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Local lawyer accused of sex abuse



Martin

By Randell Reno
Staff Writer

A local lawyer found himself on the other side of the legal process this week after one of his employees accused him of abusing her sexually.

Sheridan Martin, 32, a Prestonsburg attorney, has been charged with a single count of first-degree sexual abuse.

The arrest warrant states that Martin allegedly used "forcible compulsion" to subject the woman to sexual contact on Monday. The charge is a class D felony, which has a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

The victim in the case made a visit to County Attorney Keith Bartley with the allegations earlier in the week. Bartley turned the investigation

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David man found dead by father

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

Police are investigating the death of a David man found inside his home Wednesday.

The body of Arthur Jeffrey Shepherd, 31, of David, was discovered by his father about 8:20 a.m. Wednesday morning. Irvine Shepherd found his son in a computer room located inside his home.

Irvine Shepherd made a call to 911 for help. CPR was started on Shepherd but he could not be revived. Respond Ambulance service transported the man to Highlands Regional Medical Center, where he was pronounced

dead on arrival.

Shepherd's body has been sent to Frankfort for an autopsy. Results of those tests are expected to be returned in approximately a week.

Deputy Coroner Greg Nelson said investigators have some ideas about the cause of death, but they will await the test results before commenting.

Shepherd, who worked as a heavy equipment operator and as a volunteer for the David Fire Department, is survived by his father Irvine, one brother and two sisters.

His death is being investigated by Kentucky State Police Detective Lee Weddington and the Floyd County Coroner's Office.

Two Floyd men among suspects caught in drug sweep

Times Staff Report

Two Floyd County residents were among 23 people who have been arrested so far in an undercover drug sting originating in Pike County.

Mike Conn, 31, of Harold, and Ghent Combs, 20, of Betsy Layne, were among those who experienced a rude awakening Tuesday morning when officers with Kentucky State Police, the Pike County

Sheriff's Department and Pikeville Police Department descended on the homes of suspected drug dealers in an early-morning drug raid.

The sting targeted 28 people, with 23 in custody as of yesterday.

Both men are accused of dealing in cocaine. Combs faces two counts of trafficking in the illicit drug, while Conn faces one.

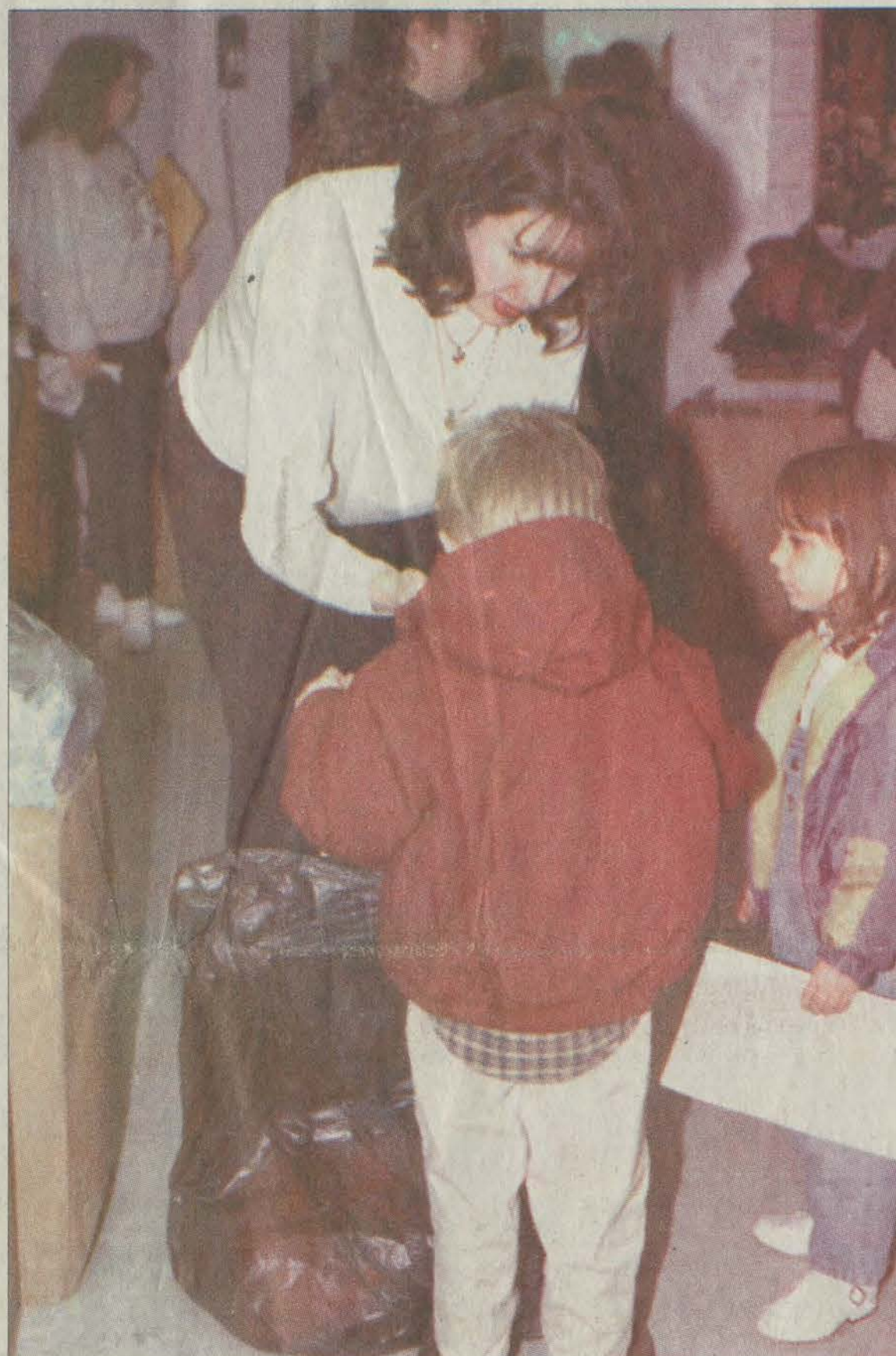
Other suspects netted in the drug sweep include:

- Sam Johnson, 26, of Pikeville, two counts of drug trafficking.
- Donald Webb, 35, Pikeville, trafficking in blank prescription pads.
- Steve Forsythe, 25, Pikeville, two counts of marijuana trafficking and two counts of cultivating marijuana.
- Paula Hylton, 45, Pikeville, two counts of marijuana possession.
- Charles Kenny, 36, Shelbiana, marijuana trafficking.

- Stevie Rowe, 42, Elkhorn City, two counts of first-degree drug trafficking.
- Angela Polly, 23, Hellier, second-degree drug trafficking.
- Truman Slone, 25, Phyllis, second-degree drug trafficking.
- Mike Slone, 32, Phyllis, two counts of first-degree drug trafficking.
- Larry Chapman, 43, Phyllis, two

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A little holiday warmth...



Earlene Nelson of the Town Branch Church helps a Head Start student pick out a coat Thursday. The church outfitted the boys with an outfit including a shirt, pants, underwear, shoes and a coat. The girls got a dress and underclothes. Both boys and girls received knit sweaters plus they got to see Santa and Happy the Clown. One student gave Santa a well-deserved hug. As the students left the church, Santa gave them some candy. All Head Start schools in the county were scheduled to take part. (photos by Willie Elliott)

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Briefs

Kidd sentenced for eluding police, filing false report

Charles Kidd, 40, of Harold, was sentenced to 10 months in the Floyd County Detention Center during a jury trial on Thursday.

Kidd was charged with first-degree fleeing a police officer when he attempted to outrun Officer Tim Clark of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department on a four-wheeler April 23. He was also charged with falsely reporting an accident when he reported his four-wheeler stolen after knowing the Sheriff's Office had confiscated it.

Thirteen witnesses were produced by the defendant but they could not turn the jury from the evidence presented by the prosecution. It took the jury about 30 minutes to decide Kidd was guilty as charged on both accounts.

He was sentenced to five months on each count. The sentences will run consecutively.

Thompson lifts county burn ban

Following the lead of Gov. Paul Patton, who earlier this week rescinded a statewide ban on outdoor burning, Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson signed an executive order Wednesday lifting a similar local prohibition.

The order ends a ban on outdoor burning in the county which has been in place since November 8. Thompson had ordered the ban due to an extreme danger of forest fires resulting from an 18-month drought in eastern Kentucky.

Thompson's move places Floyd County residents under state laws concerning outdoor burning. Because the annual fire season also ended Wednesday, there are currently no restrictions on burning.

Party switch deadline looming

Anyone thinking of changing his or her party registration needs to do so soon or else be locked out of voting in next year's presidential primaries.

Under state law, anyone wishing to change party registration must do so before the end of the year in order to vote in his or her new party's primary. Anyone changing party affiliation after December 31 will have to skip the May election.

The law does not apply to those who have not registered to vote. Anyone wishing to do so has until April 24.



This toddler and his mother spent a little time browsing at Lad 'n Lassie. The shop has been known for quality children's clothes since 1966. The same warm friendly service is still alive 33 years later. (photo by Randell Reno)

Serving 'lads' and 'lassies' for 33 years

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

In an age of speed and efficiency, department stores and specialty stores alike have installed many gadgets to get you out of the store. Price scanning devices, credit card and check scanners, and quick and very cold cashiers are all part of the fast-paced world of shopping. All of this is designed to make your visit to the store less frustrating and more efficient.

It's supposed to make you

wait in a shorter line and make your time in the store substantially less than it used to be. And hopefully these technological wonders will help the customer have a pleasant visit to the store.

What all these wonders leave out is the human touch. There is a lack of contact between the employees and the



Part nine in a series of articles exploring Floyd County businesses which have survived the death of downtowns.

customers. Contact slows down lines and may cause the customer to pass the store the

(See Lad 'n Lassie, page three)

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Rosenberg to be honored during MSU graduation

MOREHEAD - A Floyd County man will be among two honored for contributions to the development of Appalachia during Morehead State University's winter graduation exercises tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center.

During the ceremonies, the honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service will be awarded to John M. Rosenberg of Prestonsburg, director of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky Inc. (Appalred). The honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities will be presented to Josephine D. Richardson of Whitesburg, a former community journalist and social worker who operates a mountain crafts outlet.

Rosenberg has been associated with Appalred for more than 28 years and has served as its director since 1973. The federally-funded, rural legal services program provides representation for approximately 7,000 clients a year in 37 counties in eastern and southeastern Kentucky through a network of 11 offices.

Through the years, Appalred has served more than 250,000 people in all aspects of poverty law. The staff authored a constitutional amendment, which was adopted after a statewide campaign by Kentuckians for the Commonwealth. Rosenberg successfully argued for the amendment against a federal constitutional challenge in the Kentucky Supreme Court.

A majority of Rosenberg's caseload deals with environmental law and representation of the elderly and he has authored a number of articles in these areas. He has worked in the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division as chief of the criminal and western sections.

A graduate of Duke University with an A.B. degree in chemistry, he earned his law degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law. He is a member of the American, Kentucky and Floyd County bar associations as

well as the National Legal Aid and Defender Association.

Rosenberg serves on the boards of the Office of Kentucky Legal Services Program, Kentucky Citizens Law Center, the David School, Prestonsburg Job Corps, East Kentucky Corporation, Floyd County Education Forum and ALCOR Inc. He was the recipient of the ABA's 1990 John Minor Wisdom Public Service and Professionalism Award, NLADA's 1991 Kutak-Dodds Prize and the 1992 Berea College Service Award.

A former member of Morehead State University's Board of Regents, he was inducted into the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce's Hall of Fame in 1991.

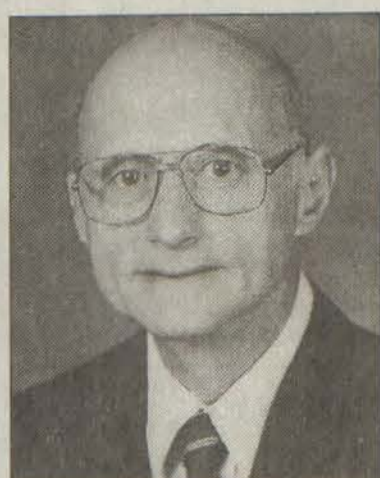
Rosenberg and his wife Jean are parents of two children, Michael and Ann.

Richardson, active in community, regional and statewide organizations, has been promoting Appalachian culture for more than 30 years, most recently from The Cozy Corner, a bookstore/arts and crafts outlet. She also is co-owner and manager of the Courthouse Cafe.

Known for her efforts in serving the needs of others, Richardson spent four years as a journalist with the "Mountain Eagle," a weekly newspaper in Whitesburg. While she was concerned with getting the news to her readers, she also originated two new features, a cooking column titled "Good Eating" and an entertainment section that covered events, movies, concerts and plays in Letcher and surrounding counties.

Richardson and her husband Bill came to Eastern Kentucky in 1969 to begin a training program in film/video for young people. The classes, funded by a federal grant, grew into Appalshop, which is recognized as a highly acclaimed media arts and cultural center.

Educated in New York, Richardson is a graduate of Marymount College in Tarrytown and later attended Columbia



John Rosenberg

and infant care patients throughout Letcher County.

Active in numerous community and civic organizations, Richardson is a member of the Kentucky Commission on Women, Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, Kentucky Art and Craft Foundation, Gaines Center for the Humanities with the University of Kentucky, Governor's Task Force on Early Childhood and Partners in the Americas-Kentucky/Ecuador Partnership.

She and her husband have three children: Justine, William Jared and Anna.

Approximately 500 graduate and undergraduate students are candidates for degrees to be conferred by MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin during the morning ceremony. Lisa Dawn Burriss, a graduating senior from Vanceburg, will be the student speaker.

University. In her early career as a social worker, she worked in New York and Connecticut, then moved to Kentucky where she worked with Home Health Services in Whitesburg. With an average caseload of 150 patients, she provided social services to chronically ill, geriatric, maternal

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Drugs

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counts of first-degree drug trafficking.

- Harvey Chaney, 26, Phyllis, first-degree drug trafficking.
- Perry Taylor, 34, Phyllis, two counts of first-degree drug trafficking.
- Eva Smith, 22, Phelps, drug trafficking.
- Peggy Martinez, 43, Phelps, drug trafficking.
- Linda Smith, Phelps, who turns 45 Sunday, marijuana trafficking.
- Lee Bevins, 53, Stone, cultivating marijuana.
- Ronnie Tackett, 49, Hellier, drug trafficking.

Two people were arrested on charges unrelated to drugs, including:

- Ahleen Hardin, 27, Varney, attempted theft.
- Brenda Allen, 39, Aflex, two counts of theft.

In addition to the 21 people named, the identities of and charges against two other people have not been released pending processing.

Sex abuse

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over to Kentucky State Police because of the severity of the charges.

KSP spent Monday through Wednesday gathering facts in the case before arresting Martin Wednesday afternoon. He was released on his own recognizance later that day.

Bartley said KSP, which conducted a quick investigation, has obtained substantial evidence in the matter.

"The victim's allegations are not only substantial, but there is irrefutable evidence," Bartley said.

Bartley has requested that the state Attorney General's Office handle prosecution of the case.

Martin's arraignment is set for 9:30 a.m. January 19 before District Judge Eric Hall.

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Lad 'n Lassie

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next time.

Cheryl Leslie, owner and operator of Lad 'n Lassie in downtown Prestonsburg, can change your mind. All the technology in the world cannot replace the warmth and friendliness that is dealt to the customers of her store.

Visitors come from as far as Martin and Magoffin counties to enjoy the shopping experience that Leslie and former owners have made available.

Established in 1966 by the late Dorothy Marshall, Lad 'n Lassie has been the place Prestonsburg residents have bought their children's clothing for 33 years.

