly 30 countries. Stevens is currently seeking representatives to help match students with host families and to serve as ASPECT Foundation's liaison with local schools and colleges.

ASPECT Foundation representatives have the opportunity to make friends all over the world. These representatives help create unforgettable memories for host families and their communities by bringing international exchange students to the Floyd County area, and have a positive impact on the students by placing them with real American families!

Stevens want to hear from anyone in the Floyd County area who is interested in becoming an ASPECT Foundation representative and taking on this rewarding position. Stevens can be reached toll-free at 1-888-224-4070, or call the ASPECT Foundation national office at 1-800-US-YOUTH.

Tyler Mullins

Award winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Tyler Mullins has been named a United States National Award winner in leadership.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes less than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Mullins, a junior at Pike County Central High School, was nominated for this national award by Tammy Tussey, a teacher and coach at the school.

He will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Mullins is the son of James and Crystal Mullins of Cowpen. His grandparents are David and Barbara DeRossett of Pikeville, an Mellie Mullins of Cowpen. He is the great-grandson of Sarah Stevens of Pikeville, and the late Audrey Mullins.

He is a member of varsity baseball, wrestling, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Future Business Leaders of America, the honor roll, the National Honor Society, the yearbook staff, and the Young Republicans.

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During my campaign travels throughout the county, I have talked with the people about their concerns. There have been some major concerns but the most discussed is the concern over the increase in the drug situation within the school system. How can we stop it? How can we teach our children not to use drugs when they are everywhere? As your sheriff, I would make the issue of drug abuse my main priority, everyday. My office would monitor every grade school and high school. The sheriff's office and the Floyd County Board of Education would work closely together to format a plan that will work. The penalty for having drugs in your possession in the school will be extremely high. Counseling for drug offenders will be mandatory and will also include the parents. There can be no leniency or plea bargains for anyone caught selling drugs to minors. I will work with the prosecutor's office to ensure that the penalty will be severe.

Another issue of concern was for the safeguard of our citizens. The safety and welfare of our citizens from escaped prisoners of the Otter Creek Correctional Facility located in Wheelwright. There has been a recent purchase of this facility by a private company with the intent to expand the number of inmates. What will this mean to the surrounding area? Are the citizens of Wheelwright aware that they do not have 24-hour police protection? With the increase of inmates there will also be an increase in prison breaks. Citizens will try to protect themselves by purchasing handguns. The increase in handguns will mean easy access to these firearms by children. Permits and handgun-use training have little meaning to children. If elected as your sheriff, I plan to work with the Otter Creek Facility to ensure the safety of the people in the community. I will monitor the prison to make sure the personnel are properly trained and staffed accordingly.

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The Consumer Education Research Center, a national nonprofit consumer group, found there was little uniformity on where the records were available and the costs. In some states, birth records are kept by the city and in others by the county or state. To further complicate matters, often older records are held in different places than current ones. In addition, the addresses where the records are kept are changed quite often.

The consumer group found many people had difficulty in locating the records they needed. Often, it was necessary to make expensive long distance calls just to find out where to write, what information was required and how much money to send. For that reason CERC has been publishing a book entitled Where To Write Worldwide for Vital Records, which contains a state-by-state listing of the addresses and telephone numbers of the archive where each record can be found, the cost of a copy of the document and sample form letters containing all the information needed to get these and other vital documents. For those needing information from foreign countries, the book contains a list of government offices where you can get help in locating vital records kept in almost every country. Even U.S. citizens born overseas, on a ship or aircraft can locate the place where their records are kept.

CERC found that many people have used previous editions to locate their family trees or roots. For those, the book includes information on the Family History Library of the Mormon Church. This library contains more than 200,000 volumes of family history records and a list of almost a quarter-million people who are willing to share information to help you find your family roots.

CERC has just released an updated 1996 edition. To get a copy of this useful book, send $9.97 (Plus $2 s&h) to Consumer Center-Documents, 1980 Springfield Ave., Maplewood, NJ 07040 or call 800-872-0121 with credit card. More information can be found on the World Wide Web http://www.planet.net/cerc

Robert L. Berko, executive director of CERC says that originally the book was published to satisfy the needs of persons applying for various benefits, but many others have found it useful. He has received letters from libraries, coroners, law enforcement, social agencies, credit grantors, collection agencies, stock ownership tracers, lawyers, persons searching for missing heirs, adoptees and those interested in searching their family roots. All these and others have found use for a book that helps them locate and prove the status of individuals.

Many times documents can be used to prove things other than what they record. For instance, one woman wrote to the group telling them that a birth certificate for her child proved her residence at that time in the United States, and helped her become eligible for legal residence and citizenship.

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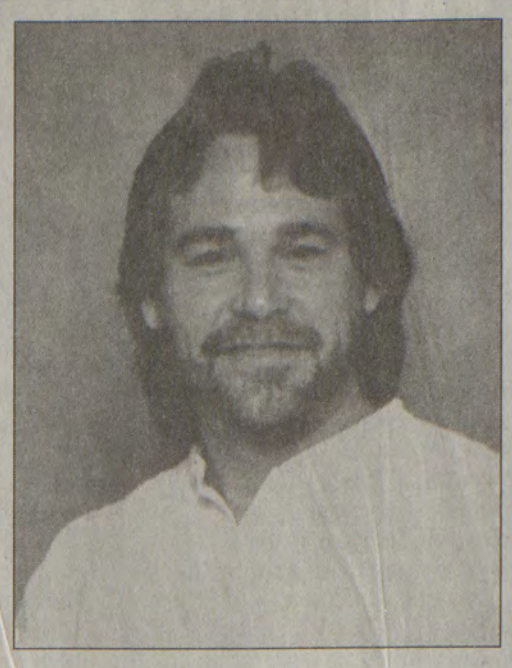

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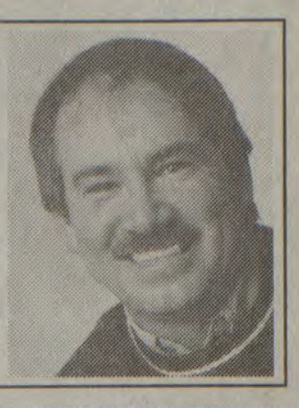
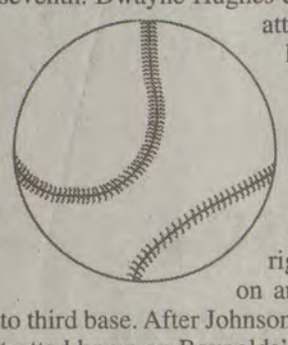


Bobcats score four in seventh in 4-3 win over Paintsville Tigers

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Brad Reynolds' two-run double in the top of the seventh inning capped off a four-run rally that saw the Betsy Layne Bobcats come from a 3-0 deficit to record a 4-3 win over the Paintsville Tigers in high school baseball last week.

Travis Preston had the Bobcats shut out as they came to the plate for their final at bat in the top of the seventh. Dwayne Hughes quickly spoiled the shutout attempt by cracking a solo home run to lead off the inning. Jake Carroll followed with a double to left centerfield to keep the rally going. He scored when Matt Kidd roped an RBI single to right. Craig Johnson reached on an error with Kidd moving to third base. After Johnson stole second, both runners trotted home on Reynolds' two-bagger.



Paintsville scored single runs in the first, second and fifth innings to take their 3-0 lead. Taylor singled and scored in the first. Cook blasted a home run in the bottom of the second to account for the lone run. Castle led off the Tiger fifth with a solo shot.

Betsy Layne had their chances to score in the first six innings but stranded six base runners.

Kenneth Johnson picked up the win for the Bobcats in going the distance with Preston taking the loss. Johnson fanned four batters while walking two.

Kidd collected three hits in the game for the Bobcats as did Reynolds and Carroll.

Allen Central to host district track and field championships

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

In what has been one of the bigger spring sporting events in the 58th District, the track and field conference championships will be held this Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the Allen Central track and field facility with the events beginning at 4:30 p.m. each day.

All four Floyd County high schools will be competing and the event promises to be an exciting one.

"I tell you, the boys' division will be a good one," said Allen Central coach Johnny Martin. "We have some good runners and the other schools have a lot of talent. It will be a good meet."

The district preliminaries will be held on Wednesday, although some field events finals could also be held that day.

After a scratch meeting at 4:15, the girls' 100-meter hurdles heat races will open the meet at 4:30, followed by the boys' 110-meter hurdles.

The field events will begin at 5 p.m. which will include the boys' triple jump, girls' discus, girls' long jump, boys' shot put and girls' high jump. The boys' 110-hurdles finals will be held on Wednesday as well as the girls' 100-meter hurdles.

Allen Central's Jenny Wells has dominated the women's shot put and discus the past three years and is a good bet to make yet another strong regional showing in both events. Crystal Martin has been strong in the women's high jump. Eighth grader, Beth Combs, was a late comer to the program this year, but has shown a lot of talent in running the women's 100 meter hurdles.

Allen Central has a strong men's program led by Ryan Owens in the discus. Jesse Hall competes in the shot put with Jackie Owens running the hurdles. The Rebels have a strong competitor in David Poff in both the triple jump and long jump.

Coach Keith Smallwood's South Floyd Lady Raiders have been the dominant squad of the past years and there is no reason not to believe they won't be competitive again this year.

Olivia Stewart is a coach's dream as she runs the 100-meter hurdles and competes in the high jump. But, there may be a new twist for the athletic star.

"I'm thinking of running her in one leg of the 1600-meter relays and she could run in the 800 relays as well," said Coach Smallwood. "I don't know really and probably won't know until I get to the scratch meeting."

Others to watch for South Floyd will be Misty Berger in the discus and Brandi Scott in the triple jump, and Lindsay Hall in the 400 and 1600 relays as

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Thornsberry wins late model

Turner takes checkered flag in winning modified feature

by Chris Belcher
Track Writer

Shannon Thornsberry used an inside move to wrestle the lead away from veteran late model driver, Paul Harris, and took the checkered flag in winning the feature race at the Thunder Ridge Speedway this past Saturday night. Thornsberry outran a field of 18 late model entrants for his first feature win of the still-young race season.

Harris, who was the quick qualifier, had gained the point from his inside pole position, at the onset of the race and quickly put some distance between he and rookie driver Chuckie May in his #28 car. Harris had taken his familiar #10 green and white racer to a five-car length lead over May. May stayed close to Harris on the early circuits until Harris put some distance between the two.

A battle on the dirt track ensued between May and Thornsberry, in his #17 car. May appeared to lose the second place position to Thornsberry when he slid up the fourth turn banking. But May was able recover and pull alongside of Thornsberry.

Thornsberry was able to nail down the second place spot on the following lap as May was forced to exit the race with mechanical problems on lap 11. Thornsberry set his sight on Harris.

While Thornsberry was chasing Harris, Brandon Kinzer was hooked up in a duel for third place with veteran driver Shawn Holiday from Kitts Hill, Ohio. Kinzer dogged Holiday for several laps and even got around the Ohio driver. However, a caution placed Kinzer back in third place.

Kinzer battled Holiday until he rode into the infield area putting him out of competition on lap 22.

The dramatics of the feature came with only three laps remaining as Thornsberry narrowed the gap between he and Harris, finally taking the lead from the Prestonsburg driver, using the inside line to take the lead and the checkered flag. Harris finished second,

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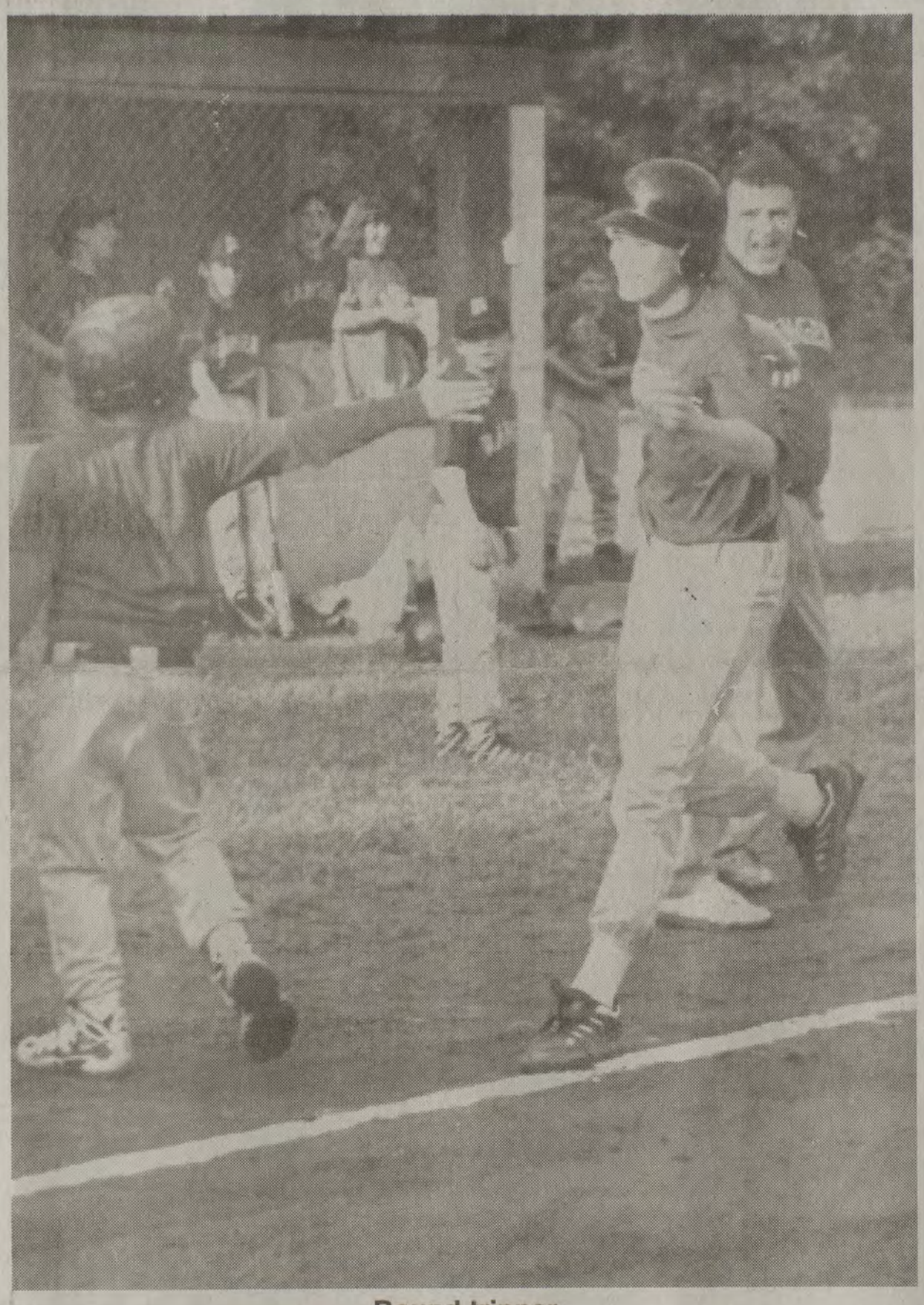

Round tripper

John Little was all smiles rounding the bases after clubbing a three-run home run for the Martin Rangers against the Martin Cardinals Monday evening. The Rangers came from behind and posted a 13-12 win over the Cards. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Goble tosses no-hitter as Astros roll

Chafins fans eight in 8-1 win over Reds

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Nathan Goble fired a no-hit shutout of the Mudcreek Dodgers in the Harold-Allen-Prater Little League last week as the Allen Astros rolled to a 15-1 win. Allen collected 14 hits in the game.

Goble struck out 14 batters in the six-inning game. He issued nine walks. Mike Watson suffered the setback for the Dodgers. Watson fanned eight batters.

Allen set the tone for the game by plating five runs in the bottom of the first inning. Layne had a two-run triple in the frame, with Foley picking up an RBI single.

Goble allowed the Dodgers two base runners in the opening inning, but they were stranded as he fanned Josh Tackett to end the inning. The Dodgers went out in order in the second inning as Goble struck out the side. The Astros led 6-0 with a single run in the bottom of the inning. Combs doubled in the run.

Goble fanned the first two batters he faced in the third inning, giving him six consecutive strike outs. In the Astro third, three runs scored that gave Allen a 9-0 lead. Johnson doubled in two runs in the inning.

The Dodgers reached Goble for a run in the bottom of the fourth inning. While Goble struck out the side, he issued four walks forcing home the only run.

The Astros added two more runs for a 11-1 cushion. Combs doubled and scored on Lafferty's RBI single. Allen added their final four runs in the sixth inning. Lafferty and Layne had RBI singles for the Astros.

Combs and Foley finished with three hits each for the Astros. Combs, Layne, and Bingham had two hits each.

In the "B" team game facing the Dodgers, Bret Combs fired a no-hitter. Combs was a perfect four-for-four with two home runs. He had eight RBI's. Tyler Layne collected three hits. James Lafferty collected three hits and four runs batted in.

Martin captures jump events at ACHS

Betsy Layne's Bevins captures three first-place finishes

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

In the final regular season track and field meet, five high schools gathered at the Allen Central facility in a final tune-up before the regional meets next week at Leslie County.

Allen Central's Crystal Martin took first place in both the women's long jump and triple jump. She also was a first-place finisher in the women's high jump. Eighth grader Beth Combs captured both the women's 100 and 300-meter hurdles.

Martin was measured at 13 feet, 11 inches in winning the long jump event. He had a jump of 25 feet, 4 inches in the triple jump. In the high jump, Martin cleared the bar at 4 feet, 8 inches. Prestonsburg's Jessi Burke finished second in the high jump with a measurement of 4 feet, 7 inches. Betsy Layne 's Felisha Kidd placed third; April McKinney, Betsy Layne, was fourth with Lisa Stevens, Betsy Layne, taking fifth.

Prestonsburg's Crystal Slone finished second in the long jump behind Martin. She had a jump of 13 feet, 3 inches. Kidd placed third, with Amanda Tackett of Betsy Layne placing fourth, followed by South Floyd's Amanda Compton. Betsy Layne's Alexis Maldonado rounded out the top six.

Brittany Blankenship of Betsy Layne took second place in the triple jump with a leap of 24 feet, 3 inches. Maldonado finished third while Lisa Rose of South Floyd finished fourth. Compton and Stephanie Bevins, Betsy Layne, rounded out the top five.

Combs had a time of 21:22.2 in winning the women's 100 meter-hurdles. Lisa Stevens finished second followed by Amber Roberts of Betsy Layne.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Combs had a time of 1:01.37.2 for first place. Roberts placed second with Maldonado taking third. Lisa Stevens was fourth.

Slone of Prestonsburg ran ahead of the pack in winning the women's 100-meter dash. She had a time of 13:46. Bevins of Betsy Layne placed second.

Bevins came back and won the women's 200-meter dash with a time of 30.42. Combs of Knott County Central, placed second and Brittany Blankenship of Betsy Layne finished third.

Bevins made it two first place finishes by posting a time of 1:11.18 to win the 400-meter dash. Betsy Layne's Samantha Maynard finished second ahead of Blankenship and Amanda Clark, both of Betsy Layne.

However, Bevins was not finished as she came back to take her third first

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Matt Rose looks toward strong regional showing

Senior runner takes three first-place finishes home

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It's that time of year again as the track and field standouts, as well as newcomers to the sport, tune up for next week's regional meet. There are many hopefuls who have set their sights on a state meet in Lexington, but they first have to make the cut in the regional.

Betsy Layne's Matt Rose is one of those hopefuls as he has had a strong season this spring. Last week at Allen Central, Rose captured three events and had a strong showing in all three.

He placed first in the 100-meter dash, while clearing both the 110 and 300 hurdles for a first-place spot.

Prestonsburg's Ryan Hardee continues to show his style that has taken him to two state meets. He captured the men's 800-meter run, but fell to second behind The Piarist School's Jesse Robertson in the 1600-meter run. Robertson also placed first in the men's two-mile jaunt.

Rose had a time of 11:74 for first place in the 100-meter run. Allen Central's Mark Dunfee, who also is a

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good threat for a state meet, placed second. Buck Combs and Hank Mullins, of Prestonsburg, took third and fourth place, respectively. Nathan Leslie and Jeremy Caudill finished fifth and sixth.

Dunfee had a time of 25:36 for first place in the 200-meter dash. He just edged Rose who was timed at 25:55. Beth Combs, yes—Beth Combs of Allen Central, finished third in the men's race. Mike McDonald took fourth, and Hank Mullins finished fifth.

Rose had to settle for another second place as he finished behind Allen Central's John Goble in the men's 400-meter dash. Goble had a time of 1:00.34, while Rose finished at 1:01.09. Byron Stapleton, Chad Bryant, Larry Mullins, and Mullett rounded out the top six.

Hardee bested Betsy Layne's Barrett Blankenship in the men's 800-meter run. Hardee finished at 2:08 while Blankenship had a time of 2:49.01. Stapleton took third place.

Robertson was timed at 4:56.59 as he crossed the finish line in the 1600-meter run. Blankenship took second and Bobby Baldridge of Allen Central was third. Robertson ran ahead of Betsy Layne's Blankenship in winning the two-mile run.

In the 110-meter hurdles, Rose had a time of 18.59 for first place. Blankenship finished second, with Josh Allen running third. Nicholas Jamerson finished fourth.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Rose had a time of 49.96 for the top spot. Blankenship placed second while Josh Allen, Betsy Layne, finished third. Jamerson was fourth.

Allen Central's relay teams were successful in all three events winning the 400, 800, and 3200-meter relays.

In the field events, Betsy Layne's Lewis Hummel placed first in the high jump area with a leap of 5 feet, 6 inches. Josh Allen placed second and Blankenship third.

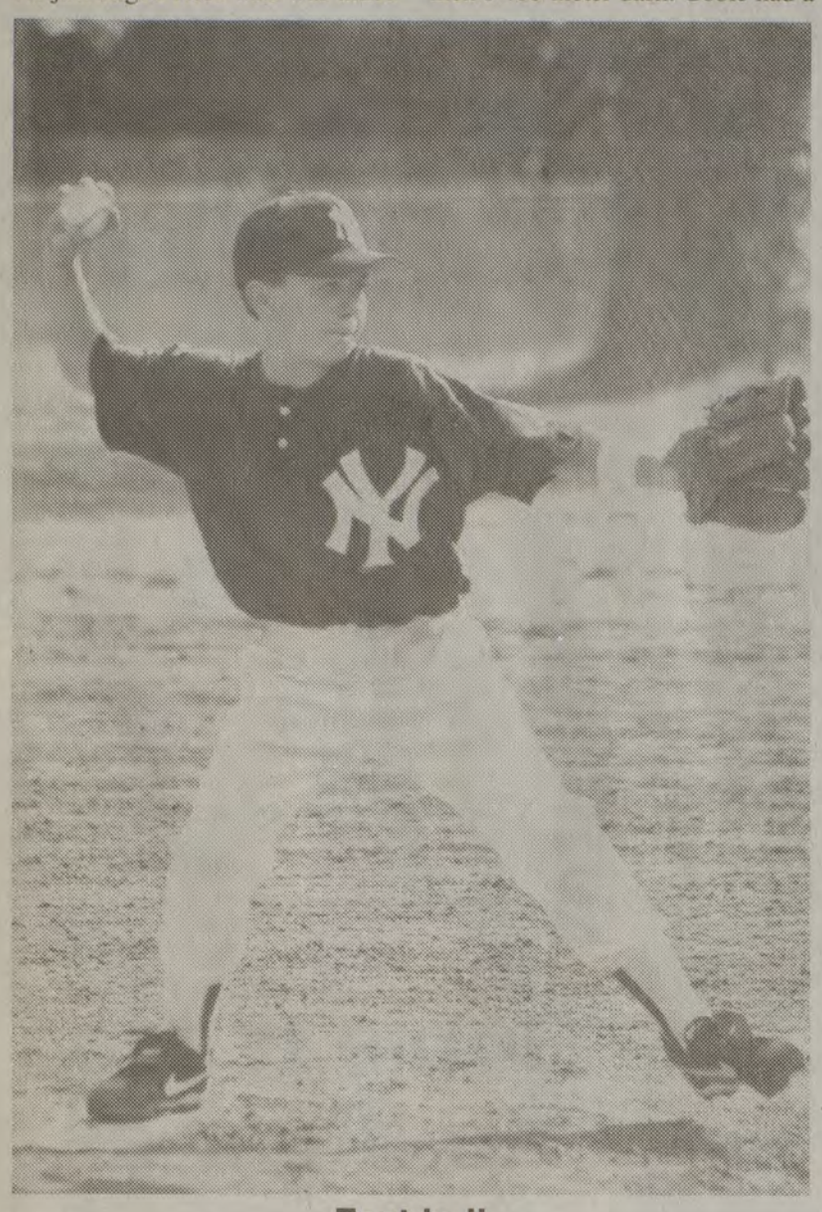
Knott County's Brandon Huff finished first in the long jump being measured at 19 feet, 2 inches. John Goble placed second with Rose finishing third. Gary Hunter and David Poff rounded out the top five.

Allen Central's Ryan Owens had a throw of 112 feet to win the discus event.

Jesse Hall, Allen Central, placed second with Betsy Layne's Jason Salisbury finishing third. Nathan Leslie and Eric Combs finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

Owens of Allen Central was measured at 35 feet, 4 inches in a first-place finish in the men's triple jump. Betsy Layne's Chad Bryant placed second. Hank Mullins of Prestonsburg was third.

Betsy Layne's Jason Salisbury won the shot put competition with a throw of 38 feet, 11 inches. Prestonsburg's Jeremy Caudill finished second.



Fast ball

Prestonsburg Yankee pitcher Nick McGuire took the mound for coach Bobby Shepherd's team against the Rangers Monday evening. The Little League season has had a rough beginning with all the rain. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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well as the 200 and 400 meter dash.

"This is a new event for Brandi," said Smallwood, "and she has taken to it pretty good. She has been doing well for us."

For the South Floyd Raiders, coach Henry Webb has one of the top competitors in the region and a sure bet to make a second straight state tournament appearance. Timmy Butler should handle the men's high jump with ease on the regional level as well as in the district. Ryan Shannon is the one to watch in the sprints.

Prestonsburg High School has one of the state's premiere runners in long distance runner Ryan Hardee, who has been the most consistent runner in Floyd County.

"If there are two athletes to watch in Floyd County, it is Timmy Butler and Ryan Hardee," said Smallwood. "They are a sure bet to make it to the state."

Hardee competes in the men's 1600-meter run as well as the gruesome two-mile run. Hardee has been to the state meet the past two seasons.

Betsy Layne has a strong competitor in Matt Rose, who competes in just about everything. Rose strong event are the long jump and triple jump.

Jesse Robertson will represent The Piarist School in both the 1600 and 3200 meter runs. Robertson has become a known name around the Commonwealth for his success as a runner.

The men's and women's 3200 meter relay finals will be held on Wednesday. The finals of the girls' 400 and 800 meter relays also will be held tonight, along with the men's 400 meter relay.

On the mound

A big crowd turned out to the Allen Park to take in some Little League baseball Monday afternoon as the sun came out. This Allen Astro hurler looked to be in control against the Reds. The Astros pulled out a 8-3 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Holiday third and Doug Adkins fourth.

When the green flag dropped for the start of the modified feature, Martin's Jeff Jones got out of the gate early and took the point and gradually opened up a lead over the rest of the field and second place driver Tim Moore. Moore's car got tangled up in some exchange of sheet metal and slipped back in the field.

By lap 11, the challenge to Jones' racer came from a hard-charging Allen Turner, who was able to make up ground on the leader in turns three and four, although Jones had more straightway speed to turn away the challenge of Turner.

Turner made his move on the final lap, getting beside of Jones as the two shot of turn two. Jones' car got out of shape halfway down the backstretch, sending him spinning while Turner took the point for the final two left turns and on to victory lane. Kurt Hofsess, who won the feature the week before, finished second and Harry Branham drove his number 14 car to a third place finish. Moore placed fourth.

In Saturday night's bomber feature, Printer's Tandy Spurlock watched as Prestonsburg's Clint Shutts washed up the banking, to give the lead on the final three laps of the race and a visit to the winner's circle.

McDowell's Jimmy Hall and Shutts were side-by-side as they passed the flagstand on lap one, but Shutts was able to edge out to a early lead over the 20-car field.

With Shutts in front, Hall was able to narrow the Shutts lead and got back into the race to challenge the Prestonsburg driver. Coming out of turn four, halfway of the race, Hall grabbed the lead. Hall put some distance between him and the rest of the field until he lobbed his car on lap nine, sending him to the back of the field.

With but three laps to go, Shutt's car washed up on the banking, giving the lead and eventual win to Spurlock.

Billy Hutchinson was the fast qualifier in the super bomber event and he had to overcome the lead of Greg Ison and Billy Stumbo on his way to taking the checkered flag in the feature event.

All three drivers were even as the made the first circuit with Hutchinson taking the advantage out of turn two. Stumbo held on to second place until the fourth lap, when his car went up the banking in turn four allowing Ison to take the advantage. Although challenged several times, Hutchinson went on to take the checkered flag.

In the final feature event, John Henson drove his 18K road hog to the victory circle. Henson took the green flag and had a smooth ride until the checkered flag dropped for the victory. Jimmy Arnett finished second.

There will be a full card of racing at Thunder Ridge this Saturday night. Gates open at 3 p.m., with the drivers meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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Martin

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place finish in the women's 800-meter dash. She posted a time of 3:05.15 for the top spot. Knott County's Jennifer Sturdivant placed second with Betsy Layne's Jennifer Newsome taking third place.

In the women's 1600-meter run, Betsy Layne's Margarita Boyd took first place with a time of 6:36.09. Second place went to Christibeth Blackburn, also of Betsy Layne. Blackburn came back and won the two-mile run by posting a time of 17:09.0.

Betsy Layne finished one and two in the women's 400-meter relays. Allen Central placed third. Betsy Layne also was first in the 800 1600, and 3200-meter relays.

In the field events, Amanda Combs of Knott County Central edged out Allen Central's Jenny Wells to take first place in the women's shot put. Combs had a throw of 34 feet, 4 inches. Jeana Hall of Allen Central placed third, and Tabitha Cox of Betsy Layne was fourth.

The women's conference meet begins this afternoon at Allen Central starting at 4:30.

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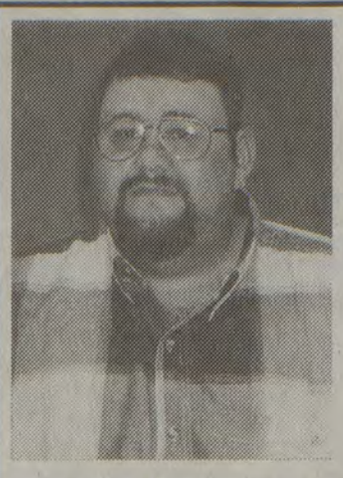

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Allen Central captures third straight district title

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Allen Central starter, Tish Yates, gave the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats nothing but goose-eggs in shutting out the Lady Blackcats 16-0 in high school softball action. The win gave Allen Central a perfect 6-0 conference record and their third straight conference title.

The win assured Allen Central of the number-one seed in the upcoming district tournament next week when they will meet South Floyd in the opening round.

Yates allowed but two hits to Prestonsburg. Kristy Johnson had a single in the second inning, and Margaret Damron had a third inning base hit. She fanned four batters.

The game only went three innings with the mercy rule taking effect.

Allen Central sent 12 batters to the plate in the bottom of the third inning to put the game away.

Allen Central went in front 4-0 after the first inning. Shanna Howell had a one-out single and scored on Vylinda Turner's RBI triple. Turner scored on Misty Scott's safety for a 2-0 game. Scott came home on Shannon Sizemore's single and she made it 4-0 on an RBI single by Jennifer Risner.

