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The check is in the mail

The Prestonsburg Economic and Recreation Project is getting an injection of state money momentarily. Gov. Paul Patton's office said last Friday that a check for \$60,000 is on its way. It's the first installment of a \$3 million appropriation for the project and is to be used for design fees. The chunk is from the state's budget surplus. The ambitious mountaintop project includes recreational facilities, an industrial park and residences.

Leaders wanted

Applications are being accepted for Leadership East Kentucky, one of Gov. Paul Patton's most recent initiatives. The program will provide an opportunity for citizens to sharpen their leadership skills, become more familiar with eastern Kentucky and build a network. The goal is to have one person from each of the eastern Kentucky counties and more from the larger counties and some individuals who will represent more than one county. The program consists of nine sessions from June to December. For an application, call Linda Gayheart at 606/785-9009 or 785-0606; or e-mail gayheart@tgtel.com.

Lincoln banquet Friday in Corbin

Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist will be the keynote speaker at the 61st annual Fifth District Lincoln Banquet Friday at the Corbin Civic Center. US Congressman Hal Rogers, who has represented the Kentucky delegation since 1980, will also speak. Hobart Potter of Pikeville is one of five persons who will be inducted into the Fifth District Republican Hall of Fame. Other inductees are former Republican state chairman Bob Gable of Frankfort, Hickory Grace of Middlesboro, Juanita Davis of Mt. Vernon, and Judge Blaine Stewart of Williamsburg. Tickets, as they say, are available at the door.

Blast kills Phelps man

Dewey E. Smith, 55, of Ashlick Fork at Phelps was killed Monday afternoon while he was riding a four-wheeler on property owned by Big Creek Mining. According to Kentucky State Police, Stepp died from being "exposed to debris from an explosive blast." He was pronounced dead at the scene by Pike County Coroner Charles Morris. The incident is under investigation by KSP Troopers Sean Welch, Scott Miller and Matt Carter, as well as the Kentucky Department of Mines

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This driver, spotted yesterday on US 80, is doing his part for conservation as he delivers a truckload of pop cans to a recycling plant, using an improved hauling arrangement. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Sally Stephens sewer system speeds up

by Pam Shingler
 Editor

Local and federal figures got together last Friday to ink a con-

tract to benefit residents along Sally Stephens Branch in West Prestonsburg. Representatives of the US Army Corps of Engineers and

Prestonsburg Utilities signed an agreement to cooperate in the construction of a sewer system for the area.

Under the agreement the federal government will contribute \$65,530 in funds authorized by Section 531 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 toward the design of the extension project.

About 60 households will benefit from the sewer line construction, according to Melissa Conn of the city utilities office.

Pointing out the appropriateness of the signing on Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Col. Dana Robertson of the Corps' Huntington District office said, "The way we handled sewage in Lincoln's day is the way we still do today in some areas."

He added that just behind the modern Mountain Arts Center, where the meeting was held, straight pipes continue to release sewage into the creek.

"We're going to get rid of the straight pipes and clean up the environment," Robertson said. He called the \$300,000 project "money

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Participating in the signing of the contract to start the Sally Stephens Branch sewer project were, from left, Seldon Horne, superintendent of Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission; C. J. McNally, PCUC chairman; John Yeager of the US Army Corps of Engineers; Col. Dana Robertson of the Corps, and Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin. (photo by Pam Shingler)

911 board postpones pager decision

by Willie Elliott
 Staff Writer

The Floyd County 911 Executive Board, at its Friday meeting, voted to delay a decision on changing paging companies, as requested by the group's Advisory Council, because a representative of the company said she had never been informed of problems.

Elizabeth Isaacs, a representative of Appalachian Cellular, was

present to address paging problems that had been voiced by Terry Triplett at the last Advisory Council meeting.

Issacs said the company is working on the problem, and she said that no one had formally told the company about a problem with the pagers.

Deputy Judge-Executive Chris Waugh said since the company is willing to work with the board, he would recommend that this situa-

tion be worked out to the advisory council's satisfaction.

The motion to bid for a new paging company was tabled, and Appalachian Cellular was given 30 days to work on the problems.

Floyd County 911 Coordinator Bill Dotson presented the financial report which showed the balance at the end of January to be \$425,110.59. One of the bills

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State to hold hearing on bridge

by Pam Shingler
 Editor

To rebuild or to relocate Town Branch Bridge in Prestonsburg is the focus of a public hearing next Monday at Prestonsburg Elementary School.

The crumbling bridge, which has been closed for more than a year, has been the subject of rumor and rancor since two alternatives to rebuilding the bridge in the same location surfaced last fall.

Residents of the area were concerned when state-hired surveyors in November indicated that one alternative to rebuilding was to construct a new bridge to cross the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy at Arnold Avenue.

Persons who live on Town Branch Road, on the side of the bridge opposite the city, became alarmed when another alternative arose calling for relocating the road and bridge to Ball Alley Curve on KY 1428 or South Lake Drive, a couple of miles from the present location.

The latter suggestion was also hotly opposed by persons who used Town Branch Road and the bridge as a shortcut into the county seat from US 23.

Lately, rumors have proliferated linking the Floyd County Historical Society to a move to protect the old bridge as a historical structure, thereby forcing the relocation of the road and bridge.

However, Jim Daniels, president of the local historical society, denied those rumors yesterday. "We have not intervened about the bridge," Daniels said, adding that he has no idea how the rumors began.

The historical group, in fact, voted at its Monday night meeting to "go on record" as not opposing the destruction of the bridge. "We see nothing in favor of keeping the bridge as it is," Daniels said. "We're on the record to have it rebuilt in the same place."

Ashland Gearheart, a vocal opponent of anything other than rebuilding the bridge in the same location, said yesterday, "I think I speak for those people who live on the other side of the bridge and who use the bridge to get into town. We want the bridge to be rebuilt as fast

as it can be. The money has been appropriated, and there is no reason not to get on with it."

Gearheart, who works for the Floyd County Board of Education, has written several letters to the Times in support of tearing down the old bridge and building a new one at the Front Street location.

The arched bridge is often linked to the old West Prestonsburg bridge about a mile north of Town Branch. That bridge, near Prestonsburg High School, is a historical structure and is being preserved by the city.

The public hearing, sponsored by the state Department of Highways,

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Bridge does have a history

Even though it may not be what some consider of significant historic value, the old Town Branch Bridge has not had a dull life.

According to Prestonsburg Tourism Director Fred James, when it was built in 1927, the bridge went "nowhere." It went from Front Street in Prestonsburg, across the river and almost literally into the hillside.

"I understand it was referred to by the Guinness Book of Records as the only bridge built to a dead end," James said.

The mountain on the other side had to be blasted out to build the road, he said.

The tourism director added that the bridge and its twin at West Prestonsburg are representative of a "unique methodology" found rarely in bridge construction.

"The arch arches them (the two bridges)," he said. The bridges do not have cable support, nor are they suspension bridges.