Lad 'n Lassie has earned a reputation for having quality children's clothing at an affordable price. The store has attracted two to three generations of customers. Many children have grown up wearing clothes from the store. These same people now frequent the store to buy clothes for their own children.

The repeat business and new clients stem from the personal touch of past and present owners, Marshall, then her daughter Meg Kendrick, and now Leslie. The change of owners over the years has not affected the business because the friendly atmosphere has not changed.

"I dressed my children out of the store," said Leslie, who purchased Lad 'n Lassie about two years ago.

The store was the only place to get children's clothing in town, said Leslie. But she admits it was a very friendly place to go.

Kendrick, who ran the store for 28 years, offered to sell it to Leslie after she became burned out, said Leslie. The planting of this seed was more than Leslie could resist.

"I went three or four months

thinking about it. It would not leave me," said Leslie. "I had never done retail before."

The secret of the store's success has remained.

"Personal service, we get to know our customers here," she said. "You know the kids and the whole family. So many people come in here. You just know them. Some send their family."

Leslie has been able to keep the same customer base the store has enjoyed for years. And her infectious friendliness has allowed word to spread, gaining new customers for the store.

Unlike many of the bigger stores, she takes the time to get to know the customer because first impressions matter. Leslie may not get your name right the first couple of times, but she will remember you and why you came in.

While the store is geared for infants to youths, a few things can be found for teens. For years, students have been able to purchase high school jackets at the store. She also stocks tights and body suits in many of the area's school colors.

Clothing, ranging from infant to size 16 for girls and infant to size 7 for boys, can be found at the store. In addition Lad 'n Lassie has gift items, a baby shower registry and pageant wear for the growing business of baby pageants. Her most popular item is the Tim Couch Photo Football.

The store's recent relocation, from the upstairs area of the old shopping plaza to the corner of Court Street and Arnold Avenue, has helped the business tremendously. Grandmothers, those with strollers, and folks who could not negotiate the stairs leading to the old location are now able to shop at

the store.

"This is where I used to come to buy my clothes," she said. "I think people like coming here."

Quality is very often associated with price. But Leslie assures that anyone can shop at her business.

"I really try to get in the middle," she said. "I want anybody and everybody to come in and feel like they can shop here and get a quality product."

Recently, Leslie was told she needed to get rid of the lower- and medium-priced clothes. Leslie told the customer if she carried only high-end apparel, it would hurt the business, because the customers would "walk out the door to find it somewhere else."

A human touch, a feeling that you are not just a number or a customer, is found in great quantities at Lad 'n Lassie.

One customer remarked, "She always carries good quality clothes. She has a nice selection and a good price. She is so helpful and tries to accommodate you in any way. And she gives friendly service."

A personal touch is evident when you walk into the store. There are chairs for the customers to sit in so they can relax and talk. There is a play tent set up for the little ones and a small rocking chair to help occupy even the smallest of kids.

Leslie says she wants customers to be relaxed. She wants their patronage to be a positive experience.

Recently a group of three women came into the store. They were three generations of Lad 'n Lassie shoppers. The youngest is expecting and has begun to shop there for her child.

The next day the same three returned with a few neighbors. They told Leslie they had so much fun they wanted to come back.

This service cannot be found at department store. It is a rarity in the stores of modern man. But it is found at Lad 'n Lassie.

Warm friendly service, a way of business, a way of life at Lad 'n Lassie. "I love everyday coming up here," said Leslie.

Mini-cameras offer maximum versatility

(NAPSA)-Advancing technology continues to prove the old maxim that big things come in small packages.

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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

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Mark Twain—

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Editorial

Ending medical mistakes

The National Academy of Sciences' finding that more Americans die from medical mistakes than from breast cancer, highway accidents or AIDS leaves a person too frightened to get sick.

The report says medical errors in hospitals alone kill 44,000 to 98,000 people a year. That's comparable to having three jets filled with passengers crash every two days, says Dr. Lucian Leape of Harvard, a co-author of the report.

Those stunning rates of medical errors — resulting in deaths, permanent disability and unnecessary suffering — are unacceptable in a profession that promises first to "do no harm."

The problem, says the report, is that "health care is a decade or more behind other high-risk industries in its attention to ensuring basic safety."

The report says that most medical mistakes stem from basic flaws in the way hospitals, clinics and pharmacies work. The No. 1 cause of medical mistakes is not incompetence, but confusion. That's of no comfort to the family who has lost someone due to a medical error, but it points toward corrective measures.

The report recommends the establishment of a Center for Patient Safety within the Department of Health and Human Services to collect and distribute information about medical errors and error-prevention systems. It also recommends that Congress require all health care providers to report mistakes that cause serious injury or death. Only 20 states do so now.

President Bill Clinton picked up on the report immediately. Recently, he ordered federal agencies that provide or finance health care to take steps to reduce medical errors. Pharmacists, for example, will be required to take more precautions to avoid dispensing the wrong drugs. Hospitals will be encouraged to investigate errors that cause serious injury or death and to report their findings to state health agencies.

The new federal standards would apply to all health care providers under direct federal control, but Clinton hopes it will serve as an example for the rest of the industry. The federal government has immense leverage over the health care industry because it buys or subsidizes large amounts of health care and regulates hospitals, nursing homes and other health care providers.

The American Hospital Administration already says it is sending a list of error-reduction techniques to each of its 5,000 hospitals.

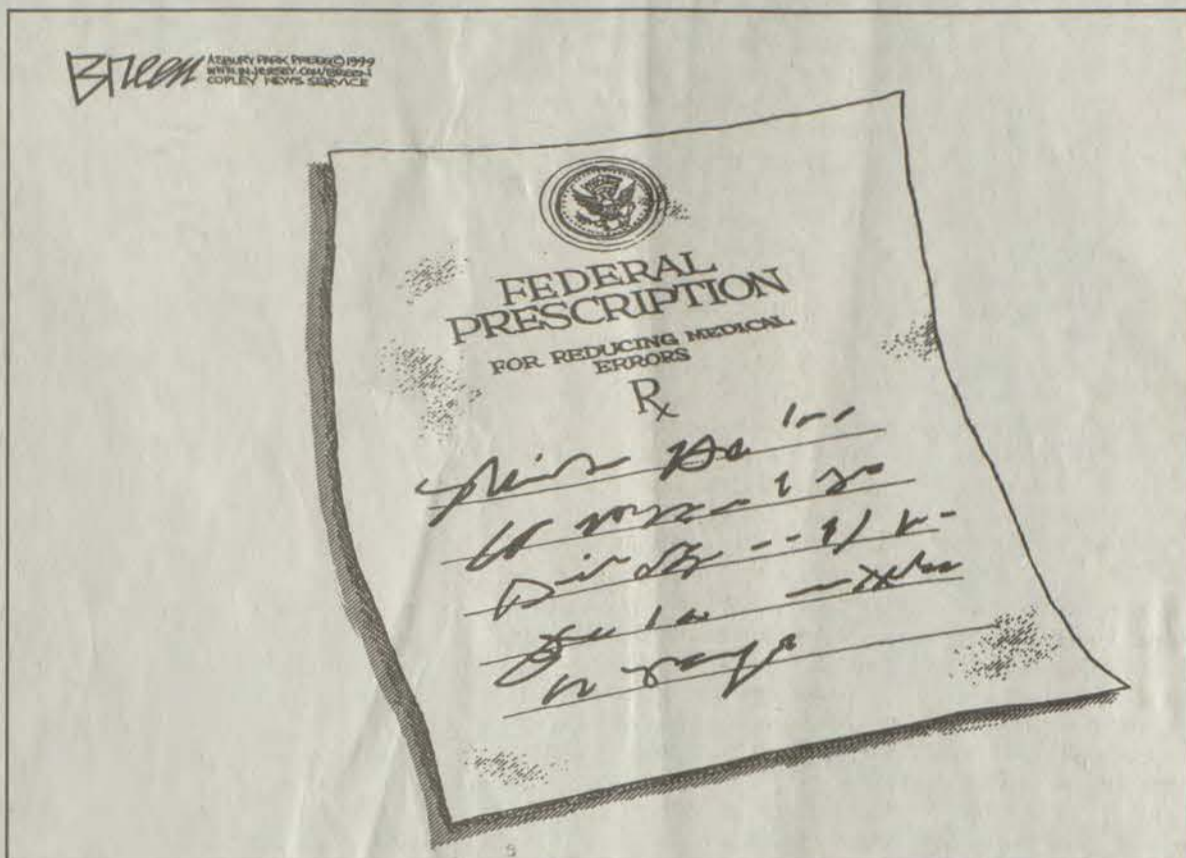
Clinton has the authority to make some changes unilaterally, but he will need Congress' help to complete all of the academy's recommendations. Congress is loath to create a new federal agency. But this is the kind of national problem where a federal response can be most effective.

The Center for Patient Safety eventually would cost about \$100 million a year.

But, if it met its goal of saving half of the lives now lost to medical mistakes, it would save about 50,000 lives a year, at a cost of roughly \$2,000 a life.

Who could argue that is not worthwhile?

— Reprinted from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.



Guest Column

A Christmas Gift for children

by Charles L. Baker
President and CEO
Buckhorn Children's Foundation

In a world where even two-year-olds are targeted by television commercials, and all of us are bombarded by unrelenting pressure to buy more stuff, it is easy to start believing that we're not good parents or grandparents if this year's pile of gifts is not the largest ever.

We keep hearing and reading that the economy is booming, so why don't we feel more confident about what we're giving our own children and all of Kentucky's children? Are these the gifts that should really matter? Just what is it we should be giving our children and all the children of Kentucky?

As we hurry to finish our Christmas shopping, these sobering statistics keep nagging at us: 25 percent of Kentucky's children still live in poverty, and the numbers of families headed by a single parent continue to rise, both in Kentucky and the United States, to 25 percent and 27 percent, respectively.

I don't question at all that most parents love their children. Many work long hours and more than one job to provide for them; they worry about their schools and their friends. They spend too much and go into debt to buy their children what they tell us they want for Christmas.

Are we, perhaps, too concerned about giving them what they want and not concerned enough about giving them what they need?

What should we give our children for Christmas? What do they need?

In this season of love, it is almost too glib to say that children need love, but maybe that's because our definition of love is often too simple. The following is my definition to an expanded version of love. It is also my Christmas wish list for all of Kentucky's children.

- Kentucky's children need warmth and caring. They need someone who listens to them every day and is ready with a hug and a kind word; they need love that is unconditional. Some of the best examples of warmth and caring come from Kentucky's foster parents, who love their children even when their behaviors are less than lovable. All children need that kind of love in order to thrive.

- Children need discipline. Discipline is not achieved by enacting more punitive laws for youth, and it is much more than punishment for wrongdoing. Discipline is learning to control one's own behavior,

with a final goal of becoming a self-disciplined person. Regular bedtime and study time, limits on TV and responsibility for household chores are all part of becoming disciplined. Children learn discipline best from someone who genuinely cares. Our residential youth counselors have great empathy for the child who has been sexually abused, but she still must do her daily chores.

- Children need encouragement, as we all do, on a daily basis. They also need our support to try new things—from different foods to different friends. School failure is particularly difficult for children, and it is likely that many school dropouts could be prevented by sufficient encouragement. What if, in the New Year, our schools would resolve to ensure that every dropout received a visit from someone who simply encouraged them to return?

- Decision making, and the responsibility that goes with those choices, are necessary for children's healthy growth and development. After only two weeks in the fourth-grade band, I wanted to quit. My mother said, "You begged to play the cornet, and we bought you a cornet. Now, you are going to play the cornet." After giving me the choice I wanted, my mother used that to give me what I needed—accountability for my own decision.

- Finally, all children need high expectations. Raising school standards is not the complete answer to higher test scores, but on balance with the other four ingredients previously outlined, it is a critical part of the answer. Here at Buckhorn, we fully expect that the most severely abused child can and will overcome the pain of his or her past and become a productive citizen.

Many of us find it natural to give these gifts to the children that we call "ours," but what about all of God's children? What of Kentucky's hungry children, what of those being cared for in children's homes, and what of those who will spend this Christmas Day in detention or in a juvenile facility?

Aren't they all "our" children, too?

I believe they are; and that we have an opportunity, and an obligation, to see that all of our children are taught, through example, that the best gifts in life are not wrapped in boxes. Rather, the best gifts are wrapped in a kind of love that includes all five of the ingredients above.

Share your love in this season. Please choose a favorite children's organization and give generously. We'll all be better for it.

Soap Box

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer



Back down to Earth

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

Last week I crossed paths with several alumni of my alma mater of Pikeville College. It was in these meetings I realized how college had changed me and real life turned those changes around.

Before attending college, I was a model English and grammar student, at least in speech. During school and immediately thereafter I was concrete in this *modus operandi*, proper language was a must.

My head was held high. I was educated. I was above the everyday Joe. With a B.S. in education, I was going to be someone who had risen above. And I was determined to bring many children up to my level.

I would push education. I would strive to get rid of ignorance because stupidity is forever and ignorance could be fixed. I suppose I considered myself a potential hero.

As a graduate, I applied to several schools system surrounding Floyd County. I had to be hired I was in a better class now. I was better than Joe Shmoe.

In the process of waiting, I secured a minimum wage job to survive. Of course, this wrecked my self image. How could I work with such lowly Joes and Josephines. It offended me. I was embarrassed.

That part-time job lasted until April of this year. In the nearly five years of working there, my sights were not lowered, but my self esteem and focus were.

I found that in my aloofness, I had made my co-workers hate me. I had looked down my nose at people instead of at their hearts. I became a perfect aristocrat without the title or the job.

Since the grand day of my graduation, I have failed to become a teacher. I have failed to make a difference in the lives of children. I have failed to get to know Joe Shmoe.

But because I worked with those Joes and Josephines, I learned to become an Appalachian. I learned to love my family more, my friends more, and to love my neighbor.

But most importantly, I learned that Joe and Josephine had names like Tina, Karla, Dorothy, Charlotte B., Charlotte C., Janice, Amy, Lou, Dwayne and Bill. I learned they had lives that really mattered to me. They were ladies and gentlemen that truly cared about what was going on in the lives of the others around them. This was something I rarely did. Although keeping up with these brothers and sisters of Appalachia has not been easy, I have done it in a sense. These Appalachian neighbors taught me about the true concerns of life.

I still may seem to be aloof to some, but I am not what I used to be. I have graduated from the school of Appalachia.

I can go to any city and be easily recognized as from eastern Kentucky because I have finally accepted my people's natural dialect. This was something I worked hard to hide when I was younger. Because, while I didn't like the way Appalachian people were scorned and disdained by the world, I didn't want to be one either.

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NEWS GRAPHIC



Tracking the national debt

U.S. national debt decreased in November 1999 by: **\$12,092,648,854**
The new total is: **\$5,670,473,142,289**

■ The national debt is debt owed by the federal government. It is made up of debt obligations such as Treasury bills, Treasury notes and Treasury bonds.



Your share of the federal debt is **\$20,683**

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'Do unto others' is good business

by Paul Prather

Last week my wife, Renee, and I were discussing the possibility of paying off our home mortgage early.

So I got the bright idea of calling up our mortgage company to find out exactly how much we still owe on our house.

Dumb me. The Lexington bank that wrote our mortgage in 1991 later sold it to another mortgage company which, as I recall, sold it to a third company, this one based in Texas.

But that was no problem, I thought. Renee found on a payment stub the customer service number for the Texas company.

Full of optimism, I called. And immediately found myself lost in a maze of electronic recordings:

"Thank you for calling. If you would like to apply for a new loan, press one. If you already have a mortgage with us and need information about your payments, press two. If you are late with your payment, press three. If you would like to know the current balance on

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your home loan, press four."

I pressed four. "Thank you for calling. If your existing loan originated with us, press one. If your loan was sold to us by another mortgage company, hang up and dial this special 800-number."