Allen Central added four more runs in the top of the second. Scott had a two-run single in the inning. In the eight-run third, Risner had a two-run triple to highlight the inning. Amber Scott had a run-producing double.

The district softball tournament gets underway next Monday with Prestonsburg as the host school.

Piarist School reaps awards at Three-Rivers Conference banquet

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Martin-based Piarist School reaped some heavy awards at the Three-Rivers Conference banquet after just their first season as a member of the conference.

Piarist had team members named to the All-Conference team in four different sporting events.

In boys' basketball, George Hall and Adam Hutchinson were named All-Conference after Piarist finished third overall. Hall and Hutchinson are both seniors. Both players were a threat from the outside. Hutchinson played mostly underneath the basket, but could step and drain the trey. He was the team's leading rebounder.

Hall played the two-guard for Piarist and was a threat from the three-point circle. He led the team in assists.

In the first year of girls' basketball, Ann Hall and Tai England were the team's leading scorers. England played inside with Hall playing either the two-guard or the small forward position. Her ability to drive the lanes or the baseline made her tough to defend. She had a nice jumper around the paint area.

George Hall and Brett Hall represented the Piarist School on the All-Conference team in cross-country. England, Ann Hall and Mary Bowman represented the girls' cross-country team.

Theresa Kelly, the school's athletic director, was named Girls' Cross-Country Coach of the Year. She was voted the honor by the conference coaches.

Next year, The Piarist School boys' basketball team will compete in the 58th District tournament, playing against all county schools. According to Kelly, the girls opted to not compete on the district level but rather to compete in the Three-Rivers Conference.

"We only have two starters back from last year's team," said Kelly. "The girls voted to stay with the conference games."

Safe at first

This Ivel Reds base runner was just out at first base against the Allen Astros "B" team. The two teams met on the diamond Monday evening at the Allen Park with the Astros coming away with the win. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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All professional sports leagues have their own form of all-star events, but none rival NASCAR's Winston Cup all-star event known as The Winston. Participation in this event is not based on popularity as is the case with some of the other sports that pick participation by fan voting.

There is only one way to get into The Winston and that is by being a winner. It is a race for winners only, and the fans are always assured of seeing the best pitted against the best. And the unique format of 20 of the best drivers in the world, all wanting to win and not having to worry about points, has made for some breathtaking finishes since the race's inception in 1985.

Nineteen drivers have already qualified to be in The Winston which, by the way, pays to the winner a check worth $200,000. That leaves only one spot open for another driver. That spot will be filled by the winner of the Winston Open which will be held just prior to the start of The Winston on Saturday night.

Now I know that $200,000 is a lot of money, especially when you think back that winning a race just a few years ago didn't even pay one fourth of that. Now two drivers will have the opportunity to pocket $50,000 just by winning one of the two inaugural No Bull 25s. The two No Bull 25s are qualifying races just for the Winston Open and will be held the night before at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Drivers slated to compete in the 50-lap Winston Open will be positioned in the second No Bull 25.

The finishing order of the first No Bull 25 will set the inside row for Saturday's Winston Open, with the outside row based on the results of the second No Bull 25.

The No Bull 25s will be the first of three changes regarding The Winston that should make for one of the most highly anticipated and competitive weekends on the Winston schedule.

Just like in recent years, The Winston will be run in three segments. The first two will be 30 laps apiece, with the final segment being a 10-lap sprint for the large purse. Until recent years, only green-flag laps will count in all three segments.

Maybe the biggest rule change for this year's event involves the inversion of the field following the first segment. Under the old rules that used to govern the race the entire field was inverted for the start of the second segment. This year a minimum of three cars and a maximum of 12 will be inverted based on some type of "random determination." Word is that true to the circus like atmosphere that track owner Bruton Smith likes to build, that the "random determination" will be done by the spinning of a huge wheel with the numbers three through 12 on it.

Also, drivers and teams will have the option of pitting their cars between the second segment and the final 10-lap shootout. Drivers who bring their cars down pit road for service will have the opportunity to get fresh tires and make chassis adjustments. But the down side of a pit stop is that they will lose their positions on the race track. Deciding whether or not to pit will be a big call, because you would be giving up track positions.

All restarts will be double-file with the first row consisting of the first and second place cars, second row, third and fourth place, etc. Any lapped car will start from behind the last car on the lead lap. Knowing that the farthest back you would go on a restart is the fifth row, and not having to worry about points just may force teams to come in for adjustments before the start of that last segment. If history repeats itself during that 10-lap shootout, then it will become just a roll of the dice anyway.

In the past the race didn't really involve much strategy, but the new rules now will dictate that a team will have to race The Winston a little different. In the past some drivers were accused of "sandbagging" in the first segment because they knew that they would be inverting the entire field. Now a driver doesn't know how far they will go in the field when they invert. You better try to get as far to the front as you can and just hope the "wheel" is kind to you.

This Saturday will be the 14th running of the Winston and if it is like many of the past Winstons, we will be in for a show. After all The Winston will forever be remembered for Darrell Waltrip's engine blowing up as he took the checkered flag in the first race in 1985. Two years later in 1987 Earnhardt made his famous pass in the grass by Bill Elliott for the win. The 1989 Winston produced controversy when on the last lap Rusty Wallace spun out Darrell Waltrip to go on and take the victory.

But maybe the most famous Winston of them all was the night they turned on the lights for the first time at Charlotte Motor Speedway in 1992. Smith had been building it up for months as "One Hot Night" and the action on the track that night proved Smith to be some kind of racing prophet.

Three drivers swapped the lead in the last quarter mile of the race. Kyle Petty got into Dale Earnhardt and sent Earnhardt spinning which left Petty in the lead coming out of the last turn, but Davey Allison was close enough in third place when the spin began to overtake Petty as they crossed the finish line. The two crashed after they crossed the line and the race winner spent the night in the hospital.

Now nobody can guarantee a finish like we have had in the past but with the new rules changes, I think the odds have been increased even more in the fans' favor. Don't miss this one. Who knows, we may be treated to another one of those Charlotte Hot Nights.

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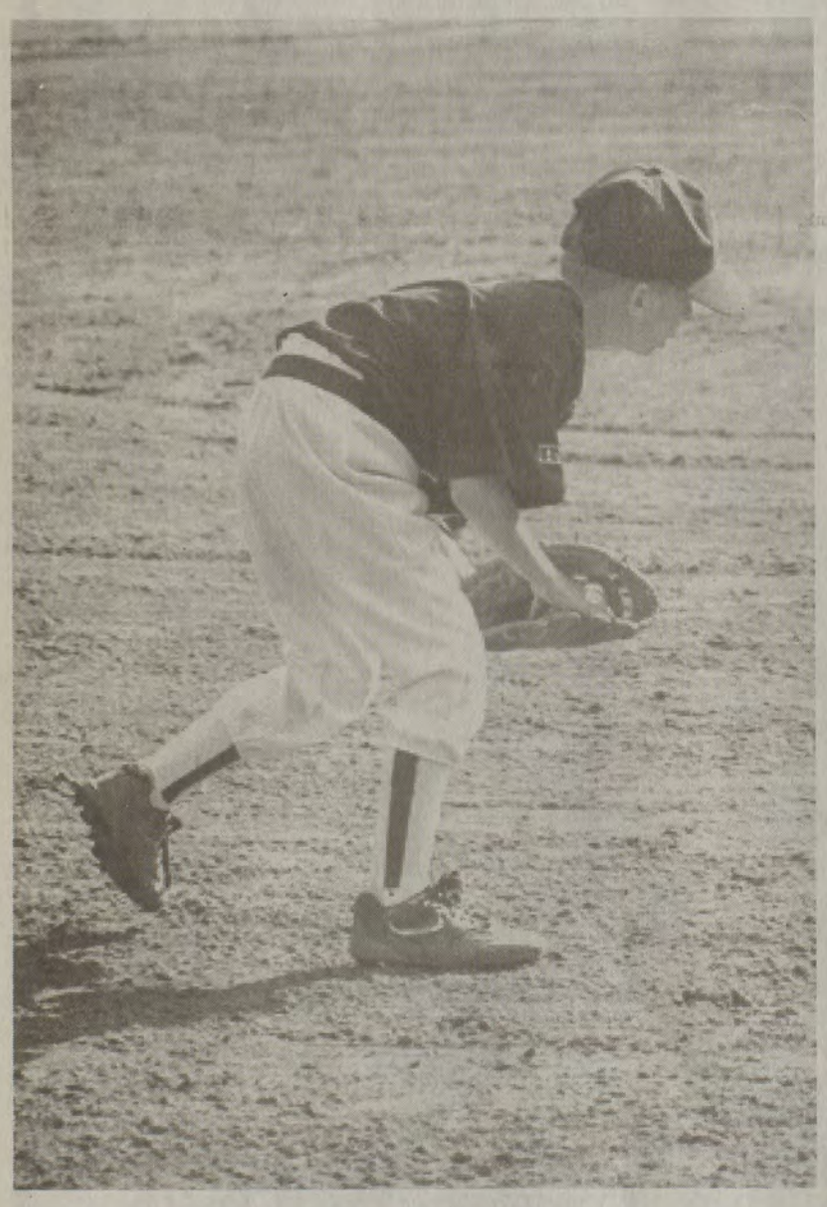

Hot corner
This Prestonsburg Yankee third baseman came up with a good play at third base as the Yankees faced the Prestonsburg Rangers Monday at Archer Park. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Shannon Potter inks with Pikeville

Pikeville College has secured its first golf signee of the spring, completing a deal with a local player.

Shannon Potter, a senior at Pikeville High School, signed a letter of intent Friday morning in the office of the Dean of Students/Athletics Director Ron Damron.

Potter played for Pikeville coach, Lyle Blackburn, who has one of the more successful programs in Kentucky, for the past two years, splitting his time in the spring between the links and the baseball diamond. Blackburn said Potter's play should improve as he will not be splitting his time at Pikeville College. Potter averages 40 per nine-hole round.

"With his dedication to golf, he will be a very good golfer for Pikeville College," Blackburn said. "He's a great athlete and a competitor."

Dr. James Riley, golf coach at Pikeville College, likes the potential he saw in Potter.

"Shannon is a great place to start this recruiting season," said Riley. "He's a fine young man and a good golfer, with a tremendous amount of potential."

Potter follows in the footsteps of his brother, Chris, who played basketball, baseball and golf at Betsy Layne High School. Potter is the son of Mike and Cathy Potter.

Blackburn said Potter, in his two

(See **Potter**, page five)

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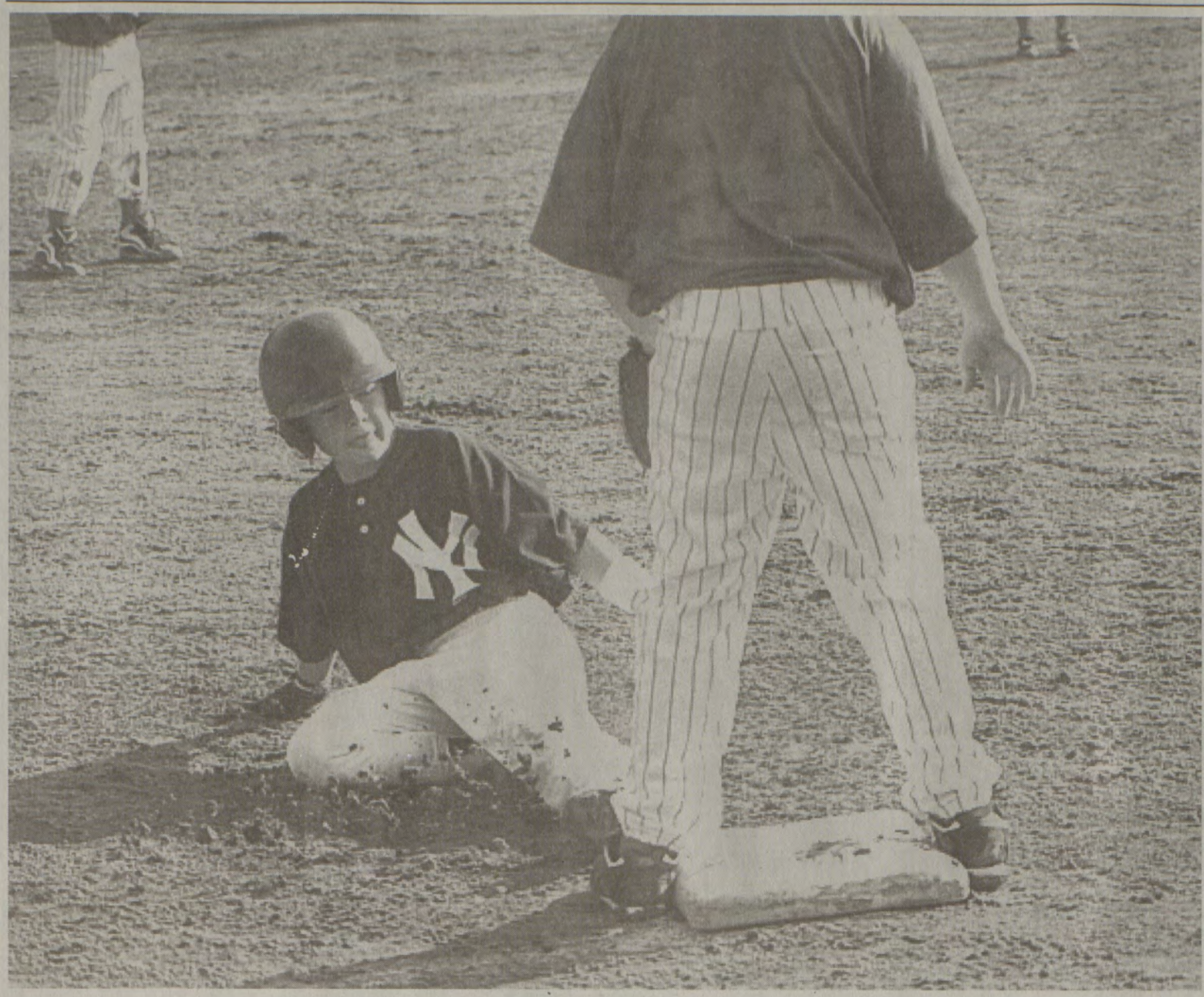

Safe at third

Nick McGuire slid safely into third base to beat the throw. The Prestonsburg Little League is in their second week of the young season. Games are played each night at Archer Park. Go out and support the Little League programs. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Potter

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season with the Panthers, has shown the most improvement.

"He will be a strong individual for Pikeville College to build a foundation around," said Blackburn. "He has been our most improved golfer over the past two years he has played here."

The popular Potter played basketball for coach Dave Thomas and the Pikeville Panthers this past season. He played basketball, baseball and golf for the Betsy Layne Bobcats his freshman season before transferring to Pikeville.

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So, on May 26 elect GERALD DEROSSETT as your COMMISSIONER and you can be sure that you have voted for an honest man who will serve the people with honest decisions.

#2 on the ballot

Paid by Katie DeRossett, Treasurer, 334 Rt. Fork Bullcreek.

THE RACING REPORTER

JONES WINS AT NEW HAMPSHIRE

Buckshot Jones came from the last spot to win the 200 lap Gumout 200 for Busch Grand National cars, last Saturday. It was Jones' second BGN victory of his career.

TOP 20 FINISHERS: 1. Buckshot Jones, 2. Tony Stewart, 3. Kevin Lapage, 4. Jeff Purvis, 5. Randy LaJoie, 6. Glenn Allen, 7. Mike McLaughlin, 8. Kevin Grubb, 9. Robert Pressley, 10. Dale Earnhardt, Jr., 11. Tim Fedewa, 12. Jason Keller, 13. Dick Trickle, 14. Shane Hall, 15. Phil Parsons, 16. Matt Kenseth, 17. Andy Santerre, 18. Wayne Grubb, 19. Mike Dillon, 20. Mark Green.

TOP 10 POINTS LEADERS: 1. Mike McLaughlin, 1,369, 2. Matt Kenseth, 1,364, 3. Dale Earnhardt, Jr., 1,339, 4. Buckshot Jones, 1,310, 5. Randy LaJoie, 1,250, 6. Elliott Sadler, 1,202, 7. Dick Trickle, 1,195, 9. Hermie Sadler, 1,158, 10. Mike Dillon, 1,145.

JACK SPRAGUE HOLDS OFF RON HORNADAY IN TRUCK RACE

TOP 20 FINISHERS: 1. Jack Sprague, 2. Ron Hornaday, 3. Randy Tolsema, 4. Stacy Compton, 5. Mike Wallace, 6. Tony Roper, 7. Rick Carelli, 8. Bryan Reffner, 9. Ron Barfield, 10. Butch Miller, 11. Lonnie Rush, 12. Joe Ruttman, 13. Bob Keselowski, 14. Lance Norwick, 15. Wayne Anderson, 16. Jay Sauter, 17. Greg Biffle, 18. Tony Raines, 19. Jimmy Hensley, 20. Chuck Bown.

TOP 10 NASCAR CRAFTSMAN POINTS LEADERS: 1. Jack Sprague, 840, 2. Ron Hornaday, 822, 3. Stacy Compton, 728, 4. Jay Sauter, 718, 5. Rick Carelli, 6. Joe Ruttman, 678, 7. Randy Tolsman, 624, 8. Bryan Reffner, 624, 9. Tony Raines, 605, 10. Bob Keselowski.

1998 NASCAR WINSTON CUP SERIES LEADERS
TOP 10 POINTS LEADERS

1. Jeremy Mayfield	1457
2. Terry Labonte	1421
3. Jeff Gordon	1410
4. Rusty Wallace	1384
5. Mark Martin	1334
6. Dale Jarrett	1295
7. Dale Earnhardt	1223
8. Jimmy Spencer	1184
9. Bobby Labonte	1169
10. Ken Schrader	1158

TOP 10 MONEY WINNING LEADERS

1. Dale Earnhardt	$1,505.995
2. Mark Martin	$1,177,190
3. Bobby Labonte	$1,155,300
4. Rusty Wallace	$894,780
5. Jeremy Mayfield	$888,415
6. Jeff Gordon	$799,840
7. Dale Jarrett	$ 757,070
8. Ken Schrader	$724,865
9. Terry Labonte	$708,285
10. Jimmy Spencer	$ 694,465

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1. Kenny Irwin	118
2. Kevin Lepage	100
3. Jerry Nadeau	88
4. Steve Pack	25

RACE WINNERS

1. Mark Martin	3
2. Jeff Gordon	2
2. Bobby Labonte	2
3. Dale Earnhardt	1
3. Bobby Hamilton	1
3. Dale Jarrett	1

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1. Bobby Labonte	2
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Members of the 1998 National Champion Kentucky Wildcats taking part in the tour will be Jeff Sheppard, Cameron Mills and Allen Edwards. The team will be rounded out with other former UK stars.

A autograph session will be held from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m., with game time set to tip-off at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the Knott County Central basketball office. Adult tickets are $5, and students $4.

For more information, contact coach D.J. Stamper at (606)785-0733.

Future star

Clay Jamerson, Allen Astros "B" team, was all business when his team faced the Ivel Reds junior team Monday at Stumbo Park. Jamerson had a hit in the game the Astros won 8-3. (photo by Ed Taylor)

BOBCAT GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Betsy Layne Bobcat basketball team will sponsor a four-man golf scramble at the Beaver Valley Golf Course on Saturday, May 16. Registration fee for the scramble is $40 per player. The first place team receives $1,000, second place, $400 and third place $200.

Cash will be paid for the longest drive, longest putt, closest to pin. Prizes will be awarded on participation.

Registration is set for 7-8 a.m. with tee-off time at 8:15 a.m.

For more information, contact Tim Rice at 478-3925 after 4 p.m.

BLACKCAT GOLF SCRAMBLE

Cash prizes, individual prizes and more will be the order of the day for the Blackcats Gold Scramble set to tee-off on Saturday, May 23.

The tournament will feature two age groups: grades up to high school seniors and high school grads and up.

Cash prizes will be paid to first and second place teams in each division. Payout will be based on overall turnout. Individual prizes will be award to closest to the pin and longest drive.

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A parent council member shall be a parent, step-parent, or legal guardian of a student to be enrolled in the school for the 1998-99 school year. A parent council member shall not be a District employee, the relative of a District employee, a local board member or spouse of a local board member. Relative shall mean father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, niece, nephew, father-in-law, or mother-in-law. Any parent of a child enrolled at McDowell Elementary School or a parent of an incoming student may vote to elect the parent council members.

The term of service shall be the 1998-99 school year.

GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1998
AT 1:00 P.M.
AT THE SITE OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY
HOUSE AND LOT
LOCATED ON OTTER CREEK OF LEFT BEAVER CREEK IN THE TOWN OF WHEELWRIGHT IN FLOYD COUNTY, KY

This is a nice two bedroom framed home on public water and sewer. It is well located in a quiet neighborhood. It consists of a living room, kitchen, two bedrooms, and one bath. This property is considered suitable for the FmHA program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after minor repairs.

Payment of the current year's taxes will be the responsibility of the third party purchaser.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, May 14, 1998, at 1:00 p.m., at the property site, on Otter Creek on Left Beaver Creek in the town of Wheelwright, in Floyd Co., Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of $12,044.88 principal, plus interest in the amount of $1,420.56, as of September 3, 1997, and interest thereafter on the principal at $3.4942 per day from September 3, 1997, until the date of entry of this Judgement, plus interest on the Judgement amount (principal plus interest to the date of Judgement) at the rate of 5.34%, computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgement and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 97-202, on the Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on January 7, 1998, in the case of United States of America vs. Vanessa Ann Hutton Kyle, f/k/a Vanessa Ann Hutton, ET AL, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

House and lot located on Otter Creek on Left Beaver Creek in the town of Wheelwright, in Floyd County, Kentucky.

Being all the same property conveyed by deed dated April 11, 1983, and recorded in Deed Book 274, at Page 577, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance bearing interest at the rate of 5.34% per annum until paid, due and payable in thirty (30) days and said bond having the effect of a Judgement. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U. S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendants, and of all persons claiming by, through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraised value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain a lien in favor of the defendants, reflecting the right of the defendants, to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530).

Inquiries should be directed to: THOMAS W. KEETH
Community Development Manager
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Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Phone: (606) 886-9545

GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1998
AT 1:00 P.M.
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A house and lot located on Buckhead Branch of Bull Creek, near Prestonsburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky.

Being all the same property conveyed by deed dated September 1, 1983, and recorded in Deed Book 278, at Page 413, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

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SPORTS IN KENTUCKY

by Bob Watkins

Couch publicity is bittersweet; Recruit 'sales pitch' is a recycle from old days

Tim Couch's name and photograph were paraded on pages of Sports Illustrated again last week, (May 11 issue). With the season more than four months away, anyone who believes UK's quarterback—barring injury—will lack for national exposure (as Heisman candidate) needs his head examined.

Yet, Couch's appearance on page 92 last week was bittersweet because SI asserts the NFL Draft for 1999 will be 'quarterback heavy' and Couch could be the overall No. 1 pick by the expansion Cleveland Browns ... "assuming he comes out after his junior season," writes Peter King.

The other notable QBs are Brock Huard of Washington; Cade McNown, UCLA; Daunte Culpepper, Central Fla.; and Brian Kuklick of Wake Forest.

Prosperity and UK football have been soulmates for barely more than a season and already the pangs of "leaving early" are linked to it's finest and most popular athlete in years.

Yet, if UK has a season of dreams this autumn, goes bowling, the chances become no better than 50-50 the state will keep its popular quarterback at home for another year.

Ironically, Couch's friend and role model Peyton Manning faced the same dilemma in 1997. I have a hunch the factors that moved Manning to stay at Tennessee will be the same considerations for Couch. 1. UK's promise of making it to a major bowl game this winter or next; 2. How well UK's offensive line shows it can protect him; 3. The Heisman Trophy; 4. Where he projects in the NFL Draft next spring; 5. Loyalty to school and state.

In a bit of extended irony, Louisville quarterback and extremely popular Chris Redmon, in the Cards new offense, could catapult UofL's finest into the national limelight too. Even alongside Couch instead of languishing in his considerable (media) shadow.

BASKETBALL: 'SALES PITCH'

"The right sales pitch is to tell kids that college is not preparation for the NBA. (It's) preparing someone for life when basketball ends, that's the true mission of college athletics."

Question: Who said the aforementioned and how long ago?

James Naismith, circa 1935? Maybe John Wooden, 1971? How about, Dean Smith, in 1988?

None of the above.

Actually, and comically, the words were laid for public view not a half-century ago or even a decade, but last week from high school basketball talent hustler, Bob Gibbons. A man who charts the worth of college freshmen-to-be not by whether his class load is 15 hours, satisfactory GPA or Rhodes Scholar potential, but by how tall, wide and quick he is and what brand of shoe he wears.

Anointed with a kind of mythic authority status as Louisville media gives Clark Francis, Gibbons offered his philosophic view to the Lexington Herald-Leader in the aftermath of Nazr Mohammed's decision to quit school for the NBA Draft.

Gibbons' remarks are comic because they demonstrate a grasp for the obvious ... 50 years ago. The 'right sales pitch' was right for college recruiters that long ago and are still. By contrast, if a teenager chooses to ignore a college coach's 'pitch for education' then he should follow Korleone Young and others straight to the draft and save wasting a college coach's time and effort and fans' allegiances.

By week's end Mohammed quitting UK had an ironic twist. A young German who has not so much as taken a college entrance test, let alone an ACT, was shopping for a place to hone his skills for a year before applying for the 1999 NBA Draft. Kentucky was on Dirk Norwitzki's list along with California.

I hope Norwitzki moves on. All things considered UK does not need him. One season on a team with five returning regulars, three promising sophomores and a handful of starlet freshmen, a foreign country player with his sights on the NBA would be a threat to ruin team-ness.

Signing Norwitzki, would be telling evidence that UK is willing to forego tenets of the 'right sales pitch.'

BITS 'N PEOPLE

√ Tony Driver, the state's premiere running back and Mr. Football in 1997 looked to be ticketed for greatness at Notre Dame. If it happens Driver will do so from the other side of the football. Irish coaches moved the ex-Louisville Male star from running back to free safety this spring.

√ Tim Couch has been named pre-season second team All-American by College Sports News. Wide receiver Craig Yeast and offensive tackle Kris Comstock were named honorable mention.

√ It will be my pleasure to guest on WVLK Radio's sports talk with Dick Gabriel Thursday evening, May 14 at 6:15 EDT.

JUST WONDERING DEPT.

• Lemme get this straight ... UK's Nazr Mohammed listened when Rick Pitino took the 6-10 300-plus pound Chicagoan on as a project while the world laughed. Nazr listened when Da Coach told him to lose weight and work on his free throw shooting. He listened when Tubby Smith coached him to All-SEC honors and a national championship. But now, with the most important decision of his life Mohammed is ignoring them all, including his father, and listening to Antoine Walker?

• The ABC Network's Kentucky Derby coverage fell again this year, 14 per cent from a year ago. Why? One man's opinion — Too much pre-race hype and race time, 5:37 p.m. in the east, is a no-man's land. Three hours earlier would be better.

• If we didn't have Pete Rose's lifetime ban from Baseball's Hall of Fame, what would we have to talk about?

READERS (RIGHT) WRITE

√ About current Miami U. coach and former UK assistant coach Leonard Hamilton...

Jim White, Elkton, Ky. (E-Mail): If memory serves, in the past you occasionally bad-mouthed Leonard Hamilton. How come?

COMMENT: Ethnic and philosophical differences.

√ About a recent column item on the rebuilding Eastern Kentucky basketball Colonels, a letter came on the defending NAIA champion Georgetown College Tigers...

David Thompson, Frankfort (E-Mail): "You want to talk about Eastern being a powerhouse? Just wait. (Georgetown Coach) Happy Osborne loses one player, senior David Shee (from the '98 title team). He's got enough coming back to win it all next year. But wait. There's more coming in — Jackson Julson, transferring from Cincinnati; Jonathan Beasley, from Anderson County via Morehead (may be the best of the bunch if he gets his head screwed on right); Michael Richardson, sharpshooter from Scott County via Wright State. And that's the beginning. Happy says there's a kid at Virginia, I think, who played at Fulton City, who may be the team's best player. Georgetown couldn't beat UK but probably could give UofL fits, but there's not another team in Kentucky that could touch (the Tigers).

"You want to talk powerhouse? Forget Eastern. No match for Georgetown College. There's no reason they shouldn't repeat. Will Carlton just might get three straight NAIA titles before he leaves."

COMMENT: Thank you for writing.

SCUTTLEBUTT

Nathan Popp, the 7-1 Lexington Catholic senior-to-be has joined the Alabama Laser summer team for 17-and-unders. Popp joins two Alabamans high on UK's recruiting list, 6-10 Marvin Stone of Huntsville and 6-6 Rod Grizzard from Birmingham.

√ Maybe you missed this. UK's Tubby Smith has two Hoosiers on his recruiting shopping list for next season and one for the year after. Recruiter's Handbook rates Vincent Hart 16th on its prospects list. A 6-8 forward, Hart is considering UK, Purdue, Michigan State, Michigan and Minnesota. The other Hoosier prospect is 5-11 point guard Jason Gardner. However, if J.P. Blevins is all he can be, Gardner may stay home ... perhaps IU, Purdue or Notre Dame. The third is 6-0 point guard Austin Parkinson of Northwestern High who lists UK and Purdue.

Note: Is Parkinson the son of former Purdue star Bruce Parkinson whose father Jack was a UK All-American in 1946?

√ Vondale Morton, an all-stater at Lexington Catholic in 1995, may be leaving Marshall and transfer to Georgetown College.

And so it goes.

Have a point of view you would like to share? Write to Bob Watkins, Sports In Ky. P.O. Box 124, Glendale, Ky. 42740. Or, E-Mail SprtsInKy@aol.com.

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Season underway

The Floyd County Bambino League has their season off to a good start despite all the rain that has fallen over the last three weeks. The Martin Cardinals dropped a 13-12 decision to the Martin Rangers Monday afternoon. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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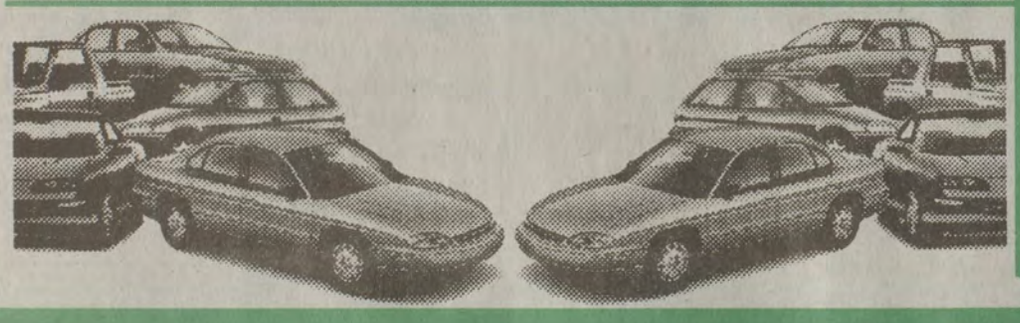

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A world without chocolate?

Poison Oak

Clyde Pack

With so many weird goings on in the news these days, I guess I've about reached the point where I've come to expect just about anything from anybody.

Add to that the fact that I'm getting older and perhaps becoming even a bit calloused, and that could explain why I'm seldom startled anymore by the headlines.

But that certainly wasn't the case last week when I read that there's a real possibility that the world might soon be faced with...dare I say it?...with a chocolate shortage.

To me that's a scary thought, especially when I remember the coffee and gasoline shortages of the not too distant past. It's hard to even imagine a world without Tootsie Rolls and M&Ms. Why, I doubt there's a person living today who doesn't take chocolate for granted; like the air we breathe; like peanut butter.