James said that over the years he has proposed the area on the other side of the bridge, known as the Seng Factory, be

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Prestonsburg Tourism Director Fred James said the bridge that spans the Big Sandy at Town Branch is a rarity. James knows of only two concrete bridges in the state that are supported through their arches and those two bridges are in Prestonsburg. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

Program to prepare locals for prison jobs

by Pam Shingler
 Editor

The construction of prisons in Appalachian counties brings needed jobs, the economic developers proclaim.

But, the question few are willing to address is: To whom?

If the statistics bear out, most of the jobs don't go to local folk. At the federal prison in Manchester in southern Kentucky, reportedly only about 20 local people were hired, out of several hundred employees.

The federal penitentiary slated to open at Honey Branch in Martin County, near the Johnson and Floyd county lines, is expected to employ

around 400 persons. Less than 20 percent, if hiring patterns hold, will be from the Big Sandy region.

The "brought on" people who do land the prison jobs will, of course, contribute to the local economy, but the lot of eastern Kentuckians who fail to land the jobs — which will average an estimated \$39,000 per year — will remain much the same.

The primary reason locals will miss out on the federal jobs is the same reason often heard in connection with the lack of industrial development in this area — educational attainment.

The federal Bureau of Prisons is looking for college graduates with good communication skills, but only about 7.5 percent of the population in this region has a bachelor's degree — and most of those are employed.

However, thanks to a proposal from the Big Sandy Area Development District, plans are underway locally to improve the odds of local people being hired by the Prison Bureau.

If funding is forthcoming from

the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), persons from Floyd, Johnson, Lawrence, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties will have a chance to compete for the jobs.

The Big Sandy ADD has put together a project to identify area persons who could meet the Bureau's stringent employment requirements and then enroll them in classes that would give them an edge in the employment process.

The project would involve area educational institutions, such as Prestonsburg Community College, Morehead State University, Mayo

Technical College, and Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, according to Anne Chaney, who wrote the proposal which Gov. Paul Patton has approved and sent on to the national ARC office.

The state Department of Employment Services will also assist in various phases of the process.

The project is titled Workforce 2001 to coincide with the prison's anticipated opening in the year 2001.

Chaney said the ADD is planning a "media blitz" in the next few weeks to inform area residents of the

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Workforce 2001

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the employment opportunities available at the new prison and of the training program available locally.

In the information phase, the ADD will focus on requirements for the prison jobs and the types of positions that will be filled.

Chaney said representatives of the Bureau of Prisons have been invited to conduct public meetings in each of the four target counties — Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Pike — in April. A fifth meeting, dubbed a regional meeting and targeted for residents of surrounding counties, will be scheduled for the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

At the meetings, she said, presentations will be made about the prison and its employment projections and requirements. Persons interested in pursuing prison jobs will be urged to attend and hear from Bureau personnel themselves what is expected.

The Bureau of Prisons, she said, staffs more than 200 job categories, from cooks to nurses to social workers.

At the very basic level, appli-

cants must

- be less than 37 years of age at the time of employment (Yes, it's legal under special legislative edict.);

- have no criminal record;
- have a good credit history;
- be physically fit;
- and have post-secondary and/or related work experience.

Chaney is hopeful that if the funding comes through — as it is expected to do since the proposal has the governor's blessing — the training components can start this summer.

Classes include communication skills, interview skills and conversational Spanish.

Those interested in jobs with the federal prison but who have little or no college-level education are also encouraged to begin work toward an associate's degree or even a bachelor's degree and to get in as many courses as possible before the hiring process begins.

Friday: What the training entails and what the potential workforce 2001 participant must bring to the program.



Honored

Kentucky State Police Sgt. Les Stapleton recently received an award from Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Jerry Garner for his work in uncovering and helping to bring to justice a white supremacist group working in eastern Kentucky. The group had been making threats to minorities and mixed race couples by sending them hate mail. Capt. Mike Luttrell was present for the award presentation.

911

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showed a penalty for late fees, which Dotson said occurred because money was not available until the fiscal court made a resolution to pay the bills.

"We don't need to be paying any penalties," said Jim Caldwell, chairman of the advisory council.

Bill Dotson said he had checked on a reported communication problem at Toler Creek. He said portable radios won't work inside vehicles, but the mobile units do work. He is to continue working with the Pikeville Post of the Kentucky State Police to eliminate any problems.

The board approved purchase of 10 scanners for the sheriff's department, which the advisory group had recommended.

After some hesitancy, the board approved around \$32,000 for the law enforcement channel. This move will require towers at the north and south end of the county, plus one tower at city hall and another at the National Guard Armory. This move will give a separate channel to law enforcement, fire and ambulance services.

The board set up a committee to look at materials presented by vendors interested in finishing the work started by Network Design Engineering (NDE) to map and address the county. The committee includes Bill Dotson, Prestonsburg

911 Coordinator Gary Dotson, KSP Lt. Paul Maynard, Caldwell and Waugh, but all board members are asked to come to the meetings to help in the selection.

Bill Dotson asked that the board purchase two signs (24" x 24") that read "Call 911 Emergency" to be placed at the south and north ends of the county. Dotson asked that he be permitted to order additional educational supplies without board approval. The board approved this request.

Waugh said that sessions Bill Dotson conducts in Floyd County schools are among the most effective ways to spread the news about 911.

The 911 board consists of four mayors, two state policemen, the county sheriff, the county judge-executive, one member of the 911 Advisory Council, and one county commissioner.

Also present at Friday's meeting were Wayland Mayor Tom Murphy; Jeff Powell, proxy for Martin Mayor Alan Whicker; Captain Mike Luttrell from the state police and Sheriff John K. Blackburn.

CORRECTIONS

Clarification

The Sharon Martin who was recently charged with shoplifting is not the Sharon Martin who is the wife of Eddie Martin of Salisbury Branch of Dema.

Name omitted



Michael Halfhill

A recent listing of students who had made the dean's list at Morehead State University did not include the name of Michael Halfhill, who earned a 3.95 GPA at the college last semester. He is a junior at the college and is the son of Mike and Peggy Halfhill.

This is the fifth time that Halfhill has made the dean's list.

Hearing

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is set for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will follow an "open house" format.

The notice announcing the hearing says that an informal presentation about the project will take place at 5:30 p.m.

"Attendees are welcome to review plans, discuss the project, and express their views concerning the social, economic, historic, and environmental effects the proposed project will have upon individuals, businesses and cultural resources, and other organizations in the area," the notice says.

Representatives of the Transportation Cabinet will be at the meeting to answer questions and listen to concerns.

Persons interested in the bridge project are invited, by the highway department, to present written statements or record oral comments at the meeting.

For 15 days after the meeting, the Pikeville District office will also accept statements and provide information concerning the project, Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. The office is at 101 N. Mayo Trail in Pikeville.

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developed as a model coal mining town.