I hung up and dialed the new 800-number.

"Thank you for calling. If you would like to apply for a new home loan, press one. If you would like us to fax you a statement of your loan's balance — for a fee — press two. If you would like us to mail you a letter summarizing your loan, including the balance, we can do so in five to seven business days. Press three."

I wanted to find out my balance over the phone, so I hung up and started all over again.

You get the idea, because you've probably been there.

Ultimately I made several calls, pressed so many buttons I lost count, spent 20 minutes on the

phone and never talked to a live human being or learned the balance on my mortgage.

Generally I'm not a cranky customer. Really, I'm not. Neither is Renee.

But the same week we decided to cancel our cable TV service. We'd gotten a really good deal on a satellite dish that offers three times as many channels for the same price.

Besides, our cable provider had closed its local office in our town several years ago.

Whenever there was a problem — say a storm knocked out the reception to our neighborhood — we couldn't find anybody to report it to.

At one point, we somehow had located a number for the company's office in another town. We'd tried calling there during reception shut-downs, and all we ever got was a busy signal or 15 minutes on hold.

So we decided to pull the plug. Renee looked at the most recent

bill to find out whom to call to have the company disconnect us. She couldn't find a customer-service number, or any other phone number, on the bill.

Like I said: Dumb me. I've always been under the impression that any company's most important job is to please its customers — to listen to them, to answer their questions courteously, to meet their needs.

Today when I'm a customer I often feel as if I'm merely an annoyance to be avoided or to be shuffled off into electronic phone-message purgatory.

Businesses should take note. There really is a cosmic law at work here. It's this: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

That's because, generally speaking, people eventually will do unto you as you've done unto them.

Ignore your customers and sooner or later they might ignore you. In droves.

Bidding for bargains-The online auction trend

(NAPSA)-Do your eyes light up when you hear words like "sale" or "bargain?" If they do, and you haven't heard the buzz yet about online auctions, now is the time to get acquainted with this new way to bargain shop.

While estate and fundraising auctions have occurred for years, online auctions are newcomers to the auction scene. Now that Internet shopping has become safe and convenient, consumers are flocking to participate in the auc-

tion adventure. Auctions offer the online shopper competitive pricing, as well as an interactive experience in the sport of bargaining.

Let's Make A Deal

Before participating in an online auction, the first thing to decide is what kind of shopping experience you want. Here's a quick rundown of the two major types of auction sites and what you can expect at each:

Person-to-Person: A Day at the Flea Market

Person-to-person auction sites are like online flea markets. eBay, for example, is a site where anyone with anything to sell can set up a page and start the bidding. Expect to do some digging to find what you want; some of these sites have more than a million different products listed, ranging from fine art to junk. The auctions run for a set period of time, and the person who submits the highest bid before time runs out wins. The auction site acts only as a go-between; payment and delivery are worked out directly between the seller and bidder.

Business-to-Person: Bargain Basement Bonanza!

Business-to-person auction sites-newer to the online auction

scene-are like online liquidation sales. The business that owns the site also owns the merchandise that's for sale. Business-to-person sites, such as AndysAuctions.com, sell brand-new, brand-name, complete-with-instructions merchandise. For the most part, it's merchandise that the manufacturer overproduced, a wholesaler or retailer overstocked, or goods that are being replaced by a new style. Payment-usually a credit card-goes directly to the auction site and the company ships the goods to the buyer. Since these sites are essentially online stores, you often will have a more store-like experience, including a customer service department for assistance and order tracking.

Bet Your Bottom Dollar

Now that you know what kind of shopping experience to expect, here are some tips to successful bargain shopping at online auctions:

Before You Begin

- Know the rules and lingo used on the site. Read the bidding rules, glossary and frequently asked questions so you understand what's happening.
- Read the product description carefully to ensure you really want

that auction item.

- Research the value of the item you are interested in purchasing. Check out recently completed or ongoing auctions for similar items to see what people have paid in the past.

Once You've Started

- Set your high bid early. Once you know you want something, figure out what you are willing to spend, and promise yourself you won't go above that price.
 - Watch your bid closely in the last few minutes of the auction, when quicker bidding tends to occur. You don't want to miss out on a great deal simply because you weren't on the ball during the auction's closing.
 - Enjoy the excitement. Have fun while you bid!
- For more online auction know-how, visit AndysAuctions.com and check out the "Bid-Click-Win! The Basics of Online Auctions" brochure online or request a free copy by mail.

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The VA National Cemetery Administration home page is at www.cem.va.gov.
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Soap Box (Continued from page four)

I have learned since then to use a "proper dialect" when the situation deems it necessary. But I can drop back into my comfortable dialect, my home language, too.

There are teens in our county who think so much like I used to, though I suspect there are not as many as there used to be. They will want to rid themselves of this dirty image and hide from their roots. But I hope that each of them will find that no one can take the mountain out of their hearts.

So, allow them to build that wall around their secret selves. Allow them to become the high and mighty. Eventually, they will let their people, their Appalachian kin, bring them back to earth. I know I did. But it took some down-to-earth people to make me realize I was lower than they.

Answers to Super Crossword

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FIDDLER	ON THE ROOF	EVAN	
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OBITUARIES

Nora Jane Akers

McCoy

Nora Jane Akers McCoy, 53, of Lexington, formerly of McDowell, died Tuesday, December 14, 1999, at her residence.

Born on November 4, 1946, in Ligon, she was the daughter of the late Noah and Lizzie Wallen Akers.

She was a disabled beautician and a member of the First Baptist Church at McDowell.

Survivors include her husband, Tom McCoy; one son, Michael Thomas McCoy of Lexington; one daughter, Dawn Michelle McCoy of Lexington; two brothers, Noah Carson Akers, and Vernon Akers, both of McDowell; four sisters, Freeda Tackett of Eastern, Margie Gore of Knoxville, Tennessee, Carolyn Wright and Marilyn Moore, both of Lexington; and 3 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 17, at 1 p.m., at the McDowell First Baptist Church, with Arnold Turner Jr. officiating.

Burial will be in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, McDowell, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Alex Hall

Alex Hall, 61, of Teaberry, died Thursday, December 16, 1999, at his residence, following an extended illness.

Born on March 30, 1938, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Frank Hall Jr. and Rhoda Mitchell Hall. He was disabled coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma Hamilton Hall.

Other survivors include three sons, Frankie Michael Hall and Keith Shannon Hall, both of Teaberry, Mickey Hall of Harold; one daughter, Hester Ann Hall, of Teaberry; two brothers, Bobby Hall and John Hall, both of Teaberry; four sisters, Judy Hamilton, Bessie Hall, Estalene Newsome and Irene Williams, all of Teaberry; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 18, 1999, at noon at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, Teaberry, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Thomas Hamilton Cemetery, Teaberry, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Hiram Ousley

Hiram Ousley, 89, of Knoxville, Indiana, formerly of Rochester, Indiana, died Tuesday, December 14, 1999, at the Countryside Place Nursing Home in Knox, Indiana, following an extended illness.

Born February 8, 1910, in Floyd County, the son of the late Ben and Betty Shepherd Ousley.

He was retired from Safeway Steel Corp., Rochester, Indiana, after 16 years of service and was a member of the Little Alvie Baptist Church, Knox, Indiana, where he was the minister for several years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Inez Adkins.

Survivors include one daughter, Bonnie Martel of Houston Texas; five sons, Aaron Ousley of Kewanna, Indiana, Norman Ousley of PawPaw, Michigan, Eugene Ousley of Mishawaka, Indiana, Ralph Dean Ousley of Raphine, Virginia, Tommy Ousley of Marietta, Georgia; two brothers, Arthur Ousley of Peru, Indiana and Alec Ousley of Columbus, Ohio; 19 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, December 18, at Little Alvie Baptist Church, Knox, Indiana, with Rev. Clifford Newsome officiating.

Visitation will be Friday, December 17, from 4-8 p.m., in Foster & Good Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana.

Burial will be in Fulton Cemetery, Fulton, Indiana.

Arthur Jeff Shepherd

Arthur Jeff Shepherd, 32, of David, died Wednesday, December 15, 1999 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was the son of Irvine Shepherd of David, and Betty Jo Garrett of Prestonsburg.

He was born on November 7, 1967, at Blue River. He was a heavy equipment operator.

He is survived by his wife, Amanda Sue Chaffins Shepherd.

Other survivors include one daughter, Amber Lee Shepherd, at home; one brother and two sisters, Irvin Shepherd Jr. of Blue River; Sybel Lois Johnson of Blue River; Linda Grace Campbell of Prestonsburg.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, December 19, at Floyd Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Ellis Stevens officiating.

Burial will be in the Shepherd Family Cemetery, at David, under direction of Floyd Funeral Home.

Nellie Marie

Ward Foster

Nellie Marie Ward Foster, 73, of Drift, died Tuesday, December 14, 1999 at her residence.

She was born November 27, 1926, in Meally, the daughter of the late Ben Ward and Mary Alice Plummer Ward.

She is survived by her husband, Sherman L. Foster.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three brothers, Carlos Ward of New Lebanon, Ohio, James Ward of Paintsville, Ohio and Bobby Ward of Ohio; two sisters, Faye Johnson of Weeksbury and Lucille McDowell of Fayetteville, Georgia.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 18, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergymen, Ted Shannon and Ersel Huff, officiating.

Burial will be in the Drift Cemetery, Drift, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Alison Marie

Coffey

Alison Marie Coffey, daughter of James and Patricia Abbott Coffey, of Fort Hood, Texas, was stillborn, Saturday, November 20, 1999, at the Metroplex Hospital in Killeen, Texas.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Brandon Coffey.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her maternal grandparents, Harold and Patricia Dale Abbott of Kimper; and paternal grandmother, Brenda Coffey of Turkey Creek.

Funeral services were conducted at the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church, Sunday, November 21, with Primitive Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Anderson Cemetery at Phyllis, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Minnie Rogers

Minnie Rogers, 83, of Harold, died Tuesday, December 14, 1999, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville, following an extended illness.

Born on September 4, 1916, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Willie and Nancy Akers Adkins.

She was a member of Upper Toler Church of Christ at Harold. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cobbie Rogers, in 1984.

Survivors include five sons, K.C. Rogers, Jimmy Rogers, Billy Joe Rogers, and Bobby Rogers, all of Harold, and James E. Rogers of Pikeville; six daughters, Thelma Sword of Pikeville, Goldie Baker, Mary Lou Robs, Phyllis Hendrick, all of Louisville, Zella Mae Shepherd of Bowling Green, and Doris Jean Rowe of Harold; one brother, Lee Adkins of Indiana; one sister, Melby MacKinbee of Michigan; 39 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 17, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Church of Christ ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Ballard Hunt Cemetery, Toler Creek, Harold, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Elouise Griffith

Elouise Griffith, 66, of Lima, Ohio, died Monday, December 13, 1999, at OSU Medical Center in Columbus.

Born August 14, 1933, in Garrett, she was the daughter of Grover C. and Belva Patrick Johnson.

She attended Union Chapel Missionary Church, and was a former member of Eagles No. 3615 of Indian Lake.

She is survived by her husband, Paul F. Griffith.

Other survivors include two sons, Paul F. Griffith Jr. of Thomasville, Georgia, David Michael Griffith of Botkins, Ohio; four daughters, Mary M. Pugsley of Lima, Ohio, Yvette K. Reffitt of Martin, Debra S. Harter of Lima, Ohio, Virginia D. Yoesting of Lewistown, Ohio; four brothers, Phillip Johnson, and Grover Johnson, both of Biloxi, Mississippi, James Johnson of Memphis, Tennessee, Earl Johnson of Lima, Ohio; seven sisters, Leatrice Sybert of Vaughnsville, Ohio, Marie Bachman of Phoenix, Arizona, Iona Roberts of Rimer, Ohio, Kathy Wilson of Lakeview, Ohio, Bessie Turner of Delphos, Ohio, Teresa Akers, and Avalon Shepherd, both of Prestonsburg; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 17, at Union Chapel Missionary Church, with Rev. Mark Bayliff officiating. Burial will be in the Ward Cemetery, under the direction of Chiles and Sons-Laman Shawnee Chapel.

Helen Hall

Helen Hall, 79, of Kite, died Tuesday, December 14, 1999, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born on September 11, 1920, in Knott County, she was the daughter of the late Tommy and Sarah Evaline Hall.

Survivors include one brother, Merdie Hall of Kite; one sister, Alma Hall of Kite.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 17, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with ministers of the Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Harrison Hall Cemetery, Kite, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Conn pallbearers

listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Virdle Conn, were Joey Conn, John Patrick Samons, Joe Conn, Febble Crum, Garvin Crum, Roses Gibson and Harry Lee Conn.

Ferguson pallbearers

listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Lona Slone Ferguson were J.P. Ferguson, Shawn Howard, Silas Slone, Edgar Smith, Jr., Malcolm Ferguson, Jr., Mark Howard and James Smith.

REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Pike County

Hazel Queenie Smith, 85, of Mouthcard, died Friday, December 10. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 14, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Jane Lee, 91, of Draffin, died Sunday, December 12. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 15, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Charles "Doc" Baker, 57, of Gardner Fork, died Saturday, December 11. He is survived by his wife, Delena Baker. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 14, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Betty Lou Justice, 59, of Hellier, died Friday, December 10. She is survived by her husband, Jimmy R. Justice. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 13, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Bud Hunt Jr., 78, of Kimper, died Sunday, December 12. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 16, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Charles A. Johnson, 65, of Pikeville, died Monday, December 13. He was an equipment operator employed by PSG. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Ratliff Johnson. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 17, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Alex Adkins, 86, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, December 13. He was a coal miner, employed by Henry Clay Coal Company. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 15, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Catherine L. "Kitty" Hintz, 67, of Dunedin, Florida, died Friday, December 10. She is survived by her husband, Robert W. Hintz Sr. Funeral arrangements were under direction of R. Lee Williams & Son Funeral Home.

Carrie Mitchell, 90, of Pikeville, died Monday, December 13. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Ima Jean Gibbs Dehart, 64, of Elyria, Ohio, died Saturday, December 11. She was retired from General Motors. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 13, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Lawrence County

Melvin Jr. Preston, 50, of Louisa, died Tuesday, December 7. He is survived by his wife, Arnette Bailey. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 10, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Thomas White, 86, of Louisa, died Tuesday, December 7. He was a steam fitter with the Norfolk Naval Ship Yard. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 10, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Lucille Boyd Pridemore, 83, of Louisa, died Tuesday, December 7. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 10, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Joy L. Miller, 71, of Lockbourne, Ohio, formerly of Louisa, died Tuesday, December 7. She is survived by her husband, Clarence E. Miller. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 10, under the direction of Schoedinger-Norris Chapel.

Buster Kise, 81, of Louisa, died Thursday, December 9. He was a laborer with Louisa Carpet Mills. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 12, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Mellie McClure Borders, 95, of Chapman, died Friday, December 10. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 12, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Angie Maynard Miller, 71, of Louisa, died Friday, December 10. She was a retired nurse at Monroe, Michigan. She is survived by her husband, David R. Miller. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 12, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

W. A. (Bill) Combs, 88, of Louisa, died Friday, December 10.

He was a retired office manager with United Coal Company. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 13, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Jay Pennington, 74, of Louisa, died Saturday, December 11. He was a retired foundry employee. He is survived by his wife, Gladys Franklin Moore Pennington. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 14, under the direction of the Heston Funeral Home.