Can you imagine what such a shortage could do to the price of a Milky Way or a Snickers bar? The tobacco people think they've got a problem with cigarettes potentially going to $5 a pack. Just think about paying that much for a nickel bar of candy. And don't think for a minute that there aren't those who wouldn't be willing to pay that much. I know for an absolute fact that such people do indeed exist. I'm married to one of them.

I'll bet that, truth be known, there are twice as many chocoholics as there are chain smokers. They're just not as noticeable because they don't have to stand outside in the rain in order to partake. Anybody you know could be one—your teacher, your preacher, even the cop on the street. I shudder to think what society would be like if certain individuals were deprived of their Hershey with almonds. Talk about withdrawal. The Betty Ford Clinic would be bustin' at the seams.

Anyway, according to the paper, the whole problem stems from the fact that cocoa farms, from Costa Rica to West Africa, are under attack from fungal and viral diseases and insects. It's apparently being caused by the lack of rain forests in which they grow the cacao trees, which produce the beans that, when mixed with sugar and milk, make the chocolate. These trees, in order to flourish, need to grow in the shade of more dense forests. With fewer rain forests, cocoa farmers are forced to grow their trees in more sun-filled areas where they are more susceptible to the aforementioned pestilences. Hence, less chocolate.

Oh, I'm sure that if worse comes to worse and chocolate is indeed eradicated from the planet, we'd still survive. We'd eventually wean ourselves from that particular dependency and simply find something else upon which we could exercise our rights of addiction.

Maybe even vanilla.

But could we ever in a million years learn to enjoy a good cup of hot vanilla or learn to exchange boxes of vanilla covered cherries at Christmastime?

At last there might be a reason for Eastern Kentucky to get behind the fight to save the rain forests.

Mitch Douglas (left) and Tony Danza chat during an all-star occasion.

Former JW director is honored

Mitch Douglas was the recipient of the 1998 Distinguished Alumni Awards from the University of Kentucky School of Fine Arts. (Photo by Tom Gates)

Mitch Douglas, a former managing director of Jenny Wiley Summer Music Theatre has been awarded the prestigious 1998 Distinguished Alumni Award by the University of Kentucky's School of Fine Arts.

Douglas, the son of a Kentucky coal miner and a native of Middlesboro, first came to Prestonsburg as an actor at the Jenny Wiley Summer Music Theatre in 1967 and assumed the position of managing director in 1968.

His role in establishing it as a first class theatre is documented in the book "The History of Floyd County," which notes: "Mr. Douglas' association with the theatre helped transform it into the professional theatre the founders had envisioned."

Douglas also wrote the musical version of the Jenny Wiley story entitled "Jenny Wiley!" with music by Benjamin Keaton, which played the theatre 1971 and 1980. He also appeared in a number of musicals here including "Hello, Dolly!" and "Anything Goes." Governor Louis B. Nunn recognized his contributions in the form of a Kentucky Colonel commission in 1970.

Prior to his tenure in Prestonsburg Douglas had received his BA in theatre from the University of Kentucky in Lexington where he later headed the Department of Fine Arts Services. During this time he wrote a weekly Sunday Lexington Herald-Leader page, "The Fine Arts", featuring interviews, feature stories and column items on local and national touring arts events. He also served as associate editor of UK's publication "Accent on the Performing Arts". He received his MA in theatre from the University of North Carolina in 1971.

In 1974, Douglas joined the talent agency, International Creative Management in New York City, where he currently represents new and veteran writing talent in the fields of books, musicals and plays. He has represented many well-known writers, Graham Greene, Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee, Studs Terkel, and Tennessee Williams among them. His association with Williams is documented in numerous books, most notably "The Kindness of Strangers" by Donald Spoto.

He has represented the memoirs of Shelley Winters, Eartha Kitt, and Maurice Evans as well as the 19 original cast members of "A Chorus Line". He guided the later career of the legendary actress Eva Le Gallienne, who was nominated for Broadway's Tony and Hollywood's Oscar at age 85. He launched the career of Bill C. Davis with the play "Mass Appeal," discovered Olive Ann Burns' novel, now considered a modern classic, "Cold Sassy Tree" and saw to its filming as Fay Dunaway documents in her autobiography. He also discovered and established the reputation of the Callanetic Exercise System and represented the best-selling "Life Extension" by Durk Pearson and Sandy Shaw. He represented Manuel Puig whose "Kiss of the Spider Woman" has been produced as an award winning book, play, film and musical. He has been recognized in numerous publications—books dedicated to him include Anne Edwards' "Katharine Hepburn," Charles Higham's "Marlon Brando" and Kenward Elmslie's opera "Three Sisters."

Douglas has participated writers' seminars nationwide and has taught the history of the cinema drawing on his experiences and acquaintances with Fay Wray, Gloria Swanson, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Lillian Gish, Mamie Van Doren, Sylvia Miles, and many others. In January he appeared with Tony awarding winning actress, Cherry Jones, at New York's Lincoln Center in "An Evening of Tennessee Williams."

He continues to introduce new plays, musicals, and books into the national and international mainstream with upcoming projects including the musical version of "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?", the "Nunsense" musicals of Dan Goggin, a premiere recording and stage musical by Stephen Cole of the classic film "Night of the Hunter," a new biography of "Maria Callas" by Anne Edwards, and Dr. Mehmet Oz's landmark book on his pioneering heart surgery and use of alternative medicine, "Healing from the Heart."

Douglas was honored with a second Kentucky Colonel commission from Governor Brereton C. Jones in 1995.

The 1988 Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Douglas on May 9, 1998, at Memorial Hall at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Mitch Douglas is greeted by King Kong star, Fay Wray. (Photo by Tom Gates)

Our Yesterdays

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

Ten years ago (May 11, 1988)

Only 18 indictments were issued by the Floyd County Grand Jury this past week...The meeting of the board of education did not address the superintendent's job or the contract, but they did go into executive session for two hours...The ARC gave a grant in the hopes of curbing the county's dropout rate...The Parkway Independent Church was destroyed by fire Saturday...Seventh and eighth graders at McDowell Elementary have gotten a Lexington stockbroker and have a net worth of over $10,000...The jury recommended 20 years for Reo Hamilton, of Teaberry, for the first degree manslaughter conviction he received...A Prestonsburg physician, John Sutherland, was killed in a car crash Saturday night...There died: Laura Ratliff, 85, of Honaker, Monday at Our Lady of The Way Hospital; Nettie J. Sanders, 78, formerly of Floyd County, Sunday in Knoxville, Tennessee; Larry Calhoun, 35, of Spurlock, found Sunday at his residence; Goldie Vance, 82, of Wayland, Thursday at HRMC; Burnice Prater, 80, formerly of Lackey, April 15 in Louisville; Clyde Warrix, 73, of Hueysville, Thursday at UK Medical Center; Francis Ford, 71, formerly of Auxier, Thursday at Kalamazoo, Michigan; and Clinton Craft, 69, formerly of Floyd County, Friday at UK Medical Center.

Twenty Years Ago (May 10, 1978)

Grants totaling some $2.5 million are being provided to six Eastern Kentucky hospitals—three in Floyd County—to help cover the financial losses which accumulated during the record coal loss...A flood insurance and flood protection meeting has been arranged by Congressman Carl D. Perkins at Martin Elementary School's multi-purpose building, Saturday, May 20, at 3 p.m....An investigation by State Police Troopers Weedman and Stephens, last Wednesday, turned up a total of 121 marijuana plants found growing on an abandoned farm at the head of Akers Branch of Toler Creek, near Harold...The $33,000 bid of Akers & Akers, Dana contractors, for construction of a county school bus garage at Garth was accepted last Wednesday evening by the Floyd County Board of Education...Yvonne Stumbo Jones, of Prestonsburg, was sworn in as Floyd County Judge-Executive by state Supreme Court Justice James B. Stephenson...There died: Bert Mitchell, 68, of Teaberry, Monday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Mrs. Effie Smith Daniels, 79, of Garrett, Friday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Wayne L. Newman, 67, of Hi Hat, Wednesday at his home; Mrs. Judy Ell Mitchell, 82, of Teaberry, last Wednesday; Elisha Chaffins, 68, of Garrett, Wednesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Granville C. Hughes, 56, of Little Paint Creek, Friday at his home; Elder Ed Mosley, 99, of Martin, Thursday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Mrs. Alice Marie Rudder, 60, of Martin, Saturday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Avady Wagner, 73, of Cow Creek, Thursday at his home; Red John Hall Jr., 80, formerly of Craynor, Sunday in Willard, Ohio; Herbert F. Johnson, 70, of Buckingham, May 2 in Pikeville; Mrs. Hattie Webb, 54, of Teaberry, Friday at U.K. Medical Center; Mrs. Margarette Reffitt, 69, formerly of Prestonsburg, Sunday in a Warsaw, Indiana Hospital; Mrs. Beatrice P. Shell, 47, of the Winchester section, near Allen, Saturday at her home; Harlan Sexton, 86, of Hueysville, Monday at Our Lady of the Way; Mrs. Lucy Jones Brown, 80, of Printer, Monday at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Lugene Campbell, 55, of Wayland, Sunday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mrs. Etta Ray Osborne, 73, of McDowell, Sunday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Fleedie P. Kingley, May 1 in an auto accident.

Thirty Years Ago (May 9, 1968)

A dozen, perhaps fewer, one-room schools will be operated in Floyd County next year as a result of action taken at last Saturday's meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education...Sp-5 Jordan A. Belcher, 22, of Teaberry, was killed April 28 in Vietnam of fragmentary shell wounds received while driving a military vehicle during combat, it was learned here recently...Betsy Layne High School's Debbie Branham, 17-year-old senior, was crowned 1968 Music Festival Queen in festivities here last Saturday, succeeding another Betsy Layne girl who won the crown last year. Betsy Layne's band also won trophies as the best-playing band and another for best all-round performance...Although it suffered fire damage, Tuesday, which will range from $50,000 to $60,000, the Reynolds Body Company at Allen was back at work next morning with only one work shift lost...A building in which a family of six were sleeping last Friday morning was knocked down upon them by a careening milk truck. The family escaped serious injury...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Potter Jr., of Minnie, a son, May 3; to Mr. and Mrs. Bill J. Carroll, of Martin, a son, May 3; to Mr. and Mrs. David Andrews, of West Prestonsburg, a son, May 3; to Mr. and Mrs. Hatler Evans, of Grethel, a son, May 3; to Mr. and Mrs. Tramble Mitchell, of Martin, a daughter, May 4; to Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Conn, of Ivel, a son, Ronald, May 21 at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. James Merrill Goble, a son, James Alan, April 25 at Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Wills, of Paintsville, a son,

(See **Yesterdays**, page four)

Society

George Archer addresses FCRTA

Retired teachers who failed to attend the May 7 meeting of FCRTA missed some very pertinent information on the future health insurance plans that will soon become available to senior citizens. George Archer, the guest speaker who brought this information, was very knowledgeable and up-to-date on his topic, "Senior Advantage." During his comprehensive report, he paused at timely intervals to take questions from the group.

It was gratifying to learn that Mr. Archer will appear with Donna Morris in the FCRTA meeting October 1 to address changes in Medicare. Retired teachers should mark this date on their calendars.

Preliminaries before Mr. Archer's speech were opening of the meeting by Roberta Fugate, the invocation by Elmer Martin and the Pledge to the Flag, followed by the group singing of "America, the Beautiful."

Mr. Archer's address to the group was followed by the reading of the minutes by the secretary, Imogene Caldwell. The minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer's report was given by Gene Davis.

Committee reports followed. Frank McGuire gave the legislative report. Jimmy Reynolds reported on membership. He said letters would be mailed out soon with the goal of enlisting at least 300 members this year. Dues are due July 1.

Elmer Martin said there was nothing new on insurance that had not already been covered by the KRTS newsletter.

Reporting for the notification committee was Alice Martin who asked for a telephone contact volunteer to help Danny Branson with 874 numbers. Gene Davis said he would accept this duty.

The pre-retirement committee had no report, but Roberta Fugate offered to serve as chairman. Further plans will be made as the occasion demands.

There were two special committee reports. The first concerned the KRTA Convention held in Louisville April 14 and 15. Five delegates, Ruby Akers, Betty Porter, Alice Martin, Gene Davis and Danny Branson were asked to give their impressions of the affair and all obliged. For three of the delegates, this was their first KRTA convention and they were very favorably impressed with the organization and efficiency of the leadership. For a detailed report on the session in Louisville, Mrs. Fugate called on Imogene Caldwell, also a delegate to KRTA. Imogene takes meticulous notes on all the proceedings and can call back to mind any of the information some of us may have overlooked or forgotten.

Mrs. Caldwell and Mrs. Fugate both noted that Floyd County was ranked in the "silver" category this year, an honor based primarily on the percentage of membership in KRTA.

Before leaving the topic of the KRTA Convention, it was asked that all retired teachers send a note of thanks to their legislators for supporting HB532. There wasn't one dissenting vote in either house on this bill.

The second special committee report was that of the nominating committee. Due to the absence of Louise Howard, chairman of this committee, Alice Martin read the proposed slate of officers for the next biennium. Recommended for president was Roberta Fugate, for Vice-President, Danny Branson, for second vice-president, Alice O. Martin, for Secretary, Imogene Caldwell and for Treasurer, Gene Davis.

There will be another reading of the proposed slate of officers before FCRTA makes its selections.

In new business, the annual Memorial Day Observation to honor retired teachers who have died since the observation last June, will be held Thursday, June 4 at the Josie Harkins School House at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. A designated member of the family of the deceased will be invited to be present to participate in the activities. A light luncheon is planned and will be open to the public. Further details will be given later.

The serving of refreshments at all future meetings of the FCRTA was discussed and a motion made, seconded and passed that the group begin "brunches" with our next business session on July 2. Members may be asked to donate a small amount if the cost for the "brunches" proves prohibitive.

The benediction was given by Elmer Martin. Two door prizes procured by Judy Music were then given away. The first: two tickets to a performance by the Prestonsburg Honor Choir, was won by Connie Morrison Horn. The second; a spring banquet from Christina's Florist, was won by Harold Burchell.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Those registering at the FCRTA meeting were Ruby Akers, Judith P. Music, L.B. Price, Eileen Martin, Elmer Martin, Frank McGuire, Johnny Stumbo, Carmel L. Akers, Wanda K. McGuire, Connie Morrison Horn, Imogene Caldwell, Bert Layne, Jimmy R. Reynolds, Orella McGuire, Minervah Cooley, Margaret Collins, Harold Burchell, Lloyd Wells, Roberta Fugate, Judy Burchell, Edith Jones, Judith H. Carter, Betty H. Porter, Gene Davis, Daniel Branson, Arthur Moore, Andrew J. Crider and Alice O. Martin.

Woman's Club holds May meeting

The G.F.W.C.-K.F.W.C. Prestonsburg Woman's Club met May 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse for the regular May meeting, which is the installation of officers for the 1998-99. A pot luck dinner was held.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

The devotional was made by Sandra Robertson, followed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sandy Burchett, past president, installed the following: president, Beverly Oxford; first vice president, Lyda Howard; second vice-president, Melissa Forsythe; third vice president, Pam Weiner Skeen; secretary, Sabra Jacobs; corresponding secretary, Sandra Robertson; and treasurer, Paula Spriggs.

The gavel and president's pin was given to the new president, Beverly Oxford.

The new president announced a meeting of old and new officers to be May 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

A gift, a bird house, was presented to the outgoing president, Sandy Burchett. Hostesses for the meeting were Burieta Gearheart, Joyce Allen, Phyllis Stanley, Phyllis Herrick, Rosemary Armstrong, Margaret Hyden and Narcie Burchett.

The Kentucky Hospital Association 69th annual convention was held at the Hyatt Regency on May 4-6 in Lexington.

Among the subjects discussed were "Navigating the Seas of Change Without Falling Out the Ship" by Elizabeth Jeffries in Louisville and "Responsibilities of Volunteerism by Barbara Grossman, St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

Attending from Highlands Regional Medical Center were Danese Amburgey, KHA committee of volunteer services; Kathy Allen, director of volunteers services at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Helene Branham, Annis Clark, Elizabeth Ramey; Dorothy Stover; Margaret Hyden; Marvin Sturgill and Garnett Fairchild.

Household shower for Jamie Carroll and Michael Crum

A household shower for Jamie G. Carroll and Michael Crum will be held Monday evening, May 18, at 6:30 p.m., in the convention center at the Stumbo Park in Allen. The couple will wed on Monday, May 25, at the Maytown Methodist Church.

Price Community Club holds May meet

The Price Community Club held their regular monthly meeting on May 9. The meeting began with the opening exercises, secretary's report and treasurer's report.

Donations have been made to the club for dinners prepared at the last funeral.

Several thank-you cards had been received and were read. Scholarship applications had not been received yet, but will be read at the next meeting.

Three certificates are being awarded for community helpers. They are Kevin Spurlock, Bobby Collins, and Cecil Stumbo. Previous recipients have been Hugh Fugate, James "Bud" Stumbo and John Frasure. Certificates will be given every two months.

Club members with birthdays were recognized and Mother's Day gifts were given.

The next meeting will be June 13.

National Nursing Home Week

Mayor Jerry Fannin joined with Riverview Manor Nursing Home on Monday, May 11th to sign the proclamation announcing National Nursing Home Week. Pictured are Bertha Wright, Joann Marsillett, (acting director) and Mayor Fannin.

BIRTHDAYS

Seth Huff

Seth is one

Seth Daniel Huff turned one on April 26.

He celebrated his birthday at his grandparents house with an Elmo cake and party. Many family and friends attended the party.

Seth is the son of Brent and Roxanne Huff and the brother of Darion Breanna Huff.

He is the grandson of Larry and Hedy Sexton of Garrett, Ruth Huff of Bevinsville and the late Buford Huff.

His great-grandparents are Tommy and Roxie Crum of Martin and Vada Huff of Hindman.

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FOR THE RECORD

Dispatch Logs

Editor's note: Police dispatch logs are taken from the logs of the Prestonsburg Police Department.

May 4

Nothing other than routine runs and checks are logged in on this date.

May 5

12:10 a.m. — The Shell Mart reported threatening phone calls.

11:36 a.m. — A report was made of a male subject sitting between the courthouse and the jail drinking beer.

2:18 p.m. — A traffic light malfunction was reported at the Uptown Mining site.

4:55 p.m. — An accident with injuries was reported at the 23/80 overpass.

11:07 p.m. — An out-of-control intoxicated subject was reported at the Job Corps.

May 6

8:06 a.m. — An accident without injuries was reported near Tiger Mart.

11:52 p.m. — An accident without injuries was reported in front of Super America.

2:15 p.m. — An accident without injuries was reported at the 23/1428 intersection.

3:57 p.m. — A stolen bicycle was reported at North Arnold Avenue.

9:06 p.m. — An accident with injuries was reported at the Parkway lights.

May 7

Nothing other than routine runs and checks are logged in on this date.

May 8

3:45 p.m. — An accident without injuries was reported at the 114/1428 intersection.

5:06 p.m — A fight was reported at the PHS parking lot.

5:47 p.m. — A Calf Creek woman reported her stepdaughter had not returned from school.

6:48 p.m. — An employee of the Strand Theater reported a disturbance with some juveniles.

11:11 p.m. — Holiday Inn reported two males who would not leave the property.

May 9

2:05 a.m. — Comfort Suites reported guests being loud.

1:26 p.m. — Shell Mart requested someone check out a possible counterfeit $20 bill.

May 10

3:04 a.m. — The PHS gym door was found open.

3:41 a.m. — A man was reported to be laying on the ground near the Prestonsburg Water Plant.

4:42 a.m. — Comfort Suites reported loud guests.

12:59 p.m. — A three-vehicle accident with injuries was reported in the front of Reno's.

4:55 p.m. — The Floyd County Jail needed EMS to transport an inmate having seizures.

10:48 p.m. — An open door was found at PHS.

11:30 p.m. — A caller wanted someone to check on a Highland Terrace man who would not respond to calls.

Suits Filed

Editor's note: Suits filed are not indicative of guilt but represent only the claims of those filing the action.

Sandy Clay of Prestonsburg vs. David Neekamp; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Hassel Hall of Garrett vs. Patty Hall of Garrett; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Ernie Carter of Prestonsburg vs. Trennie Carter of Dorton; petition for dissolution of marriage.

David Coleman of Printer vs. Brenda Coleman of Bypro; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Patricia Vance of Prestonsburg vs. Larry Vance et al. of Prestonsburg; competition for injuries sustained on or about June 16, 1997 on U.S. 23.

Kodie Equipment Company vs. New Horizons Coal, Inc.; contract dispute.

Donna Bowen of Betsy Layne vs. Ralph Bowen of Wytheville, Virginia; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Sharon Watkins of Lackey vs. Michael Watkins of Wayland; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth Trust Bank vs. Carlos Griffith of Prestonsburg; contract dispute.

Anna Booth of Bypro vs. Phillip Booth of Hi Hat; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Tiffany Kendrick of McDowell vs. Eric Kendrick of Pikeville; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Thomas Engle of Wheelwright vs. Aaron Pratt et al. of Pinetop; compensation for injuries sustained on or about May 10, 1997 on Rt. 122.

Laura Robinson of Prestonsburg vs. Mountain Enterprises of Lexington; petition to produce documents.

Mark Shepherd of Garrett vs. Robin Shepherd of Garrett; compensation for injuries sustained on or about October 23, 1997 at Hueysville.

Cynthia Gayheart of McDowell vs. Cheryl Hamilton of Minnie; petition to produce documents.

Willis Foster of Garrett vs. Wanda Foster of Garrett; petition for dissolution of marriage.

PHH US Mortgage Group of Mt. Laurel, New Jersey vs. Mark McKean of Garland, Texas; contract dispute.

Phillip Robinson of Martin vs. George Cabrera of Langley; petition to extend time.

Rita Sellards vs. Vanessa Howell et al.; petition for trial by jury.

Bank One of Kentucky vs. Dave Mullins of Hi Hat; contract dispute.

Clarance Furmon of Wheelwright vs. Creecy Furmon of Louisville; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Gloria Gayheart of Hi Hat vs. Kenneth Gayheart of McDowell; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jerry Miller of Martin vs. Tina Miller of Auxier; petition for dissolution of marriage.

James Goines of McDowell vs. Freda Goines of McDowell; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Kathy Thacker of Pikeville vs. William Thacker of Shelbiana; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Property Transfers

Vernon Cornett and Jamie Cornett to James D. Collins and Patricia Collins; property location not listed.

Oma Adams to Harold L. Adams; property location not listed.

Rhonda Compton and Danny Compton to Trula M. Meade; property located on Abner Fork of Left Beaver Creek.

Estie Terry to Evan Energy; property location not listed.

Commissioner's deed, Barry Stumbo and Sherry Stumbo to Trans Financial Bank; property location not listed.

Marjorie Joseph to Lisa Lynn Howell; property location not listed.

James Hawkins to Dr. Burenetta L. Hall;. property location not listed.

Otter Creek Correctional Center, Inc. to USCC, Inc. a Kentucky Corporation; two tracts of property not listed.

Elmer Slone and Dorothy Slone to Ricky O'Dale Hamilton and Rebecca Ann Hamilton; property location not listed.

William M. Hunter, Jr. and Kathleen M. Hunter to Stephen and Gayle Justice; property located on the north side of Pike-Floyd Company Railroad.

Milton Ryan and Mildred Ryan to Milton Ryan; property located on Abbott Creek.

Rita K. Campbell, Robert M. Hale, Sharon K. Hale, Jackie D. Hale and Krystal Hale to Ethel Reed Hale; property located in West Prestonsburg.

Jean Eldridge, Judee Hale and Clarence Hale, Sherman Martin, Jr., and Linda Martin, John Martin and Sherri Martin and Sheridan Martin and Lisa Martin to Jacqueline Martin; property location not listed.

Joyce Niehaus to Larry Laferty and Debbie Laferty; property located at May Village on Bridge Branch.

Brenda K. Pennington and Dwight Pennington, Mazie Mullins and Jackie Mullins, Cynthia Mullins and Ray Mullins to Rodney Mullins; property location not listed.

Debbie Martin, Carl Ray Martin, Jr. and Tina Martin and Jason Martin to Bobby Hamilton; property located in Wayland.

Gladys Conn and Gifford Conn and Brenda Conn, Kenneth Conn and Janelle Conn to Gary Rosys; property location not listed.

Hais Harris and Robert Harris to Reva Harris; property located on Abner Fork of Left Beaver Creek.

Lloyd Ray and Nadine Ray to Ronald Gene Vance and Eva Vance; property located on Moore's Branch of Big Mud Creek.

Patricia Ann Murphy to James Marvin Collins and Mary Lois Collins; property located on Right Beaver Creek.

Conard Prater and Vesta Prater to Kristy Prater; property located on Abbott Creek of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River.

Conard Prater and Vesta Prater to Larry Prater; property located on the waters of Abbott Creek.

Vesta Prater and Conard Prater to Larry Prater; property located on Middle Creek.

William Hamilton to Rhoda F. Blankenship; property located on Big Mud Creek.

Brenda K. Lawson and Jimmy Dale Lawson and Michael Baldridge to Harold Baldridge, Jr. and Teresa Baldridge; property located in West Garrett.

Interstate Natural Gas Company to DLR Enterprises, Inc.; property located on waters of Frasures Creek.

Keith Dingus to Kent Dingus; property located on Middle Creek.

M & M Car Sales, Inc., to Joseph Coleman and Bonnie Coleman; property located at Justell (Betsy Layne).

Phillip I. Meade and Ida A. Meade to Jesse D. Meade and Linda S. Meade; property location not listed.

Thomas Jacob Allen, Jr. and Yukiko Allen to Beverly Allen Goble and Freddie Lee Goble; property located at Levisa Fork in Prestonsburg.

Arnold Newsome to Madeline Mitchell; property location not listed.

Callene Click to Allen Rose and Shelia Rose; property located in the City of Prestonsburg.

Ralph D. Wilhelm and Mary Wilhelm Hinchman to Lorenzo Joe Hinchman and Mary Wilhelm Hinchman; property location not listed.

John Alex Weddington to Callene Click; property located in City of Prestonsburg.

Hall and Hylton Development, Inc. to Bobby E. Beckett and Bobbi L. Beckett; property location not listed.

James C. Bailey and Toni Ann Bailey to Sidney Jane Bailey Bamer; property located on Wilson Creek Road.

Dewey Howell to Birdie Collins; property location not listed.

Loran Dale Raschella and Catherine B. Raschella to William E. Damron and Billie Damron; property location not listed.

Michael Kent McKinney, Sr. and Loretta McKinney to Michael K. McKinney; property located on Arkansas Creek.

Bill David Collins, II, to Stanley Chauvin, Jr. and Shelley Marie Spivey; property location not listed.

Sheila Delores Jarrell and Jackie Dwayne Jarrell to Shadery Watson and Betty Watson; property located in Justell Town Site to Betsy Layne.

Jim Dillon to Mary F. Cedras; property located at Ivel.

Jayne Allen to Eric Duncan and Angela G. Duncan; property located in the City of Prestonsburg;

Callene Click to John Alec Weddington, property located in the City of Prestonsburg.

Ocie Webb to Mary Lou Hackworth; property located on State Road Fork.

Ralph H. Elkins and Palma M. Elkins to Michael W. Adkins and Debra L. Adkins; property located at Dwale.

Charles E. Hall Jr., to Charles Collins and Peggy Faye Hall; property located on Left Beaver Creek near Bevinsville.

Restaurant, School, and Mobile Home Park Inspections

Editor's Note: All inspections are made by Floyd County Health Department environmentalists John L. Bailey, Russell Wallace, Mark Johnson, and Janet Conley.

• Prestonsburg High School, 96: Hair restraints not worn properly. Soiled mixer head on floor mounted mixer.

• Long John Silvers, 92: Nozzles on soda dispenser in need of cleaning and sanitizing. Liquid shortening dispenser located on clean equipment storage shelves; when used, it is leaving shortening deposits on clean pots and pans.

Drain not functioning properly and is leaking at hand wash service sink. No towels at hand wash sink in service area. Also no towels in men's restroom. Light guard missing over hood vent. Also, one light is out. Purse improperly stored in food service area.

• Taco Bell, 96: Under counter refrigerator has no thermometer. Temperature is in compliance, however. Nozzles and area round nozzles of soda dispenser needs cleaning and sanitizing. Ceiling over three-compartment sink in bad repair.

• Green's Frosty Freeze, 93: Not all refrigerators or freezer units have conspicuous thermometers. Food preparation counter top in bad repair. Chest-type freezer in bad repair. Facility has no chlorine test strips. Hot water heater leaking. Also, faucet at three-compartment sink is leaking. Floors in disrepair.

• Harold Gas & Go Happy Mart, 91 in deli and 90 in retail: Critical violation. Under-counter refrigeration unit not operating properly. Temperature observed at 50°F. This unit contains no potentially hazardous foods; however, manager removed all food items anyway. Repair order has been issued on this unit. Follow-up inspection will be made.

Other violations: Containers in walk-in should be properly labeled. Not all refrigeration and freezer units have thermometers. Food scoop stored with handle in contact with food. Proper hair restraints not in use. Ceiling over three-compartment sink in bad repair. Also, the wall of the break room has a hole. No light in reach-in freezer. Cleaning equipment not properly stored. Mop head stored on the floor.

• McDonald's, Martin, 96: Hair restraints not used by all employees. Wiping cloth should be stored in chlorine solution. Outside dumpster is not covered.

• Eastern Autobahn, 95 in deli and 96: One bottle cleaner in restroom not labeled. No thermometer in milk cooler. Top of coffee and coke machine dusty. Cups stored in three-compartment sink. No self-closing door in restroom.

• Char's Place, 96: Not all employees use proper hair restraints. Hand wash sink not clean. No self-closing door on restroom. Floor in bad repair.

• Heritage Pizza, 90: Critical item found. Outer openings unprotected. Owner given ten minutes to correct critical item. Item was corrected during inspection.

Spray bottle unlabeled. Single-service items improperly stored. Restroom faucet is leaking.

(See **For The Record**, page five)

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SUNSHINE LINES

by Beverly Carroll

Hello, senior citizens. I trust that all the mothers and grandmothers reading 'Sunshine Lines' today experienced a "Happy Mother's Day." How nice it is to be honored by our children and grandchildren! The adage about children, "When they are young, they step on our toes. When they are grown, they step on our hearts" has proved true. Every mother and grandmother has probably experienced their share of joy and heartache from their children and their grandchildren, but love for children seldom waivers. Our parents could probably have said the same about us.

This week, because of a series of unusual circumstances last week, 'Sunshine Lines' will diverge from its series on senior citizens centers in the Big Sandy area. This writer and Sarah Blackburn, the director of the senior citizens center in Elkhorn City, were not able to connect on Wednesday — my only day in the office last week. I was away on Monday and Tuesday attending a Pro Bono meeting in Harrodsburg. On Thursday and Friday I was in Washington, D.C. Next week, if all goes as planned, we will resume our series and you will learn about what goes on with the seniors at the Elkhorn City Senior Citizens Center. Today, however, I will share with you some interesting information about the Pro Bono meeting, as well as the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans Conference in Washington, I attended last week.

Do you know that Pro Bono is for senior citizens as well as for the indigent? Pro Bono Publico means simply, "...for the public good or welfare" and is usually referenced as a legal term meaning, "in need of a lawyer/attorney."

Oftentimes, it has been my experience to learn that senior citizens have problems that need legal intervention but they go unrepresented in the courts because they cannot afford legal fees. Volunteer Lawyers For Appalachian Kentucky (VLAK), a Pro Bono organization under the umbrella of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of KY., Inc., a part of the Legal Services Corporation, might be able to find an attorney from the private bar who would be willing to represent you at no cost should you find yourself faced with a legal problem.