The Seng Factory property, he said, has "some historical value." An old mine-related factory was located on the property, and some structures remain.

James has envisioned the area as a small tourist town featuring a company store, movie theater, general stores, and bed and breakfast establishment, similar to Tombstone or Dodge City in the West.

The area was known as Seng because of the prolific growth of ginseng that reportedly grew there, he said.

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Pikeville Area Shoppers Express Disbelief, But Dealer Remains Optimistic As Saturday, February 20th, Sale Date Approaches.

Pikeville, KY — Tony Castle, General Manager of Deskins Motors, announced plans today for a one-day sales event that will feature used cars for as low as \$99! The event, named the **Premier Slasher Sale** for the fact that several Premier Slashers will be literally slashing prices on used cars, right before buyers eyes, is scheduled for this Saturday, February 20th—Rain or Shine.

Castle offers a simple explanation for this unprecedented sale: "We've had record sales so far this year and we're

the lowest possible price, including at least four vehicles, some valued as high at \$5000 for as little as \$99. There will be an enormous selection of vehicles on hand and all vehicles will be Kentucky State inspected, including the \$99 cars.

All vehicles will be on display at Deskins Motors with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 20th. By 10:30 a.m. prospective buyers will have been given a

vans, and sport utility vehicles to choose from. *It couldn't get any better for the serious buyer.*"

Castle reminds prospective buyers to act quickly if they want to take advantage of these incredible savings. "I can't stress enough that this is a one-day only sales event." Once our inventory is reduced, the slashed prices come off and it's back to business as usual. It's also first come, first served, so

"People might think this deal is too good to be true—but after a few minutes we will make believers out of them."

it's critical to come early to have the best chance of getting the vehicle you want.

over-stocked with trade-ins. It's that simple." He adds, "During this sales event we will offer unbelievable values on our used inventory, and some vehicles will sell for as low as \$99". Expect retail prices to be slashed by \$4000 to \$7000, if not more.

Castle also points out that these prices will be "as low or lower than wholesale auctions in many cases. The problem with auctions is that the bidding often leads to inflated prices, thereby eliminating savings." During the Premier Slasher Sale, every vehicle will be on sale. Sales are on a first come, first served basis and there will be no bidding, thus affording buyers the perfect opportunity to purchase a quality used car at

personalized pass allowing them to inspect the vehicles that interest them between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., at which time the Premier Slasher Sale actually begins. The Premier Slasher will then begin slashing the posted prices on the vehicles. Whoever is sitting behind the wheel of the vehicle when the price is slashed will be given the first opportunity to purchase the vehicle at that price.

"We believe that people will not only enjoy getting a great deal, but they'll also have fun doing it," says Castle.

Business managers will be on hand to arrange low-cost financing on the spot. "Most of all, we've got over 1.5 million dollars worth of inventory—that's over 130 cars, trucks,

Of course, there's more to this sale than just reducing inventory. Castle explains: "Deskins Motors is always looking for a way to give back to the community that's given so much to us." He felt that giving his friends and neighbors in the area a chance to save on these vehicles was far more desirable than wholesaling them to total strangers at an auction.

Those wishing to beat the rush should get pre-registered beginning today at Deskins Motors. 100 Deskins Drive in Pikeville.

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Collision course

Keith Spencer, 21, of Prestonsburg found himself in this clump of trees near the entrance to Star Bank in Prestonsburg after he swerved to avoid a collision with another car on Thursday of last week. Spencer was not seriously injured in the mishap. (photo by Willie Elliott)

System

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well spent" and said he expects the design phase to progress quickly and "move rapidly to construction."

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin gave credit to US Congressman Hal Rogers and to the Corps for moving the project along. "Without the congressman and the Corps, we wouldn't be

here," Fannin said. "With state, local and federal governments working together, we can progress."

The project will connect to the existing sewer system maintained by Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission. Conn said the construction phase of the project is expected to begin in late fall.

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and Minerals.

Bloodmobile heads to Martin

Double Kwik of Martin and the Central Kentucky Blood Center will sponsor a community bloodmobile on February 24 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the store. The goal is 15 pints, and the donation process takes less than an hour. For information, call blood drive chairperson Jim DeRossett, 1-800-755-2072.

Pike man held for murder

A Zebulon man was arrested Friday morning on Red Creek in Shelby County for murder and first-degree stalking. Herman Harris Jr. was charged with murder in the death of Billy Sword, 42, of Island Creek and with stalking Lisa Harris, 39, of Zebulon. According to state police, Sword was a passenger in Herman Harris' car which had earlier been involved in an accident in Letcher County while Harris was allegedly driving under the influence. Capt. Mike Luttrell and Troopers Randy Hunter, Sean Ferrin and Mike Goble participated in the arrest.

Meeting time changes

The regular monthly meeting of the Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission has been changed to the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The change in meeting time is effective in March, according to C.J. McNally, PCUC chairman.

Public meetings

• Floyd County Housing Authority

Two Grethel men have had charges against them dismissed because of lack of evidence.

Michael Adkins and Donnie Deal, both of Branham's Creek, were arrested in November by Floyd County Sheriff's deputies and charged with unlawful transaction with a minor. Adkins was also charged with trafficking in marijuana.

Agreed orders, signed yesterday by Floyd District Judge James

Board, today, 6 p.m., Green Acres office, Prestonsburg. Special meeting agenda: certifications, modernization proposals, audit proposals, phone service, administrative plan revisions, handicap compliance, safety plan amendment, and Left Beaver complex

- Wayland City Commission, today, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Wheelwright City Commission, Thursday, 6 p.m., City Hall
- Floyd County Fiscal Court, Friday, 10 a.m., Fiscal Courtroom, Courthouse
- Floyd County Board of Elections, Friday, 3 p.m., Floyd County Library meeting room
- Prestonsburg City Council, Monday, noon, City Hall
- Floyd County Solid Waste Board, Monday, 5 p.m., Fiscal Courtroom, Courthouse
- Martin City Council, Monday, 6 p.m., City Hall

Patton recommends regional projects

Governor Paul Patton is recommending three regional projects receive Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funding under Kentucky's Fiscal Year 1999 ARC Investment Strategy.

• The Kentucky Science & Technology Council Inc. would receive \$200,000 for the Next Generation Entrepreneurial Schools project, if federal approval is given. The project would also receive \$200,000 in funding from the Kentucky Science & Technology Council Inc.

The Kentucky Science & Technology Council Inc. (KSTC) proposes to develop an entrepre-

neurship initiative, Next Generation Schools, with the goal of educating the next generation of Appalachian Kentucky entrepreneurs, valuing entrepreneurship as a desirable career option. Up to three Appalachian school districts would be selected to test and infuse Next Generation strategies into the operations of their districts. Districts would become eligible to apply through participation in a region-wide awareness program for Kentucky ARC counties.