Knott County

Alice Conley, 89, of Mousie, died Wednesday, December 8. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 10, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Stella Hall, 79, of Litt Carr, died Wednesday, December 8. She is survived by her husband, Vernon Hall. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 12, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

E.B. Hammonds, 69, of Mallie, died Sunday, December 5. He is survived by his wife, Lettie Richardson Hammonds. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 8, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Spencer D. Astor Mullins, 72, of Amburgey, died Sunday, December 5. He is survived by his wife, Nita Jean Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 8, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Ivan Slone, 64, of Garner, died Thursday, December 9. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 12, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Maude Dyer Vanderpool, 91, of Leburn, died Saturday, December 11. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 13, under the direction of the Hindman Funeral Services.

Johnson County

Gladys Meek, 84, of Paintsville, died Thursday, December 9. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 11, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Reba Castle, 79, died Thursday, December 9. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 12, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Chester Green, 81, of Lomansville, died Wednesday, December 8. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 12, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Isaac "Ike" Nelson, 71, died Monday, December 13. He is survived by his wife, Rosie Gasparac Nelson. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 16, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Perry County

Mae Campbell, 85, of Napfor, died Thursday, December 9. Survivors include her husband, Perry Campbell of Napfor. Funeral services were held December 12, under the direction of Engle Funeral Home.

Eva Bush Collins, 76, of Cornett Hill, died Saturday, December 11. Funeral services were conducted December 14, under the direction of Engle Funeral Home.

Mairl Combs, 62, of Combs, died Friday, December 3. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of Engle Funeral Home.

Samuel "S.M." Jones, 66, of Dice, died Tuesday, November 30. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Jones. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 3, under the direction of Maggard Funeral Home.

Norma Stacy, 85, of Avawam, died Sunday, December 12. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 14, under the direction of Engle Funeral Home.

Martin County

Jayne Preece, 53, of Tomahawk, died Monday, December 6. She was a medical assistant. She is survived by her husband, Harold Preece. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 9, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

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Big Sandy Briefs

The Numbers Game

Wednesday's Results		December 17, 1997	
LOTTO KENTUCKY	04-09-13-28-39-42	POWERBALL	19-32-33-35-47 (26)
Next Estimated Jackpot \$1.2 million		Next Estimated Jackpot \$12 million	

Public support sought to help complete teen center

As the process of transforming the former Salyersville Wholesale building into a first rate teen center continues inside, many of those involved will be taking their message to the streets, or at least to local businesses, in search of additional support.

The effort to make the teen center idea a reality began in earnest late this past summer and has continued throughout the fall with Magoffin County Teen Coalition, providing much of the labor.

A larger amount of the work has been completed by classes from Magoffin County High School's vocational program, which has proven to be a productive venture for all involved. —*The Salyersville Independent*



Magoffin County

Magoffin to participate in food and shelter program

Magoffin County has been chosen to receive \$12,878 to supplement food and shelter programs in the area.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Council of Jewish Federation,

Catholic Charities, National Council of Churches in the USA and United Way of America which will provide the administrative staff and function as the fiscal agent. The Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country. —*The Salyersville Independent*

Most of tobacco funds claimed

The Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Trust Corporation delivered the data base containing the names and payment information for more than 167,000 tobacco quota holders and growers recently to the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City.

Governor Paul Patton instructed Corporation President John-Mark Hack to travel to New York to personally hand over the computer files that will be used to distribute \$108,880,976.19 to qualified beneficiaries of the National Tobacco Growers Settlement Trust.

That total represents approximately 96 percent of the total funds available for distribution to Kentucky's tobacco growers and quota holders from the national trust fund established by cigarette companies to offset income lost by farmers as demand for tobacco products decreases. —*The Salyersville Independent*

County landfill will not close, Gibson says

Pike County's garbage collection service will not be affected by ongoing equipment troubles at the county's solid waste landfill John's Creek, according to Judge-Executive Karen Gibson.

On Tuesday afternoon, Gibson said the county should have one of its two waste compactors back in operation by early next week, keeping the county in good graces of the state's Division of Waste Management.

Further, Gibson said Solid Waste Coordinator, Mike Lyons already had begun shopping around for a new compactor for lease, rent or purchase, which will allow the compactor currently being repaired to be used only as a backup. —*Appalachian News-Express*



Pike County

United Steelworkers of America labor union, effectively ending contract negotiations between the hospital and its largest bargaining unit.

The hospital met briefly Tuesday morning with USWA negotiator Charl Hall and other union representatives to inform them of the hospital's new stance, made possible after a majority of the 600 hourly workers there signed a supplemental petition asking to leave the union, PMH spokesman Danny Briscoe said. —*Appalachian News-Express*

Guard also charged in inmate's escape attempt

The escape of a Pike County Detention Center inmate Friday night and the subsequent arrest of the guard who was transporting him to an evening hospital visit apparently was tied to a drug deal gone awry, jail authorities said Monday.

The inmate, Terry J. Bartley of Virgie, turned himself in to jail authorities Saturday morning, alleging a deal was made between him and a jail guard that would guarantee the guard drugs, Pike County Jailor Rodney Scott said. —*Appalachian News-Express*

Hospital and union break off contract negotiations

Administrators at Pikeville Methodist Hospital yesterday held true to assertions announced two days ago by withdrawing recognition of the

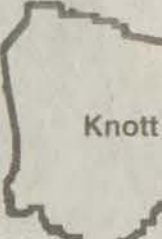
School board faces tough choices

Members of the Knott County Board of Education heard the annual financial audit report for 1998-99 from auditor Jeff Holliday at their regular meeting last Thursday night.

Holliday thanked the board and central office staff for their cooperation before outlining his review of individual schools' financial records, as well as those of the board as a whole.

All funds were in the black at the end of the year, the auditor said. Holliday commended the board, saying they had brought revenue up and kept expenses down compared to previous year.

There were, however, operating deficits in some funds for the period. For example, in the general fund, there was about \$829,000 more expenses than revenue. The auditor explained that carry over monies had kept such categories in the black. —*Troublesome Creek Times*



Knott

members were able to breathe a sigh of relief when city engineer Ron Johnson announced, "We've got plenty of water," during the December meeting.

Johnson provided an update on the water system implement project. He presented several detailed schematic drawings illustrating his plan and action taken. The graphs and diagrams outlined specifications of water wells, pump stations and other water-related equipment. —*Troublesome Creek Times*

More school issues discussed

An issue that seemed tense and problematic in an earlier board meeting was resolved professionally, board members heard last week. Bus drivers met with Dr. James Pack and transportation Director William Madden, and a solution was found that is satisfactory to everyone.

Since the general fund cannot support field trips and extra service trips, the cost must be passed on to sponsors of the event, the group decided.

An issue earlier was the loss of payment by the board for an evening run if the bus driver's pay will remain the same — the sponsor of the trip must pick up the tab for a lost evening run as well as cost of the trip. —*Troublesome Creek Times*

Lafferty to change approach on 'no' votes

Martin County Judge-Executive Dr. Lon E. Lafferty made an early New Year's resolution during Thursday's special fiscal court meeting. He wants each magistrate to give a reason for a "no" vote.

During the last few months, District 1 Magistrate Dave West has voted on bills and transfers. The judge has asked West twice why he voted no, but the magistrate replied he had no reason other than "just felt like it."

Starting next month, Lafferty plans to question any magistrates who vote no on bills and resolutions. District 2 Magistrate James Jarrett voted no on bills and transfers at Thursday's meeting, saying he had been out of town and didn't have time to review either document before the meeting. —*Martin Citizen*



Martin County

Crum couple getting threats

An elderly couple in Crum said they have received "vulgar" phone calls, threatening their safety. They don't know who is involved, but believe it is linked to a civil lawsuit filed by their son, a convicted murderer facing charges for attempting to run over two Kermitt police officers on

October 3. Samuel Block, an Ohio parolee, sentenced to 15 years-to-life in 1976 for murder, is still lodged at Southwest Regional Jail in Logan County after being charged with two counts of attempted murder for allegedly trying to run over two Kermitt police officers October 3. —*Martin Citizen*

Sheriff's bill hasn't been paid

Paying the bills around Christmas is never fun or easy, as one elected official is finding out. Martin County Sheriff Darrell Young had until Wednesday to repay \$106,974.16 to the fiscal court, which he owes for unreimbursed payroll. Now,

\$210 million bond issue gets initial OK

An ordinance that would allow the Lawrence County Fiscal Court to sell \$210 million in bonds for a Texas-based energy company to construct an electricity generating plant in the county was tentatively approved Monday by the fiscal court.

Meeting in regular session, the fiscal court gave first reading to an industrial revenue bond ordinance that would also exempt the company, Dynegy of Houston, from paying county property taxes. Instead, the corporation would be required to make an \$90,000 annual payment to the county for 25 years once its power plant is up and running. —*The Big Sandy News*



Lawrence

Center and to each other was demonstrated last Wednesday. And while some appeared intimidated by the new technology, the general consensus among county officials was that the system would save both time and money.

The video system in Johnson, Lawrence and Martin County district courtrooms were paid for by the state Administrative Office of the Courts. The system at the regional jail cost \$13,000 and was paid for with jail funds.

—*The Big Sandy News*

Lawrence County officer honored

A Lawrence County police officer received statewide recognition last week for his efforts in getting impaired drivers off the roads.

Joseph Tomlin of the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department was honored during the 1999 Governor's Impaired Driving Enforcement Awards Ceremony in Lexington.

Tomlin was one of 184 officers honored for his apprehension of impaired drivers between October 1, 1998, and September 30, 1999. —*The Big Sandy News*

Smile, you're on Court TV

Crime doesn't pay, but it has to be paid for, and Big Sandy taxpayers have been picking up the tab for many of the crooks doing time in the regional jail.

Thanks to the marvels of modern technology, they may soon see their costs reduced.

A video system that links three of the four counties footing jail costs to the Big Sandy Regional Detention

Sandy Hook water project would provide water for Wrigley

State Rep. Rocky Adkins of Sandy Hook, says he is "very optimistic" funds will be approved for a \$1.9 million water-line extension to serve some 400 residents in Elliott and Morgan counties.

The Sandy Hook Water District is working with the fiscal courts of both counties on plans to build 36 miles of new water lines, including and extension of Ky. 7 from Ky. 173 to Wrigley in Morgan County.

The Morgan County Water District recently entered into an agreement with the Sandy Hook district to purchase water for the Wrigley-Redwine area of Morgan County, and the Morgan County School Board has pledged a cash contribution to the project. —*The Licking Valley Courier*



Morgan

Vandals sought; RECC, contractors offer reward

Rewards totaling \$20,000 have been posted for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for recent acts of vandalism to radio transmission equipment belonging to Licking Valley RECC and to vehicles owned by private contractors employed by the utility.

The incidents, all of which were reported this month, include vandalism of a radio transmitter and related equipment owned by the RECC and located at Town Flat near Lee City; the theft of a tractor and bush-hog owned by Bartlett Tree Service, and vandalism of two trucks owned by Dobson Power Line Construction Co., a private contractor which has been employed by the RECC for several years. —*The Licking Valley Courier*

Local leaders plug new job opportunities in Rowan County

With the announcement this week that the North Carolonia-based Family Dollar chain of discount stores plans to have its huge new distribution center in Rowan County in operation by June 2000, elected officials in

Money won't bug utility in Y2K

Paintsville Utilities won't have to worry about any Y2K problems when January 1, 2000, rolls around, according to an audit accepted Monday by the city utility commission.

Money apparently won't be a problem either, the report showed.

While the audit, performed by Wells & Company, noted the potential for "serious processing error or future system" when the new century begins, it said the utilities commission's computer systems are "deemed to be year 2000 compliant as determined by manufacturers' or programmers' certification or testing.

The report indicated that the utility company appears to be financially sound as it heads into the 21st century. —*The Paintsville Herald*

Conley vows to fight fee-pooling plan

First reading Tuesday of an ordinance to establish a fee-pooling system for the Johnson County sheriff and



Johnson County

County cleans up its image on tax issues

Johnson County's dubious distinction as one of Kentucky's most persistent tax delinquents has undergone a remarkable transition in the span of one year, and public agencies that depend on tax revenues for survival are sharing the wealth.

Since April, nearly \$6.5 million in revenues collected from Johnson County taxpayers have been doled out to various county entities and the state Revenue Cabinet, an amount which reflects two years' worth of tax bills. —*The Paintsville Herald*

Hindman has plentiful water supply at year's end

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99 PONTIAC SUNFIRE SE	12475	9900
98 HONDA MALIBU LS	15075	10900
98 OLDS 88	15075	10900
99 CHEVY MALIBU	14875	10900
98 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX SE	18150	11900
98 OLDS CUTLASS	15025	11900
99 CHEVY LUMINA	11585	11900
98 OLDS ALERO	14650	12900
97 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SSE	18100	12900
99 BUICK CENTURY CUSTOM	18550	12900
98 OLDS DELTA 88	18550	12900
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99 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SE	18700	13900
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99 BUICK LESABRE CUSTOM	19450	14900
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97 FORD CONTOUR GL	9375	6900
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96 FORD WINDSTAR	17400	10900
97 PONTIAC TRANSPORT...Leather, loaded	20700	13900
95 CHEVY ASTRO	20700	14900
96 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY...Leather	20100	16900
99 PONTIAC MONTANA	20100	16900
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97 ISUZU TROOPER 4x4...25K	17500	13900
97 CHEVY S10 BLAZER	17875	13900
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Fourteen nursing students from PCC took part in the traditional pinning ceremonies held on Wednesday, December 14, at 7 p.m., at the First Baptist Church in Prestonsburg. (photo by Randy Reno)

Fourteen nurses pinned in ceremonies at PCC

Prestonsburg Community College's first Associate Degree in Nursing class graduated in May of 1974. Fourteen more nursing students joined the ranks of those who have received this distinction in pinning ceremonies held on Wednesday, December 14, at 7 p.m., at the First Baptist Church in Prestonsburg.

Those pinned were James James A. Blackburn, James Derek Calhoun, Amy S. Fyffe, Isabella I. Isbell, Michael F. Isbell, Jessica

Jarrell and Jerrinell Sexton, all of Floyd County; Jessica Blair, Sandy Brown, Valerie K. Chapman, Teresa L. Childers and Regina R. Conway, of Pike County; Amy Davis of Johnson County, and Frances Wagner of Morgan County.

The graduates marched in and out to musical selections. Vocalists for the ceremony were Melanie Slone, a 1994 graduate, and Frances Wagner, a 1999 graduate. Amy Davis, a nursing graduate, gave the invocation. Paula J. Gibson, coordinator of the nursing program, and Dr. Nancy Johnson, executive dean of Academic Affairs, gave the welcoming address.

Outstanding Academic Achievement. These three academic awards were presented for outstanding academic achievement, both academic and clinical, in each of the three major nursing courses taught during this semester.

Isabella Isbell received the Highest Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for having maintained the highest grade point average throughout the nursing program. To determine the recipient of the Clinical Excellence Award, the Nursing 265 students were asked, "If you or one of your family members were ill, which one of your classmates would you most prefer to be the provider of the nursing care?" The award was presented to James Derek Calhoun.

Gibson introduced the nursing faculty and staff: Jenny Bottoms, Charlene Carrell, Sandra Conley, Kimberly DeRossett, Myra Elliott, Clara Garrett, Patsy Jackson, Della Pack, Angie Smart and Alice Thompson. Other PCC administration, faculty and staff were also recognized.

Amy S. Fyffe, a graduating nursing student, read a special tribute in memory of Judith Briggs, a deceased nursing faculty member.

The final award for the evening was the Dr. Henry A. Campbell Jr. Perseverance Award. This award is given in honor of the late president of PCC, who served in this role for nearly 27 years. The nursing faculty chose James A. Blackburn to be the recipient of this award.

Myra Elliott, nursing faculty member and chair of the BSRT, presented pins to the graduates. Sandy Brown led the class in reciting The Florence Nightingale Pledge.

James Derek Calhoun shared views of how the nursing profession has changed over the past several years. This was followed by a poem read by Michael F. Isbell.