There are guidelines one must meet to qualify for free legal representation, but those guidelines are somewhat relaxed in regard to senior citizen needs. If you need an attorney but cannot afford one, contact your local Legal Services office. If your local office is not able to help you because of their client load, you would likely be given my name and number to see if it were possible for our program to find legal assistance or an attorney to represent you without charge.

If you are a veteran in need, or a senior citizen with legal problems or other problems you need help working through, contact Don Akers, benefits counseling coordinator for senior citizens in the Big Sandy area at 886-3876 or toll-free at 1-800-556-3876.

Our statewide Pro Bono meeting in Harrodsburg last week focused on ways to meet the legal needs of the poor and aged in Kentucky.

The meeting in Washington was different, but it was also focused on finding ways to meet the needs of the homeless, especially veterans, throughout the United States.

The "National Coalition for Homeless Veterans" conference dealt with ways to meet the needs of all veterans, especially those who are homeless and without jobs.

I was privileged to attend a portion of this conference because my husband was there to receive a national honor. Of course, I wanted to be there when he was presented the award. But, I also learned a lot while there. I was extremely surprised to learn how many veterans are homeless in the United States — men and women who fought for our country, for the freedom we enjoy today. It was sad, indeed.

I wish it were possible for every senior citizen — every American — to have been there on Saturday to hear what Bonnie had to say. This 57-year-old female veteran was a spokeswoman for thousands of veterans. What she had to say literally touched the hearts of everyone at the conference that day. The program that helped her, got her on her feet where she is working toward a self-sufficient future. This is what organizations like hers, and ours, are all about.

I do not understand why our government cannot hear the cries or feel the pains of the poor and disadvantaged — people like Bonnie as well as people I deal with every day in the legal sector, and people looking for help at hundreds of other organizations dedicated to assisting the less fortunate.

The National Coalition For Homeless Veterans meets on behalf of veteran needs. The need is great there, just as it is with Pro Bono.

No, I didn't spend much time in the office last week. No, Sarah Blackburn and myself could not make contact on Wednesday for the interview. But, the conferences I attended last week on behalf of the Veterans, the homeless, the legal needs of the poor and the aged was beneficial to my work and hopefully, to you as senior citizens.

If you are a veteran in need, or a senior citizen with legal problems or other problems you need help working through, contact Don Akers, benefits counseling coordinator for senior citizens in the Big Sandy area at 886-3876 or toll-free at 1-800-556-3876. He'll guide you in the right direction.

Next week, we'll pick up with our senior citizens series by introducing you to the seniors and their activities at the Elkhorn City Senior Citizen Center.

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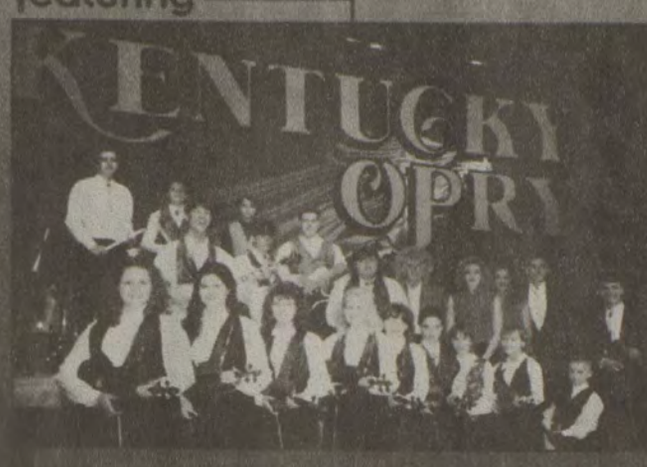

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Yesterdays

(Continued from page one)

Patrick Rodney, April 25...There died: Tommy Hughes, 43, of David, Monday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Dick Branham, 74, of Allen, last Thursday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Anxie Kimble, 61, Monday at her home at Melvin; George Hall, 89, Monday at his home at Bevinsville; Tivis Moore, 85, of Pyramid, Friday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Susie Johnson, 83, of Blue River, Wednesday at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Della Martin, 82, of Hueysville, last Wednesday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Melvin Cox, 75, of Garrett, Sunday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Forty Years Ago (May 8, 1958)

As hearings on reservoirs to control Eastern Kentucky floods were being held in Washington this week, days and nights of rainfall created uneasiness throughout the Big Sandy Valley, and Wednesday, the Big Sandy invaded Pikeville eight feet past the 35-foot flood stage...Miss Frieda Collins, represeting Martin High School, was named Floyd County Music Festival Queen for 1958...Several of the county's hard-pressed truck mines had another obstacle to meet this week as an attempt was made to stop, by threat or persuasion, their miners from working...Gov. A. B. Chandler directed the Department of Conservation last week to change the name of Dewey Lake State Park to Jenny Wiley State Park...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. George Lee Shannon, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Kimberley, April 26 at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; to Mr. and Mrs. Bucky Burchett, a daughter, Kathy Ann, April 27 in a Lexington hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. John D. Goble, a son, May 5 at Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: William (Bill) Stumbo, 53, of McDowell, Sunday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Lucy Little, 67, of Wheelwright, Monday at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; Harry Lee Crum, 48, of Arkansas Creek, Friday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

Fifty Years Ago (May 13, 1948)

Floyd County's 242 high school seniors will hear Jesse Stuart, noted Kentucky author, deliver the commencement address marking their graduation next Wednesday evening here...John Day Tackett, 65, well-known McDowell carpenter, died Saturday at Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, of injuries sustained on the preceding Saturday when a defective timber broke under his weight as he was erecting rafters of a home at Drift...Hobart Singleton, of Garrett, motorman for the Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Wayland, and Sill Isaacs, 51, Bevinsville, carpenter for the Gibson Coal Company on Wilson Creek, were fatally injured while working in and around coal mines last week...Prestonsburg's 1,100 school children, Monday afternoon, staged a blocks-long parade to voice their plea for a playground...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Tandy Bartley, of David, a son, May 4; to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Turner, of David, a son, Phillip Titus, April 20...There died: Anthony L. Newsom, 62, Friday at his home at Betsy Layne; Miss Pearl Marie Helton, 31, of Wheelwright, Thursday at Lexington; Mrs. Ada B. Hyde, 91, formerly of Prestonsburg, Monday at Woodstock, Virginia.

Sixty Years Ago (May 12, 1938)

Struck by a hit-and-run driver while returning from church at Tram Saturday night, Myrtle Edna Layne, 22, is dead and two companions seriously injured...Sketching the depletion of natural resources in Eastern Kentucky from its first settlement until the present, Dr. O. W. Thompson, Pikeville, member of the State Game and Fish Commission, told a group of citizens at the courthouse here Monday night, that this depletion would be corrected, bringing economic security, once the Jefferson National Forest area in the Breaks had been completely taken over by the national government...Temporary settlement of Auxier's school strike was affected by Attendance Officer Leonard Martin Wednesday morning when approximately 100 Auxier junior and senior high school pupils, many of them wearing placards, "We Want Stewart," called at his office, saying that they would not return to school unless the County Board of Education rehired John Stewart as teacher...There died: Mrs. Allen Slone, 84, Sunday at her home at Blue River; Green Howard, 50, Friday of gunshot wounds at Prestonsburg; Ray Wolf, 35, last Wednesday at his home at Wayland.

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NEW ARRIVALS

PIKEVILLE METHODIST

April 14: A son, Billy Daleray Spears, to Charlotte Huff; a son, Thomas Layne, to Angela Kay and Jeffrey Layne Tackett.

April 15: A son, Trevor Earl Preston, to Shannon Renee Music; a daughter, Taylor Alexis, to Shelley Jean and Chadwick Shawn Collins; a son, Devin Lee, to Misty Nicole and Mitchell Lee Haney.

April 16: A daughter, Brianna Belle, to Garietta Ann and Stephen Cephus McKinney.

April 18: A daughter, Telisha Le'sha, to Jenny Lynn and Nick Shortridge; a son, Nicholas Blaise, to Ruby Justice.

April 19: A son, Donovan Heath, to Donna Gail and Donald Lee Coleman.

April 20: A daughter, Lindsey Kaitlyn, to Gina Michelle and John Nathon Anderson; a daughter, Hunter Isiah Hubbard, to Cynthia and Stephen Plymale.

April 21: A daughter, Sarah Nicole, to Billie Jean and Johnny Dean Peters; a son, Jacob Tyler Ray, to Stephanie Renee and Lucas Tracy Tackett; a daughter, Desiree Ann, to Chasity Tackett; a daughter, Kristia Nichole, to Sabrina Jean and Christopher Sean Deskins.

April 22: A son, Micheal Damian Murphy, to Rachel Ratliff; a son, Ricky Tyler, to Tena Rene' and Ricky Ray Jones; a son, Roy Kent, to Tammy Jean and Freddie Kent Cline; a daughter, Madison Trace, to Melissa Kaye and John Wayne Stricklin; a daughter, Tara Elizabeth, to Angela Dawn and Dwight Phillip Buckley Jr.; a son, Samuel Peyton, to Cynthia Michelle and Samuel Dean Hamilton.

April 23: A son, Brent Matthew, to Gabriella Eden and Walter Glen Adkins; a son, Christopher Ray Craig, to Julie Ann and Christopher Matthew Holbrooks; a son, Kameron Ross, to Allison Michelle and Kenneth Wayne Childers; a son, Brandon Glen, to Lora Lee and Glendon Sparks.

April 24: A son, Christopher Nicholas, to Brenda Lee Miller; a daughter, Taylor Brianne, to Annette and Brian Goff; a son, William Dalton, to Mary Eleen and William Joseph Justice; a son, Todd Creed, to Racheal and James Kenny Smallwood; a son, Johnny Preston, to Melissa Marie and Johnny Darrell Brizendine; a son, Joseph Daniel, to Jonie Diane Thacker and Joseph Allen Hunt; a son, Edward Allen, to Jonie Diane Thacker and Joseph Allen Hunt; a daughter, Alyssa Dawn, to Dawn Suzanne Runyon; a daughter, Jessica Shawntae, to Misty Dawn and Jeremy Joseph Ratliff; a daughter, Marlena Cheyenne, to Rebecca Blackburn and James O'Neil Hylton; a daughter, Karagan Nykole, to Renae and Jerry Brizendine.

April 27: A son, Jasper Dale, to Shelby Rena and Darrell Gene Belcher; a daughter, Micala Bregen, to Pamela Michelle and Jeffrey Scott Sode; a son, Austin Blake, to Angela Marie and Jonathan Scott King; a daughter, Cassie Nicole, to Julie Diane and Randall Hank Varney.

April 29: A daughter, Maya Kristiniana, to Rhonda Lou Simpson and James Edgar Holcomb.

April 30: A son, Zachary Tyler, to Shirley Lynn Hall; a daughter, Shania Cole, to Tawanna Sue and Brandon Edmonds; a daughter, Alyssa Ann Yates, to Jennifer Ward; a son, Colby Matthew Junior, to Jacqueline and Timothy Matthew Bentley; a son, Aaron Gene Madison, to Maggie Renee and Lyndon Baines Hall.

May 1: A daughter, Savannah Noel Nunemaker to Jennifer Lynn Gillespie and David Wayne Nunemaker.

May 2: A son, Gary Dwayne Lowe II, to Tommy Lynn and Gary Dwayne Lowe; a son, Shane Dalton, to Glenna Mae Sawyers; a daughter, Hannah Michelle, to Olivia Michelle and Charles Linton Griffith; a daughter, Kaitlin Alina, to Rhonda Malena and Reco Carson Ferrell.

HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

April 28: A daughter, Sarah Anne, to Mark Edward and Melanie Victoria Greene of East Point; a son, Curtis Mitchell, to Marrissa and Michael Yates of Salyersville; a daughter, Abigayle Paige, to Robin and Willis Lewis of Prestonsburg.

April 30: A daughter, Brittany Ann, to Christal and Julius Brown of Salyersville.

May 1: A daughter, Shyanna Rae Dion Jude, to Linda Lea Harless of Inez; a son, Zachary Neal, to Carla Marie and Jimmy Salyers of Oil Springs.

May 2: A son, Brandon Dwayne Nathaniel Williams, to Tammy Gibson of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, to Angela and Bradley Wayne Bowen of Warfield; a son, Logan, to Chris and Harold Smith of Leburn.

May 3: A daughter, Tabitha Claire, to Valeria and Byron Coburn of Betsy Layne.

May 4: A son, Geordon Andrew Clinton, to James Clinton and Jeanetta Blanton of Greenup; a son, Dylan Lee, to Winson Lee and Amana Leanne Slone of Blue River.

May 5: A daughter, Cara Leeann Sluss, to Sabrina Maynard of Martin; a son, Austin Brett, to David and Heather May of Boons Camp.

Birth announced

Jeri and Hubert Randall Likens Jr. of Printer announce the birth of their daughter, McKayla Alexandria LaShae, born April 7 at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DeLong of Van Lear, her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Likens of Printer, and her maternal great-grandmother is Geneva DeLong of Van Lear.

Birth announced

Steven and Melissa Patton announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Courtney Brooke, born April 19, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 19 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Van Patton of Estill, Elizabeth Patton of Prestonsburg, and Wanda and Russell Ousley of Prestonsburg. She is the great-granddaughter of Bertha Ousley and the late Henry Ousley, and Faye Patton of Estill and the late Ray Patton.

Prestonsburg Masonic Lodge announces PCC scholarship

Graduation time is fast approaching, and Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, Prestonsburg's Masonic Lodge, announces that it will award, for the third consecutive year, a $500 scholarship to a graduating senior from Prestonsburg High School who will be attending Prestonsburg Community College.

The scholarship will be awarded based upon criteria of a combination of academic excellence and financial need.

The student does not need to have any Masonic connection, and those interested are encouraged to obtain an application from the high school and submit it to the lodge's committee for consideration.

For the Record

(Continued from page three)

Cardboard box reused for disposal. Floor tiles in poor repair in some places. Some ceiling files in poor repair. Light fixtures unshielded.

• Family Inn, not rated: Pre-opening inspection. Meets minimum requirements for food service.

• Market Place Deli, Prestonsburg, 86 in deli and 93 in retail: Out of date item — Fischer's Ham. In retail area, thermometers not provided for refrigeration units. No designated storage area for damaged goods. Improper storage of vegetables, and bulk popcorn stored on floor. Improper storage of food dispensing utensil (ice scoop) on soiled surface. Ice machine has rust deposits evident.

Improper sequence of operation in three-compartment sink in preparation area, and three-compartment sink soiled with food particles. Can opener blade not clean, and water deposits and rust inside ice machine. Inside of walk-in cooler floor area not clean because raw meat drip waste accumulation.

Top of equipment in preparation area and shelving not clean. Retail shelving for dry goods and refrigeration not clean. Spatula stored between wall and electrical conduit. Three-compartment sink leaking. Floors not clean in preparation area. Walls and ceiling not clean in preparation and retail area.

• Martin Middle School, 98: Freezer door and seal in bad repair. Floor repair needed. Tile missing. Ceiling repair needed in kitchen. One purse stored in storage room with food items.

• Martin Middle School, 86: Ceiling needs repair in boys' new building. Not towels in restrooms. Restroom window not screened. Tiles damaged or need replacing in Ms. Derossett's room and hallways. Key broken in lock in janitor's closet in new building.

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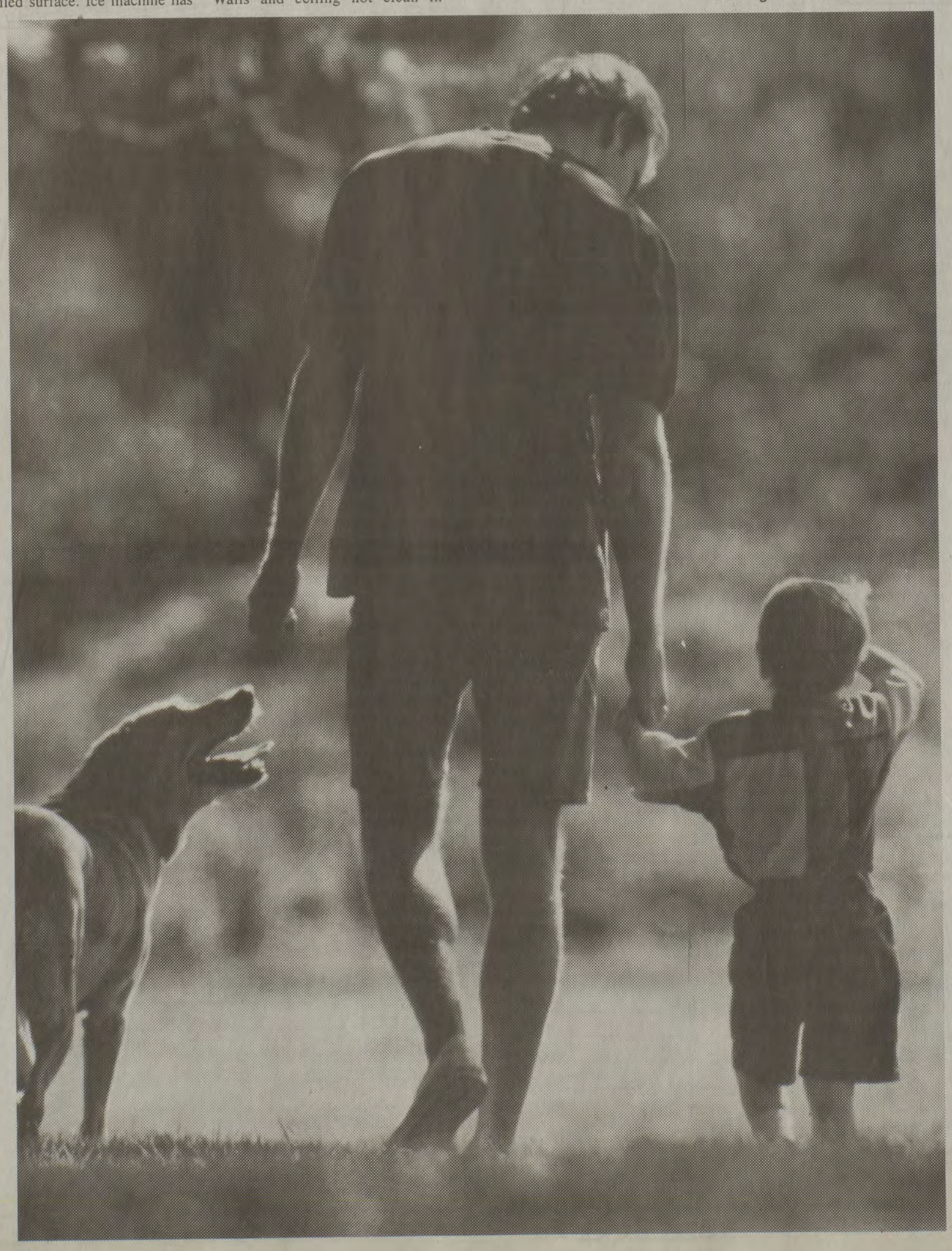

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1/3 package (4 ounces) No Yolks cholesterol-free noodles
1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
1 medium (8 ounces) zucchini, cut into 2 x 1/4-inch strips
1/2 cup diced red bell pepper (1/4-inch dice)
12 ounces peeled and deveined large shrimp
1 garlic clove, minced
1/2 cup dry white wine
1 teaspoon each: chicken bouillon granules, grated fresh ginger

Cook noodles according to package directions without salt; drain. Toss with oil; reserve. In large nonstick skillet coated with nonstick cooking spray, cook zucchini and pepper over medium-high heat, stirring frequently until crisp-tender, about 1 minute. Toss with noodles. In same skillet, cook shrimp and garlic, stirring frequently, over medium-high heat until shrimp turn pink, about 3 to 4 minutes. Toss shrimp with noodles. Add wine, bouillon and ginger to skillet. Cook and stir 1 minute to dissolve bouillon; cook to reduce sauce slightly. Add to noodle mixture; toss gently to combine. Serve immediately. Makes 4 (1-1/2 cup) servings.

MEXICAN FRIED RICE

2 Tbsp. acceptable vegetable oil*
1 cup uncooked rice
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 cup finely sliced green onion
2/3 cup chopped canned chili peppers
1/2 cup diced fresh tomatoes
2 cups homemade chicken broth or commercial low-sodium variety

Heat oil in a heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add rice and sauté, stirring constantly, until golden brown. Add remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer 30 minutes, or until rice is tender and liquid is absorbed.

Makes 6 servings.

* Canola, corn, olive, safflower, soybean or sunflower oils.

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ANNAMARIA'S PASTA

Inspired by a pasta dish from Southern Italy, this recipe calls for hot sausage for an authentic Italian bite.

1 pound Tennessee Pride Country Sausage (hot)
1 medium onion, chopped
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 can (14.5 ounces) whole tomatoes, including juice, chopped
1 cup dry white wine
1 cup sour cream
Salt, to taste
1 box (16 ounces) rigatoni, penne, or ziti, cooked according to package directions

Cook sausage, onion, and garlic in large skillet until sausage is browned and onion is tender; drain. Stir in tomatoes and wine. Simmer until most of the liquid has evaporated, about 20 minutes. Reduce heat and stir in sour cream. Season with salt to taste. Toss with freshly cooked pasta. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

PORK AND GREEN CHILI CASSEROLE

This zesty rice, bean, and pork dish will rate tops with those who love Mexican food—

1 1/2 to 1 3/4 lb. boneless pork shoulder roast, trimmed of fat
1 Tbsp. cooking oil
1 15-oz. can black beans or pinto beans, rinsed and drained
1 10 3/4-oz. can condensed cream of chicken soup
1 14 1/2-oz. can diced tomatoes
2 4-oz. cans diced green chili peppers, drained
1 cup quick-cooking brown rice
1/4 cup water
1 to 2 Tbsp. salsa
1 tsp. ground cumin
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Cut pork into bite-size strips. In a large skillet stir-fry pork, half at a time, in hot oil till no longer pink. Drain. Return all meat to skillet. Stir in remaining ingredients except cheese. Heat and stir just till bubbly; pour into a 2-quart casserole. Bake, uncovered, in a 375° oven for 25 minutes or till rice is tender. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake 3 to 4 minutes more or till cheese is melted. Makes 6 main-dish servings.

FRIED RICE WITH PORK

3 cups cubed cooked roast pork
3 cups shredded green cabbage
1-1/2 cups sliced green onions, with tops
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
3 cups cooked rice, chilled
1 (2-ounce) jar diced pimento
1 egg, beaten to blend
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 tablespoons soy sauce

Yield: 6 servings
Prep time: 30 minutes

Sauté pork, cabbage and onions in oil in large skillet or wok over medium-high heat until vegetables are crisp-tender. Add rice and pimentos with their liquid. Cook a few minutes; push aside. Add egg, stirring constantly. When egg is soft-scrambled consistency, start incorporating it into rice mixture. Add pepper and soy sauce; stir until heated.

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State Fair Recipe
Submitted by Linda Cole, Lennon, Mich.

1 (12-oz.) can Lite Spam® luncheon meat, cubed
2 cups shredded cabbage
1 cup shredded zucchini
1 onion, shredded
1 carrott, shredded
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil leaves
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 (28-oz.) can diced tomatoes
1 1/2 cups instant rice
1 tablespoon brown sugar
10 green bell peppers, cored and seeded

In skillet over medium-high heat, sauté Lite Spam® luncheon meat until lightly browned; remove from skillet. Add cabbage, zucchini, onion, carrot, garlic, basil, oregano and red pepper flakes to skillet. Cook over low heat 10 minutes, or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Drain juice from tomatoes; reserve juice. Add enough water to tomato juice to make two cups. Add juice, tomatoes, Lite Spam® luncheon meat, rice and brown sugar to vegetable mixture. Cover. Cook 10 minutes. In large saucepan, boil green bell peppers in water five to seven minutes, or until crisp-tender. Drain. Fill peppers with Lite Spam® luncheon meat mixture. Serves 10.

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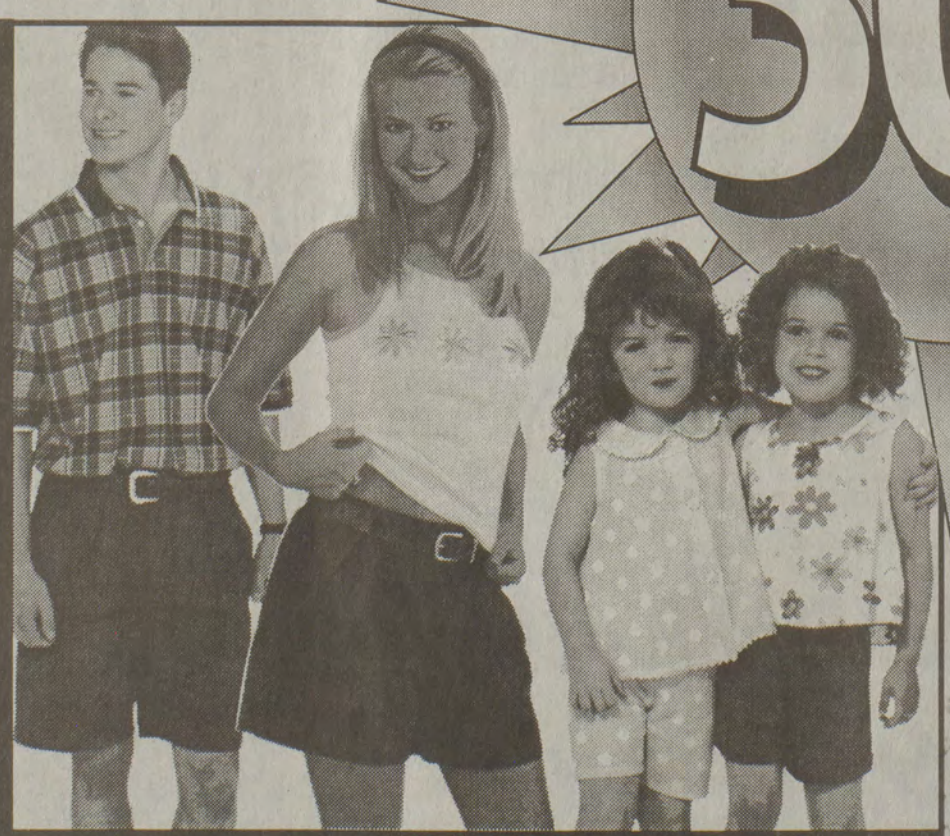

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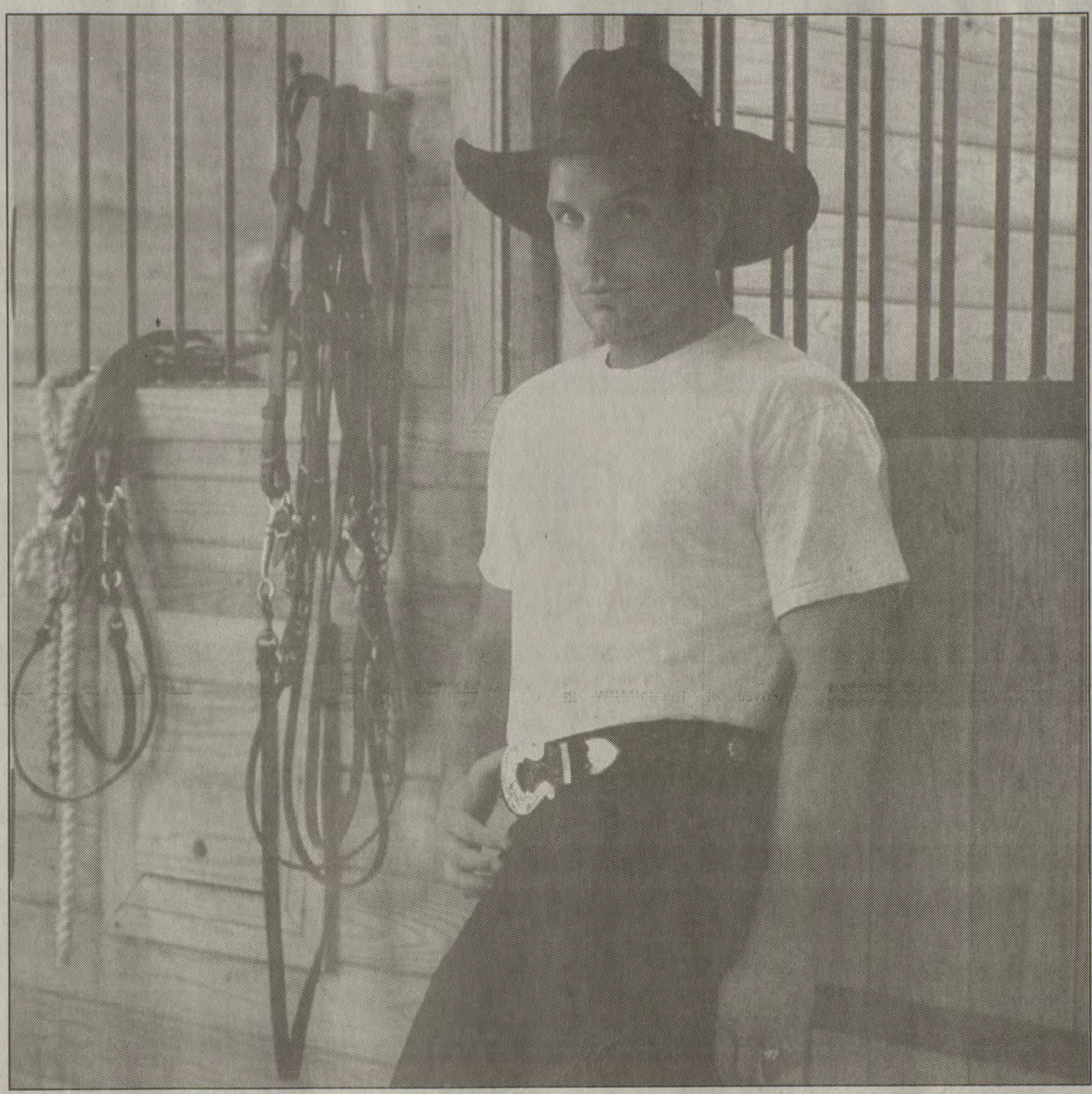

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Newsome of Craynor announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Dionne, to Adam Blake Tackett, son of Eurie Tackett of Beaver and Myra Tackett of Morehead. The bride-to-be is currently pursuing a degree in communication disorders at Eastern Kentucky University. The prospective bridegroom is presently employed by United L & N Glass of Kentucky, located in Versailles. The wedding will take place June 27 at First Baptist Church in Prestonsburg.

Karen Kendrick and Doug DeRossett

Kendrick-DeRossett to wed

Karen Louise Kendrick, daughter of Mildred Coleman and Joe Kendrick Jr. of Pikeville, and Doug DeRossett, son of Jacqueline Wolverton of Old Town, Florida, and the late Clyde C. DeRossett, announce their engagement and forthcoming wedding.

Ms. Kendrick is a graduate of Berea College and Morehead State University. She is a biology teacher at Prestonsburg High School.

Mr. DeRossett is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and Morehead State University and is a teacher and coach at Martin Middle School.

The wedding will be held May 30, at 6:30 p.m., at the Pleasant Home Baptist Church in Prestonsburg. The custom of open church will be observed. A reception will follow at the Holiday Inn in Prestonsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hicks II

Hicks-Newsome wed

Charles E. Hicks II of Prestonsburg and Tammy Newsome of Wayland, were united in marriage on April 17, at the Mountain Valley Chapel in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, followed by a honeymoon in Hawaii.

The groom is the son of the late Charles and Thelma Hicks, and the stepson of Ernestine Hicks of Blue River. He is the grandson of Joe and Osie Hicks of Blue River. He is employed by Brown Food Service, as a sales representative in Louisa.