Projected benefits of this project would include development of an awareness program for the Appalachian region to encourage entrepreneurial education program development and recognition of the importance of entrepreneurial enterprise development within the region. The program would foster the creation of entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial thinkers to grow new enterprises to spur the economic sustainability of Appalachian communities.

• The Kentucky Water Resource Development Commission, Department for Local Government, would receive \$300,000 for Phase II-Water Resource Planning project, if federal approval is given. The project would also receive

off welfare than it is for those on it."

Under the reforms, recipients are limited to 60 monthly welfare payments over their lifetime. And most recipients must work or be engaged in an activity preparing them for work. For many recipients, accustomed to few restrictions or entangled in a web of family problems, limited education, lack of work experiences and—especially in rural Eastern Kentucky—limited job opportunities, simply being told to get to work is not enough. Sufficient supports must be in place.

"We have to have a culture that supports this population adequately, so they may break free and make it on their own," Miller said. "Four important components must come together for this culture to grow. One is our recipients and employees. The second is Kentucky's regional workforce needs. The third is education and training. And the last one is career tracking.

"To make these components intersect, we need a collaborative effort that directs our welfare recipients into education and training which adequately prepares them to meet the needs of the state's employers—hopefully in a way that offers them a real career, not just a short-term job."

Miller said the new survey provides valuable information to the Cabinet and to the public about how former recipients are faring. Still, such "snapshot"-style surveys are only one piece of the Center's evaluation.

A more comprehensive study is underway now, using a representative sampling of about 500 families who were on welfare as of March 1998. That sampling will be tracked—and supplemented by other respondents each year—over a fire-year period to examine employment, access to health care, child well being and other quality-

of-life issues. In addition, the Center is analyzing several Cabinet databases to produce a series of reports on Kentucky welfare statistics and trends. Those reports are due later this year.

Among key findings in the new survey:

• Salaries rose for many former recipients. In Year One of the survey, nearly 20 percent of those working reported earning the minimum wage (\$5.15 per hour) or less. In Year Two, the percentage dropped to 13 percent. The proportion earning from \$6 to \$8 an hour rose from 43 percent to 54 percent. The number of respondents earning wages above \$8 an hour remained low, declining from 16 percent to 13 percent.

• The number of hours worked rose. The proportion of recipients in jobs who worked 40 hours or more increased from 54 percent in Year One to almost 60 percent in Year Two.

Respondents were more mobile than last year's sample. In answers to open-ended questions, many reported changing jobs in order to get better pay and more work hours.

• They like their child care. More than 85 percent of respondents who used child-care services reported being "very satisfied" with their arrangements.

• More respondents are utilizing the Earned Income Tax Credit (55 percent used it in Year Two, compared to only 15 percent the previous year), which can boost their overall take-home pay.

• More respondents are receiving child support. Of those who received income other than earnings, more than 58 percent said they received child support in 1998—up from 42 percent the previous year. These findings suggest that the Cabinet's recent efforts to strengthen child-support collection "are having a positive impact," the survey report says.

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Viewpoint

Quote of the day...
 Friendship, like the immortality of the soul, is too good to be believed. When friendships are real, they are not glass thread or frostworks, but the solidest things we know
 —Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Editorial

Chalk another one up for those who would step on our hands just as we have scaled the mountain and are on the verge of lifting ourselves over the edge.

An article in Sunday's Courier-Journal reported on how "well-represented" Kentucky was at the Sundance Film Festival and its offshoots last month. The festivals in Utah are the "in" places for aspiring filmmakers, most of whom want to be noticed and hired on by Hollywood moguls.

One of three Kentucky-related entries was by Rory Kennedy, youngest daughter of Ethel and the late Robert, who entered a film, titled "American Hollow," in the documentary competition, according to the article by Peter Byck. The film portrays the lives of Iree and Bass Bowling and their family in Saul, Ky.

Oh, boy! We don't even have to see or hear the rest to go into automatic recoil. Whenever someone from up East or even from out West does a documentary on the lives of mountain folk, we can generally assume up front that the region is going to come out looking much the worse for wear.

You can just hear the gush in Kennedy's voice and you know her eyes are wide with excitement. "They all live this life that I just didn't know still existed," she is quoted by Byck. "It's a life of almost complete isolation. They live about an hour and a half from the closest town."

(Naturally, we want to know where this could possibly be and what is Kennedy's definition of "town." Kentucky has so many counties that it seems high on to impossible to live that far from a county seat, which should qualify as a town even though some are pretty small.)

She goes on: "They live off the land to a large degree. They also live off welfare, government assistance. But they grow their own gardens and they go out in the hills and they gather ginseng and moss and bloodroot..."

How quaint. How noble. We learn also that most of Iree and Bass' children left home and then returned to raise their own families "in little shacks right next to" their parents. Bass is a recovering alcoholic, their son Lonso "considers himself addicted to Prozac," and Lonso's son Clint, the first of the clan to graduate from high school, fails to break away from the cycle of dependence.

We can't deny that the Bowlings exist. We can't deny that many of our fellow Appalachians, perhaps even some of our family members, live this kind of circular life. Nor can we excuse those people who will see this film and, in their own ignorance, will assume everyone who lives in the mountains is just like the film characters.

The tragedy is that come November when the film is to be shown on HBO, millions more will see the negative stereotypes re-enforced. They won't bother to find out that the facts of this film do not add up to the Truth about our region. The Truth lies not just with the facts of "American Hollow," but also with countless other hollows in these parts where people live, more or less, mainstream lives and where they feel both pride and shame. — Pam Shingler



'American Hollow'

Letters to the Editor

DISCUSSION ON RELIGION ENCOURAGED

Editor:
 Over the past weeks, we have had some discussion in the Viewpoint section of the Floyd County Times concerning the role of religion in Floyd County.

I sincerely believe that such debates are useful to a community of people; thus, I would like to see more people present their views on the following themes:

- Is the sole purpose of religion to save souls for the hereafter?

- Does a congregation have a responsibility to the community?
- What are the responsibilities of an individual, claiming to be religious, to his community?
- Does the practice of religion, like the practice of a sport, have time-in periods and time-out periods?
- Is religion confined to a two-hour period on Sunday?

Please share your views.
 Lloyd Blue Goble
 Prestonsburg

'ROAD PUT PRESTONSBURG ON THE MAP'

Editor:
 I'm a property owner on Town Branch Road, third residence from the bridge.

Older folks have said Town Branch Road was the only road into Prestonsburg to go to the bank and courthouse, to get feed and groceries. Town Branch Road put Prestonsburg on the map.

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Branch and for 911 Emergency. I urge all Floyd Countians to attend the meeting Monday, February 22, at Prestonsburg Elementary at 5 p.m. Call the governor. Put the bridge in the same place. Save the historic road and the people of Floyd County.

And, how about putting up a sign dedicating the bridge and the road to Floyd County people because this bridge put Prestonsburg on the map.