Shannon Conley and Jill Maynard, nursing students, presented plaques to graduating members of the Kentucky Association of Nursing Students (KANS). Charlene Carroll, nursing faculty, was recognized for her contribution as a co-sponsor to KANS.

The benediction was given by nursing graduate, Regina Conway. Recipients of the NSG 115 and NSG 235/245 Achievement Awards served as ushers. KANS hosted a reception in the church fellowship hall following the pinning ceremony.

Dr. Charles E. Stebbins, interim president, stated: "The nursing program is one of the most challenging Associate Degree programs in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. My hearty congratulations to each of these students, because participating in this special ceremony represents several years of hard work and the beginning of a rewarding profession."

The Dean of Student Affairs, Sandra Kaikumba, presented awards during the evening. Lisa Vance received the Nursing 115 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award; Priscilla Penix, the Nursing 235/245 Outstanding Academic Achievement and Sandy Brown received the Nursing 265

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December graduates of Pikeville College attended a reception recently in the home of President Hal and Karen Smith. They are Jenny Shepherd, student teacher at Pikeville Elementary School; Raquel Terando, student teacher at Millard Elementary; Dr. Wallace Campbell, vice president for academic affairs and dean of Pikeville College;

Robert Angel, student teacher at Pike Central and Paula Cool, student teacher at Robinson Creek Elementary School. The graduating seniors enjoyed the special evening with each other while being honored by instructors and staff.

Statistics show healthier mothers and babies

(NAPSA)-At the beginning of the century, one of every 10 babies died before their first birthday, said Dr. Jeffrey P. Koplan, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). "Now it's less than 1 percent."

The decline in infant death is believed to be unparalleled by other death reduction this century, according to the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention (CDC). If turn-of-the-century infant death rates had continued, then an estimated 500,000 infants during 1997 would have died before age one; instead of 28,045 infants.

In 1900 in some U.S. cities, up to 30 percent of infants died. Efforts to reduce infant mortality focused on improving urban sanitation, including:

- making drinking water safer, and safely disposing of sewage and garbage.

- controlling communicable disease.

- raising the standards of living, which includes improvements in economic and education levels of families.

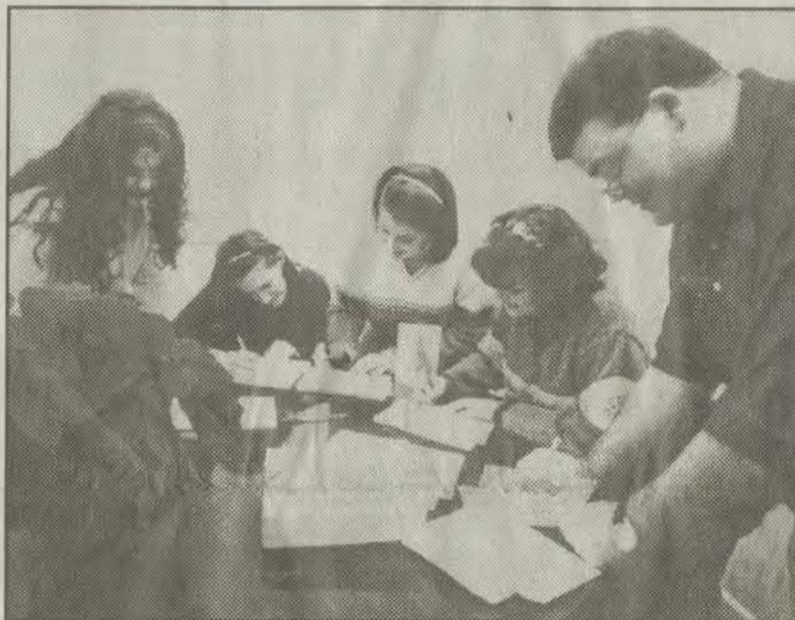
- making family planning available resulting in longer spacing of children and smaller family size.

- improving nutritional status of mothers and infants.

Despite the dramatic decline in infant and maternal mortality during the 20th century, challenges remain. Perhaps the greatest,

according to the CDC, is the persistent difference in maternal and infant health among various racial and ethnic groups, particularly between African American and white women and infants.

Promoting good health of mother and babies should start before pregnancy and continue after the child is born. Mothers should plan their pregnancies, take folic acid before getting pregnant, start prenatal care early, have infants immunized at recommended times, and always place babies to sleep on their backs to avoid the risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).



Pikeville College students Jennifer Weddington, Erin Hunter, Jackie Layne, Andrea Layne, and Roger Mullins sign Christmas cards from Pikeville College. Layne and Weddington's artwork entries were selected for the Christmas card designs while Mullins' verse entry was selected. Students were asked to submit artwork and verse entries that are featured on the college's Christmas cards. The cards are signed by the students and sent to friends of the college in appreciation for all their support.

Getting involved online

(NAPSA)-If you ever wanted to make a difference, but didn't know where to start, your computer might be the place for inspiration.

A compelling new web site, known as CharityCounts.com, offers in-depth information about nonprofit organizations and gives people a variety of ways to get involved.

Visitors can make monetary donations, participate in charity auctions and shop online at popular web retailers without paying more for merchandise while having a portion of the purchase price donated to charity. The site also carries branded merchandise (tee-

shirts, hats, bags, etc.) with logos of participating nonprofit organizations.

Site features include scheduled chats, message boards, petition signings, on-line rallies, a newsletter, and a database of volunteering opportunities throughout the U.S.

Making a contribution not only helps you help those less fortunate but offers an opportunity for tax deductions, too. The website helps by offering a special gift-a donation you can make in someone's name in honor of a birthday, anniversary or holiday.

To find out more, visit www.CharityCounts.com

How do your opinions compare with others

(NAPSA)-How does your opinion on environmental issues compare with others your age and in a different age group? These results from a recent survey commissioned by National 4-H Council will help you find out.

The survey found that:

- Teens are more environmentally concerned than most adults realize. 35 percent of teens said they worry a lot about the environment. But only 22 percent of adults are aware of that worry;

- 63 percent of teens and 64 percent of adults agree that most government leaders aren't sufficiently concerned about the environmental challenges we face;

- 45 percent of teens and 32 percent of adults agree that the greatest barrier to improving the environment is lack of concern among Americans; and

- 65 percent of teens and 53 percent of adults have volunteered to work on behalf of the environment;

Interestingly, one of the most striking findings of the EarthView Survey is that teens and adults generally agree with each other on the environmental challenges we face-and how ready we are to meet them. The accomplishments of many teens and adults involved in the 4-H Environmental Stewardship Program are strong examples of the positive actions that can be taken when we all come together to do something about the environment.

To see the complete results of the EarthView survey, order copies of the EarthView brochure and learn about national opportunities and resources, visit the National 4-H Council website at www.fourh.council.edu/ycc/earth/link.htm.

The EarthView Survey was conducted to determine the environmental attitudes of teens (ages 13-18) and "baby-boomer" adults (aged 40-55).

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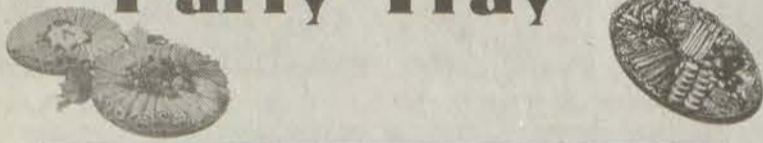
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Hamilton's basket at :09 lifts Bobcats

Conley, Music combine for 50 points in loss

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Ramanda Music and Amelia Conley were spectacular for the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats Tuesday night at Betsy Layne, but the real hero of the Ladycats 70-69 conference win over Prestonsburg was senior Heather Hamilton.

Conley and Music combined for 50 of Prestonsburg's 69 points. Conley netted 30 points and Music finished with 20.

Hamilton, saddled with foul trouble early, had to rest on the pines for most of the second half, after scoring eight points in the first two quarters. But Coach Cassandra Akers reinserted her senior guard and she came through with the winning basket as the Ladycats went to 1-0 in conference play and improved to 2-4 overall. Prestonsburg went to 4-2 on the season and 0-1 in the conference.

The win was rather gratifying for Coach Akers, especially after her team dropped a one-point game to Paintsville the night before on a last second shot.

Prestonsburg had the last look at the basket. Coach Bobby Hamilton called for a timeout with :07.2 on the scoreboard, after Hamilton had put her team in front 70-69.

The ball came to Conley who found an opening in the lane and pulled up for a 12-footer that went off to the left. Brook Coleman grabbed the rebound and put up an off-balance shot that was short. Jenny Parson came off with the rebound as the horn sounded.

To Coach Akers, it was a needed win to help her get up the next morning.

"We tried to let our players know that first place was at stake tonight," said Coach Akers. "It was the opening game of the con-

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BETSY LAYNE'S AMBER ROBERTS (20) guarded Prestonsburg's Ramanda Music (33) in conference play at Betsy Layne Tuesday night. Roberts scored some key fourth quarter baskets in the Ladycats 70-69 victory. Music had 20 points in the game (photo by Ed Taylor)

Bartley leads balance attack, Betsy Layne

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Justin Bartley scored six of the first eight points for the Betsy Layne Bobcats and finished the game with a game-high 23 points as Coach Brent Rose's Bobcats rolled past Prestonsburg, 88-61.

The two teams met Tuesday night at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse in the first conference match up for both teams.

Betsy Layne (3-1) went to 1-0 in the conference and Prestonsburg (0-5) fell to 0-1.

Betsy Layne played 18 players and nearly all got into the scoring column. Coach Rose said the victory was a team effort all the way.

"This was the best offensive game we have had this year," said Rose. "We ran our offense and got good shots. We made our shots."

Coach Rose said he wants his team to get where no defense can key on one certain player.

"We have balanced scoring about every game," he said. "We have had about four people scoring in double figures each game."

Bartley and Brock Keathley hit three of the eight three-point baskets the Bobcats hit.

Dustin Music had a strong game for Prestonsburg finishing with 17 points. Ricky Powers, who had nine rebounds, finished with 10 points. Mark Burchett scored six.

Bartley showed the accurate hand when he scored six of the first eight points for Betsy Layne. He drilled a three-point basket at the end of the quarter that gave him nine points for the quarter and a 21-9 Betsy Layne lead.

The game was tied twice in the first quarter, at 2

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Prestonsburg's Amelia Conley (44) sank this jumper against Betsy Layne Tuesday night. Conley finished with 30 points in the game. The Lady Blackcats will play in Lexington Saturday. (photo by Ed Taylor)



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Conley named
Player of the Week
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THE Score BOARD

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Betsy Layne 70,	Prestonsburg 69
Pineville 65,	Red Bird 46
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Harlan 62,	Middlesboro 45

Boys

Betsy Layne 88,	Prestonsburg 61
Boyd Co. 74,	Lawrence Co 51
JCHS 82,	Sheldon Clark 54
Knott Central 81,	Breathitt Co. 64
Pikeville 66,	Elkhorn City 27
Magoffin Co. 48,	Paintsville 42
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Estill Co. 71,	Lee Co. 53

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Fri., Dec. 17
Jackson City at Piarist
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Boys

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Mon., Dec. 20
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Elementary Basketball

Fri., Dec. 17
ACMS at Adams

Sat., Dec. 18
Adams at South Floyd

A Look at Sports... National sports scene

Well, the professional, sports world keeps getting worse and worse as those who are being paid millions just don't know how to conduct themselves.

Pro football player Rae Carruth, wide receiver with the Carolina Panthers, was arrested in Tennessee for the death of his girlfriend.

Could this be another O.J. saga? Carruth was charged with first-degree murder after his girlfriend, who was shot in her car, died.

How things and times change. How

many young people work hard, play hard so they might reach the level of playing any professional sport. Once there, the money, the fame, their attitudes become more than they can handle.

I'm sorry, but more and more I am getting turned off with professional athletes. I love the games they play, but I don't care much for the those

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Prestonsburg

(Continued from page one)

ference and we hadn't been on top in a long time. We just wanted to get that first win under our belt. We couldn't afford to lose to here at home."

The Lady Blackcats held a 53-48 lead entering the fourth quarter. Betsy Layne drew first blood at the onset of the quarter on a turnaround six-footer by Parsons that cut the margin to three, 53-50.

Prestonsburg committed two turnovers consecutively and the Ladycats took advantage of it. Eighth-grader Whitney Lykens, who plays like anyone but a grade-schooler, drilled back-to-back three-pointers that gave Betsy Layne a 56-53 lead, their first since they led 13-10 in the first quarter.

Music, who was outstanding around the basket, hit a four-foot-

er and two free throws to give Prestonsburg the lead at 57-56. The lead changed hands twice before Lykens picked up her fifth personal foul with just over four minutes to play.

A basket and free throw by Conley with Megan Hyden's jumper sent Prestonsburg back in front 62-58.

Betsy Layne tied the game at 62 on a rebound basket by Kim Tackett and a 10-foot jumper by Amber Roberts. It was to be Roberts' moment, as she scored eight of her 11 points in the final period. In fact, her eight consecutive points sent Betsy Layne on a 6-2 run that netted the team a 68-64 lead with 1:25 to play.

But Conley answered the challenge and, on a power move, scored underneath and was fouled

with 1:16 remaining. She hit the free throw and it was a 68-67 lead for Betsy Layne.

Betsy Layne rushed two shots and at the other end with 58 seconds to play, Conley struck again with a baseline jumper that sent Prestonsburg in front, 69-68.

In some raggedy play in the ensuing 50 seconds, the two teams forced shots that missed their mark. Betsy Layne, with the ball, set the play they wanted to run.

"We set it up for Devon (Reynolds) to take the last shot," said Roberts, who hit some key baskets in the fourth period. "But they knew we were going to Devon and cut her off. Heather then took the shot."

Hamilton, with the ball in hand, dribbled to her left and found a path to the basket with

Ramanda Music sliding over. With her left hand, she banked the ball off the backboard and into the goal for what proved to be the winning basket.

Prestonsburg had beaten Betsy Layne two weeks ago in the semi-finals of the Lady Hawks Classic.

Prestonsburg looked to pull the game out by opening up an 11-point lead midway through the second period. A 10-foot jumper by Music gave the Lady Blackcats a 31-20 advantage. The second half comeback was typical of the

Ladycats, according to their coach.

"We have been playing better in the second half," said Akers. "We looked at the line scores through the five games we have played, and we have been getting outscored 30 points in the first quarter. But we have outscored the other teams in the second half."

"The problem is we would dig ourselves such a hole early we had to come back and sometimes we would come back. Traditionally, we are a better second-half team and if we stay close, then we usually do bet-

ter in the last two quarters."

Roberts was the spark the Ladycats needed, but they also got a lift from Natasha Stratton off the bench. Stratton scored only five points in the game but they came when the Ladycats needed a lift.

"The other players were doing good in the first half and I didn't need to be in there," she said. "I was glad they were all doing good."

Stratton said it was a very physical game.

"Very physical," she said. "Very, very rough. Prestonsburg is a physical team."

Stratton scored the last three Betsy Layne points as the third period was ending to pull her team to within five points, 53-48. In the fourth period, she scored a goal giving Betsy Layne a 58-57 lead.

Prestonsburg trailed 13-12 at the first stop. A rebound basket by Conley and two free throws by Angela Howell gave the Lady Blackcats a 16-13 lead. Prestonsburg extended the lead to 10, 23-13, on a free throw by Howell and baskets by Music and Conley. Betsy Layne turned the ball over on six consecutive possessions.

Betsy Layne did not score in the second quarter until the 4:18 mark, when Lykens hit a short jumper.

Music took charge for Prestonsburg and went on a tear with 10 of the next 11 points. Prestonsburg would score, as they took a 34-23 lead. Baskets by Parsons and Hamilton kept the Ladycats close and Lykens' three-point basket ahead of the buzzer narrowed the lead to 36-30 at halftime.