The bride is the daughter of Klinon and Ruby Newsome of Grethel. She is self-employed at the Wayland Fountain Restaurant.

The couple now resides in Prestonsburg.

Carroll-Crum to wed May 25

Jamie Carroll and Michael Crum

Patty Carroll of Martin announces the forthcoming wedding of her daughter, Jamie G. Carroll, to Michael L. Crum.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late Jimmy Carroll, and the granddaughter of Nola Carroll of Martin, and the late Clarence Carroll. Her maternal grandparents were the late Arthur Conn and Marie Conn Hall.

The bridegroom is the son of Dallas and Rosa Lee Click of Martin and Scotty Crum of Harold. He is the grandson of Vernon and Sadie Samons of Arkansas Creek, and the late Silas and Vannie Crum.

Crum is a 1995 graduate of J.H. Allen Central H.S. and Carroll is a 1996 graduate.

The couple will reside in Lexington, where Crum is an employee of Toyota/MPW in Georgetown. Carroll is employed with Winn-Dixie in Lexington.

The wedding will be held on Monday, May 25, at the Maytown Methodist Church, at noon, with Rev. Donnie Hackworth officiating.

Wright-Mulkey to exchange vows

Charles and Jackie Wright of Rocky Road, Millard, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tessa Raye, to Brian Mulkey, son of Edgar and Joyce Cruey of Harold and the late Julius Mulkey.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Millard High School, attends Prestonsburg Community College, and is employed by Food City of Pikeville. She is the granddaughter of Earl and Buggie Adams of Isom and the late William and Nora Wright.

The bridegroom attended Betsy Layne High School and is employed by Thornsberry's Hydroseeding, Coal Mac Inc. He is the grandson of Bert and Frankie Case of Harold, and the late Roscoe and Dora Mulkey.

The wedding will take place Saturday, June 6, at 2:30 p.m., at Jubilee Christian Assembly on South Mayo Trail, Pikeville.

A reception will follow immediately after the ceremony in the fellowship hall. The custom of open church will be observed.

Following a short honeymoon, the couple will reside in Pikeville.

Tessa Wright and Brian Mulkey

Martin-Walton exchange vows

Stephanie Lynn Martin and Petty Officer First Class Daniel Philip Walton were united in marriage, Saturday, March 28, in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Stephanie is the daughter of Lace and Ola Hicks of Eastern, and is currently employed by Southern Benefit Administrators Inc., of Norfolk, Virginia. She is a 1982 graduate of Dr. J. H. Allen Central High School and formerly employed by the University of Kentucky.

Daniel is the son of Katherine Osmun of Richmond, Virginia and the late Raymond Alexander Walton Sr., and is currently stationed at Naval Air Station Oceana with the U.S. Navy in Virginia, Beach. He is a 1979 graduate of Hermitage High School in Richmond.

Following the ceremony, the couple were joined by family members and friends for a luncheon on the oceanfront. Mr. and Mrs. Walton reside at their home in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Walton

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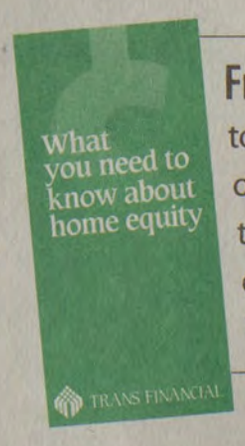

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Couples should confront family finances, not each other

It's the one subject that probably is at the center of more fights and squabbles between husbands and wives—but money does not have to be such a problem, according to experts at the University of Kentucky.

"A lot of the arguments over money could be handled better if couples would sit down and talk about the role of money in their lives," says Celia Hayhoe, a professor of family studies at UK.

Hayhoe said individuals generally have a particular approach to money. Some are hoarders, some are spenders. Conflicts grow out of an inability to mesh approaches in a way that promotes family security.

"It's a good idea for couples to talk about how they feel about money and money issues. It's better if they do this before they get married," Hayhoe said.

Until the 1960s, most families had a single breadwinner, generally the husband. But economic and social situations have changed, and now both marriage partners usually have jobs.

Two-income households mean couples have to devise strategies for dealing with bills and building savings, Hayhoe said.

"Men are usually the ones who want to pool the funds, because it creates a sense of community. Women generally want to have two pots, so they have some autonomy," she said.

Either approach works—unless the husband and wife have strong disagreements over which approach to take, she said.

In instances where a spouse favors a common pot and the mate desires some financial freedom, the couple should consider setting up an allowance. "If they want, they can spend it. If they want to save it, they can save the allowance," Hayhoe said.

Couples also might consider a joint bank account for paying household bills, with each spouse contributing a portion based on his or her income.

Ray Forgue, also a UK family studies professor and co-author of a college textbook on family finance, agrees with Hayhoe that couples should discuss money.

"Money is something people should communicate about, both before and after they marry. It should be discussed during the courtship," Forgue said.

"There's no right or wrong way to handle the money. But it's got to be something that works for the couple," he said.

Some households give total control of the purse strings to one spouse, Forgue said. That's asking for trouble.

"You need to avoid unilateral control. That plants a lot of seeds of dissention that will come back to haunt you after a period of time. It will become an issue," he said.

In one of her classes at UK, Hayhoe requires students to team up and map out a financial philosophy for their make-believe "households." "In the class, I invariably have 'hoarders' and 'spenders,'" she said.

"Too often, couples haven't set family goals, so they don't know where they want to be financially five to ten years from now. But if they'll set those goals, they can begin planning on how to get there," Hayhoe said.

Setting family goals not only can build a more financially secure household, it can help unite a couple and strengthen their marriage, she said. "We always work harder for things we value," she said.

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Nominations are now being accepted for parent representatives to site-based council at Prestonsburg High School for the 1998-1999 school year.

Nominations for parent representatives must be in writing and deposited in the nomination box in the principals office during school hours from April 27-May 20.

The election will be held May 21, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., in the cafeteria.

To be a parent representative you must be a parent of a student who will be attending Prestonsburg High School during the 1998-1999 school year.

You cannot be a parent representative if you are an employee of the school district or if you are a relative—Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Husband, Wife, Son, Daughter, Son-in-law, Father-in-law, Mother-in-law, Aunt or Uncle—of a district employee.

If you cannot come to the school, you can mail your nominations to the following address:

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25 BLACKCAT BLVD., PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653

Second year for 'Fraud Busters'

The Kentucky Secretary of State's Office is offering a reward to citizens who turn in people suspected of vote buying or selling in the upcoming primary and general elections.

This year marks the second in which Secretary of State John Y. Brown III has offered this Fraud Busters program. Fraud Busters provide for a $1,000 reward for the first 10 felony indictments for vote buying or selling. Citizens who witness what appears to be vote buying or selling should call a toll-free hotline to report it. The number is 1-800-328-8683.

"I want to help make election fraud a thing of the past," Brown said. "And I figured the best way to fight money is with more money."

Callers who believe they have witnessed election fraud will be asked for details of the incident, such as the names of the vote buyer and seller, the location, the time it happened and whether they know what race was involved. Callers will remain anonymous. The information will be presented to the proper legal authorities for prosecution.

Vote buying and selling are Class D felonies, punishable by imprisonment from one to five years.

Fraud Busters was funded this year by the 1998 Kentucky General Assembly. The Secretary of State's office is working in cooperation with the Attorney General's office to conduct this program.

"Fair and honest elections are absolutely essential to our Democracy," Brown added. "Fraud Busters is one way to highlight the problem of election fraud and possibly help bring those who practice it to justice."

Ryan Owens, an Allen Central High School student recently visited Washington D.C. during the 1998 Close-Up trip. He was introduced to various government officials, including Congressman Hal Rogers. He met students from all over the United States and he also had the opportunity to visit many historical sites such as the capitol, Smithsonian, and several memorials. Ryan is the son of Joseph and Teresa Owens of Garrett, and the grandson of Molly Owens of Langley and the late Ralph Owens, and Margaret Conley of Garrett and the late Virgil Conley.

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New furniture factory to locate in Pike

New factory plans to employ 70 people within two years and 150 within five years, with average wages of $7.75 per hour the first year.

Pike County Judge/Executive Donna Damron and Governor Paul E. Patton announced Monday, May 11, that a Montana couple who received national awards for business excellence will locate an office furniture factory in Pike County.

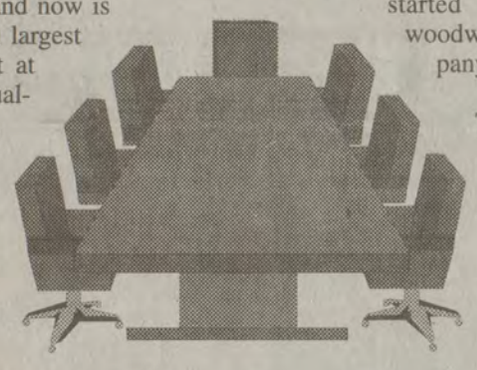
Jim and Stacee Cover, former owners of Montana Furniture Industries of Bozeman, Montana, will build hardwood office furniture on a 4.5 acre tract at Mossy Bottom Industrial Park. Construction of the L.J. Miller Company is scheduled to begin this summer and production of furniture is expected to start in early 1999.

The new company plans to employ 70 people within two years, and 150 within five years. Average wages are projected to be $7.75 per hour for the first year and in excess of $8 per hour the second year. Employee benefits will include a group health plan, 401k/profit sharing plan, sick pay and vacation/holiday pay.

"We are extremely pleased to attract two young entrepreneurs the caliber of the Covers to Pike County," said Damron. "Not only have they been very successful in the furniture business, but they are two of the nicest people you will ever meet. They will be a valuable addition to our county and our region."

Patton said he is pleased with the recruitment of the company to Kentucky.

"The wood products industry has doubled its sales volume in the last three years and now is the state's fourth largest industry segment at $2.8 billion annually," said Patton. "We've been committed to having the best wood products industries in the state, and this company is an excellent addition."



"The quality of life and progressive leadership in Pike County were the primary factors in our decision to locate here," said Jim Cover.

"When we visited Pike County, we were extremely impressed with the people and the community, said Cover. "It is obvious that this is a progressive community which is moving in the right direction. From the hospital, to the schools, the recreational facilities, the new vocational technology, we like everything we saw and everyone we met in Pike County.

"We were especially impressed with Judge/Executive Damron and are confident that she and her staff can make this project a reality," added Cover.

The Covers have two young daughters, Jennifer, 9, and Katie, 7. The couple plans to sell its home in Montana and move to Pike County within the next few months.

"Choosing a location was not only a business decision, but a personal one as well," said Cover. "The community feel of a small town, schools, and numerous other aspects are important."

The company will be named in honor of Jim Cover's maternal grandfather, the late L.J. Miller.

"He was a wonderful man that I looked up to as a child," said Jim Cover. "On my seventh birthday, he gave me a tool set and a box of scrap lumber and introduced me to woodworking.

"Several afternoons in his hobby shop followed, undoubtedly with a great deal of patience on his part. He was also a man with admirable morals and values. Unfortunately, he passed away soon after I started my first woodworking company."

Cover said The L.J. Miller Company will make quality furniture at a good value.

"In the next few years, it is our goal to make the furniture industry aware that The L.J. Miller Company has the best solid-wood office furniture at the best value in the country, and is made by great people in Pikeville, Kentucky," said Cover.

Jim, 35, and Stacee, 34, started building furniture in their garage in 1984 when they were students at Montana State University. Soon, orders grew to the point where Jim, an engineering student, and Stacee, a business marketing major, went into the furniture business full-time.

The Covers built CVR Oak Furniture to approximately a million dollars in sales in a few years. But five days before Christmas 1989, the furnace in the factory malfunctioned and started a fire that destroyed the factory and the finished furniture which was ready for Christmas delivery. The company didn't have enough insurance to cover the loss.

With the help of their 30 employees and the town, the Covers re-built the factory, which was later named Montana Furniture Industries. They also operated Montana Furniture Galleries, a retail store in Bozeman which sold their finished product.

The company's inspirational rise from the ashes earned national recognition. The Covers were honored by President Bill Clinton, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Nation's Business magazine as one of only four "National Blue Chip Enterprise Award Winners" in 1993. Success magazine featured them in its 1993 "Great Comebacks" issue.

By 1996, the company had 75 employees and approximately $4 million in annual sales. In October 1996, the Covers sold the company to an investment group from New Zealand and a businessman from Seattle.

"After 12 years of hard work, Stacee and I had decided we needed to take some time off," said Jim Cover.

The couple began planning almost immediately to build another furniture factory in the eastern United States, closer to the wood supply. They met Kevin Brown, director of wood products industries with the East Kentucky Corporation, in 1997. Brown stayed in contact with the Covers and convinced them that Eastern Kentucky was the right place for their new furniture factory.

Montana Furniture used primarily Kentucky oak to manufacture its furniture, and the company was paying several thousand dollars a month in shipping costs to bring wood to the factory. It made business sense to bring the factory to the wood.

The Covers visited six Eastern Kentucky communities over several months before selecting Pike County after visiting Pikeville last March.

The total estimated cost of the project is $2.7 million. Damron said the county will apply for single-county coal severance tax funds to build a 35,000 square foot building on a 4.5 acre tract at Mossy Bottom Industrial Park. The company will lease the building and property from the county and Pikeville-Pike County IDEA board, paying back the coal severance tax dollars, plus interest, over a 15-year period. The building will be designed so it can easily be expanded to 80,000 square feet in a few years to accommodate the company's anticipated growth.

The county will also apply for Community Development Block Grant funds to purchase equipment for the new factory. The equipment will be leased to the company by the IDEA board over a seven year term, with the company repaying the cost of the equipment, plus interest.

Damron said there are provisions in the building and equipment lease agreements which will provide incentives to the company to employ as many people as possible in Pike County. The monthly lease payments will be increased if the company does not meet its employment projections, and the lease payments will decrease if the company employs more than 70 people.

The funds paid back to the county and IDEA board from the building and equipment leases will then be available to loan to other companies who qualify for the local severance tax and CDBG programs, said Damron.

"Our goal is to help private enterprise create good-paying jobs in Pike County," said Damron. "The project is not a government handout, but a good example of local, state and federal government working together to help private enterprise create good jobs to benefit the community."

The Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority has given the company preliminary approval for tax credits under the Kentucky Rural Economic Development Act (KREDA), a program which was devised by Patton when he was Pike County Judge/Executive. The state incentive program is aimed at increasing manufacturing employment in counties with higher than average unemployment.

Damron said it was a "team effort" by county and state government, local citizens and organizations, and several regional and state organizations, which ultimately convinced the Covers to locate the furniture factory in Pike County.

Damron thanked several individuals and agencies who have been involved with the project, including Governor Patton, the East Kentucky Corporation, the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet, the Kentucky Department for Local Government, the Pikeville/Pike County IDEA board, Superintendent Howard Wallen and the Pikeville City Schools, Pikeville College, Prestonsburg Community College, Pikeville Area Family YMCA, Big Sandy Area Development District, Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville Mayor Steven D. Combs and Teresa Combs, Mountaintop Baking, Debbie Huffman, and the Landmark Inn, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Ruth Cox of AAA Realty, Community Trust Bank, Kentucky Wood Products Competitiveness Corporation, Kentucky Technology Services, Mountain Association for Community Economic Development, and Christian Appalachian Project.

Damron said she believes the furniture factory is only the first of several value-added wood industries which will be recruited to the county, and she has taken steps to ensure that Pike County citizens have access to training which will prepare them for jobs in the wood industry.

"We have asked the governor and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System for the new Pike County Regional Technology Center to offer a program in wood manufacturing technology," said Damron. "The Kentucky Wood Products Competitiveness Corporation has committed $105,000 to purchase equipment for the program at the technology center. With the availability of this training and the location of the Covers' furniture factory here, we should be able to attract even more value-added wood companies to Pike County."

The recruitment of the furniture factory is only the latest in a string of success stories for Pike County in economic success stories in Pike County," said Damron.

"Southeast Telephone will create several good jobs over the next few years. The Pikeville Methodist Hospital, the Pike County Regional Technology Center, and the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine, all will create several hundred new jobs over the next few years. The Pikeville/Pike County Civic Center will have a $10 million annual impact and create an estimated 85 new jobs in our economy. Mountaintop Baking is continuing its expansion and adding new jobs.

"We are working on several more very promising projects which will create several projects in the next few weeks,"

"Unemployment in Pike County is at its lowest rate since the coal boom," added Damron. "And in the next few months and years, it is going to be even lower.

"We are diversifying our economic base by adding new jobs in various sectors, such as communications, technology, medical services, entertainment and, now, wood manufacturing," said Damron. "By creating these new opportunities for our people in growing sectors of the economy, we will be able to maintain a stable economy in Pike County for the first time in our history."

EQC reports on environmental issues and trends of coal mining and oil and gas drilling in State of Kentucky's Environment Report

The mineral resources of Kentucky contribute greatly to meeting the state's energy needs while supporting the economy. But with this mineral and economic wealth comes environmental concerns. The Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission has released its seventh in a series of reports on how effective state efforts have been to address and minimize impacts from coal mines and oil and gas drilling operations. The State of Kentucky's Environment Resource Extraction report reviews mineral production and consumption trends, enforcement and compliance issues at mine and drilling operations, and the status of abandoned sites. Highlights from the report follow.

Future of Kentucky Coal

Kentucky ranks third in the nation in coal production, falling below Wyoming and West Virginia. During 1996, 158 million short tons of coal were extracted from the Eastern and Western Kentucky coalfields. More than 7.4 billion tons of coal have been mined in Kentucky during the past 200 years—about half of this amount being extracted within the past 25 years. In 1996, 74 percent of the coal was mined in Eastern Kentucky, with Pike County leading the state in coal production.

An estimated 32.5 billion in demonstrated coal reserves remain in the state. But studies reveal that about half of these reserves are not recoverable given current technology, land use restrictions, and other factors. Officials with the Kentucky Geological Survey predict that coal reserves in several principal beds will be significantly diminished in the near future. The resources that remain are more likely to be thinner, of poorer quality, and more challenging in terms of mining conditions.

Number of coal mines decline but production levels increase

Kentucky has the largest number of coal mines in the U.S. with 544 active operations compared to West Virginia's 386 and Wyoming's 27. However, the number of coal mines is declining. For example, mines fell from 1,858 in 1985 to 544 in 1996. The drop is attributed to several factors, including the repeal of the state's two-acre mine exemption in 1987, a shift from small independent coal companies to large diversified firms, and consolidation of operations into larger mining complexes. The average permitted surface mine is 343 acres and the average permitted underground mine is 900 acres.

While the number of mines in Kentucky has declined in the past 10 years, coal production has remained fairly stable. This is attributed to increased efficiency in the extraction of coal brought about by larger, more productive mining machinery and a greater emphasis on productivity. As mines have become more mechanized, coal mine employment has fallen 38 percent in the past nine years, from 31,503 employees in 1988 to 19,372 in 1996.

6 percent of state's land has been permitted for coal mining

Between 1978 and 1996, 1.56 million acres, about 6 percent of the state's 25.8 million acres of land have been permitted for coal mining. Currently, Kentucky has 1,157 surface mines and 1,144 underground mines permitted in the state. In 1996, 273,000 acres of land were disturbed by coal mining. A majority of these acres, 76 percent, were in Eastern Kentucky. The state permits about 63,000 acres per year for coal mining.

Since 1984, more than half a million acres of permitted lands have been reclaimed. Most lands are reclaimed to hay and pastureland.

76 percent of coal mine operations in compliance

Trends indicate that compliance of coal mines with environmental rules has improved based on random oversight inspections conducted by the U.S. Office of Surface Mining. For example, in the past five years, compliance has improved 12 percentage points, from 64 percent of operations in compliance to 76 percent in compliance.

The number of violations cited at coal mines continue to decline. In the past year violations fell 24 percent, from 2,356 in 1995 to 1,801 in 1996. The drop is attributed to a decline in coal mine permits, improved compliance by operators, and a stronger state emphasis on preventative enforcement.

A review of violations reveals that sediment control leads as the most frequently performance standard cited at coal mines in Kentucky. Sediment control pertains to the construction and maintenance of sediment ponds and silt fences. Penalties assessed against violators show declining trends as well. In 1996, $10.8 million in penalties were assessed against violators. Many fines cannot be collected due to bankruptcies or a lack of company assets.

22 percent of coal mine violations are water-related

Coal mines continue to contribute to water quality problems in the state. According to the "1996 Kentucky Report to Congress on Water Quality," active, inactive, and abandoned coal mines are impairing the quality of 963 miles of waterways, about one-third of the assessed waterways with major pollution impacts.

A review of the 1,801 violations cited at coal mines in 1996 reveals that 22 percent were water-related. Abandoned mine lands are also polluting 52 streams in the state with acid mine drainage.

952 complaints received in 1996, 26 percent concern blasting

In 1996, 952 citizen coal complaints concerning coal operations were received by state officials; the second lowest number recorded since 1984. Twenty-six percent of the complaints concerned coal mine blasting. Kentucky leads the nation in the use of explosives. In 1996, 2.4 million metric tons of explosives were sold in the U.S.—356,000 tons of which were sold in Kentucky. Coal mining accounts for about two-thirds of the total U.S. explosive sales.

Coal mine bond forfeitures down

The forfeiture of coal mine permits and bonds due to the failure to properly operate or reclaim a site continues to decline in Kentucky. In 1996, $1.9 million in bonds were forfeited under 91 coal mine permits containing 1,302 acres. That same year 66,000 acres of land were completely or partially reclaimed as required by state and federal law.

Estimated 80,000 to 150,000 acres of abandoned mine lands

Since 1978, only 19,100 acres of the 80,000 to 150,000 acres of abandoned mine land in Kentucky have been reclaimed. Another 1,100 projects have been undertaken to address abandoned mine land problems such as landslides, fires, and polluted water supplies. Funds to address abandoned mine lands are provided by the national Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Fund. The program is supported by a fee of 35 cents per ton of surface-mined coal, 15 cents per ton for coal mined underground, and 10 cent per ton of lignite. The money is held in an interest-bearing account and allocated back to the state for mine reclamation purposes.

Federal law specifies that 50 percent of the AML fees collected be returned to the state of origin for reclamation projects. Since 1978, Kentucky has paid $655.6 million in fees to the AML Fund and received back $254.8 million in state grants—a 39 percent return. The state also received $57.8 million in discretionary AML Funds to supplement state grants.

Federal funds are also used to finance emergency abandoned mine lands projects. Since 1979, $84 million in emergency funds have financed 621 projects. Trends reveal a steady decline in funding for emergency projects, from $11.8 million in 1990 to $3.7 million in 1996. This decline is due to a cap set by Congress in 1992. The cap limits federal AML emergency spending in Kentucky to about $4.5

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'Irish Travelers' con artists in Ky.

Your Better Business Bureau (BBB) warned Kentuckians to be on the look-out a month ago...and now they're here. Over the last week, there have been reports from Bowling Green, Wilmore, Richmond and Berea of residential victims being targeted by the "Irish Travelers"—a group of itinerant con artists from South Carolina practicing home improvement fraud, also loosely referred to as "the gypsies."

One victim (who, out of fear, wishes to remain anonymous) relays his experience several days ago with a common scheme used by the Travelers. "After paying $1000 for them to paint my barn, I was horrified to see the substance they called paint wash off with the first rainfall," he reported to the BBB.

So far this month, the con artists traveling through Kentucky are using the names 'Carroll' and 'Sherlock', which are names commonly used by the Travelers. In fact, in checking with South Carolina Law Enforcement on the name Thomas Carroll, they told the BBB they know of at least 28 different Travelers using the name 'Thomas', 'Tom' or 'Tommy Carroll'. In an attempt to appear like a reputable company, several of the Kentucky victims have been given generic business cards for a "Thomas Carroll, Farm and Commercial Painting" and a South Carolina phone number. Although the homeowner is put at ease by being told he/she call the phone number should there be any problems after the fact, the telephone goes unanswered upon repeated attempts to reach someone. Upon being confronted with this fact, the next homeowner was purportedly given Tommy Carroll's personal beeper number and told that he'll be in the area for the next two months and will immediately address any problems. Sounds sincere, but that has yet to happen, as no one responds to that number either.

"The Travelers have developed and perfected various scams from painting your home to fixing your roof, while managing to maintain a safe distance from criminal prosecution," says BBB President/CEO Tracey McLarney. "The best advance for consumers," she adds, "is to become educated as to how these schemes work and then to steer clear!"

For instance, the Travelers usually move from place to place in small groups of two to five workers. They will typically drive an unmarked pick-up truck or other type of work truck, with out-of-state license plates, and they approach you. They work for cash only, and often lure you with the illusion of a deal or discounted price. On the rare occasion that they can provide you a business card or pre-printed business forms, it will typically be a generic sounding name with only a phone number listed—no physical address. They prey on the elderly and those who appear to live alone. They watch closely as to where the homeowner retrieves their cash for payment of the job, and have been known to use another scam or even physical harm to take any excess cash.

While the Travelers have used a variety of home repair needs in the past, including basic construction and repair jobs from roofs to chimneys, the common denominator in jobs they are performing this time around center on work trucks with mounted spray units. From that type of equipment, they are offering anything related to spraying a liquid like recoating driveways, painting fences, and sealing metal barn rooftops. And while not yet reported, it is also feasible that with this type of equipment they may be offering exterminating services.

Consumers can protect themselves from such victimization by doing the following.

"If you really need work done around your house, comparison shop quality as well as price! Obtain at least three detailed written estimates comparing similar materials, labor and time frames. A good rule of thumb is to go with the middle price quote.

* Find out if the company and/or contractor is properly licensed, bonded and/or insured.

* Ask for recommendations from friends and relatives who used a contractor for similar work, and check out each prospective firm's reliability report with your BBB, 1-800-866-6668, 24 hours a day. You can also request a member referral list by industry, which will provide you with an excellent starting point in your search for a reputable business.

* Do not pay for the project up front, nor should you ever pay in cash. If your request to pay by check is not accepted, be wary of doing business with that person.

* Find out specific information about the company, such as name, address, phone and owner. An independent contractor or an out-of-state company may be impossible to contact after the money has been paid. Even if you have a written or implied warranty, it will be useless if there is no way to get in touch with the company.

The bottom line? Kentuckians beware! If you are approached by anyone under these circumstances, you may want to suggest they keep on traveling! If you or someone you knows have been victimized, please call your Better Business Bureau @ 606/259-1008 or 1-800-866-6668, or your county's branch of the Kentucky State Police.

Blankenship honored

Sam Blankenship, the Prestonsburg representative for the financial-services firm Edward Jones, was one of 63 representatives honored at a business management forum in Boston. The event was held April 30 through May 3.

Blankenship was recognized for the outstanding business-management skills he has demonstrated. In addition to being honored, Blankenship met with other Jones investment representatives to share ideas for increasing office efficiency, expanding investment knowledge and improving customer service. The sponsor of the class was Hartford/Planco/Wellington.

Edward Jones representatives regularly attend advanced-training seminars and classes such as this.

Edward Jones traces its roots to 1871. Today, with more than 3,800 branches in 50 states, Jones has more offices than any other brokerage firm in the nation. Its investment representatives serve more than 2 million clients and specialize in serving individual investors and small-business owners.

Blankenship's office is located at 255 West Court St., Prestonsburg.

COMMERCE CORNER

by Carla Coburn
Executive Director
Chamber of Commerce

Carla Coburn

This week the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce is busy making preparations for the Annual Awards Banquet. The banquet scheduled for May 21, is only a week away, and we thank those members who have registered in advance for the event. Non-members of the business community are invited to attend this signature event as well at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center of Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

We thank our current corporate sponsors: City of Prestonsburg, Trans-Financial Bank, The Bank Josephine, First Commonwealth Bank, and Highlands Regional Medical Center. We remind other members that there is still time to be listed in the banquet program as a corporate sponsor, our deadline has been set for May 18.

We thank our sponsors: Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, host; First Commonwealth Bank, reception/speaker; Food City, flowers; Kentucky Opry, entertainment; State Wide Press, programs; John's Clubhouse, awards.

In addition to awarding our deserving business community at the banquet, we will enjoy the commentary of long-time "Voice of the Wildcats" Cawood Ledford, who will be our keynote speaker. Also, in keeping with the evening's theme, we will raffle a 1998 NCAA Championship basketball bearing the names of the competitors of the final game: University of Kentucky and University of Utah. This is an evening of entertainment with surprises you won't want to miss!

This week we welcome GeoTram Corporation as members of the Chamber of Commerce. Our business organization is active and growing! If your business would like to take advantage of our membership services, contact your Chamber of Commerce at (606) 886-0364.

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million a year.

Many charge that the AML Fund is being used to help offset the federal deficit. The AML Fund has collected $4.6 billion and allocated $3.5 billion, leaving a balance of $1.1 billion. State government officials along with environmental and industry groups have called upon Congress to release the AML Fund balance to help cleanup old mine sites.

Oil production down, Natural Gas production increasing

Kentucky has produced oil and natural gas since the early to mid 1800s. An estimated 170,000 oil and gas wells have been drilled in the state. Kentucky ranks 20th among 31 states with oil production. Crude oil production has been steadily declining in the state, dropping from 17,704 barrels a day in 1986 to 9,424 barrels a day in 1996. The decline is attributed to the low and variable price of crude oil on the world market.

Kentucky ranks 17th among 33 states with natural gas production. Natural gas production has been steadily increasing in Kentucky from 184 trillion cubic feet in 1990 to 208 trillion cubic feet in 1996. The growth in natural gas production has been fueled by rising market prices and increased demand due to the cleaner burning characteristics of natural gas.

Violations at oil and gas wells double between 1995 and 1996

Since 1960, 88,313 oil and gas permits have been issued by the Kentucky Department of Oil and Gas. Currently 46,500 of these permits are active. During 1996, 957 violations were cited by the department's 16 inspectors; almost double the 532 violations cited in 1995. The increase in violations is attributed to an improved computer system to track oil and gas operations.

More than half of the violations were for improper well plugging and 14 percent were for operating without proper bonding.

Oil and gas wells impacting 70 miles of waterways

Water quality problems associated with oil and gas wells are polluting 70 miles of monitored waterways in Kentucky. Most environmental problems occur at older oil wells and small independently-owned wells. During 1996, the Kentucky Division of Water conducted 7,120 inspections at oil and gas wells and issued 82 violations of clean water rules resulting in $273,000 in penalties. Division of Water officials report that a strong enforcement presence combined with better industry compliance and a decline in oil production, have reduced oil and gas drilling violations in the state.

Bond forfeiture rate for oil and gas wells remains high

Because the Department of Oil and Gas does not have the authority to assess fines against violators of oil and gas rules, it must rely on bond forfeitures as its primary enforcement tool. During 1996, 102 bonds were forfeited for the failure to properly plug and reclaim well sites. Since 1991 1,972 bonds have been released while 1,504 have been forfeited. While oil and gas bond rates increased in 1994, state oil and gas officials report that bond amounts still do not cover the complete cost of plugging and reclaiming a well site.

11,595 abandoned wells in Kentucky, 1,162 plugged

Abandoned wells pose environmental and public health and safety risks. Kentucky has an estimated 11,595 abandoned oil and gas wells, of which only 1,162 have been plugged. Abandoned oil and gas wells are plugged using interest accrued from bonds and bond forefeitures. The interest generates $400,000 per year—enough to plug about 200 wells. In 1996, 212 wells were plugged, well above the 90 plugged in 1995 and 88 plugged in 1994.

For a copy of the 20-page report containing 41 charts and figures, contact the Environmental Quality Commission, 14 Reilly Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601, or call EQC at 502-564-2150, ext. 160. EQC is a seven-member citizen board created under state law with a mission to facilitate public discussion and resolution of environmental issues, monitor environmental trends and conditions, promote partnerships to improve and protect the environment for future generations, and serve as an advisory board to state officials on environment matters.