James and Allie Anderson
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Editor:
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ACHIEVEMENT MORE IMPORTANT THAN ATTENDANCE

Editor:
 Attendance (FCT, February 5) is a very important factor pertaining to our children's education; however, it is not the only factor. When our children are sick with "the flu or viruses," then they are not able to function to their full capacity. Therefore, because attendance is stressed so much, we send them to their classes.

If they do not already have the germ causing the flu or a virus, they are more likely to contract it from other students who do. When our children fall prey to these illnesses, they are forced to miss several days of classes in order to get well.

What happens to their education then? For one,

they fall behind; thus, they are forced to play catch-up when they are able to return to class. Second, when students have duplicate amounts of homework, a high percentage of the studied material remains in short term memory only. Finally, a greater amount of stress is added to the students, pertaining to responsibility.

So, to those who see no reason to cancel classes when such outbreaks occur, I ask, "Which is more important: Student achievement or high attendance?" I hope the answer is student achievement and success.

Patricia Roop
 Weeksbury

READER SUPPORTS MUSIC AND HERALD

Editor:
 It was with shock and disbelief that I read last Wednesday's edition of the Times about the reassignment of John Herald and Brenda Music. Anyone who has lived in this area and attended (or had relatives who attended) PCC knows that these charges are outrageous and without justification. Obviously, it is just another retaliatory ploy by Dr. Deborah Floyd to seek revenge on those who have the nerve to disagree and speak out against her.

The purpose of this letter is to encourage anyone who currently attends or is an alumnus of the community college to write Dr. Tony Newberry, Chancellor, Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) in support of these two individuals. As you know, they have helped hundreds of us through the years in our pursuit of a college degree. Now they need your help.

If you support John Herald, Dean of Business Af-

fairs, and Brenda Music, Director of Financial Aid, please express your feelings on this matter by writing to Dr. Newberry. Since employees of PCC are afraid to speak out (as they tried and failed in the past), we PCC alumni must do so for them. It is frightening to think that a tenured teacher could be reassigned and threatened with dismissal after 28 years. I am sure the late Dr. Henry Campbell would agree with me on this issue.

I urge you to send letters of support to Dr. Tony Newberry, KCTCS Chancellor at Conference Center, 2670 Research Park Drive, Lexington, KY 40511. Since Mr. Herald's and Ms. Music's futures are at stake, it is imperative that letters be written immediately to express support for these individuals who have worked so hard for so many of us throughout the years. I hope you will join me. My letter is being mailed today.

Judy Combs
 Prestonsburg

Letters to the Editor

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Mountain Voices



by Willie Elliott
 Staff Writer

Have you gotten your phone call from life yet? If not, it won't be long until you do. My conversation with life went something like this:

Life: Hello, Willie, this is life calling.

Willie: Sure. And I am Plato Cacheris. So what is your first name?

Life: I have three first names: It's a Wonderful.

Willie: Cute. I bet your nickname is Saver. And I don't want a cell phone.

Life: No, the cell phone is for your wife. I have other things to talk to you about.

Willie: Yeah, like what?

Life: Willie, this is your life. (I can be humorous, too.) You are driving that Royal Hollow thing into the ground. I was up there last week. The place is not big enough for one column and certainly not as many as you have devoted to it. I told Kathryn Youmans to point that fact out to you. Kathryn's right — even Sizemore is more exciting than Royal Hollow.

Willie: I also write about McDowell and Frasure's Creek.

Life: Yeah, the metropolitan area and its suburb — real excitement. Write about something exciting. Something to get the people stirred up about.

Willie: I think the people are stirred up as much as we can stand them with the Monica thing.

Life: I'm not talking about stirring people up that way. Write about something around here.

Willie: I'll write about Governor Patton and Representative Stumbo making up. That will get the people's attention in a minute. Did you know about that?

Life: Who do you think got them together?

Willie: That's meddling. By the way, is that a permanent thing?

Life: That's life. You know what Tom Hanks said about a box of chocolates in "Forrest Gump"?

Willie: You're not life — you are a collection of clichés.

Life: Clichés or not, I have to mention some other cracks in your life. The weather channel is not considered entertainment. Watch it one time and then get a life. Occasionally, I catch you switching to CNN. Do you think you can stand the excitement?

Willie: What do you want me to watch, the impeachment business?

Life: You could. I had a lot to do with that, too.

Willie: I figured as much. Life: Well, I got to go now. I will leave you with these parting shots: "live me to the fullest," "grab me by the horns," "live me in the fast lane," . . .

Willie: Oh, shut up. And I still don't want your cell phone. But I do want a digital camera and a 20-inch monitor if you could see your way to getting those.

Life: Too late, Willie. You can't fool Mother Nature and you sure can't sass life. You only get out of life what you put in. At your rate, kiddo, don't look to win any lotteries or anything.

Willie: Shelley was right: "Oh, lift me as a wave, a leaf, a cloud!"

I fall upon the thorns of life! I bleed!"

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Founder Eula Hall, center, and two of her close friends, Doreen Martin (left) and Betty Adkins, took part in the festivities Saturday as the Mud Creek Clinic celebrated its expansion and 26th anniversary. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Clinic celebrates anniversary

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

The Mud Creek Clinic celebrated its expansion and 26th anniversary with food, music and fellowship on Saturday.

The celebration which ran from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. saw about 150 local citizens and county officials enjoying the food and singing of Troy Howell and his band, Hershell Blevins and wife Linda, and Larry Webster and the Mule Band.

The clinic has recently undergone some changes. The pharmacy area has been doubled, four more examining rooms have been added, the waiting area has been expanded, and the emergency room has been relocated.

Eula Hall, founder and social worker at the clinic, also had her office expanded and improved.

The Mud Creek Community Health Corporation wrote the grant that enabled the clinic to do its 12,000-foot expansion.

The nationally-recognized clinic, located at Grethel, serves the needs of patients in Floyd and Pike counties. Hall said the clinic even had patients from Virginia and West Virginia. Fees at the clinic are based on ability to pay, and no patients are turned away, Hall said, adding that the clinic has excellent health providers.

Hall said she was pleased and appreciative of the attendance of local officials.

Ben Hale, former Floyd County Judge-Executive and now working in Gov. Paul Patton's office, read a letter from Patton expressing his thanks for the services that Hall and her clinic provide to the citizens of eastern Kentucky.

The Pfizer Company provided the food and drinks for the celebration.

The Mud Creek Clinic is a subsidiary of Big Sandy Health Care Inc.



This couple brought the children out to celebrate with Eula Hall and her staff at the Mud Creek Clinic last Saturday. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Patton recommends regional projects

Governor Paul Patton is recommending three regional projects receive Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funding under Kentucky's Fiscal Year 1999 ARC Investment Strategy.

The Kentucky Science & Technology Council Inc. would receive \$200,000 for the Next Generation Entrepreneurial Schools project, if federal approval is given. The project would also receive \$200,000 in funding from the Kentucky Science & Technology Council Inc.