Betsy Layne had only five turnovers in the second half, a stat that pleased Coach Akers.

"We took better care of the basketball in the second half," she said. "We have been averaging about 14 turnovers a game and there is no way you are going to beat a team like Prestonsburg doing that."

Coach Akers said another key to the win was the board work of her team in the second half.

"We have been working hard on boxing out," she said. "We had a few lapses, especially in the second quarter, giving them second and third shots at the basket. We went to the offensive and defensive boards better in the second half, and I think that was the difference in the game."

Coach Akers said it was a team effort in picking up their first conference win of the still young season.

"They all contributed," said the Betsy Layne coach. "Whitney, Jenny and Natasha played extremely well."

Lykens led the balanced attack for Betsy Layne with 14 points. She hit four three-point baskets in the game. Parsons finished with 13 points and Roberts, 11. Hamilton totaled 10 for the contest. Devon Reynolds scored seven, Kim Tackett, six, and Stratton, five. Sheena Akers, who has played the last two games, saw limited playing time and scored two points. She has been injured. Tabitha Mitchell scored two points.

Hyden tossed in nine points for Prestonsburg but had seven assists. Howell had seven points in a strong floor game. Coleman was held to just two points but was in foul trouble early. Stephanie Adams had one point.

PRESTONSBURG (69)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Hyden	2	0	9-5	9
Coleman	1	0	0-0	2
Wells	0	0	0-0	0
Conley	11	0	11-8	30
Music	8	0	4-4	20
Adams	0	0	3-1	1
Howell	1	0	6-5	7
totals	23	0	33-23	69

BETSY LAYNE (70)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Akers	1	0	0-0	2
Hamilton	5	0	1-0	10
Parsons	5	0	5-3	13
Roberts	4	0	5-3	11
Reynolds	0	2	3-2	7
Mitchell	1	0	0-0	2
Tackett	3	0	0-0	6
Stratton	2	0	2-1	5
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Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, Auxier; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 6:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby Joe Spencer; Assistant, Southie Fannin, Jr.

Auxier United Methodist Church, Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Night Service, 6:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome! Pastor, Bob Castle, Asst. Frank Buskirk.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Rd.; Sunday Morning Services, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School 10:00; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Garfield Potter.

ABBOTT

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

ALLEN

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

Christ United Methodist, Allen, Ky.; Sunday School, 9:45; Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth Lemaster. WPRG 8 p.m. Sundays.

New Covenant Pentecost Church, Rt. 1428 Old Rt. 23 between Prestonsburg and Allen. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Bible Study, Tuesday 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Don Ash and Danny Clay.

BANNER

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

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

BEAVER

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

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

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

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

BEVINSVILLE

Jacks Creek Baptist Church, Bevinsville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday, Women's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Pastor, Jeff Barrett.

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

BONANZA
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Jimmy D. Brown.

BUFFALO
Endicot Freewill Baptist Church; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth Service, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. and the first Saturday each month at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, B.J. Crider.

CORN FORK

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday

worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Roger Music.

COW CREEK

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; 3rd Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon; Prayer Meeting and Youth Group, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Nathon Lafferty.

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

DANA

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

DAVID

Goodloe Pentecost Church, Rt. 850, David, Ky.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Malcom Slone.

DRIFT

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

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

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

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

DENVER

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

DWALE

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

EAST POINT

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

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

EMMA

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

ESTILL

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

GARRETT

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

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

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

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

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

GOBLE ROBERTS ADDITION

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

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

GRETHEL

Grethel Baptist Church, State Route 3379, (Branham's Creek Road), telephone

587-2043; Junior Church and Morning worship at 11:00; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth meeting Wednesday night 6:30 p.m.; Prayer meeting and bible study at 6:30.

HAGER HILL

Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill, telephone 789-6433; Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m., Sunday evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m.

HAROLD

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

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

Upper Toler Church of Christ 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right, Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Nightly Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Minister, Tommy Dale Bush.

HI HAT

The Church of God of Prophecy at Hi Hat, invites you to worship with us each week. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday night is family night! Everyone welcome! Pastor, Don Fraley, Jr.

United Christian Church, Meade Bottom, Hi Hat, Ky; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. Brother, Bill Slone, Pastor.

HUEYSVILLE

Hueysville Church of Christ, located in Bosco, Hueysville, Ky. NOW ON THE AIR...Channel 5, Sundays at 3:30 p.m., Minister: Chester Ray Varney. "Be sure to tune in" Then come worship with us 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Sundays, Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

United Community Baptist Church, Hwy. 7, Hueysville, Ky. Service each Friday night, 7:00 p.m. and each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Come worship with us and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Carlos Beverly.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville, Ky. Service each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and the 4th Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Jacob Jarvis.

IVEL

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23, first exit (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Chuck Ferguson.

LACKEY

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

LANCER

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

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

LANGLEY

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

MARTIN

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

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

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

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

Trinity Chapel, Pentecostal Holiness

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

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

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

First Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Sunday School 10:00; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00; Pastor, David Garrett.

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

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

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

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

First United Methodist Church, 256 S. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:45; Morning Worship, 10:55; Evening Worship, 7:00; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00. Pastor, Wayne Sayre.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Town Branch Baptist, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m. Pastor; Tom Nelson.

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

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

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

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Sunday morning service 11:00 a.m.; Thursday service 6:00 p.m. Pastor, Buddy and Maude Frye.

PRINTER
Old Time Baptist Church, Printer;

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

MIDDLE CREEK
Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church, 1490 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Jennings West.

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal Church, Located at the Floyd and Magoffin County line. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sunday night, 6:30; Wednesday night, 7:00. A worship Center for everyone. Pastor, Mike D. Caldwell welcomes all. 297-6262

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

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

PRESTONSBURG
Community United Methodist Church, 141 Burke Ave. - (off University Drive and Neeley Street). Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday evening Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.. Classes for adults, youth and children. Wednesday choir practice 8:00 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Ernie Carmickle.

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

Grace Fellowship, Meeting at the Mountain Arts Center, Sunday morning worship, 10:00 a.m.; Children's Church, nursery provided. Pastor, Bill Stukenberg 358-0213.

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Sabbath School, 9:15; Church Service, 10:30; Pastor, Gary Shepherd, 886-0732.

St. Martha Church, Water Gap; Saturday evening mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Religious Education Classes, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 a.m.; Adult Class, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Pastor: Father John Moriarty.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 6:00; Wednesday Prayer

Meeting, 7:00; Pastor, Manford Fannin.

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

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

Salisbury United Methodist Church, Printer, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby G. Lawson.

SALYERSVILLE
New Bethel Assembly of God, Located on Burning Fork Rd.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday night service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday night Bible Study and Youth Jam, 7:00 p.m. Nursery provided. 1st Monday of each month ladies meeting, 7:00 p.m. 3rd Saturday of each month men's breakfast fellowship 9:00 a.m.; Pastor, Arthur (Sam) Smith

STANVILLE
Mare Creek Church of Christ, at Stanville. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible School, 6:30 p.m.

WATER GAP
Trimble Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Intersection of U.S. 23 and Ky. 80, Water Gap. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00; Wednesday night and youth service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Freddie Lewis and Pastor Butch Williamson. Everyone Welcome!

WEEKSBURY
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, John "Jay" Patton.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Hall.

WHEELWRIGHT
Wheelwright United Methodist Church, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 services; Pastor, Bobby Isaacs.

Youth Fellowship Center; Youth Meeting, Mon.-Tues., 6:00; Thursday Night Bible study, 7:00 p.m.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Wednesday evening worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Louis Ferrari.

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

Lighthouse Temple, Middle of Main Street, Hall Street; Sunday Services, 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday Services, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Cosby.

WEST PRESTONSBURG
Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Don Shepherd.

First Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday night, Bible Study 7 p.m.; Pastor, James T. Benton.

The Church of God of Prophecy, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Amer B. Whitaker.

Free United Baptist Church, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:30 p.m.; Midweek Prayer Service, 6:30 pm.

WAYLAND
Zion Deliverance Church, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Saturday Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Davis.

Wayland United Methodist Church, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Pastor, Brad Tackett.

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Raiders raid Allen Central tonight

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

When they turn the lights on and the scoreboard lights up, you can bet there will be basketball at the J.E. Campbell Arena tonight, and it won't be any cupcake for either team.

Not only will it be 58th District basketball, but a big, big conference game for both visiting South Floyd and the host Allen Central.

Both are looking to establish superiority in the conference early and head into the holiday break with a good start confer-

ence wise.

For the two clubs, who have had some fierce games in the past, this one promises to be that and more. The rivalry has been one of the more intense rivalries through the years, and with the vast improvement of the Raiders and the tradition of Allen Central, the gymnasium should be rocking tonight.

The match up will provide a lesson in contrasts. South Floyd will bring a four-game winning streak to Campbell Arena, losing only to Johnson Central in the finals of the Clarence D. Rice Classic at the start of the season.

Allen Central is enduring a two-game losing streak after reeling off three consecutive wins. The Rebels fell to Pike Central and last Friday, Johnson Central.

South Floyd defeated Pike Central on the Hawks' home floor, 99-79, but be careful in making a comparison in how the two teams fared against the Hawks.

Allen Central was in both games they dropped and, with a break or two, they could have very well been 5-0 on the year. Likewise, South Floyd, against Johnson Central, saw a dramatic

comeback fall short.

Both teams are up-tempo teams who like to get up and down the floor. So, look for some turnovers in this one tonight.

If an edge could go to either team, it would go to South Floyd because of the experience they returned in comparison to Allen Central. The Raiders return four starters from last year's team and John Meade is sort of a fifth starter.

Allen Central, on the other hand, lost four starters and is trying to mold a group of talented players into a competitive unit.

The Rebels like the "in-your-face" defense and it is not unusual to see bodies flying all over the court.

South Floyd, on the other hand, likes to get after the other team, but can play a "mean" zone defense as well.

Size wise, the edge goes to the Raiders, as they will go 6-5, 6-4, 6-3 under the basket.

Outside shooting? Give the edge to the Raiders again because they certainly are not bashful about shooting the three-pointer and they have found a lot of success out there.

Where do the Rebels have an edge? How about playing with a lot of heart. A team which plays with determination and a whole

lot of heart can overcome a lot of obstacles, such as size, defense and outside shooting.

Raider leader Ryan Shannon appears to have found his stroke from the outside after an early season slump. Coach Henry Webb said that Shannon's leadership was needed on the hardwood.

The Raiders have gotten more than they expected from freshman Michael Hall, who played last year as an eighth-grader. Hall is deadly from the three-point arc.

But add another "outside gunner" in Rusty Tackett. Tackett is the kind of player who, once in the groove, can destroy a team.

But the Raiders are not just an outside threat. When you notice the inside presence of Jimmy Stumbo and the board work of Byron Hall, you have problems matching up in the paint area. Kyle Tackett! Who is Kyle Tackett? Just another threat from the arc and on the boards.

It is doubtful the Raiders have faced a defense like they will see tonight when the ball is tossed in the air. It will be end-to-end coverage from the Rebels, and no one can play it like the Rebels.

Coach Johnny Martin's ball club has shown it is ready to challenge anyone on the court. The outside shooting of Leslie Slone has carried the Rebels, and

floor general Larry Mullins has picked up his scoring, as well. Inside the paint, Rodney Scott will be hard for the Raiders to hold down. While South Floyd has the bulk inside, Scott is much quicker.

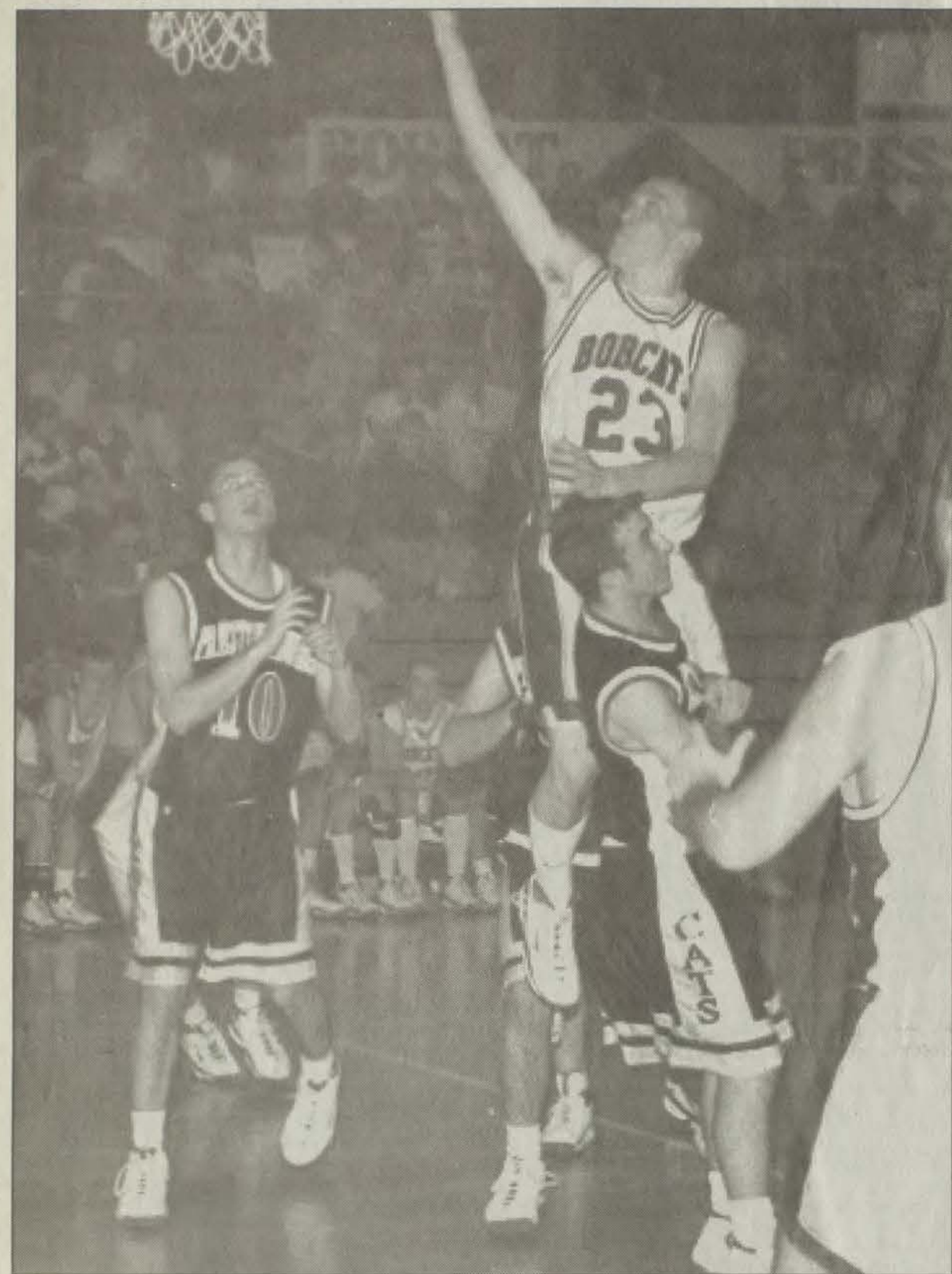
Jeremy Sexton has been a pleasant surprise for Allen Central this season. A slasher, Sexton can shoot the short jumper, bomb the trey or take to the basket. Whoever faces him will have to play him honest.

Josh Howell has been the "hot and cold" player for Allen Central. One game he looks confused on the floor and at other times he appears to be a world beater. If the real Howell shows up tonight, the Rebels will have their own three-point threat.

Another Rebel on the rise is Jeremy Hayes. Hayes has found the pop in his shot and gives Allen Central another threat from the outside.

The Rebels have experienced only one bad night of shooting and that came against Pike Central. Although they lost by 10 to Johnson Central, still they had their best shooting night.