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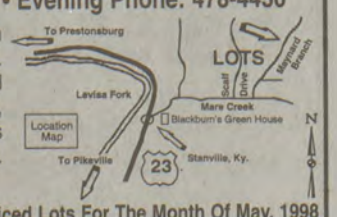

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- Pass a supervisory test.

This position coordinates and supervises the operations performed by field employees working outside the office. The field staff will be working in Floyd and surrounding counties. Job requirements include management or supervisory experience, organizational and communication skills, and ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines. Evening and weekend work will be necessary. The selected candidate will be required to attend a week of paid training. The rate of pay is $10.75 per hour plus $.31 a mile reimbursement for use of automobile on official business.

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Rummage & Yard Sales

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MOVING SALE: 9-5 Friday and Saturday. May 15 and 16. 909 Sansom Fork on Prater Creek. 478-3203.

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Legals

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Invitation

Sealed proposals in duplicate for the following work will be received by the Johnson County Fiscal Court in the manner and on the date hereinafter specified for the furnishing of all labor, materials, supplies, tools, equipment, services, etc. necessary for the construction of the River Pedestrian Bridge at Ky Highway 581 near River in Johnson County, Kentucky, and approved by the Johnson County Fiscal Court under the terms and conditions of this invitation.

Project Description

All of the labor, equipment, materials, and incidental items necessary for the construction of the following:

A) the installation of the superstructure which includes the fiberglass reinforced plastic deck, and all wire rope and fittings;

B) the installation of the substructure which includes anchorages 1 and 2, concrete piers 1 and 2 (including piling), steel towers, and guy wire deadman anchorages 1, 2, 3, and 4;

C) the clearing of access areas on the east and west sides of the bridge;

D) the revegetating and landscaping of areas on the east and west sides of the bridge;

E) the installation of an access ramp on the west side of the bridge;

F) the installation of a retaining wall on the west side of the bridge;

G) the installation of an asphalt parking area on the west side of the bridge.

All other items of work required by the plans and specifications shall be coordinated with the Engineer and the Johnson County Fiscal Court.

Method of Receiving Bids

Bids will be received from General Contractors on a unit price basis for the total project. All phases of work shall be bid to and through the General Contracting Firms. Bids shall be submitted in the manner herein described and on the official proposal form included with the conditions and specifications and shall be subject to all the conditions as set forth and described in the Bid Documents.

Method of Award

Award shall be issued on the lowest responsive bid price by a responsible bidder. The Bid Proposal will contain all qualifying requirements and forms.

Plans and Specifications Reviewed

Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be examined at: Bocook Engineering, Inc., 312 Tenth Street, Paintsville, KY 41240.

Obtaining Plans and Specifications

Plans and specifications may be obtained from Bocook Engineering, Inc., 312 Tenth Street, Paintsville, Kentucky 41240, 606-789-5961, at a non-refundable cost of $75.00 per set.

SPECIAL NOTE: No bidding documents (forms of proposal) will be released commencing five (5) days prior to the date of the bid opening.

NOTE: It is most important that requesting firms identify the position of their firms as to prime bidder, miscellaneous subcontractor, material suppliers or others.

Bid Submittal

Bids must be received at Bocook Engineering, 312 Tenth Street, Paintsville, Kentucky 41240 by 5:00 p.m., May 27, 1998. Bids will be opened immediately following the aforementioned office.

Contractors must submit their bid in a sealed envelope and the envelope must contain the following information on the outside lower left-hand corner, viz:

Sealed Bid Invitation
No.: 4496
Bid Date: May 27, 1998

Bids, upon their receipt by Bocook Engineering, Inc., are stamped showing the hour and date received. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for reception of bids will not be considered provided legal and acceptable bids have been received on said referenced invitation.

Bid Withdrawal

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening of bids. Clerical errors and omissions in the computation of the unit price bid shall not be cause for withdrawal of the bid without forfeiture of bid bond. Bids may be withdrawn, in person only, prior to the closing date for receipt of bids.

Bonding

All bids shall be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than five (5%) percent of the amount of the base bid. A 100% Performance and Payment Bond shall be furnished by the successful bidder. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the Instructions to Bidders and/or Conditions.

Right to Reject

The Johnson County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all formalities and/or technicalities where the best interest of the Johnson County Fiscal Court may be served.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Aileen Hamilton, P.O. Box 474, McDowell, KY 41647, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately two miles above McDowell on Rt. 122, Left Beaver Creek. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone 502-564-3410.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held by the City of Wheelwright at the City Municipal Building on 5/21/98 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining written and oral comments of citizens regarding the proposed annual budget, LGEA Fund, Municipal Road Aid Fund. Any person(s) (especially Senior Citizens) who cannot submit written comments or attend the public meeting, but wish to submit comments, should call City Hall at 452-4202, so the City can make arrangements to secure their comments.

David M. Sammons
Mayor

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-5325, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Branham & Baker Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 271, 148 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.57 miles west of Wayland in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 3.87 surface acres and will underlie 739.85 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 743.72 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.61 miles west from KY Rt. 1086's junction with KY Rt. 7. The nearest stream is the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37º 26' 46" and the longitude is 82º 49' 03."

The proposed operation is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Consol of Kentucky, Inc. The operation will underlie land owned by: Ranson and Mary Marcum, Junior Martin, Jerome Messer, Kathrine Martin Smith, Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc., and Consol of Kentucky, Inc.

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

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Branham & Baker Coal Company, Inc., 148 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a Phase I bond release on Permit Number 836-5106 which was last issued on 7/11/96. The application covers an area of approximately 17 acres located 1 mile Southeast of Pyramid in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.75 miles Southeast from Rt. 850 junction with Pitts Fork Road and located on Left Fork of Middle Creek. The latitude is 37º 33' 50" and the longitude is 82º 51' 36."

The bond now in effect for Increment 1 is $40,400.00. Approximately 60% Increment #1 of the original bond amount of $40,400.00 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 7/6/98.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. 7/7/98 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 7/6/98.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Twilight Lounge, doing business at Rt. 979, P.O. Box 541, Harold, KY 41635, by Nellie Johnson, P.O. Box 541, Harold, KY 41635, hereby declares her intention to apply for a license as a retail beer dealer under the state law.

INVITATION TO BID

The Floyd County Board of Education requests "Sealed Bids" for Concession Items, Office Supplies, Printing, and School Picture Package for the 1998-99 school year.

Copies of bid forms and detailed specifications may be obtained from Matt Wireman, Director of Finance, Floyd County Board of Education, 183 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, telephone 606-886-2354.

Bids must be mailed or delivered to Matt Wireman prior to time bids are opened. Bids will be opened at the Floyd County Board of Education on Tuesday, June 2, 1998 at 2:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-5333, Amendment No. 1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 432 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.0 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The amendment will add 3.56 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 0.00 acres making a total area of 173.30 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.0 mile east from KY Route 1428's junction with Sugarloaf Branch Road and located in Dial Branch. The Latitude is 37º 39' 47" and the longitude is 82º 41' 41."

The proposed amendment is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Joe Burchett.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, 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 INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application No. 860-5164, Major Revision No. 5

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., HC 82 Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, Kentucky 41828, has applied for a Major Revision to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.57 miles northwest of Halo in Floyd and Knott Counties. The Major Revision will underlie 350.29 acres making a total area of 1313.88 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed revised area is approximately 2.84 miles southwest from KY Rt. 1498's junc-

tion with KY Rt. 122 and located 0.18 miles southwest of Jack's Creek. The latitude is 37º 18' 14" and the longitude is 82º 45' 15."

The proposed revised area is located on the Wheelwright and Kite U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The revised area will underlie land owned by Dingus Bates, Andy & Hulda Johnson, Carmen & Aileen Hall, Doy Isaacs Estate, Margie Hall, Fess Hall, David Hall, Clayton M. Johnson, John B. Chafins and Ellis Hall. The operation will affect an area within 100' of public roads KY Rte. 1498 and Upper Jack's Creek Road. The operation will not involve the relocation or closure of the public road.

The Major Revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. Any written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

INVITATION FOR BID

The Mud Creek Clinic will receive sealed bids for the addition and renovation of the existing clinic, Grethel, Kentucky. Bids will be received at the Mud Creek Clinic, located at Grethel, Kentucky. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids must be received on or before 2:00 p.m. local time, on May 14, 1998 at the Mud Creek Clinic. Pre-bid conference will be on May 6, at 2:00 p.m. at the clinic.

Copies of Plans, Specifications, Contract Documents, and Form of Proposal must be ordered from and deposit checks sent to the office of the Architect, Randall Burchett, 637 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, 606-886-3929. Plans will be distributed from the office of the Architect. Deposit must be received by Architect before Contract Documents can be obtained. A complete set of plans and specifications require a deposit of $125.00. The amount of $50.00 of the deposit will be returned only to the bidder who submits a bonafide bid and returns the plans and specifications in good condition within ten days after the bids are opened otherwise no refund will be due. All checks shall be made to the order of the Architect.

The Form of Proposal shall be requested from the Architect. Any bonafide bidder requesting a Proposal Form, who has not previously obtained a copy of the Project Manual from the Architect shall be required to purchase the Manual. General Contractors shall be required to purchase complete Contract Documents which include Project Manual, Technical Specifications and Drawings. All bids shall be submitted only on the Form prepared by the Architect. The proposal envelope will have the project and respective bidder.

Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the Architect and Engineers, office of the owner: 1. F.W. Dodge Corporation, 2525 Harrodsburg Road, Lexington, KY; 2. Dodge Plan Room, 405 Capital Street, Suite 509, Charleston, WV 25301.

Proposals shall be accompanied by a certified check or cash or bidder bond, executed by the Bidder and Surety Company IN THE SUM OF NOT LESS THAN TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE AMOUNT OF THE BASE PROPOSAL. The bid security is required as a guarantee that if the Proposal is accepted Contract will be immediately entered into and the performance of it properly secured. A cashier's check is not considered proper bid security.

Proposal Forms must be filled out and submitted in duplicate. No qualifying letters or statements will be considered. No bidder may withdraw a bid submitted for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

In the event the Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded fails to execute a satisfactory Contract and Bond, he shall be eliminated and shall forfeit his certified check, cash of his Bid Bond and shall be liable for the loss occasioned by the Owner by such failure.

Any bid which is not received on a timely basis or in the proper form shall be returned unopened.

The Owner reserves the right to accept any and all Bids and to waive any informalities therein.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

May 22, 1998 at 10:30 a.m., or thereabouts, a 1996 Fleetwood 14x70 Mobile Home S/N #NCFL241A43880V012 will be sold to the highest bidder for cash "as is where is" at Slone's Mobile Home Park, Blue River, KY. Under the terms of a Retail Installment Contract and Security Agreement. The mobile home may be inspected before the sale. The bank reserves the right to bid. The buyer will pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Community Trust Bank
Collection Department
Pikeville, KY
Greg Justice,
Auctioneer

BID NOTICE

The Floyd County School Food Service will be accepting "Sealed Bids" for Cafeteria Food, Supplies, Bread and Cleaning Supplies until May 27, 1998, 10:00 a.m. For bid specifications, contact Sharon Jarvis, School Food Service Director, at 606-874-8144.

The Floyd County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following items will be offered at public sale on May 22, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. at The Bank Josephine Parking Lot, Front Street, Prestonsburg, Kentucky: 1994 Pontiac Trans Am GT, Serial #2G2FV22P7R2208619.

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 arrangement are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Terry Sizemore
Collection Manager
The Bank Josephine
P.O. Box 471
Prestonsburg, KY
41653

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-5306, Major Revision No. 7

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 432 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.5 mile north of Emma in Floyd County. The major revision will add 0.00 acres of surface disturbance acres and will underlie an additional 98.00 acres making a total area of 1,711.95 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed major revision is approximately 0.25 mile north from KY Route 1428's junction with KY Route 194 and located 0.50 miles north of Cow Creek. The latitude is 37º 38' 30" and the longitude is 82º 41' 45."

The proposed major revision is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The major revision will not add any surface disturbance acreage to the permit area. The major revision will underlie land owned by Sandra Barkan, Clyde Burchett, and William Jarrell.

The major revision proposes to add 98.00 acres of underground mining in the Elkhorn #3 seam.

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

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Floyd County Board of Education is requesting bids for the delivery of twenty-two (22) modular units to the owner located in Louisville, KY. To receive bid specs contact Gregory Adams, Director of Facilities at 606-874-2049.

All bids must be received in the office of the Director of Facilities by 10:00 a.m. on May 28, 1998. Bid opening will be held at that time.

The Floyd County Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-5337, Amendment No. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 452 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.23 miles Northwest of Hunter in Floyd County. The amendment adds no new surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 1551.5 acres making a total area of 1638.3 acres within the permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.36 miles southwest from KY 122's junction KY 2030 and is located 0.57 mile Southwest of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37º 31' 18" and the longitude is 82º 45' 45."

The proposed amendment is located on the Martin, Wayland, McDowell and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will underlie land owned by J.D. Salisbury Estate, The Elkhorn Coal Corporation, Perry Conn, Johnie Spurlock Estate, Thomas E. Martin, Gaylord Martin, Alice Martin, Ruth Salisbury, Vernon S. Salisbury, Sally Brooks, Rodney Case, Albert Cole, Clyde Shepherd, Vina M. Duckles, Audrey Salisbury, Charley Salisbury, Anna Salisbury Gibson Estate, Tom Salisbury Estate, Bert Salisbury, Maxie Hayes Estate, Mildred Salisbury, Roland Jones, Jake and Maxie Bates, Orpha Akers, Alice Gibson Martin et. al., Gordon Carroll, Marie Stelbasky, C.M. Wise, Mander Moore, Virgil Moore, Jack A. Fisher Trustee, James Hayes, Forrest Dudley, Thomas Scalt, Bee Halbert, Jack Stumbo, William Blevins, Virgie Conn, Charles McGlothen, Will Allen estate, Judy Eversole, Virgil Conn, Willie Wright, Earnest Duddleson, Rhoda Halbert Estate, Eugene Akers, Lowell Martin, KY WV Gas, Charles R. Patton, Luther Hicks, William Hagans, Marion Hayes, Leo Harmon, Vernon Martin, Mae Salisbury, Jerry Collins, Tramble Mitchell, Fred O'Brien Jr., Curtis Ousley, Floyd County Solid Waste, Claude Webb, Chattie Dingus, Bessie Helton, Oakie Sheppard, Ralph and Christie Hagens, and Charles and Debra Gale Gibson

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

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Sandy Valley Water District has filed an Application for Purchased Water Rate Adjustment with the Kentucky Public Service Commission. Through this Application, Sandy Valley seeks Public Service Commission approval for a Purchased Water Adjustment increase in its retail water rates effective May 22, 1998, of 37¢ per 1,000 gallons. Sandy Valley is also seeking a retrospective Purchased Water Adjustment surcharge of 5¢ per 1,000 gallons to be applied for the 12-month period, June 1, 1998 through May 31, 1999.

The existing water rates for Sandy Valley Water District and the proposed rates are:

SANDY VALLEY WATER DISTRICT EXISTING RATES

5/8 INCH X 3/4 INCH METER		MONTHLY RATE*
First	2,000 Gallons	$8.89 Minimum Bill
Next	3,000 Gallons	3.45 per 1,000 Gallons
Next	15,000 Gallons	3.10 per 1,000 Gallons
Next	30,000 Gallons	2.62 per 1,000 Gallons
Next	50,000 Gallons	2.39 per 1,000 Gallons
Over	100,000 Gallons	2.22 per 1,000 Gallons
1 INCH METER		
First	5,000 Gallons	$19.24 Minimum Bill
Next	15,000 Gallons	3.10 per 1,000 Gallons
Next	30,000 Gallons	2.62 per 1,000 Gallons
Next	50,000 Gallons	2.39 per 1,000 Gallons
Over	100,000 Gallons	2.22 per 1,000 Gallons
1 1/2 INCH METER		
First	10,000 Gallons	$34.74 Minimum Bill
Next	10,000 Gallons	3.10 per 1,000 Gallons
Next	30,000 Gallons	2.62 per 1,000 Gallons
Next	50,000 Gallons	2.39 per 1,000 Gallons
Over	100,000 Gallons	2.22 per 1,000 Gallons
2 INCH METER		
First	25,000 Gallons	$78.84 Minimum Bill
Next	25,000 Gallons	2.62 per 1,000 Gallons
Next	50,000 Gallons	2.39 per 1,000 Gallons
Over	100,000 Gallons	2.22 per 1,000 Gallons
3 INCH METER		
First	50,000 Gallons	$168.24 Minimum Bill
Next	50,000 Gallons	2.39 per 1,000 Gallons
Over	100,000 Gallons	2.22 per 1,000 Gallons
4 INCH METER		
First	100,000 Gallons	$283.84 Minimum Bill
Over	100,000 Gallons	2.22 per 1,000 Gallons
WHOLESALE WATER SERVICE		
All Usage		$2.22 per 1,000 Gallons
Mountain Water District		1.90 per 1,000 Gallons

SANDY VALLEY WATER DISTRICT PROPOSED RATES

5/8 INCH X 3/4 INCH METER		MONTHLY RATE*
First	2,000 Gallons	$9.15 Minimum Rate*
Next	3,000 Gallons	3.58 per 1,000 Gallons
Next	15,000 Gallons	3.23 per 1,000 Gallons
Next	30,000 Gallons	2.75 per 1,000 Gallons
Next	50,000 Gallons	2.5 2 per 1,000 Gallons
Over	100,000 Gallons	2.35 per 1,000 Gallons
1 INCH METER		
First	5,000 Gallons	$19.89 Minimum Bill
Next	15,000 Gallons	3.23 per 1,000 Gallons
Next	30,000 Gallons	2.75 per 1,000 Gallons
Next	50,000 Gallons	2.52 per 1,000 Gallons
Over	100,000 Gallons	2.35 per 1,000 Gallons
1 1/2 INCH METER		
First	10,000 Gallons	$36.04 Minimum Bill
Next	10,000 Gallons	3.23 per 1,000 Gallons
Next	30,000 Gallons	2.75 per 1,000 Gallons
Next	50,000 Gallons	2.52 per 1,000 Gallons
Over	100,000 Gallons	2.35 per 1,000 Gallons
2 INCH METER		
First	25,000 Gallons	$82.09 Minimum Bill
Next	25,000 Gallons	2.75 per 1,000 Gallons
Next	50,000 Gallons	2.52 per 1,000 Gallons
Over	100,000 Gallons	2.35 per 1,000 Gallons
3 INCH METER		
First	50,000 Gallons	$174.74 Minimum Bill
Next	50,000 Gallons	2.52 per 1,000 Gallons
Over	100,000 Gallons	2.35 per 1,000 Gallons
4 INCH METER		
First	100,000 Gallons	$296.84 Minimum Bill
Over	100,000 Gallons	2.35 per 1,000 Gallons
WHOLESALE WATER SERVICE		
All usage		$2.35 per 1,000 Gallons
Mountain Water District		2.03 per 1,000 Gallons

The rates contained in this Notice are the rates proposed by Sandy Valley Water District. However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed rates. Such action may result in rates for consumers other than the rates included in this notice.

Any corporation, association, or person with a substantial interest in the matter may, by written request, within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice of the proposed rate changes, request leave to intervene; interventionh may be granted beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause shown. The request to intervene shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 730 Schenkel Lane, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. Any person who has been granted intervention by the Commission may obtain copies of the Purchased Water Adjustment application and any other filings made by the utility by contacting the utility at the offices of Sandy Valley Water District, P.O. Box 127, Betsy Layne, Kentucky 41605 (telephone 606-478-5500). Any person may examine the application and any other filings made by the utility at the main office of the utility or at the office of the Public Service Commission (telephone 502-564-3940) at the addresses listed above.

This ad is an amendment to the original notice which was published 4-29-98, 5-1-98 & 5-6-98.

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'87 Ford Escort - stk. #T1585B
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'80 Chevy Impala - stk. #5123T
'88 Nissan 4x2 - stk. #5099T
'83 Chevy C-10 Pickup - stk. #5100T
'82 Cadillac DeVille - stk. #729D
'88 Chevy Beretta - stk. #J0350B
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'90 Ford Thunderbird - stk. # 5074T
'85 Buick Regal - stk. #HT227A
'90 Toyota T 4x2 - stk. #4973T
'84 Chevy Cavalier - stk. #4998T
'90 Ford Mustang - stk. #5004T
'92 Nissan Stanza - stk. #5032T
'86 Mercury Grand Marquis - stk. #H050A
'84 Chevy Blazer - stk. #H029B
'91 Geo Prizm - stk. #766A
'89 Buick Regal - stk. #H170A
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'88 Pontiac Firebird - stk. #J0352B
'88 Ford Thunderbird - stk. #H060B
'88 Ford F-150 - stk. #HT264A
'87 Chevy Blazer - stk. #4170PB
'90 Plymouth Acclaim - stk. #H088B
'92 Chrysler New Yorker - stk. #5111PA
'92 Ford F-150 - stk. #GT659A
'93 Pontiac Grand Am - stk. #HT183B
'95 Dodge Dakota 4x2 - stk. #5157P
'94 Pontiac Sunbird - stk. #5152P
'92 Chrysler New Yorker - stk. #H014A
'89 Mercury Cougar - stk. #HT163B
'94 Toyota Tercel - stk. #5115P
'94 Pontiac Grand Prix - stk. #5108P
'95 Ford Probe - stk. #H285
'92 Chevy Cavalier - stk. #H276
'92 Plymouth Voyager - stk. #H259A
'92 Pontiac Grand Prix - stk. #J0350A
89 Olds Cutlass - stk. #T1483B
'91 Chrysler 5th Avenue - stk. #H257B
'84 Ford F-150 - stk. #HT168A
'96 Ford Ranger - stk. #5090P
'86 Ford F-250 - stk. #T1529B
'93 Chevy Lumina - stk. #HT132A
'92 Ford Tempo - stk. #G293A
'92 Toyota Camry - stk. #4683T
'94 Ford Ranger 4x2 XLT - stk. #4768P
'93 Toyota T4x2 - stk. #4856T
'91 Ford Thunderbird - stk. #4872T
'92 Ford Tempo - stk. #4907T
'95 Ford Contour - stk. #4942T
'91 Toyota T4x4 - stk. #4953T
'94 Nissan T2WD - stk. #4964P
'91 Pontiac Grand Prix - stk. #4971T
'95 Ford Contour - stk. #4989P
'93 Mercury Topaz - stk. #5022P
'93 Buick Skylark - stk. #5031T
'77 Dodge RV - stk. #5034T
'92 Chevy Lumina - stk. #H080
'94 Ford Escort - stk. #H099
'91 Chevy Cavalier - stk. #G591A
'95 Chevy Corsica - stk. #H175
'94 Olds Ciera - stk. #H184

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'96 Dodge Neon - stk. #H186
'96 Ford Aspire - stk. #H189
'97 Ford Aspire - stk. #H205
'93 Mercury Cougar - stk. #H218
'94 Pontiac Sunbird - stk. #H220
'91 Chevy Cavalier - stk. #T1337B
'92 Chevy Beretta - stk. #710TA
'94 Plymouth Acclaim - stk. #H224
'92 Ford Explorer - stk. #GT623A
'87 Chevy S10 - stk. #G630A
'97 Geo Metro - stk. #H127
'92 Hyundai Sonoma - stk. #HT059A
'90 Chevy Camaro - stk. #J0348A
'90 Ford Ranger 4x2 - stk. #T1437A
'92 Ford Ranger 4x2 - stk. #H069A
'93 Mercury Topaz - stk. #H106A
'94 Pontiac Sunbird - stk. #H157
'92 Dodge Caravan - stk. #HT036A
'93 Pontiac Grand Prix - stk. #H169
'94 Chevy Cavalier - stk. #H166
'93 Ford Festiva - G625A
'89 Cadillac DeVille - stk. #H041A
'91 Ford Ranger 4x4 - stk. #T1579A
'93 Pontiac Bonneville - stk. #T1553B
'92 Chevy Cavalier - stk. #H262
'86 Toyota 4-Runner - stk. #HT129B

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'94 Toyota 4x4 - stk. #5161T
'95 Chevy Camaro - stk. #H298
'96 Ford Ranger - stk. #HT299
'95 Chevy S-10 - stk. #T1641B
'94 Chevy S-10 - stk. #J0357A
'93 Chevy Camaro - stk. #HT273A
'94 Jeep Cherokee - stk. #H010A
'96 Ford T-bird LX - stk. #5153P
'97 Pontiac Grand Am SE - stk. #5150P
'97 Pontiac Grand Am SE - stk. #5143P
'97 Ford Contour GL - stk. #5144P
'97 Pontiac Grand AM SE - stk. #5145P
'94 Chevy Camaro - stk. #5146P
'95 Chevy Camaro Z-28 - stk. #5147P
'95 Dodge Intrepid ES - stk. #5148P
'96 Ford Ranger X-Cab - stk. #5141P
'95 Chevy S-10 4x2 - stk. #5132P
'96 Chevy Monte Carlo - stk. #5137T
'95 Chevy Camaro - stk. #H295
'96 Ford Ranger - stk. #HT293
'94 Eagle Talon - stk. #H291
'97 Mazda 626 - stk. #H289
'95 Toyota Corolla - stk. #J0327A
'92 Ford F-150 - stk. #T1667B
'95 Monte Carlo - stk. #J0353A
'96 Toyota Tacoma - stk. #5117P
'96 Toyota Tercel - stk. #5109P
'96 Nissan Altima - stk. #5110P
'97 Mercury Tracer - stk. #5112P
'96 Chevy Cavalier - stk. #5113P
'95 Chevy Monte Carlo Z-34 - stk. #5114P
'94 Ford Ranger - stk. #HT283
'97 Mazda 626 - stk. #H277
'97 Mazda 626 - stk. #H278
'97 Mazda Protege - stk. #H279
'97 Ford Taurus - stk. #H280
'91 Ford Explorer - stk. #J0342A
'95 Ford Ranger - stk. #T1487A
'95 Dodge Intrepid - stk. #5091P
'96 Ford Taurus - stk. ##5086P
'96 Ford Ranger - stk. #HT271
'95 Chevy Camaro - stk. #H268
'95 Chevy Camaro - stk. #H269
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'97 Toyota Tercel - stk. #4665P
'96 Chevy S10P 4x2 - stk. #4698T
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'96 Ford Taurus - stk. #4958P
'96 Toyota Tacoma 4x2 - stk. #4959P
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'96 Ford Taurus - stk. #4963P
'95 Olds Cutlass - stk. #4965T
'96 Ford Taurus - stk. #4988P
'96 Plymouth Breeze - stk. #4990P
'97 Toyota Corolla - stk. #5000T
'95 Pontiac Grand Am - stk. #5023P
'95 Pontiac Sunfire - stk. #5024P
'95 Chevy Monte Carlo - stk. #4027T
'94 Ford Thunderbird - stk. #5033T
'95 Pontiac Grand Am - stk. #5036P
'95 Chrysler Cirrus - stk. #4037P
'96 Ford Contour - stk. #5040P
'96 Plymouth Breeze - stk. #5049P
'97 Mercury Tracer - stk. #H125
'97 Chevy Cavalier - stk. #H126
'97 Ford Contour - stk. #G238
'97 Pontiac Grand Am - stk. #H134
'94 Mercury Cougar - stk. #H142
'91 Chevy S10B - stk. #HT145
'96 Chevy Beretta - stk. #H135
'97 Nissan Altima - stk. #H136
'95 Olds Cutlass - stk. #H141
'97 Ford Escort - stk. #H146
'97 Chevy S10P - stk. #HT139
'94 Ford Ranger - stk. #HT152
'96 Chevy Cavalier - stk. #H158
'95 Pontiac Grand Prix - stk. #H153
'97 Chevy Cavalier - stk. #H162
'95 Eagle Talon - stk. #H164
'96 Ford Mustang - stk. #H165
'95 Mitsubishi Galant - stk. #HT048B
'92 Chevy Blazer - stk. #4744TA
'95 Pontiac Firebird - stk. #H266
'90 Toyota 4-Runner - stk. #HT265
'96 Ford F-150 4x2 - stk. #HT267
'94 Ford Explorer - stk. #GT666A
'93 Chevy C20 Van - stk. #J0344B
'97 Mercury Tracer - stk. #H233
'97 Ford Ranger 4x2 - stk. #4780PC
'96 Chevy S10P 4x2 - stk. #HT235
'97 Ford Taurus - stk. #H242
'97 Ford Taurus - stk. #H243
'97 Ford Taurus - stk. #H254
'97 Ford Taurus - stk. #H255
'97 Ford Taurus - stk. #H256
'97 Mercury Sable - stk. #H258
'97 Mitsubishi Mirage - stk. #H250
'97 Mitsubishi Mirage - stk. #H251
'97 Mitsubishi Galant - stk. #H252
'97 Mitsubishi Mirage - stk. #H253
'95 Ford Thunderbird - stk. #H003
'97 Mitsubishi Mirage - stk. #H005
'93 Toyota 4x4 Pickup - stk. #HT028
'95 Pontiac Grand Am - stk. #H033
'93 Mazda MX6 - stk. #H040
'96 Ford F-150 - stk. #H034A

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'97 Dodge Intrepid - stk. #H068
'91 Ford F-150 4x2 - stk. #H062
'96 Nissan 4x4 Pickup - stk. #HT066
'96 Chevy Corsica - stk. #H072
'97 Ford Thunderbird - stk. #H077
'94 Geo Tracker - stk. #HT079
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'96 Ford Mustang GT - stk. #5142P
'95 Toyota 4x4 - stk. #5138T
'97 Nissan X-Cab 4x4 - stk. #5139P
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'94 Jaguar - stk. #H270
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$15,001-$20,000

'96 Chevy S10B 4x4 - stk. #4837P
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'96 GMC Jimmy - stk. #HT260
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'98 Ford Windstar - stk. #HT232
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'95 Pontiac Firebird - stk. #H192
'95 Ford F-150 4x4 - stk. #HT181
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'95 Toyota Camry - stk. #H223
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'97 Ford Thunderbird - stk. #H023
'97 Mazda 626 - stk. #GT682A
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'97 Ford Crown Vic - stk. #H060
'94 Chevy Blazer 4x2 - stk. #T1519B
'97 Chevy Silverado 4x2 - stk. #HT115
'94 Ford Explorer 4x4 - stk. #T1540A
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'96 Mazda B4000 4x4 - stk. #GT544
'94 GMC Jimmy 4x4 - stk. #GT583
'96 Mazda B4000 - stk. #4397TA
'95 Mazda Millenia - stk. #G595

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'96 Spyder - stk. #TJ079A
'97 Ford F-150 - stk. #HT284
'97 Dodge Ram - stk. #HT282
'97 Pontiac Grand Prix - stk. #H275
'95 Chevy C1500 4x4 - stk. #4420P
'97 Toyota Camry - stk. #4456P
'97 Toyota Camry - stk. #4461P
'97 Toyota Camry - stk. #4468P
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'97 Toyota Camry - stk. #4661P
'97 Toyota Camry - stk. #4663P
'96 Jeep Cherokee 4WD - stk. #5045P
'96 Lincoln Town Car - stk. #G513
'97 Ford - stk. #HT204
'97 Mitsubishi Diamante - stk. #H011
'96 Lincoln Mark VIII - stk. #H057
'97 Ford F-150 4x4 - stk. #T1556A
'96 Ford Mustang - stk. #H108
'97 Pontiac Grand Prix - stk. #H226
'97 Ford F-150 4x4 - stk. #T1609A
'97 Mitsubishi Eclipse - stk. #H249
'97 Chevy Blazer 4x4 - stk. #HT132

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'97 Lincoln Town Car - stk. #748A
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'97 Ford F-150 - stk. #T1667A
'96 Toyota 4-Runner - stk. #4932P
'96 Ford Explorer - stk. #T1491A
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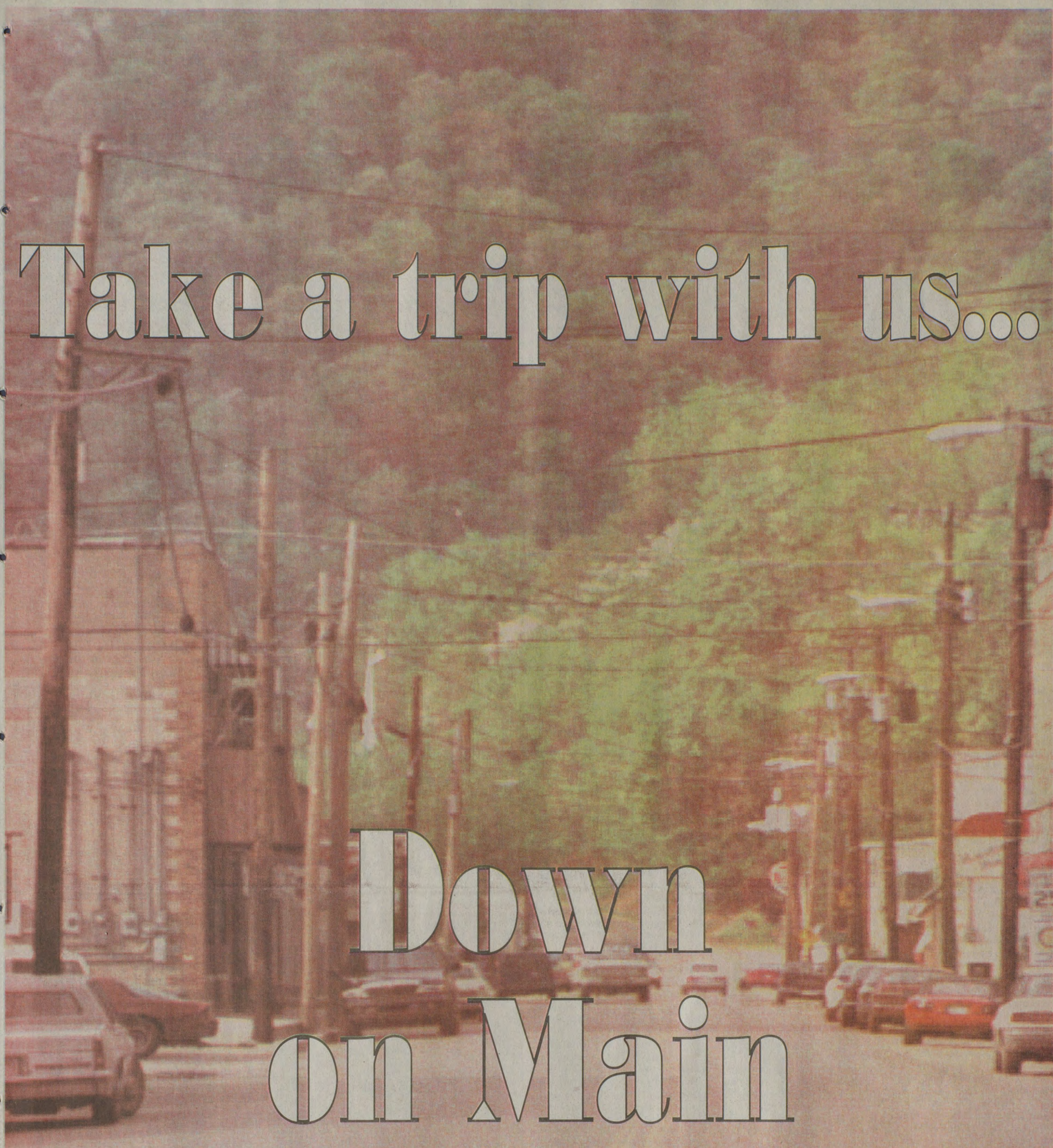

Take a trip with us... Down on Main Street

(Photo by Ed Taylor of Downtown Martin)

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

Most towns in Floyd County developed from coal camps. Communities such as Wayland, Betsy Layne, Wheelwright, David, Garrett, and Auxier evolved as the production of coal boomed, and jobs were plentiful in the coal industry.