The Kentucky Science & Technology Council Inc. (KSTC) proposes to develop an entrepreneurship initiative, Next Generation Schools, with the goal of educating the next generation of Appalachian Kentucky entrepreneurs, valuing entrepreneurship as a desirable career option. Up to three Appalachian school districts would be selected to test and infuse Next Generation strategies into the operations of their districts. Districts would become eligible to apply through participation in a region-wide awareness program for Kentucky ARC counties.

Projected benefits of this project would include development of an awareness program for the Appalachian region to encourage entrepreneurial education program development and recognition of the importance of entrepreneurial enterprise development within the region. The program would foster

the creation of entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial thinkers to grow new enterprises to spur the economic sustainability of Appalachian communities.

The Kentucky Water Resource Development Commission, Department for Local Government, would receive \$300,000 for Phase II-Water Resource Planning project, if federal approval is given. The project would also receive \$875,000 in state funds.

The Water Resource Development Commission (WRDC) mandate is to develop a plan to provide potable water to all of Kentucky's households by 2020. In order to accomplish this plan, the WRDC is utilizing the most current and efficient GIS technology to provide a framework and set of tools for the acquisition, storage, manipulation and use of its planning data.

Phase I of the plan development involves the gathering of data and is currently in progress. Phase II, scheduled to begin in early 1999, would center on data analysis. ARC funds would be utilized to fund this activity for the 49 Appalachian counties. The WRDC proposes to retain one or more qualified consulting firms to conduct reconnaissance-level planning for water supply from source to delivery.

The Department of Job Development, Cabinet for Economic Development, would receive \$249,990 for the Kentucky Economic Development

Information System (EDIS) State and Local Partnership Plan project, if federal approval is given. The project would also receive \$134,610 in state funds.

The objective of this project is to create the Kentucky Economic Development Information System (EDIS) to support economic development in Kentucky and, specifically, the Appalachian region, by attracting businesses that are expanding or looking for new sites for their operations. This would be accomplished by creation of a fully automated state industrial site and buildings database using GIS.

The ARC funds would support the development of the Appalachian counties' components of the Geographic Information System. The Cabinet would enlist the Appalachian Area Development Districts (ADDs) in development of the system. An Appalachian GIS Economic Development Coalition would be established with the Appalachian ADDs, local communities and the KY Cabinet for Economic Development.

"Quality water, educational opportunities and economic development are all important to our goal of raising the standard of living for Kentucky," Patton said. "These projects are a step in that direction and I am pleased to recommend them for funding."

Full applications have been submitted to the Federal ARC Washington Office for approval.

Teachers pick favorite books

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

In a nationwide survey of more than 1,000 National Educational Association (NEA) members, teachers identified their five favorite children's books.

From the survey, a list of teachers' 100 favorite children's books was compiled. At the top of the list is the pre-teen classic by E. B. White, "Charlotte's Webb," a charming tale of the brief life of a spider and her unusual friendship with a pig.

Dominating the list are the ever-popular Dr. Seuss books. Theodore Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss, earned eight books on the 100 list, with "Green Eggs and Ham" and "The Cat in the Hat" commanding the third and fourth places, respectively.

The Times conducted a poll of five elementary schools covering all parts of the county to see how the teachers' selections in Floyd County compare to the national list.

Taking part in the survey was Tonya Bailey from Clark Elementary. Her top five selections were "The Wizard of Oz," the Little House series, "George Washington," "Abe Lincoln" and "Amelia Earhart."

Cassandra Fulks from May Valley selected as her favorite selections: "Green Eggs and Ham," "When I Was Young in the Mountains," "Love You Forever," "Polar Express," and "Charlotte's Webb."

Osborne teacher Sabrina Hall listed these books as the top five: "The Giving Tree," "The Cat in the Hat," "The Relatives Came," "Cloudy with A Chance of Meatballs," and "Alexander Who Used to be Rich Last Saturday."

At McDowell Elementary Rhonda Tackett did the survey and said these were her five top books: "When I Was Young in the Mountains," "The Polar Express," "In Coal Country," "Where the Wild Things Are," and "The Coat of Many Colors."

Betsy Layne teacher Debbie Bradley designated these as the top children's books: "A Turkey for Thanksgiving," "Owl at Home," "Henry Higgins," "Frog and Toad Are Friends" and "Six Dinner Sid."

The top 25 books on the NEA list are as follows:

"Charlotte's Web" by E. B. White; "The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg; "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss; "The Cat in the Hat" by Dr. Seuss; "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak; "Love You Forever" by Robert N. Munsch; "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein; "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle; "Where the Red Fern Grows" by Wilson Rawls; "I" by Jan Brett;

"Goodnight Moon" by Margaret Wise Brown; "Hatchet" by Gary Paulsen; "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis; "Where the Sidewalk Ends" by Shel Silverstein; "Bride to Terabithia" by Katherine Paterson; "Stellaluna" by Janell Cannon; "Oh, the Places You'll Go" by Dr. Seuss; "Strega Nona" by Tomie De Paola; "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" by Judith Viorst;

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Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Adren Akers were Earl Akers, Randy Akers, Harold Case, Billy Stapleton, Adrian Akers Jr., Earl Akers, and Donnie Akers.

Raymond Augustine Blair

Raymond Augustine Blair, 67, of Pikeville, died February 12, 1999, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

He was born in Floyd County, August 27, 1931, the son of Beatrice Daugherty Blair Pryor, of Mossy Bottom, and the late Claude S. Blair. He was disabled and a member of the Freewill Baptist Church for 22 years.

Survivors include one sister, Deloris Ann Scherer of Pikeville, and one brother, James R. Blair of Pikeville.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 15, 11 a.m., at the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, with Belmont Johnson officiating.

Burial was in the Blair Family Cemetery at Mossy Bottom, under direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Hall pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of America Hall were Phillip Hall, Larry Hall, Michael Hall, Brad Hall, Stevie Hamilton, Kenneth Hall, Keith Hall, Charlie Hall, Brandon Hall and Timmy Hall.

Honorary pallbearers were Alex Hall, Melvin Hall, Charles Hall, Keanis Hall, Bill Hall and Vernis Gene Hall.

Gwendolyn Clea Bates

Gwendolyn Clea Bates, 58, of Lexington, formerly of McDowell, died Thursday, February 11, 1999, at her residence.

She was born February 8, 1941, in McDowell, the daughter of Nora Sizemore Stumbo of McDowell, and the late Curtis Stumbo.

She is survived by her husband, Billy Ray Bates.

In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by one son, Mark Bates of Lexington.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 14, at 11 a.m., at the First Baptist Church, McDowell, with Pastor Harry Hargis officiating.

Burial was in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, McDowell, with the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Serving as pallbearers were Bud Bates, Charles Warrix, Neil Bromlow, Todd Warrix, Steve Smith, and Ronnie Moore.

Honorary pallbearers were Larry Bates and Ross Lewis.