It has been a week since the Rebels have performed on the court and tonight's game should be a good one. The atmosphere is expected to electrifying and the hot dogs are good at A.C. Tip off time is 7:30 p.m.

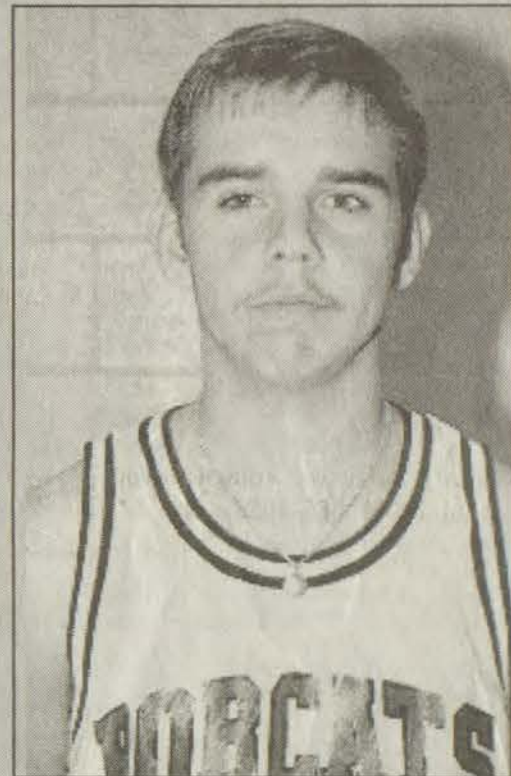


BETSY LAYNE'S BROCK KEATHLEY (23) SCORED over the defense of the Prestonsburg Blackcats in conference basketball Tuesday night. Keathley scored 17 points in the Bobcats 88-61 win over the Blackcats to go 1-0 in conference play. Betsy Layne plays at Paintsville tonight. Prestonsburg will travel to Belfry for their next game in the School Boy Classic. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Players of the Week



Amelia Conley
Junior
Prestonsburg



Justin Bartley
Senior
Betsy Layne

Sports

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who play the games. I realize all are not the same and there are some good, clean-cut athletes in professional sports. But it only takes a few to spoil it for all.

Dennis Rodman is a good example. What parents would want their kids to become a Dennis Rodman?

Charles Barkley. Finally, the "round-mound of rebound" has hung up the suit. I'm glad. Everyone is praising his accomplishments in the NBA but they have lost score of the barroom fights he was entangled in and the suits that resulted from them.

Baseball, the national pastime! The game has gone down and con-

tinues to drop in popularity each year. The runaway races and the greediness of the owners and players have put the game in shambles.

The owners are crying, "We need bigger stadiums!" when they play before a half-empty stadium already.

Players are crying, "More money!" and the owners and everyone are catering to them. What player is worth \$34 million dollars to play the game of baseball? What player is worth \$127 million to play the game of basketball? What player is worth \$48 million when he has yet to run, pass or touch a football in the NFL?

Oh, well!

I see where our president has come out in support of Pete Rose being in baseball's Hall of Fame. I don't know if that is good or not! Maybe some candidate for president can make that part of their party's platform.

Louisville and Kentucky lock horns this Saturday. The edge has gone from this series. Louisville by five from this perspective. Next: Michigan State. Oh dear!

Until Sunday, good sports everyone and be good sports! Take the kids to Sunday School and church this Sunday!

Bartley

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and 4, before Bartley led a 10-0 run for the Bobcats that netted them a 14-4 lead.

The shots would not fall for the Blackcats as they were getting in close shots around the paint area but none found the twine. Betsy Layne sat back in its 2-3 zone defense but Prestonsburg could not find the outside range either.

"We wanted to stay in our half-court defense," said Coach Rose. "We didn't press too much. We have been playing well defensively in our half-court defense."

Rose confessed that the Bobcats' man-to-man defense may need some attention.

"It does need some help," he said. "We got beat at times off the dribble. But we have been playing well out of our zone."

The Betsy Layne coach said his team needs to concentrate on defending the three-point arc.

"We give up too many three-

point opportunities," Rose said.

The Bobcats took a 21-9 first-quarter lead and extended it out to 17 points, 47-30, at the half. Bartley and Keathley led the charge for Betsy Layne. Bartley scored seven in the period. Keathley had a three-point basket.

Betsy Layne's shots were falling in the first half. Coach Rose said it was the result of hard work.

"We had been working hard on our shooting," he said. "The first half, I thought we shot the ball real well."

Betsy Layne went in front 25 points at the close of the third period, leading 67-42.

Seth Crisp, who finished with 11 points, had the hot hand in the second half for Prestonsburg, scoring nine of his 11 points.

Coach Rose said it was a big win for his team.

"I told them if we could win this one, we would have a chance to be

playing for the lead going into Christmas break. It has been a long time since this team has done that."

Coach Rose cited the fact that Paintsville and Allen Central await the Bobcats before the holiday break.

"That is two really good teams and we are going have to work hard," said Rose.

Kyle Shepherd and Matt Slone added four points each for Prestonsburg. Josh Justice had three points while Matt Clay and Josh Slone scored two each.

Robert Rose finished with nine points for Betsy Layne. Bradley Brooks netted eight. Other scorers included Adam Collins, four, Robbie Johnson, four, Erik McKinney, three, and Jim Boyd, three.

Brad Bevins, Barrett Blankenship and Daniel Knauz had two points apiece. Jeremy Daniels finished with one point.

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2 BR TRAILER: All electric with washer & dryer. 886-8286 or 886-6186.

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2 BR TOWNHOUSE with garage in Allen. Central heat & air. Also, 285-0900 or 874-9976.

B & O RENTALS 1 BR, furnished Or unfurnished. Located in P'burg. No pets. 886-8991.

HOUSES or Unique 1 BR APT. for Rent on University Drive: Between high school & college. Lease & security deposit required. House of Neeley, 886-3565.

EMPLOYMENT

When responding to Employment ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

Job Listings

TEACHER'S AIDE: Assisting a teacher with primary age learning difference children and their parents in basic reading and math skills using a multisensory, structured, linguistic approach. Experience working with learning difference children preferred, and / or a person focused on a career in education. Please call 606-785-4044 or 606-785-5475 for an Application.

AVON: Free sign-ups, Dec. 15 til Jan 1st. It doesn't cost at that time. Call 1-800-796-7070.

POSTAL JOBS to \$18.45/hr. WILDLIFE JOBS to \$21.80/hr. Full Benefits. For Application & Exam Info. 800-545-0633 Ext. KY116.

LEGAL SECRETARY WANTED: Well established law firm in Eastern Ky. seeking to hire a full-time legal secretary. Job requirements include typing, filing, copying mail, answering telephone, scheduling & dealing with the public. Experience helpful, resume required, two references required, salary negotiable. Please send resume to P.O. Box 1171, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653.

SALES POSITION with a young Kentucky based financial services company. Looking for someone wanting to build a career. Benefits & training. Call Jimmy Lewis at 1-888-445-5136.

SAVE NOW! Join AVON for free! Cassie 886-8737 / Wanda 285-9486.

SALYERSVILLE WATER WORKS ar now accepting applications for a Class III-A water treatment plant operator for third shift. Applications should be received by December 20, 1999. Inquires can be made at the Salyersville Water Works, 401 College Street, Salyersville, KY. 41465 or by calling 606-349-3743.

TAX PREPARER NEEDED: Business & Individual taxes. Telephone 606-889-0100.

PHARMACY TECH NEEDED: Please send resume to P.O. Box 1813, Prestonsburg Ky. 41653.

FAST GROWING COMPANY looking for self-motivated, career minded individuals with prior management experience to fill positions in Southeast Ky. area. Good pay and benefits. Send resume to: 6251 N. Ky. Hwy 15 #108, Hazard, KY 41701.

SALES REP. for construction & mining equipment dealership in Prestonsburg. Must be self-motivated and have previous sales experience. Send resume to: Rudd Equipment Company, P.O. Box 190, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

AVON: Career or pocket money, you decide. Call Jancy at 886-2082.

SAM-AN-TONIOS is looking for the next rising star. Now hiring Sales People, Production Cooks, Food Servers, and more. Salary from \$6-\$12/hourly, depending on experience and ability. Apply in person at our Prestonsburg location between 9:00-11:30 am or 1:00-5:00 pm, 7 days a week.

Help Wanted

WHITE HALL HOMES, INC. is seeking an experienced, highly motivated sales professional for the Banner, Ky. location. Apply in person at 7175 S. U.S. 23, Banner, Ky., Mon. - Fri. 1 pm - 4 pm.

HELP WANTED: Earn up to \$500 per week assembling products at home. No experience. INFO 1-504-646-1700 DEPT. KY-2276.

THE COURIER JOURNAL is accepting applications for a Daily & Sunday morning motor route carrier in Prestonsburg. Requires approx. 1-1/2 hrs. per day, with monthly earnings of Approx. \$400. Economy transportation is essential. A successful applicant must be bondable. For further info call toll free 1-800-866-2211.

DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED: Male Or female. We supply car. Apply in person at Hobert's Pizzeria, Prestonsburg.

NEED EXTRA CHRISTMAS CASH? Sell AVON. Free sign-ups Call 606-639-2145 or 606-639-0651.

HELP WANTED MALE OR FEMALE: Full & Parttime Positions. Apply at Big Sandy Wholesale between 8 a.m. -3 p.m.

WANTED: O.T.R. Team or solo driver. Must have CDL with Hazmat, at least 2 yrs. O.T.R. experience, good MUR record. Good pay and miles, Call 606-886-6160, ask for J. D.

Wanted

SITTER NEEDED: For toddler. Must have valid driver's license, have references, be flexible & dependable. Call 886-0674 during day.

PETS AND SUPPLIES

EXOTIC BIRDS FOR SALE: Call 285-0410 or 285-0650.

AKC POODLE PUPPIES FOR SALE: Also Diamond & lams dog food. 886-3680.

AKC CHIHUAHUA PUPPIES FOR SALE: 606-886-2087.

BEAUTIFUL SHELTY AKC REG. PUPPIES FOR SALE: Call 478-2465 After 5 p.m.

AKC POMERANIAN PUPPY FOR SALE: 606-886-2087.

THREE COLLIE PUPS FOR SALE: Two males, one female. \$100 each firm. Call 886-1572 or 886-6843.

THREE FLUFFY PUPPIES: To a good home only. Call 886-1572.

FREE DOG: German Police, spaded, shots, 1 yr. old. 358-9407.

AKC REGISTERED SAINT BERNARD PUPPIES: \$500 each. 789-6776.

AKC REGISTERED DOBERMAN PINCHER FOR SALE: \$300. 358-2876.

SERVICES

Carpentry Work

ALL TYPES: New homes; remodeling, additions; all types concrete work, driveways, sidewalks, foundations, etc.; garages; decks. Robie Johnson, Jr., call anytime, 886-8896.

JIM'S HANDY MAN Experience in: Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry and others. 631-4844.

Chimney Cleaning

R. A. TAYLOR: Chimney Cleaning Services. Experienced. We do painting also. 886-8453.

Contractors

BACK HOE AND DOZER FOR HIRE: Excavating, custom work, hauling, septic tanks, and filling gravel. 25 + yrs. exp. Reese Ray 874-8049.

HEARTLAND CONTRACTING Dozer, Backhoe, Hauling, Gravel, Top Soil, Fill Dirt, Footers, Ditches, Concrete. 889-1404, 886-1718, 886-9465.

Dog Grooming

DOG GROOMING: All breeds, Fancy Cuts. Professional Groomer. Call Betsy at "Tails a Waggin" 297-3647.

Heating & Cooling

BLANTON HEATING & AIR Sales & service. Financing available. License # MO2405. 874-2308

Home Repair

G&S, INC. Seasonal Home Maintenance Repair: 25 yrs experience remodeling, plumbing, electric, windows, floors, drywall and carpentry. No distance to great. Your personal handyman. 606-754-0311.

Lending

CAPITAL LENDING Have you won a settlement, lottery, etc? Would you like your money in a lump sum? Will also buy invoices and can help you out of your cash crunch. Call 478-5410.

Piano Sales & Service

THE PIANO CLINIC: Quality tunings, repair or restoration. 25 yrs. experience. Phil Cole, Technician. For app. call 791-8863.

Plumbing

PORTER PLUMBING COMPANY Allen, KY Commercial, residential and service work. Licensed and insured. Rotor roter service, drain cleaning, etc. CALL US FIRST! 874-2794

Professional Service

TURNED DOWN FOR SOC. SECURITY/SSI? Free consultation. Call 1-888-582-3345. No fee unless we win your case.

Repair Services

TV, VCR & MICROWAVE OVEN REPAIR: All work 90 days guaranteed. Call 478-9300.

Roofing & Construction

FOR ALL YOUR BUILDING NEEDS! New homes, remodeling, roofing, patios, block, concrete or siding. Have 30 years experience. Call Spears Construction, Romey Spears (606)874-2688.

Sewing Machine / Vacuum Cleaner Repairs

GUARANTEE ON ALL REPAIRS: New & preowned machines available. Also, Quilting, Upholstery, Blindhem & Binding Machines for sale. Janie & Lillians Singer, Paint & Decorating, 886-6219.

Tree Service

TREE CUTTING AND TRIMMING: Topping, land clearing, etc. Free estimates. References furnished. Call 874-5333.

WILL DO TREE TRIMMING: Light hauling. Garage cleaning. Fire wood & coal. 886-3951 or 889-0523.

Upholstery & Sewing

NO JOB TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL: Vehicle, boats, house hold furnishings. Any or all alterations. Call Tracy Bobo at Village Sewing Inc. 285-1384.

LOST and FOUND

Lost

LOST: Brown and White Fillie, 8 mo. old colt, wearing a green halter. Lost Sat. nite on Dainels Cr. at Banner. Childs Pet. Call 874-0001.

LOST DIAMOND RING: 18k gold, 1ct. total, anv., size 4. Reward. Call 437-7222.

MISC.

Musical Instruments

J & J MAY MUSIC Guitars-Banjoes. Buy, Sell and Trade. 605 N. Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 606-886-7010

Recreation

SHOOTING MATCH Arkanasa Creek. 2.2 miles on right. "Saturdays" 6 pm. 12/20 gauge matches.

Free

BECOME DEBT FREE! Cut payments without new loans. It's easy! 1 hr. approval. Call 1-800-517-3406.

FREE PALLETS: Can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

Legals

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, KY 41502, has applied for a Phase II and III bond release of permit number 836-8044 which was last issued on 9/18/87. The application covers an area of approximately 4.0 acres located 1.2 miles northwest of Garrett in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1.1 miles northwest from KY Rte. 80's junction with Ky. Rte. 550 and located 0.1 mile east of Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37;29'12". The longitude is 82;50'20".

The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety type in the amount of \$5,600.00. One hundred percent of the original bond amount of \$10,800.00 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes:

backfilling, final grading and seeding of the disturbed area to achieve the approved post mining land use completed in September 1997. Results thus far achieved include; the area is stable and vegetation is well established.

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 January 24, 2000.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 25, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 24, 2000.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5385 (Transfer) In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that the Elk Horn Coal Corporation, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to transfer permit 836-5343 to Levisa Fork Mining Company, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The new permit number will be 836-5385. The operation disturbs 2.50 surface acres and over- lies 124.0 acres underground workings for a total of 124.5 acres. No new area is added by the transfer.

The operation is located 0.75 miles west of Woods in Floyd County. The operation is just north of the junction of KY 1949 and the Twin Branch Road, and is located along Cow Creek in Floyd County. The operation is located on the Lancer, Thomas, Harold, and Broad Bottom USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The latitude is 37;38'05". The longitude is 82;39'44".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601-1410. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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posed operation will disturb 5.22 surface acres and will underlie 427.54 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 432.76 acres. The proposed operation is located adjacent to Triplett Branch, on Triplett Branch Road approximately 0.4 miles southeast of its junction with State Route 550.