Coal companies built homes to rent to their workers. Often, they installed water and sewage systems in those country homes. The results for the company was that their workers were close at hand, and absenteeism was low.

As the coal production slowed and coal companies moved out, often so did the employees. The companies put the homes up for sale, and the new homeowners took control of the communities, in some cases, developing their own form of city government. The communities, without company-owned commissaries, attracted independent businesses to support the population base, and the towns developed, despite the lack of coal production.

Schools and hospitals also located in the populated areas. The one-room schools for the rural areas became consolidated. Now, Floyd County has 22 public and private high schools, middle schools, and elementaries, and three hospitals.

Before the coal companies established towns and communities and coal-producing dollars lined the pockets of the county residents, the Big Sandy River played a major role in the development of towns along its banks. Prestonsburg was the trade center of the county. Betsy Layne also became a dropping off point for trade goods.

As with the ebb and flow of life, the communities have thrived, then subsequently lost their population and business base and then thrived again. Today, several of the communities seem to be attracting new businesses once again.

As the coal business wanes, local leaders are working together to improve Floyd County. They're also concentrating their efforts on tourism. Such sites at the Mountain Arts Center, Jenny Wiley Theatre, and ThunderRidge have become gathering places. A championship golf course and recreational complex are also in the works, and are expected to bring tourists into the county.

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Still going to town to trade

In what can be called downtown Garrett, shoppers keep up a busy pace visiting new and familiar businesses. The Garrett strip has been the site of many different types of establishments over the years. (photo by Susan Allen)

Garrett: Small town suspended in time

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A walk today through what can be considered downtown Garrett, is in some ways not too different from 30 years ago.

The landmarks—Campbell's Clothing and Campbell's Grocery, the old KY Food Store building, the post office, Garrett Restaurant and Wayside Market—are still there. The businesses, in some cases, may be run by different people, but the sights remain familiar.

Before KY Route 80 was built almost a decade ago, persons living on Right Beaver from Wayland to Brush Creek saw Garrett as a place to get all they needed.

With a Western Auto, Moore's Hardware in nearby Lackey, a Dime Store, two grocery and clothing stores to shop, the town enjoyed a thriving atmosphere.

By the 50s and 60s, the mood of the town had calmed considerably after voters decided that the county would not sell alcoholic beverages. Old-timers used to recall the times when there were many killings, fights and knifings during the weekend after a gathering at the local watering hole on Piccolo Street.

In the 60s and 70s, trips from the uppermost part of Right Beaver to the county seat in Prestonsburg, were practically all day journeys in most cases because travel was restricted to a two-lane road which ran through the unofficial towns of Estill, Punkin Center, Lackey, Garrett, Hueysville, Bosco, Eastern, Wilson Creek, Maytown, Warco, Martin, Allen, and Emma before finally Prestonsburg.

Plus, in the 60s, Garrett was one of the few towns to still have a theater where adults and kids alike could enjoy the magic of moviemaking.

So a lot of people in the Right Beaver area would travel a relatively short distance to Garrett where they could find the latest fashions at Campbell's or Messer's Department Store. Shoppers could breeze the aisles at Wayside Market and the Kentucky Food Store for their grocery needs. A good place to eat out lay in the middle of it all at Garrett Restaurant.

And everyone, it seemed visited, Sophie's Florist to either get flowers for a special occasion or to choose a tasteful funeral arrangement.

The little town even had its own motel, Sleep Haven, which was the only one for miles and miles around.

Garrett was also the closest place to find a dry cleaner.

Today, the motel is closed, but the building remains and looks much like it did decades ago. The service station across the road from Sleep Haven is still in operation and has underwent several changes of ownership over the years.

Familiar sight

One landmark in Garrett is home today to grocery store as it has been for years. The tan, stone building in the center of town used to be KY Food Store. This store and Wayside Market were two of the most popular groceries in Right Beaver. (photo by Susan Allen)

Garrett Restaurant is still there and open for business, as is Campbell's Clothing and grocery stores. A wallpaper business is now located in the old Western Auto building and a new grocery store is in the old KY Food Store building.

The First Baptist Church has just expanded and adds a pleasant view to the so-called downtown facade. The longest existing church in the town, Stone Coal Old Regular Baptist Church, is located in Baptist Bottom.

Homes built by coal companies on the hillside, called Garrett Hill, across from the town's "commercial" district remain. While driving through the town, the houses on hill were always a wonder to behold because it appears they were built right into the hillside.

The town at one time, as did rival Wayland, was home to a bank, a host of doctors employed by the local coal company, and rail service to other communities in the county. Trains carrying coal still run through the center of town and are a familiar part of the community.

It wasn't unusual to see several cars lined at the "lower end" of Garrett and people out filling containers with water from a natural spring that spewed from the hill at the roadside. On very hot days, kids could be seen splashing and playing in the cool watering hole.

The building where "Doctor Dempsey" took care of the medical needs of the area, whether administering inoculations or treating serious injuries, is now a tobacco outlet. Many adults from the Right Beaver area remember the trips to Dr. Mark Dempsey's office and then maybe a trip to the Dime Store to get a treat because they were ill.

When Route 80, which runs from Water Gap to Hazard, was complete, some of the businesses closed in Garrett as people could now make the trip to Prestonsburg and other towns in no time, and there were bigger stores with wider selections to choose from.

At one time, Garrett had one of the largest schools in the district, which reportedly had almost 2,000 students enrolled.

Long ago, and still somewhat today, post offices were one of the main gathering spots for members of the community. Routinely, there would be a select group who showed up early daily at the post office and passed the time by talking to their neighbors and inquiring as to their family member's health, or enter into great debates about the happenings in their town.

As soon as the postmaster would declare "mail's up," there would be a rush to the mailboxes to enter the alphabetical combination to see what letters had arrived for the day.

After the coal boom of the '70s ended, there was some migration of younger residents to larger towns and other states where work was more readily available.

But, for some, they chose to stay in their town and continue to offer the goods and services people have come to expect.

The notion that small towns are a dying breed isn't the case in Garrett.

Serving it up for years

Garrett Restaurant has had several owners over the years but the tradition of being a source for plate lunches or a burger and fries has remained the same. Like many local restaurants in days past, patrons could put a nickel in the jukebox, shoot a game of pool or play pinball while waiting for their food. (photo by Susan Allen)

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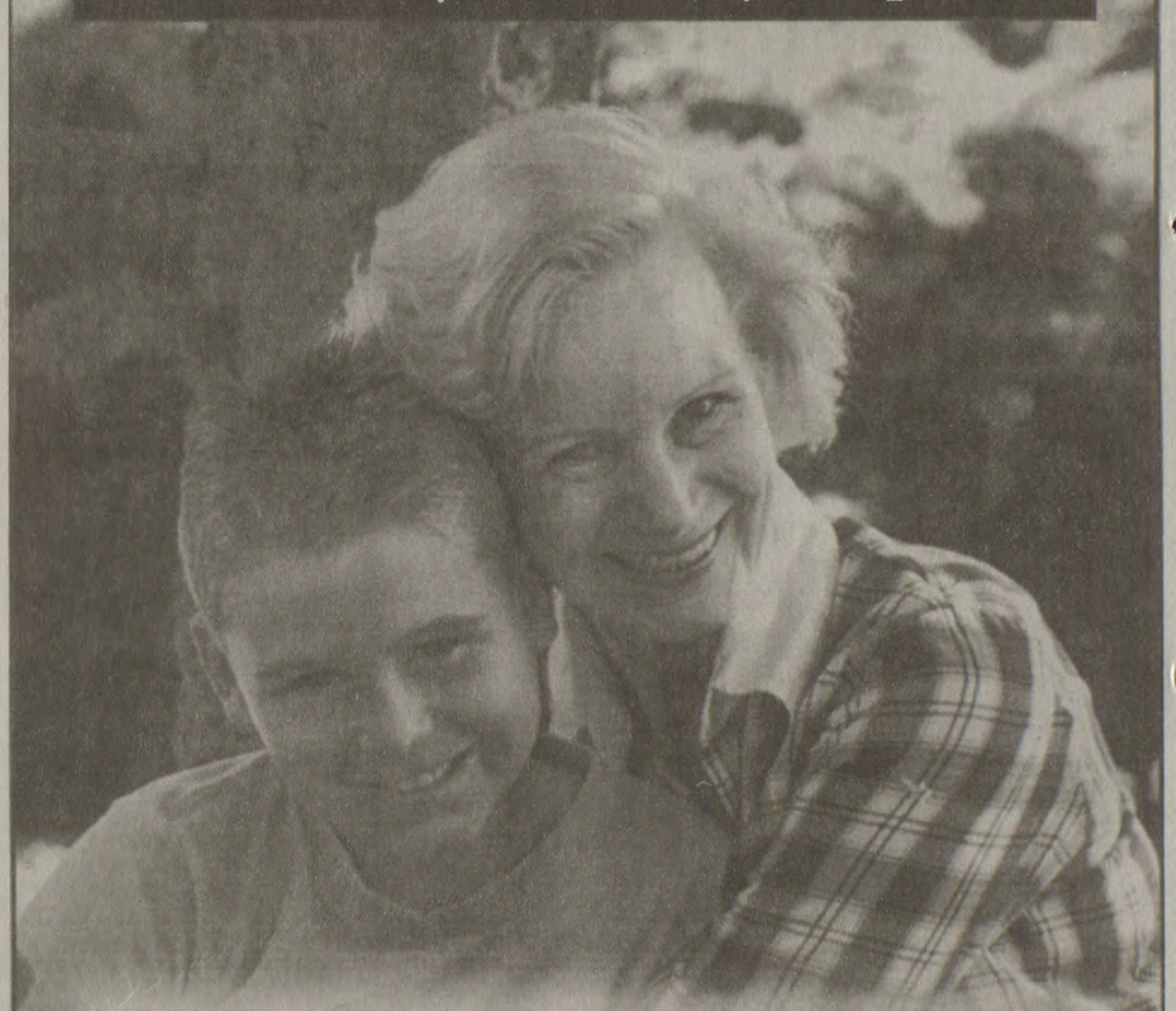

Our Lady of the Way Hospital has recently installed and begun testing for bone density to aid in the diagnosis of osteoporosis. Osteoporosis is a "silent" disease that gradually weakens bones, so that patients become more and more fragile and are likely to break bones. Menopause in women is the single most important cause of osteoporosis. It has been estimated that in women over 50 years of age, they have a 40% chance of experiencing a fracture related to decreased bone mass during their remaining lifetime.

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

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

Ask your physician about osteoporosis and DEXA scans. Call Our Lady of the Way Radiology Department for appointments at (606) 285-5181, extension 354.

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'Star City' of Eastern Kentucky

The Mountain Arts Center is bringing quality entertainment to its stage. It has become a popular spot for the people around the region. (photo by Cindy Yates)

Busy park

Archer Park is the home of several activities. One of the many recreational activities is girls' softball. The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats play all their home games at the city park. It also is where Little League, men's softball and basketball can be found. (photo by Ed Taylor)

by Cindy Yates
Editorial Assistant

Can you imagine the look on the faces of the founding fathers of the City of Prestonsburg if they could see Court Street today?

The very first settler, John Spurlock, had the misfortune of having his slaves build his log cabin on the site of what is today's East Court Street - directly in the path the Shawnee Indians took when they entered the area back in the 1700s. At the time he lived here, Kentucky was not yet a state, according to The Floyd County Historical Notes.

The oldest town in the Big Sandy Area, Prestonsburg was founded in 1797 as "Preston's Station," named after Col. John Preston, a man who obtained a 100,000-acre grant of land from the state of Virginia to lay out a town.

When Floyd County was created, effective in the summer of 1800, Preston's Station became Prestonsburg - the county seat.

Located on the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, the primary source for revenue in the early days was bear skin exports to Napoleon's agents.

The river was the mode of transportation until 1902, when a railway came to town. Steamboats prompted area logging and then coal mining.

The population in 1800 was six; in 1810, there were six families. The population did not grow above 1,000 persons until 1910. Today, Chamber of Commerce Director Carla Coburn estimates that the city has grown to 4,500.

The 1900s through the 1920s saw a booming growth in the population and commerce, but the coal prices and lack of timber, along with World War II took men out of the region. In the 1950s, mechanization displaced many more.

However, the 50s also saw a beginning of the ongoing improvements and progress in the area, as Dewey Lake State Park, later re-named Jenny Wiley State Park, was founded in 1954. It remains today as one of the main tourist attractions the city has to offer. With an amphitheatre, golf course, swimming pool, campgrounds and various fishing spots, it is an historical and important part of the city's heritage and popularity.

The 1960s saw the extension of the Mountain Parkway and the establishment of a University of Kentucky Community College.

"We have come a long way, and now we are rapidly expanding our services and attractions," said Mayor Jerry Fannin, regarding the growth and prosperity of the city.

"For the first time in a long while - almost as long as I remember, Court Street is full of businesses. There are no empty offices on it," according to city attorney Paul Burchett.

The Mountain Arts Center (MAC) is continually drawing crowds to the city as the 1,000-plus-seat cultural center offers the public the chance to see local talent as well as big-name stars such as the Oak Ridge Boys, Merle Haggard, Ricky Skaggs, the Temptations and Taylor Dayne round out a musical treat that someone of any generation and age can enjoy. The MAC holds plays for the local school children, is the home of the Kentucky Opry, and offers technological advances such as a recording studio and video teleconferencing.

The mountain-top golf course project, still in the construction and planning stages, has several million dollars invested in what Mayor Fannin hopes will be a major tourist attraction and serve the people with a recreational complex and a possible senior citizens' center. "The course fairways and greens will take approximately two growing seasons before it is ready," according to Fannin, and the tentative opening date is spring, 2001.

Next year, a three-lane road near University Drive and the four-laning of the Mountain Parkway are in the plans for even better access to the city.

For the racing fans, Thunder Ridge is open for those who enjoy the fast cars and warm weekend evenings.

A botanical star graces the intersection of US 23/80, which is 50 feet across. It will be landscaped throughout the year, and is there to remind citizens that Prestonsburg is the "Star City of Eastern Kentucky."

Parks are an important part of the city. Along with Jenny Wiley, three other parks are available for the area's enjoyment.

Archer Park has its own swimming pool, skating rink, playground equipment and cookout spots which are popular among the young and old alike. The Prestonsburg Senior Citizens' Center is located there, and the kids can enjoy a real train caboose at the facility.

River Park is the site of the Levisa Fork Canoe Race, held in June, where rafts and canoes are launched at a boat ramp, and a treasure hunt also takes place. A stage built on the river bank allows various entertainers to give concerts there in a back-to-nature atmosphere.

The Lancer Park across from Adams Middle School in the southern end of town has basketball goals and a walking track.

The city-owned greenhouse on the Prestonsburg Community College campus allows the city to grow its own flowers and greenery for the beautification and floral landscaping of the city streets.

Retail has become the major source of revenue as many new businesses have entered the city within the last year. Restaurants such as Reno's and the Courtyard Cafe have had success in drawing people out to eat, and two or three new "franchise restaurants have shown interest in putting their business here in the city," according to Allen Bolling of Century 21 Realty.

Specialty stores like the Dollar Tree, Country at Heart, and Family Dollar Store have came into the area, and seem to be encountering success.

Perhaps the most obvious progress that has been made within the past year is the opening of the Floyd County Justice Center, which is a state-of-the-art facility housing all courts and their offices. The county office services can still be found in the Floyd County Courthouse, which is just across Central Avenue from the justice center.

Ever attentive to the festival-spirited population common to the area, the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival has continued to grow each year. Since 1982, the festival finds the Indian-summer temperatures that October usually brings a perfect highlight to this week-long celebration of the pioneer girl for which it was named and the residents of the area. Food booths and entertainment, along with exhibits and crafts line the streets for the week, and there is talk that "we just may have to section off some of the streets of the city while it is going on," said Burchett.

Archer Park has a Christmas exhibit where a tour of the brightly-lit and beautifully-decorated park may be seen by driving through or riding the tour wagon.

Two other new get-togethers, the Jenny Wiley Easter Egg Hunt at the Jenny Wiley Campground and the Kid's Day in The Park for those of a younger age provide two free opportunities for the area's children to win prizes and enjoy a day of meeting old friends and making new ones.

Many acres have been annexed into the city, over 4,000 in Mayor Fannin's term, several of them within the last year. "We are here to serve and better the lives of our people," said Fannin. "We don't just talk about doing things on our council, we get results," he said.

One local restaurant, Sam 'an Tonio's, was the first restaurant to offer Tex-Mex cuisine in Eastern Kentucky. "Actually, it was the only restaurant to offer that type of food in the area this side of Lexington," said Jack Absher, owner. Absher contends that their progress is measured by the smiles on the faces of the customers.

Lastly and, maybe most importantly, the city itself has a new look, with wider sidewalks and landscaping.

Recycling projects, water and sewage projects by the city for county purposes and other ways of helping the area are primary concerns for the city officials. "We want to help out any way we can, and also continue our path of growth and prosperity for our town and our children's future," Mayor Fannin said.

The town should also have a safer living environment, according to Fannin, because a new, coordinated emergency response effort will soon get underway. In an emergency, the town can be prepared to dial 911 sometime in July, Fannin said. Before 911 can be initiated, a re-mapping process must be completed, and Fannin expects that to be finished soon.

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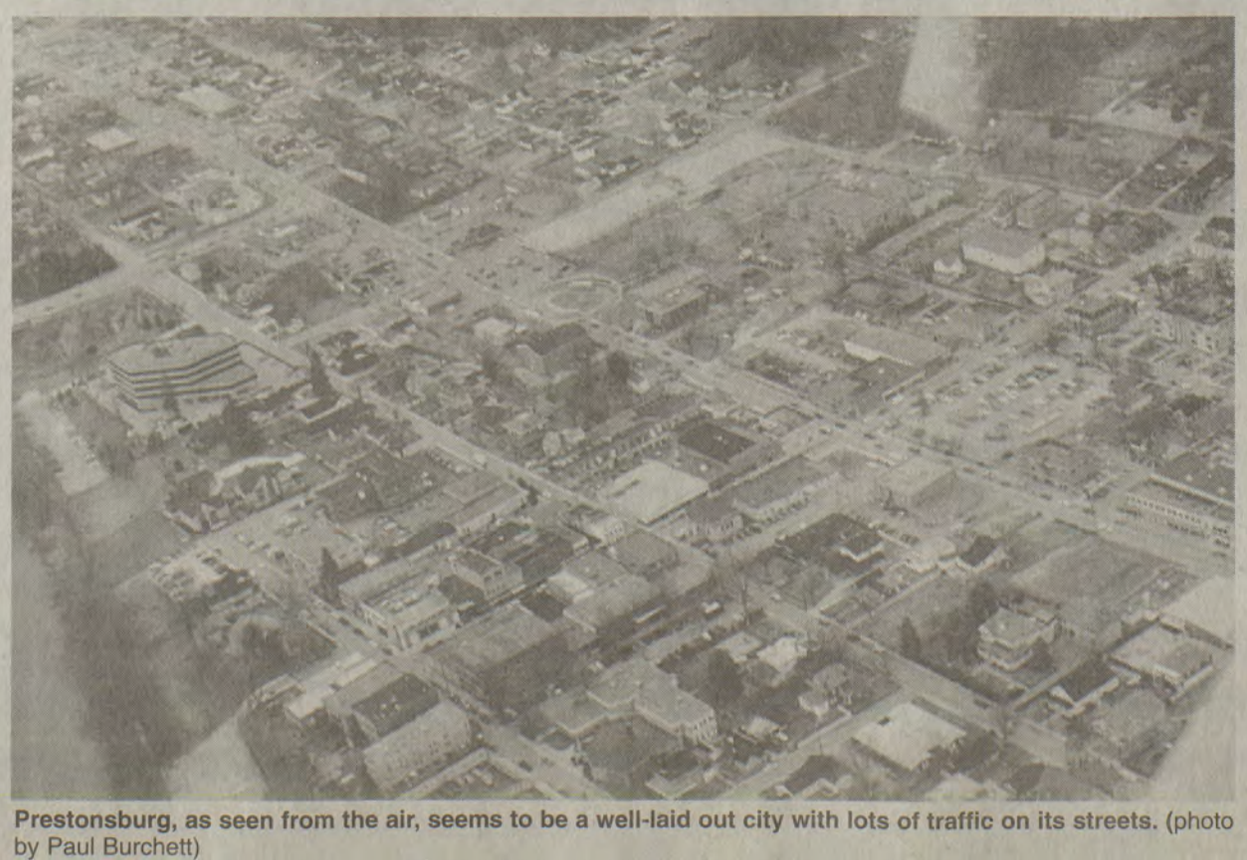
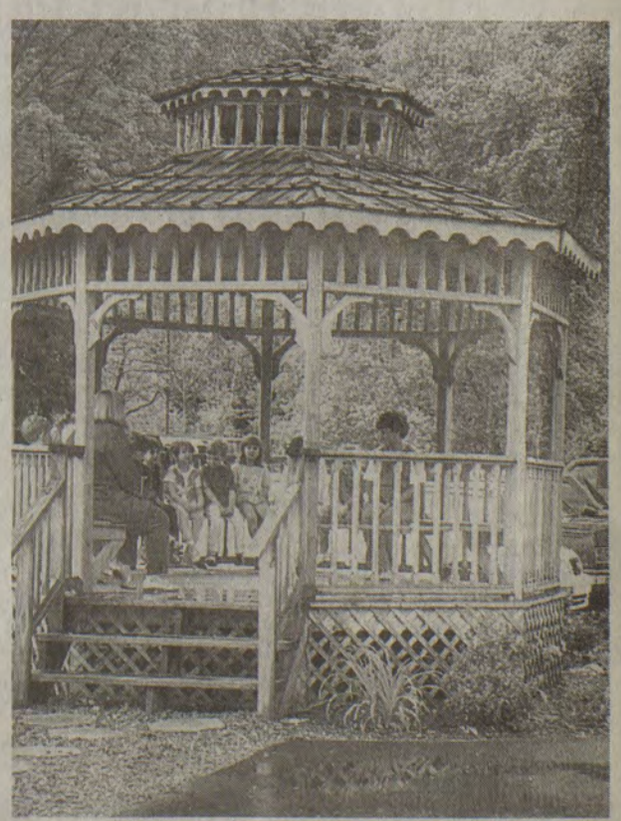
Old-fashioned street lamps and colorful hanging baskets in Prestonsburg is reminiscent of the past. (Photo by Janice Shepherd)



Prestonsburg, as seen from the air, seems to be a well-laid out city with lots of traffic on its streets. (photo by Paul Burchett)



Children from the First Baptist Church's K-P class take advantage of the city's gazebos to learn in an outdoor environment. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

Betsy Layne: 'A road runs thru it'

Betsy Layne is not an incorporated town; yet, it attracts businesses. The community is located along U.S. 23 between two county seats: Pikeville and Prestonsburg. The constant flow of traffic on the road makes Betsy Layne a good spot for entrepreneurs to set up shop.

The community contains a shopping center, doctor's offices, pharmacy, grocery store, senior citizens center, restaurant, liquor stores, photo shop, a used car lot — just to name a few of places lining the roadway.

Sam An Tonio's, a restaurant chain with an award-winning Tex-Mex flavor and decor, is located in Betsy Layne.

The restaurant opened in 1988 and has become a popular dining spot. The owners, Jack and Nora Absher, have since added improvements, including a patio for daytime or evening dining.

Jack Absher said he and his wife, Nora, built their restaurant at Betsy Layne because of its visibility and accessibility due to the four-lane U.S. 23.

The road brought a lot of business to land that was nothing but cow pastures before, says Betsy Layne resident Anna Layne Hayes, a great-great-granddaughter of the community's founder, James Layne.

The first road through the community was mainly through creek beds, Hayes said. A later road was graveled. Then, around 1929-30, concrete was poured on the road. Hayes said it was built in sections, which were joined with tar.

"They had to put down coffee sacks, sprinkled with water to keep them damp so they wouldn't crack," Hayes said. "The road has changed three times ... Each road got a little better. Dad predicted we would have a whole flow of houses (from Prestonsburg to Pikeville)."

The road brought changes to Hayes' life. Her sister was struck and killed by a car as she walked along the roadway. She also had to relocate her home, a house built by her grandfather Broaddus in 1929, because the road went through the homesite.

Her ancestor James Shannon Layne settled land across the river from the present-day site of Betsy Layne. He moved to the area from Virginia in 1796, about two years before Floyd County was officially formed, and established his settlement.

James Layne prospered. According to Hayes, he owned property from the Pike County line to Ivel. He was once offered Prater Creek for 30 coon skins, Hayes said.

James Layne owned slaves, a store, and a flour mill. The mill was located near a highway bridge in present Betsy Layne.

James Layne also established the post office of Laynesville.

The main form of transportation for commodities in the area was by steamboat or rafts. Slaves were unloaded at a dock near Laynesville. Sometimes, the slaves would be resold on the spot and, in later days, people thought a slave auction had existed on the site, but that isn't so, according to Hayes. She said it was "just a drop-off point."

When James Layne died, his property was divided among his children. One of those sons, Tandy Middleton Layne married Elisabeth (Betsy) Johns. The couple lived across the river in present-day Justell. Betsy, who became known as 'Aunt Betsy,' delivered mail on horseback. When her husband died, 'Aunt Betsy' was the only person who lived for miles around, Hayes said.

Betsy Layne is home to one of Jack and Nora Absher's Sam An Tonio's restaurants. The restaurant is a popular spot for diners in the region. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

When the railroad came through and set up depots, they named the area Betsy Layne after 'Aunt Betsy.'

With the railroad came development. St. Paul mines located near the first Betsy Layne community. The jobs brought people into the area, and a skating rink, commissary, and theatre were built.

Later, the Pike-Floyd mine was established near the present-day Betsy Layne.

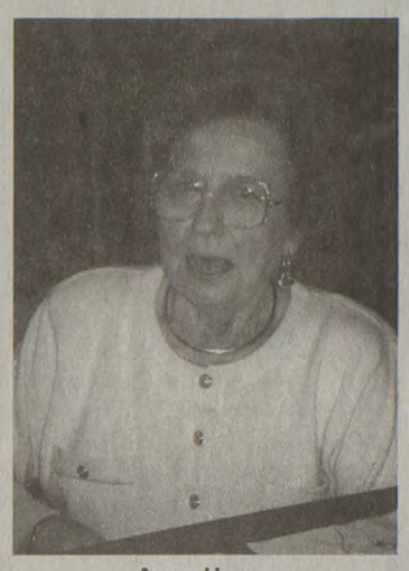
"It developed so much more over here after the tipple went in," Hayes said.

Her father, William (Bill) Layne, built some of the houses for the company officials and the miners. Her father also built the first brick school house.

The boom in Betsy Layne went bust when the coal tipple burned, and the company didn't rebuild it. People moved out. The coal company homes, though, were bought by the few who stayed or others who were willing to move into the area.

"Back then, it was hard times. The Depression was going on," Hayes said. "Dad worked for $5 a day."

Her father, though, owned a large share of the property that was the former Laynesville. He "had a good-sized farm," and the family grew fruits and vegetables. He also owned a grist mill, and the prominent family survived the hard times.



Anna Hayes

Velocity Market has long been an important part of the community for shoppers who travel U.S. 23. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

A shopping center, Hayes Complex, contains a variety of businesses, including a beauty salon and video rental store. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

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'Over the river and through the woods'

by Cindy Yates
Editorial Assistant

"Over the river and through the woods," a phrase usually reserved for a song during the winter holiday season, perfectly describes the route used for entrance to the quaint little town of Wheelwright, and the tiny surrounding provinces that make up the Left Beaver Creek area on Kentucky State Highway 122 in the southern-most tip of Floyd County.