Efford Tackett

Efford Tackett, 73, of Drift, died Monday, February 15, 1999, at his residence.

He was born June 5, 1925, in Wheelwright. He was a retired miner, formerly employed by National Mines, a member and elder of the Drift Pentecostal Church since August 1975, and a member of the UMWA.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Shannon Tackett.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Dr. Dickie Tackett of Drift; two daughters, Sandra R. Holt of Drift, Connie Stumbo Ayala of Nicholasville; one brother, Ivan "Buddy" Abrams of Rockchester, Indiana; one sister, Ruby Abrams Tackett of McDowell, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, February 18, at 1 p.m., at the Drift Pentecostal Church, with the clergyman Ted Shannon officiating. Burial will be in the Drift Cemetery, with the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Mack Robinson

Mack Robinson, 86, of Harold, died Thursday, February 11, 1999, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

He was born in Pike County, May 21, 1912, the son of the late Icie Coleman Robinson and Willie Robinson. He was a coal miner, member of the UMWA Local No. 8045, a member of the Regular Baptist Church and former employee of Republic Steel.

He is survived by his wife, June Green Robinson; one son, Rell Robinson of Elkhorn City; two daughters, Wilma Hamilton of Catlettsburg, Velma Hamilton of Harold; three brothers, Lee Robinson of Wolfpit, Douglas Robinson and Willie Robinson Jr., both of Elkhorn City; and three sisters, Addie May, Hazel Adkins and Mageline Adkins, all of Wolfpit; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 14, at the J.W. Call Funeral Home, with Jim Green May, Jimmie Dale Sanders and Monroe Jones and others officiating.

Burial was in the Johnson Memorial Park, under direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

George Crisp

George Crisp, 57, of Drift, died Saturday, February 13, 1999, at his residence.

He was born on January 26, 1942, in Martin, the son of the late Crit Crisp and Katie Branham Crisp. He was a disabled coal miner.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Tackett Crisp; two sons, Jeffery Crisp of Sumter, South Carolina, and Jonathan Crisp of McDowell; one daughter, Nevena Webster of Lafayette, Tennessee; one brother, Tony Murdock of Chicago, Illinois; five sisters, Nova Jean Wright of Mentone, Indiana, Helen Meyers, Libby Mann, and Avonelle Crisp, all of Florence, Etta Marie Bowen of Ypsilanti, Michigan; one step-grandchild and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, February 16, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Bob Varney officiating.

Burial was in the Adkins Family Cemetery, Arkansas Creek, Martin, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lillie B. Hood

Lillie B. Hood, 83, of Wheelwright, died Wednesday, February 10, 1999, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Born on July 30, 1915, in Jefferson County, Alabama. She was the daughter of the late William and Margie Parker Jones. She was a member of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church at Wheelwright, and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Malachi Hood.

Survivors include four sons, William L. Dower of San Diego, California, Robert L. Hood and Ralph Hood, both of Wheelwright, Marvin Hood of Bowling Green; five daughters, Barbara J. Harris and Ernestine Johnson, both of Cleveland, Ohio, Shirley Hood and Marvella Hood, both of Wheelwright, Debra J. Hood Bowie, Maryland, and 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, February 15, at 1 p.m., at the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Wheelwright, with Rev. Lowell Dean Parker officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Charles Jerome Hieronymus

Charles Jerome Hieronymus, 87, died Thursday, February 11, 1999, in Prestonsburg.

He was born October 24, 1911, in Lee County, the son of the late Charles Burrows and Katherine Horton Hieronymus.

He was a long time resident of Frenchburg, Barbourville and McKee. He attended the McKee Baptist Church.

After completing his education at Western Kentucky Teachers College, he taught school at St. Helens and Glen Eden (where he was head teacher) in Lee County. He also taught school at Morehead. He then worked 40 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Soil Conservation Service.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Anna May Jackson Hieronymus.

He is survived by a son Charles Jerome Hieronymus Jr. of Prestonsburg; five brothers, Wilmer, Albert, Ben, Paul and Jack; and two sisters, Gene Shepherd and Sue Jackson; and three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 14, at 2 p.m., at the Newman Funeral Home Chapel, Beattyville, with minister Thomas O'Brien officiating.

Burial was in the Hieronymus Cemetery, Lee County, under the direction of Newman Funeral Home Chapel.

Pallbearers were Edward Hieronymus, Scott Jackson, Berry Jackson, Robert Jackson, Jeff Patrick, John Cook and Joe Cook.

Honorary pallbearers were John Wilson and Derrell Mays.

Johnson pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Anna B. Johnson were Quillen Shepherd, Kenneth Little, Gary Little, Dustin Little, Patrick Tuttle, David Little, Willie Bentley, Tim Jones, Donald Little and Roger Little.

Clorene Collins Clark

Clorene Collins Clark, 58, of Sitka, died Friday, February 12, 1999, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, following a brief illness.

Born June 22, 1940, at Van Lear, she was the daughter of the late Christopher Columbus and Lyda Goble Collins.

She is survived by her husband, Patrick Henry Clark; two stepsons, Henry Irvin Clark of Warsaw, Indiana, and James Dean Clark of Florida; two sisters, Evangeline Sweeney of Hodgenville and Oeda Music of Water Gap; two brothers, Elmer Collins of Stamping Ground and Sammy Lafferty of West Liberty; eight stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, February 15, at 2 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with ministers Shane Powers, Jeff Powers and Calvin Setser officiating.

Burial was in the Auxier Relocation Cemetery, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Serving as active pallbearers were Rodney Lemaster, Terry Brooks, Gary Brooks, Paul Atherton, James Music and Columbus Honeycutt.

Honorary pallbearers were Randy Honeycutt, Randal Honeycutt, Russell Honeycutt, Henry Clark, Randy Powers, Shane Powers, James B. Clark, Bobby Lemaster, Lee Collins and Ken Little.



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Card of Thanks



The family of Steven Wayne Wicker would like to thank all those who took the time to help in our time of need. Words could not say how much we needed your love and support to help us through this awful time. Again, we thank you very much. We want to thank the Martin Branch Church for their kindness; the officiating ministers, Sterling and Bethel Bolen; and others who helped in any way. Steven's mother wants to thank Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for the kindness they showed.

Again, we want to thank all who helped in any way. May God bless.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, The Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to The Times no later than 5

In Loving Memory

of GLADYS COOLEY

who joined Jesus,
February 18, 1997

*God saw she was getting tired
and a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around
her, and whispered, "Come
with me."*

*With tearful eyes, we watched
her suffer, and saw her fade
away,*

*Although we loved her dearly,
we could not make her stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beat-
ing, hard-working hands at
rest,*

*God broke our hearts to prove
to us,*

He only takes the best.

(author unknown)

Very sadly missed by
Lisa, Debbie, Mandy,
and our whole family

p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication or 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

1989 Class reunion

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1989 will be holding its 10th year class reunion at the Holiday Inn on July 24. For more information, contact Mike Adkins at (304) 562-0669.