The proposed operation is located on the Wayland-KY U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Consolidation Coal Company of Kentucky. The operation will underlie land owned by Denzil B. and Beverly Martin; Glen Click; Harold and Paul K. Sparkman; Lackey Investments; Martha Allen Duricka; Charles J. Collins; Ray and Maxine Crawford; Denver and Edna Hunter; First Guaranty National Bank; Consolidation Coal Company of Kentucky; Denver Robertson et. ux.; Astor Clay, Brady M. and Rose Collins; and Kenny Dixon.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 109 Mays Branch, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of permits, 2666 South Lake Drive, Prestonburg, Kentucky 41653.

INVITATION FOR BID

The Big Sandy Health Care will receive sealed bids for the construction of addition to existing Hope Family Medical Clinic, Salyersville, Kentucky. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids must be received on or before 2:00 p.m., January 4, 2000, at the office of the Owner, Big Sandy Health Care, Auxier Road, Prestonsburg, Ky. Bids shall be opened and read at that time.

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, 416 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, 606 886-3929. Plans will be distributed from the office of the architect before Contract Documents can be obtained. A complete set of plans and specifications require a deposit of \$100.00. The amount of 50% of the deposit will be returned only to the bidder who submits a bonafide bid and return the plans and specifications in good condition within ten days after the bids are opened, otherwise no refund will be due. The deposit check will be returned only to the bidder who submits a bonafide bid. All checks shall be made to the order of the Architect. Hearing impaired individuals may call 1-800-247-2510 for information.

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 office of the owner:

1. F.W. Dodge Corp. 303 N. Hurstborn Lane, Suite 265, Louisville, Ky.
2. F.W. Dodge Corp. 2525 Harrodsburg Rd., Lexington, Ky.
3. Dodge Plan Room 405 Capital St., 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 property 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 opening of bids. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246 and Title VI. Minority bidders are encouraged to bid. 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 or 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 bases or in the proper form shall be returned unopened. The owner reserves the right to accept any or reject any and all Bids and to waive any informalities therein.

"EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY"

NOTICE TO BID The City of Prestonsburg will be accepting bids until Monday, December 27, 1999, at 4 p.m., on a Vertical Cardboard Baler, with 1,000 lbs. capacity, 240 volts, single phase. Specifications may be obtained at City Hall, in the Clerk's office. Please send bids to City of Prestonsburg, 200 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. If you have any questions, please call 606 886-2335. The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Total bid quantity of two.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, by this Notice of Availability (NOA), advises the public that the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the City of Prestonsburg, David Sewer Project, is complete and available for public review. The project is located in Floyd County, Kentucky. A finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is anticipated for the proposed project. A Draft FONSI is included with the DEA for public review.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 40 CFR 1501.4, the DEA and draft FONSI must be available to the public in the affected area for thirty (30) days for review and comment. Final determination regarding the need for additional NEPA documentation will be made after the public review period, which begins on or about November 1,

1999. Copies of the documents may be viewed at the following locations:

Office of the Mayor
90 North Lake Drive
Prestonsburg,
Kentucky

Floyd County
Chamber of
Commerce
245 North Lake Drive
Prestonsburg,
Kentucky

Floyd County Public
Library
53 North Arnold
Avenue
Prestonsburg,
Kentucky

Copies of the DEA and draft FONSI may be obtained by contacting the Huntington District Office of the Corps of Engineers at 304-529-5712. Comments pertaining to the documents should be directed by letter to:

Mr. Nicholas E. Krupa, Chief Environmental Analysis Branch, Planning Division Huntington District Corps of Engineers 502 Eighth Street

Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070

NOTICE

An administrative hearing will be conducted by the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, Office of Administrative Hearings, 35-36 Fountain Place, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all programs and activities. Any individual who requires special accommodations in connection with any proceeding before the Office of Administrative Hearings should contact Jane P. Wingate

The hearing will be open to the public. Any person may petition in writing for leave to intervene in this proceeding pursuant to the procedure set forth in 405 KAR

7:091 Section 11. The petition should be sent to Jane P. Wingate, Docket Coordinator, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, Office of Administrative Hearings, 35-36 Fountain Place, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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at the above address or at 502-564-7312 (telephone) or 502-564-4973 (telefax) at least one week prior to the date the accommodations will be needed.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Prestonsburg Housing Authority would like to remind anyone who may be making excavations near or on the Housing Authority property, that it is necessary to report to the Housing Authority before doing any work and to report any incidence of gas odor in the Housing Authority community.

Phone numbers of persons to contact:
Prestonsburg Housing Authority • 606 886-2717, daytime 8:30 - 4:30

After hours:
Donald Nelson, Maintenance Supervisor • 606 889-0569

Charles Shell, Maintenance Person • 606 886-1543

Brenda Harris, Executive Director • 606 886-2519

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment of, or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

Telephone 606 886-2717 or 800-648-6056 (For Hearing Impaired)

The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg has decent, affordable rental housing located in the Prestonsburg area for all qualified applicants. Rent is based on income. For more information, please call 606 886-2717 or 606 886-6423 or stop by the offices located in the complexes at Green Acres, North Lake Drive, and Dixie in the Goble-Roberts Addition, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. We do business in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Division of Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County.

DIXIE COAL COMPANY, 436-5195, ISSUED 991116;

V & M MINING COMPANY OF PAINTSVILLE INCORPORATED, 836-5100, ISSUED 991122;

FDCD COAL INCORPORATED, 836-5110, ISSUED 991123;

COASTAL COAL COMPANY LLC, 836-5359, ISSUED 991109

PUBLIC NOTICE

If anyone has knowledge that Florence or Roosevelt Newsome owes money to them, or anyone else, they are to contact Mindy Stanley at (606) 587-2026 within thirty (30) days with written proof of the debt.

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids are now being accepted for up to 16 used gas cooking stoves being disposed of by the housing authority. The sizes range from 20 inches to 30 inches wide. For more information, please contact Bruce Coleman, Housing Authority of Martin, P.O. Box 806, Martin, KY 41649, 606 285-3681. All bids are due by 2 p.m., December 29, 1999. The HA reserves the right to refuse all bids.

NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before December 31, 1999, at 9:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of.	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	99-P-00244	Florence Newsome	Mindy Stanley	10-07-99
Final	97-P-00179	Hazel Rorrer	Sherry Branham	10-15-99
Final	99-P-00131	Sayo Deskins	Arthur Deskins	10-15-99
Final	98-P-00092	Draxie Hopson	Glen Hopson	10-14-99
Final	99-P-00128	Mack Robinson	June Robinson	10-19-99
Final	95-P-00156	John A. Collins	Ernestine Greer Collins	10-19-99
Final	98-P-00345	Roland Jones	Gregory A. Jones	10-22-99
Final	98-P-00298	William Martin	Dorothy T. Martin	10-25-99
Final	97-P-00148	Ruth T. Arrowood	Larry G. & William Arrowood	10-25-99
Final	93-P-00160	Mae A. Calhoun	Gayle Herald	11-08-99
Final	97-P-00249	Harry Hall	Bonnie Hall	11-08-99
Final	98-P-00367	Johnnie Crisp	Sharon Crisp Mullins	11-08-99
Final	97-P-00349	Oliver Hall	Shirley Parsons	11-08-99
Final	97-P-00396	Doffey Vancel	Delphia Vance	11-03-99
Final	97-P-00382	James David Hensley	Maureen P. Hensley	11-08-99
Final	93-P-00148	Ruth T. Arrowood	Larry G. Arrowood	10-25-99
Final	97-P-00397	Charles W. Goble	Irma Goble	11-04-99
Final	97-P-00379	Bennie Rose, Jr.	Addie Mae Rose	11-08-99
Periodic	91-P-00320	Cristy M. Crum	Lorieth Crum	11-05-99
Final	97-P-00257	John Tyler Nelson	John Nelson, II	11-09-99
Final	97-P-00365	Essie Nichols	Betty Mosley	11-15-99
Final	97-P-00256	Fanny M. Branham	Urban T. Peters	11-15-99
Final	97-P-00392	Otis G. Foley	Norma Francis Patrick	11-16-99
Final	97-P-00378	Marco Slone	Gary Little	11-16-99
Final	99-P-00007	Brodey Amburgey	Marvin Compton	11-18-99
Final	99-P-00284	Bernice Amburgey	Marvin Compton	11-18-99

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the Floyd District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within (6) six months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
10-26-99	99-P-00355	Doris Isabell Osborne 204 Bryant Branch Hi Hat, KY 41636	Denise Stephens 120 So. Evergreen Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Brent Turner P.O. Box 388 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
10-26-99	99-P-00356	Guyland Meade 275 Meade Br. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Thelma Meade 275 Meade Br. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
10-26-99	99-P-00357	Edward Niedzielski Melvin, KY 41650	Jimmy Dwayne Skeens P.O. Box 92 Melvin, KY 41650	
10-28-99	99-P-359	Brian Nicholas Hager 327 Potts Br. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Brian N. Hager, Guardian 327 Potts Br. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Gregory D. Stumbo P.O. Box 511 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
11-01-99	99-P-00362	Dessie Horn 16281 Rt. 979 Ligon, KY 41604	Linda Brown 16281 Rt. 979 Ligon, KY 41604	Gregory A. Isaac 100 North Lake Dr. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
11-01-99	99-P-00363	Mary Daniels 7152 Stone Coal Rd. Garrett, KY 41630	Glenna Brown 7138 Stone Coal Rd. Garrett, KY 41630	
11-03-99	99-P-00364	Tina Akers Frasures Creek McDowell, KY 41647	Jack Akers Box 773 McDowell, KY 41647	
11-04-99	99-P-00365	Clarence Kidd 273 Evergreen Ave. Harold, KY 41635	Paul E. Kidd 275 Evergreen Ave. Harold, KY 41635	
11-04-99	99-P-00366	Wayne Clifford Hall Rt. 979, Box 055 Teaberry, KY 41655	Dorothy Hall Rt. 979, Box 055 Teaberry, KY 41665	
11-08-99	99-P-00368	Chester DeBoard 1821 Mare Creek Dr. Stanville, KY 41659	Elsie DeBoard 1821 Mare Creek Dr. Stanville, KY 41659	
11-08-99	99-P-00369	Joyce Preston Allen 2nd. St. Box 47 Langley, KY 41645	Volney D. Allen P.O. Box 47 Langley, KY 41645	
11-08-99	99-P-00370	Buddy Stapleton 290 Left Fork of Toler Harold, KY 41635	Mickey Lee Stapleton 290 Left Fork of Toler Harold, KY 41635	
11-12-99	99-P-00373	Ralph D. Wilhelm P.O. Box 493 Allen, KY 41601	Mary Z. W. Hinchman P.O. Box 493 Allen, KY 41601	
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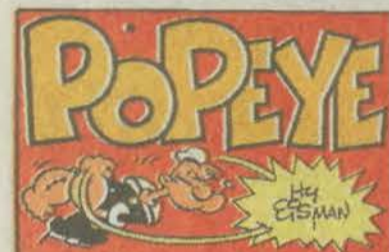
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Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Winning
 - 6 In the know
 - 11 Ingot
 - 14 Nursery furniture
 - 18 Hook's mate
 - 20 Corday's prey
 - 21 Flamenco dancer's shout
 - 22 Mandikova of tennis
 - 23 "Sunrise Sunset" musical
 - 26 Writer Hunter
 - 27 Southern constellation
 - 28 New Mexico resort
 - 29 Med. test
 - 30 Statistical focus
 - 31 Unruffle
 - 32 Reposes
 - 36 Michael of "Little Voice"
 - 37 Noxious atmosphere
 - 39 Dock
 - 40 Unburdens oneself
 - 42 Ostentation
 - 43 Alistair MacLean bestseller
 - 48 On the — (defenseless) abbr.
 - 50 Soft cheese
 - 51 Schoenberg's "Moses und —"
 - 52 —Magnon or Benjamin The Cars
 - 54 "Salome" character
 - 56 Elbows
 - 58 Implied
 - 60 Like a bairn
 - 61 Persia, today
 - 62 Augur
 - 63 Stratas or Stich-Randall
 - 64 Hitchcock opus
 - 69 Newspaper circular
 - 71 Deride
 - 72 Starting at
 - 73 Gumshoe
 - 76 Dirties
 - 77 Impose Prohibition, e.g.
 - 79 Propeller part
 - 80 Actress Thurman
 - 81 Part of USNA
 - 82 Small businessman?
 - 83 Fluctuate
 - 84 Dais
 - 86 Kiddle-lit classic
 - 91 Envelope
 - 92 — apso
 - 93 Neighbor of Saudi Arabia
 - 94 Rubble or File
 - 97 Bobbin
 - 99 Kyoto companion
 - 101 Jai —
 - 102 Thought-provoking
 - 103 Our omega
 - 104 Sacred image
 - 105 Air-quality org.
 - 108 Hasty
 - 109 Old folk song
 - 115 Kitchen addition?
 - 116 Clay, later
 - 117 Pale purple
 - 118 Combat mission
 - 119 Carries out
 - 120 Regret
 - 121 Grind one's teeth
 - 122 Mike of "Austin Powers"
 - 7 Pallid
 - 8 Cunning
 - 9 Stadium shout
 - 10 Nice season
 - 11 Where to find romance
 - 12 Easy as falling off —
 - 13 Part pugilists
 - 14 '66 Association hit
 - 15 Glossy black
 - 16 Pointless
 - 17 Simple ring
 - 19 Domain
 - 24 Downey of "Touched by an Angel"
 - 25 Agt.
 - 30 Launder powder
 - 31 Promontory
 - 32 Cuttlefish kin
 - 33 Velez of "Mexican Splifire"
 - 34 "Annabel Lee" monogram
 - 35 Pupil's place
 - 36 Tribe
 - 37 Opera's Grace
 - 38 Striking
 - 41 Cain's nephew
 - 42 Freighter front
 - 43 Pitchfork part
 - 44 Spoken for
 - 45 Stress
 - 46 Author Murdoch
 - 47 "— creature was stirring..."
 - 49 Prepares eggs
 - 50 Grain husk
 - 55 Part of Q.E.D.
 - 56 Emulated Elle
 - 57 Scent
 - 58 — up (united)
 - 59 "Exodus" protagonist
 - 62 Submachine gun
 - 63 Walked
 - 65 — Aviv
 - 66 VCR button
 - 67 Black piano key
 - 68 Hors d'oeuvre artist holder
 - 69 "It — Right" ('56 song)
 - 70 First zookeeper?
 - 74 TV's "— Nest"
 - 75 Columnist Herb
 - 77 Geometry term
 - 78 Williams' was glass
 - 79 Botswana bigwig
 - 82 List ender
 - 83 Asian title
 - 85 Asian title
 - 87 Duds
 - 88 Crow's-nest cry
 - 89 — polloi
 - 90 Printer's measur
 - 94 Cantata composer
 - 95 Fugard's "A Lesson from —"
 - 96 Liberation
 - 97 Cold-war assn.
 - 98 Ersatz emerald
 - 100 Cartoon cry
 - 102 Hoarse horse?
 - 103 South African native
 - 104 Craving
 - 105 "Harper's Bazaar" artist
 - 106 Brace
 - 107 Blows away
 - 109 Gob
 - 110 Actress Taina
 - 111 Chinese principle
 - 112 Stevedores' grp.
 - 113 Advisory org.
 - 114 Go for it

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

- Basket
- Box
- Can
- Capsule
- Carton
- Cask
- Dumpster
- Flask
- Jar
- Luggage
- Pitcher
- Pouch
- Shaker
- Tank
- Thermos

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A5