After going through McDowell travelers come upon a town named Price, (after Edward Price, the founder of Wheelwright), the town that occupies the area that leads into the tiny province of Hi Hat, the site of the new school that is called South Floyd High - the result of the combining of the Wheelwright and McDowell High schools. This occurred in 1993, after many years of planning and coaxing local individuals that it would be a good idea.

Visitors travel approximately 21 miles (depending on the pit stops they take), south of Martin on the snake-like two lane road that winds left and right, up and down, and then comes to a small bridge on the right side of the road where motorists can turn at the intersection of 122/306 and find themselves at a small community called Bypro. There they will immediately see: a Dollar General Store, a home health equipment business, pharmacy, a tobacco outlet store and then a dilapidated-looking gymnasium building which still houses a basketball court second-to-none in the county for hardwood floors. The building marks the beginning of the city limits of Wheelwright, where the old Wheelwright High School once stood.

This building is practically all that remains standing of the town and its older citizens' memories. Many county individuals have had more than one generation of their families play sports in that gym.

Also, many have followed an outward migration trend common to Eastern Kentucky.

The coal mining prospects are gone; the once-thriving city with a population of around 3,000 or so has dwindled to around 865 individuals after the coal mining industry moved out of town.

Architectural skeletons of the clubhouse and library partially remain. Restoration of the original facilities are not a possibility, but new construction may be on the horizon.

The Otter Creek Correctional Facility, established in 1993, has brought jobs to the area. It is a minimum-restricted facility that houses 400 inmates, and is scheduled to add an extra 200 soon, leaving room for maybe 18 new jobs at the most.

Small bordering communities are seeing new businesses open up occasionally. Medical services and small flower shops are the mainstays around the area.

Property is owned by local individuals and the Mountain Housing Corporation. Mountain Housing Corporation appeared in the area about 1990, and lay claim to around 14 houses and three apartment buildings which they rent through a local office at the Wheelwright Municipal Building. Plans are being made by management of Mountain Housing to procure additional properties there in the future.

Now for a history lesson. Edwin Price had a management position with Elkhorn Coal Company, which mined coal in the Left Beaver area. It was at this time Price's name was associated with the most talked-about coal town in America - Wheelwright, a town that had everything. Some people may still remember the glory days of the city.

Within the two or so mile-radius of the town, you could shop 'till you drop, go to the movies and do practically anything and everything one could do in the mountains right there. Every need could be met within walking distance.

As for law enforcement, ask anyone if they remember the stories of "Bad John" Hall, a man appointed peace officer of Wheelwright in the 1930s, perhaps because of his feared name and also to keep him busy on the "right" side of the law.

Inland Steel Corporation bought Elkhorn Coal Company shortly after Price became manager of the Wheelwright mine, circa April 1930. Price remodeled Wheelwright in 1948, adding a bowling alley, theater and hotel.

Then came Island Creek Coal Company, who became the parent coal operators/owners; then in the late 60's, Mountain Investment Corporation bought the tiny town and offered the homes for sale to the residents. The coal was gone.

Neighboring township Weeksbury is managing to keep itself quite scenic; it was established around the early part of the century, and was also a coal town of the Elkhorn-Pricey Coal Company. A business called Kelly Development bought the land and sold it to individuals, and many of the homes there are still in the possession of the families who owned them originally, a generation or two once removed. It has a population estimated at around 1,000 persons.

Now, it has a community center, park, and a small country church called the Weeksbury Community Chapel, where individuals may worship and hold services, regardless of denomination. "It is for the public to use," said Peggy Bradford, retired teacher for the Floyd County School System, and member of the board of directors of the Weeksbury Community Club. Bradford's father, Willard, is instrumental in keeping the other fork of Hwy. 466, called Caleb, a showpiece of beautiful flowers and neatly-trimmed lawns by the roadsides.

The community center has most recently been the site of the "Save The Gym" meetings, where parents of the surrounding communities gather to discuss what they can do to hold onto the Wheelwright Gymnasium, which is scheduled to be appraised soon.

One individual has expressed an interest in developing in the city as a haven for those persons who come to visit inmates at OCCC. Perhaps the site of the old clubhouse may be a motel of sorts in the future. Another individual has expressed an interest in purchasing it for another type of lodging facility.

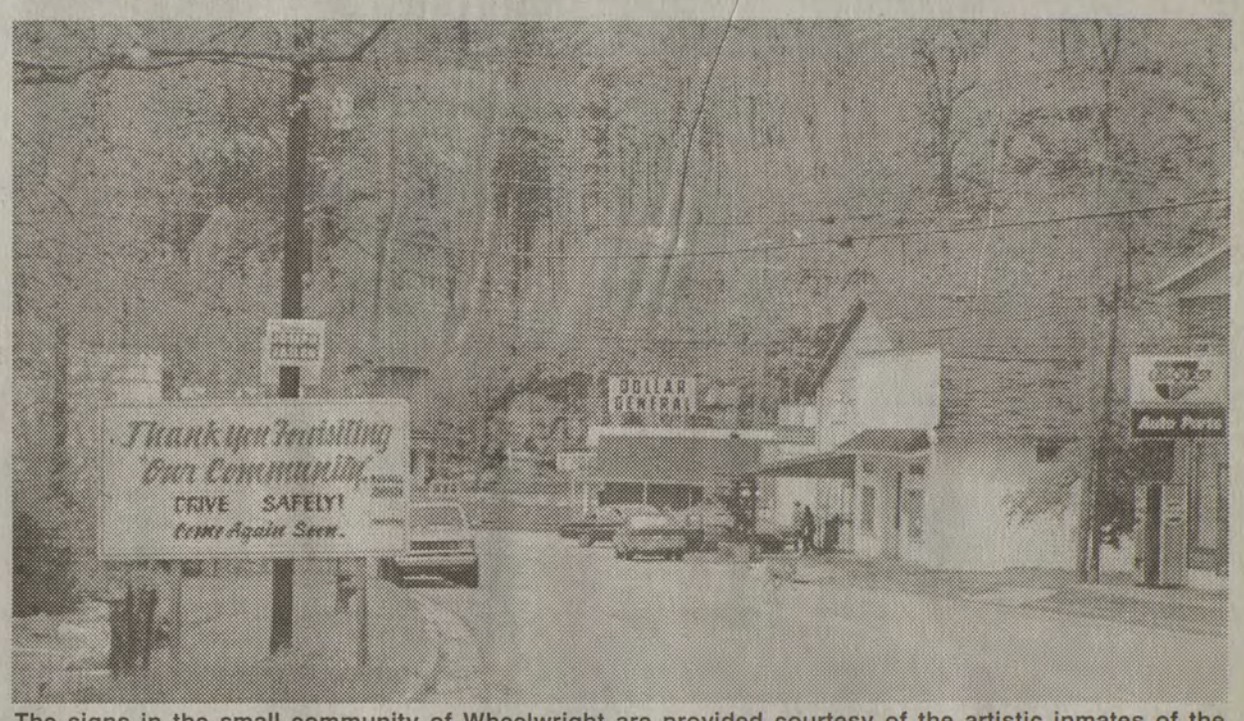
If this were to occur, then food service businesses must be ready to serve the public. "The potential for economic growth is there," said city attorney Timothy Parker. "We're actively trying to look for potential businesses and we will do what it takes to make it easy for businesses to open here."

Parker says one other tradition of the town - its Olympic-size swimming pool - is planned to be opened sometime in June if construction work is complete.

Wheelwright may very well prove to be a phoenix—a town with the ability to rise from the ashes to shine, again.

The Otter Creek Correctional Center (OCCC) has been one of the best things to happen to the city of Wheelwright. A facility housing 400 inmates, here is a shot of the expansion site where 200 additional beds will be added onto an existing dormitory. Along with more inmates, around 18 new jobs will be created by the expansion project. (photo by Cindy Yates)

The Weeksbury Community Chapel, a quaint little country church, is a non-denominational gathering place for the area residents. Located above the Weeksbury Community Center and Public Park, the civic pride is obvious as the building was constructed by local individuals, and the upkeep is done by locals as well. There are no strangers here, and everyone is welcome. (photo by Cindy Yates)



The signs in the small community of Wheelwright are provided courtesy of the artistic inmates of the OCCC. Here is a scene of Bypro, and the businesses that it has to offer the communities of Wheelwright, Melvin, and Weeksbury. Tourists are always welcome, but rarely are found here unless they're visiting relatives, or are really lost. (photo by Cindy Yates)

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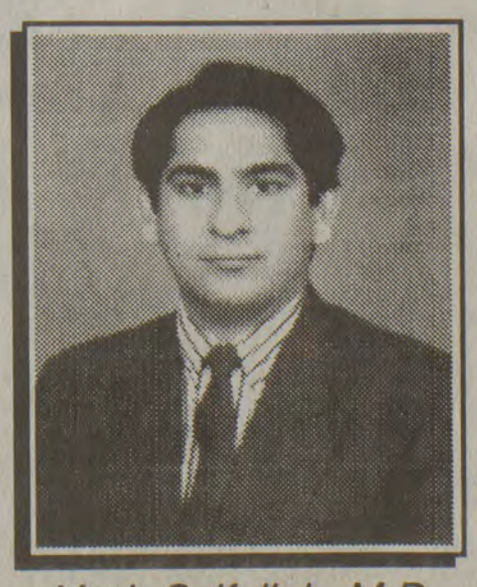

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City of Allen survived flood, fires

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

The city of Allen's oldest resident made his home at the location of a store which gave the city its name in the 1800s.

The city's 93-year-old resident, Herman Porter, has lived in the community for more than 80 years. Porter lives where the city's first store was established as a drop-off point for supplies.

In the 1820s, Thomas J. Allen's family settled on a large acreage of land between the city's current corporate limits and Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Allen inherited the land and built the store where steamboats or barges delivered supplies from Ashland. That drop-off point became known as Allen's Place — prompting the community to be called Allen.

Although Porter wasn't around during the early settling days of the community, he says that he's "seen just about all of it."

Porter said that his father, Henry Porter, ran one of the first hotels in the city during the first World War. "I've been here ever since," he said.

The long-time resident says he's seen the Left Beaver and Right Beaver railroads built and shut down after the area had been "mined out."

"I've seen mines come and go," he said recently during an interview. "Now, I've seen the things mined out and the railroad close at Left Beaver."

Porter also says that he lived in the city when the first automobiles were introduced to the area. He says that his father and Jim Webb were the first two residents to have a vehicle in the city.

"Cars didn't have the same kind of tires then," Porter said. "They had solid, rubber tires."

Among other historic incidents Porter witnessed during his many years as a resident in the city of Allen was the near total destruction of the city by the 1924 fire.

According to The History of Floyd County, residents reported that 29 houses burned within 30 minutes on April 24, 1924.

Porter and his family were involved in all types of businesses in the city of Allen throughout the years.

Porter said his family has been in the light and electric business, as well as hotel, television and radio repair/sales, and the city's water system industry.

"We sold new refrigerator units by the carloads during the second World War," Porter said, explaining that back then the units were sold in three parts.

The resident also noted that in many years past, the Big Sandy River would freeze and he and his family would "saw" chunks of ice and store them to sell for customers to use in their refrigerator systems.

"Back then, (the waters) froze up," Porter said. "We used to skate on the ice and travel on it."

Porter said he did not know why the winters are not as cold nowadays as they have been in the past. "I don't know whether it's from chemicals in the water from the mining or if the earth's warming up," he said.

The city of Allen has also suffered from flooding throughout the years.

"I've been flooded out of my home three times," Porter said.

The long-time resident said the city of Allen was a very busy place during the world wars. "It was a big place around here for a while," he said, adding that the city "never did grow much."

"I never did understand that," Porter said. "It was a busy time here during the wars."

Porter said there were several hotels in the city at one time and that he used to sell newspapers by the hundreds to travelers and people staying at the hotels.

"It's always been kind of a mystery why it didn't grow," he said.

Despite the city's shortness of being a metropolitan area, Porter still made the city of Allen his home. He said he used to seasonally live in Florida during the winters, but always returned home to Allen.

"I was raised here," he said. "All the people I know here are not satisfied any other place."

Police Department

The city of Allen's one-gun police force has been solely operated by police chief Virgil Conn for the last 28 years.

"It sure has been a lot of fun," Conn said recently about his service with the city.

While reminiscing about his first days as the city's police chief, Conn spoke of "rough times" he experienced.

The police chief recalled an incident when he informed a local resident that he would have to give up his bottle of liquor.

"He said, 'if you take my liquor, you're going to have to whip me,'" Conn said, laughing as he remembered the man's comment. "I said, 'Well, I'll try.'"

Virgil Conn

Moments after the local resident spoke those words, he and a friend were both taken into custody and jailed, Conn said.

Conn said he continued to have problems with enforcing the law in the community for about 14 years, before getting the situation under control.

"I've got it conquered now, though," he said.

Conn is on duty seven days a week and 24 hours a day as the city's police chief.

City government

The city of Allen was operated by a board and chairman until the 1970's, when state regulations required the city to declare itself a commission or council-type government, according to city manager Bill Parsons.

Parsons has been involved with the operation of the city since 1963 when he served as a member of the council. He remained in that position until 1966, when he began working for the city's water system.

Three years later, Parsons became the city's manager and has remained in that position for nearly 30 years.

"I have enjoyed working for the city," he said.

Parson said the city has had four mayors since state laws required mayors represent the city.

In the 1970's, Obie Crisp became the first mayor of the city of Allen. Mayors Vernon Porter, Chris Waugh and Sharon Woods filled the positions following Crisp's term.

Mayor Woods marked the city's first woman to serve as mayor.

Allen is a site to see at Christmas. The Allen City Council light the town with Christmas displays. Visitors from miles around come to the town to drive through and look at the decorations.

Allen and its surrounding area have several businesses, including a wallpaper and carpet store, shoe store, Burger King, Shell Mart and Bank Josephine, currently the only bank located in the city.

Some information for this article was obtained from the The History of Floyd County.

The photo above depicts the family of the city's founder, according to the city's oldest resident, Herman Porter. It is believed that Thomas J. Allen, whose family settled on a large acreage of land between Allen and Martin, is seated in the front row of the photograph. Porter has a vast collection of photos which illustrates the city's history. (photo submitted by Herman Porter)

Stumbo Park is one of the most recognized recreational parks in the county. Residents from all around the region frequently visit Stumbo Park for a round of golf, game of hoops, or just for a nice walk around the track. The Park also is equipped with a swimming pool, tennis courts, baseball field and picnic areas. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Aside from the central office where all of the city's business has been conducted for several years, Allen City Hall has also been the home of the city's water system. The water system was recently taken over by Prestonsburg Utilities, but Allen residents ensured that the city could not be annexed into the city of Prestonsburg before the takeover was finalized. (photo by Chris McDavid)

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Prestonsburg blooms with color. The new Justice Center, left, brings a look of the past to the city, while the inside brings modernization to the court system. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

The dome, which covers Betsy Layne gym is a familiar site to sports fans. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

Martin: 'A good place to grow up'

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Memories. We all have them. Memories of family, school days and where we grew up and the "pals" we ran around with.

For me, I have great memories of the City of Martin. Martin is where I was born, raised and attended school. During my boyhood, I remember Martin as a town of friendly people and a place that was the hub of the county. Everyone, it seemed, came to Martin to shop, to eat or go to church.

It was a busy village that seemed to be filled with a lot of activities. Something always was going in Martin. It was the home of some popular landmarks, well, with the local people at least. If someone was looking for directions they would be asked, "do you know where Dermonts store is?" Or "do you know where Grigsby's 5 & 10 is located?" There were other "landmarks."

In the '40s and '50s, those were good years to grow in and Martin was the ideal town.

Martin is an interesting town when you stop to look at the history of it. The town, which was the home to the old Beaver Valley Hospital, Our Lady of the Way Hospital (still going strong), Martin theater ("Where the Crowd Goes"), and countless dry goods stores, was first known as Grist, Kentucky.

Seems the town was named after a grist mill operated by Tom Osborne at "the mouth of Bucks Branch," according to research by Marjorie Samons recorded in the Floyd County History book. Seems Osborne operated the grist mill where he would grind grain for customers. John W. Hall, who came to Martin in 1916, remembered the old grist mill.

"I thought old man Jake Crisp ran the grist mill," he recalled. "People would take a bushel of corn or beans there and have it ground."

Early settlers arrived in the mid 1800s in settling around Martin. The first such settlers were led by William Dingus, who came here from Virginia in search of land. Seems Dingus purchased land on both sides of the Beavers. J.O. Dingus, a distant descendent, shared this with us.

"He came here in the 1850s. He came out of Scott County, Virginia. He was a third generation American and was born around 1805 and died around 1883."

Dingus purchased the land around the town of Martin from a man known as General Lackey, who remarked after taking a down payment, "the old fellow will never be back to pay the other two-thirds."

"But a year later when he came back with the rest of the money, he had four big sons with him and laid down the money and they went down and fixed up a deed," said Dingus.

Descendants of those Dingus's can still be traced as they are still around. Descendants include Charles Wesley Dingus, T.J. Dingus, who married Mandy Salisbury at the "Y" at Martin, according to J.O. Dingus.

"Charles Wesley was the father of Charley Dingus, and a lot of people around Martin still remember him," said Dingus. "He used to drive his truck in the middle of the road, and everybody had to get out of his way.

"Charlie had one son, Olvo, and he just died recently. Olvo had one son, Darryl, who is still living," he said.

Honoring individuals by naming places after them was a way with the folks of Grist (Martin) back in those days. For instance, the city became known as Smalley in honor of Smalley Crisp, who carried the mail over the mountains to Prestonsburg by horseback from 1900 to 1910. After a post office was established in the community, Grist became Smalley.

With the coal industry on the rise, the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad established a depot in Martin to handle the coal business that was so vital to the area.

Moving to the Floyd County area, John W. Hall, now 97, was an employee of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad system. He soon left B&O and went to work for the C&O where he worked for 42 years.

Hall also served as the town's first police judge, a position he held for 20 years.

"I would try cases and if they didn't do right, I would have them put in jail," said Hall laughing. "Martin was on the other side of the tracks back in those days. Then they built our first bridge, a swinging bridge that two people could walk across."

With the new bridge came a new store, but on the other side. "People would walk across the bridge and buy their groceries," said Hall. "Then others started building business places down the front street of Martin," Hall recalled.

With the presence of the railroad, Martin became a striving community. The depot at Martin became the favorite place to visit and they came from all over to watch who got on the train and who got off. Some say it was a way of "girl watching" in those days.

The site also drew some undesirables like "card sharks" and "trigger-happy gunmen" like "Bad" John Hall.

John W. Hall recalled the shootout between "Bad" John and the Lewis brothers.

"I was in the middle of the fight," recalled Hall, who was police judge in 1925. "I was on duty then. Louis (White, an agent) was waiting for the train to pull into the depot."

"Bad" John, along with his two brothers, Syl and Talt, had traveled to Martin on their way to Prestonsburg. Accounts of the shootout varied but there were three killed that day, according to J.W. Hall.

"When the train pulled in, "Bad" John was standing on the platform," he recalled. "I heard Louis say, "is your name John Hall." He stepped down from the platform and said, 'that is what they call me.'

"When he said that Louis reached in and pulled out his .45 and coming down with the gun shot "Bad" John knocking him six feet in the air."

Seems "Bad" John was wearing a protective vest underneath his clothing and did not suffer any injury but the shootout began. Agent White was killed in the incident but, according to reports, he was able to get a shot off, wounding Talt, hitting him in the wrist of "his gun hand."

White's 12-year-old son, who was standing nearby, jumped forward and grabbed the gun from Talt's hand and shot Talt dead, according to earlier reports.

Although the Martin depot became known for the notorious shoot-outs, the community of Martin began to prosper and grew from the five or six families who first settled there.

"I watched the town grow after moving here," said Hall.

Many small business began to become part of the small community. Lawrence Keathley brought the movie theater to town, R.V. Wolford opened a hardware store.

"I was seven years old then," recalled long-time Martin resident, Marguerite Conley, R.V. Wolford's daughter. "Gardis Dingus worked for him then."

Gardis Dingus became an institution in Martin, purchasing the hardware business from Wolford. His humor and just being a good conversationalist brought folks to the hardware, if not to purchase items, then just to talk.

Oke and Hulda Wilson operated a boarding house and the Busy Bee Restaurant, owned by Lora Stephens was a good place to eat. Other stores followed; one being S.D. "Dick" Osborne's general merchandise store.

"Dick Osborne. He was a wit," recalled Hall. "He even wrote a book."

After the C&O railroad had gotten control of business affairs the name Smalley was changed to Martin in honor of Mrs. Susan Martin Cox, who operated a small boarding house.

"The depot was called Martin and the town Smalley," said Hall. "They wanted to make the two names the same, and so they changed it to Martin."

One of the first county high schools became a reality after the people of Martin realized "that education was important for their children," Hall said.

In the early 1920s a group of men in the community went together and purchased land which they gave to the board of education for a high school, according to early reports.

In 1924 Martin High School had its beginning with Professor Byington, Georgia, as the principal. There were no school buses, but students came from all over riding trains, wagons, and horses while many just moved in with friends and relatives.

The first senior class consisted of one girl, Carrie Hayes. The following year it had increased to four, all girls.

The school held their last year in 1972 when it consolidated as part of Allen Central High School.

Doctors Ed and Walk Stumbo established the first hospital in Martin, Stumbo Hospital, in 1912 and it became a place for not only folks in Martin, but all over the county. Patients would board the train and get off in front of the hospital in seeking medical help.

"Doc Ed had built a rather large home and used part of it for a clinic," said John W. Hall. "Later on, he and his brother built a hospital."

The Stumbo Hospital burned and the Beaver Valley hospital became a reality. Walk and Ed ran the hospital until their deaths.

The hospital was the only source for professional health care in the area.

Other doctors moved to the area and operated the hospital. Doctors like Claude Allen and his father, J.H. Allen, Slick Stumbo, Dr. Jay Preston, Dr. Raymond Syrcle and C.J. Caddin.

With growth for education, a hospital for physical needs, churches began to locate in Martin to help with the spiritual need.

"The Mormon church was the first to come in here," recalled Hall. "Then the Methodist, led by the Cox family, and later the Southern Baptists came in."

The 40s and then the 50s were good years for the town as the town was prospering and people seemed to be happy with their community and took a lot of pride.

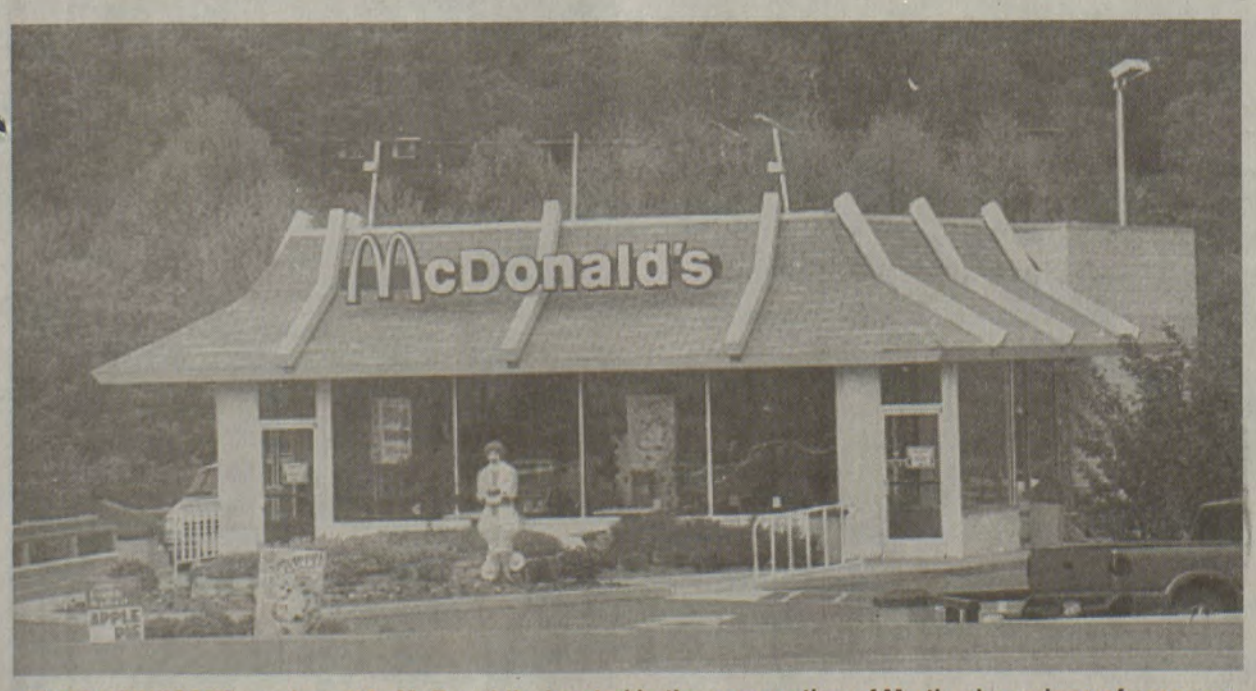
Pageant Hill was established where every Easter, the story of the crucifixion was reenacted. It seemed to bring the community closer together every Easter. Martin was a town with many churches and it seemed as if everyone in the town attended worship services.

Coal was the main resource in Eastern Kentucky and that is where

(See **Martin,** page eight)

A FAMILY AFFAIR would be the way to describe the Smalley Crisp clan. Smalley carried the mail over the mountains from Prestonsburg to Grist. Martin became known as Smalley, Kentucky, after Crisp. (photo cour-

WHILE THE DOWNTOWN area of Martin has degressed, places like Long John Silvers and others brought some new life to the upper part of Martin. (photo by Ed Taylor)



NEW BUSINESSES, such as this McDonald's, located in the new section of Martin show signs of progress. Other business places followed after established downtown business places began to relocate to escape the threat of flooding. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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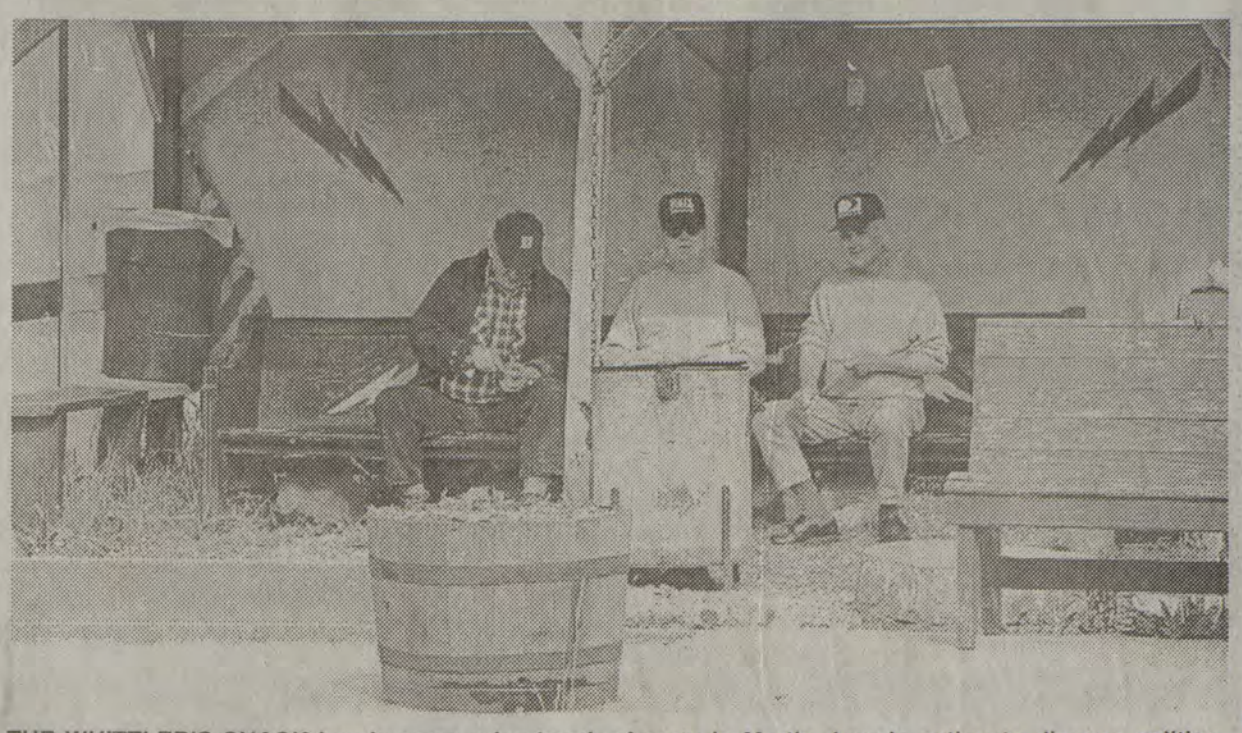
SMALLEY CRISP WAS mail carrier from Prestonsburg to Grist in the late 1800s. When a post office was established at Grist the town, known as Martin today, was named Smalley, after Crisp. (photo courtesy of Don Crisp)

ALL ABOARD. The town of Martin was first known as Grist, being named after an old grist mill at the mouth of Bucks Branch. The railroad brought new life to the area and change the geographical location of the town. (photo courtesy of Don Crisp)



THE WHITTLER'S SHACK has become a landmark of sorts in Martin. Locals gather to discuss politics, Kentucky basketball, high school sports, or just to catch up on all the latest gossip. According to reports, it was here Bill Clinton was elected President. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Martin

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most people found employment. Families were close-knit in the 40s, 50s and 60s, but times began to change. Once out of high school, kids moved to college or sought employment in other states and families began to separate.

Flooding of the town became a risk for business places, and they sought higher ground for refuge from the flood waters.

In 1957 the town, as most of the county, was nearly under water and the town was devastated. After the water had receded, the process of cleaning up began. Friends, relatives and strangers pitched in to bring the community back to par. Working together, the town survived the tragedy and moved on.

But little by little, business places started to move out of town and to the "upper end" where the waters did not reach.

Progress brought the bigger chain stores, and grocery stores like Dermonts found it hard to compete with the bigger chains. Little by little the small business places succumbed to the bigger ones and the downtown area began to lose not only businesses but town folks as well.

With the school closed, the bank moved to the upper end as did several other businesses, and the town expanded. Today, the downtown area is without a bank, and a grocery store, but the "upper end" contains restaurants, such as Dairy Queen, McDonald's, and Long John Silver's.

The town is home to two funeral homes, banks, discount stores, and florists.

For a town that once was the hub of the county, it is still a focal point for local residents, but many town residents hope for a revival of the small town life they once knew when the city sidewalks were full of shoppers.

While the town does not have the excitement and liveliness it once displayed, there are still special memories shared by those who were born there, lived there, grew up there and had to leave. Johnny Hall, Jr. said it all when he said, "It was a good place to grow up in!"

For many who went to high school and are still bleeding purple, Martin will always be home of the Purple Flash and Denzil "Hoss" Halbert. For many, they are still singing in their hearts, "Loyal and True!"

Nestled snugly in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, Wheelwright's "79 Hill" view is one of the most scenic areas in the Left Beaver town. Many residents take advantage of the spot where this shot was taken to go four-wheeling and cook out with family and friends. (photo by Cindy Yates)

By the Wayside

The old Wayside Market building has been a sight around Garrett for many years. In the 70s, Wayside Market was one of two popular grocery stores in the area. Shoppers could find most any food item they needed, including fresh cuts of meat. (photo by Susan Allen)

Celebration

Golfers like the Beaver Valley Golf Course at the Allen Park. Several golf scrambles are held yearly there, and golfers can be found on the links every day. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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