Regular SBDM meeting date

The regular SBDM Council meetings for Duff Elementary has been changed. The meetings will be held on the third Thursdays of each month, from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m., in the school's library.

Work Readiness classes

Mayo announces free classes called Work Readiness classes each Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., through the Adult Education Center, located on the campus. These classes are free and a certificate will be attained after 50 hours of participation. Participants must pre-register. To register, contact Tammy Blackburn at 789-5321, ext 295 or email tammy.blackburn@kctcs.net

Fibromyalgia meeting

The Fibromyalgia family support group meeting, for individuals with FMS and the people who care about them, will be held the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building. For more information, call Phyllis at (606) 874-2769.

Sharon at (606) 478-5224, or Dottie at (606) 433-1304.

Social Security assistance

A Social Security Representative will visit the Mud Creek Clinic each Tuesday during the month of February.

The Representative will be in the clinic to assist people in filing Social Security claims and appeals.

People can also apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Black Lung and Social Security numbers. You can also pick up booklets on Social Security and get questions answered.

W.D. Osborne council meet

A regular meeting of the W.D. Osborne Elementary School-Based Decision Making Council will be held February 23, at 6 p.m., in the

school gym.

The public is encouraged to attend.

ACMS council to meet

The Allen Central Middle School Y.S.C. will be having a Advisory Council meeting, Wednesday, February 17, at 5 p.m., in the center. The meeting is open to the public.

In concert

The nationally known Perry Sisters will be in concert with special guests, "Standing Tall" Saturday, February 20, 7 p.m., at the Caney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, 1 mile south of the Shelby Valley High School, Pikeville. For more information, call Gary Chaney, 606-437-0116 or 606-639-4047.

PHS council to meet

The Prestonsburg High School

SBDM council will hold its regular meeting on February 18, at 5 p.m.

Free computer workshop

A better career can be yours! Spencerian College in Lexington is offering a free computer workshop. For more information, contact the college at 223-9608 or (800) 456-3253.

Cancer support group to meet

The US TOO Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet Thursday, February 18, at 6 p.m., at the Peking Restaurant in Paintsville. For further information, contact the Kentucky Cancer Program at 606-672-2133.

McDowell councils to meet

McDowell Elementary will have its regular SBDM council meeting

Wednesday, February 17, at 6 p.m. The PTA will meet at 7 p.m.

Adams YSC activities

• Basic pattern sewing for beginners on Monday, March 8, 6-8 p.m. at the school. Call 886-9812 to register.

• Community breakfast will be held March 25. Community members needed to speak to students about careers. Call the center to participate.

• Advisory council meeting will be held March 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the school library. Everyone welcome.

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Nominations are now being accepted for two awards to be given by Morehead State University to recognize both a faculty and staff members for outstanding service.

MSU's Committee on Service is soliciting nominations for recipients of these awards not only from the university's faculty and staff, students and alumni, but also from the general public.

The deadline is 4 p.m. Monday, March 8, for submission of nomina-

tions for the Distinguished Faculty and Distinguished Staff Service awards, according to Sue Bang, committee chair.

To be eligible for the awards, the faculty or staff member must exemplify the highest ideals of citizenship and services. Information sheets with specific criteria may be obtained from Bang. She may be reached at 606/783-2325.

Nominations should include name, address and telephone num-

ber(s) of nominee, along with a one-page letter detailing how the nominee meets the criteria. "All nominations will remain anonymous," Bang said.

All materials should be submitted to Chairperson, Service Committee, Morehead State University, UPO 2461, Morehead, KY 40351-1689.

Presentation of the awards will be made during the University's Spring Commencement.

OBITUARIES

(Continued from page six)

Minerva Gibson

Minerva Gibson, 96, of Martin, died Sunday, February 14, 1999, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born November 9, 1902, in Magoffin County, the daughter of the late Pete Bailey and Jane Arnett Bailey.

She was a former cook at Conley Restaurant, and a member of the Living Word Pentecostal Church, since 1960.

Survivors include one son, Earl Gibson of Gunlock; one daughter, Ruth Shepherd of Martin; 16 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and two granddaughters she raised, Vickie Collins and Tim Gibson, both of Whitley, Indiana.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 17, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergyman Ondie Wireman officiating.

Burial will be in the Gibson Family Cemetery, David, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

James Allen "Killer" Meadows

James Allen "Killer" Meadows, 39, of Langley, died Thursday, February 11, 1999, at his residence.

He was born December 14, 1959, in Martin, the son of Loretta Manuel Meadows of Langley, and the late Ora "Duck" Meadows.

He was a loader operator for Jim Branham Trucking, Martin. He was also an auto mechanic. He drove on the local dirt racing circuit.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by one son, Allen Edward Meadows of Pikeville; one daughter, Patricia Meadows of Martin, and four brothers, Danny Meadows of Langley, Bobby Meadows of Wayland, Teddy Meadows of Whitesburg, and Earl Vernon Meadows of Akron, Ohio; three sisters, Linda Meadows of Langley, Kathy Prater of Hueysville, and Marena Runyon of Pikeville.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 14, at 1:30 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergymen Johnny Blair and Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, with the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Serving as pallbearers were Harry Branham, Jimmy Branham, Brad Martin, Bill Smith, Tandy Spurlock, Johnny Layne, Frankie Martin and David Martin.

Honorary pallbearers were Kenny Runyon, Mike Runyon, Dwayne Prater, Robert Meadows, Ora Meadows, Junior Meadows, Daniel Meadows, and Allen Meadows.

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Card of Thanks

The family of America Hall would like to thank everyone for their kindness and thoughtfulness during Mommy's illness and funeral. With a special thanks to the members of the Old Regular Baptist Church who brought food to the house during Mommy's illness and at the church, and for singing to Mommy. We know you made it easier on Mommy as well as us. Also, we'd like to thank the Floyd County Sheriff's Office; Paul Hunt Thompson; and the Hall Funeral Home for their excellent care of Mommy.

THE FAMILY OF AMERICA HALL

Card of Thanks

The family of Osie Hale Hicks wishes to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to Clergyman Vernon Slone for his comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF OSIE HALE HICKS

Card of Thanks

The family of Adren Akers would like to thank all who sent flowers and food and spoke kind words through the passing of their loved one. And a special thanks to Hall Funeral Home and the Old Regular Baptist ministers.

THE FAMILY OF ADREN AKERS

Card of Thanks

The family of Horace Clifton Howell wishes to thank all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who sent food, flowers or just said a few words of kindness, in this sad time for the family. A special thanks to Clergyman Joe Meade for his comforting words; the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service; and the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control.

THE FAMILY OF
HORACE CLIFTON HOWELL

Card of Thanks

The family of Lizzie Ratliff would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to Clergyman Ted Shannon for his comforting words; thanks to the singers for the beautiful songs; Hospice of Big Sandy for all the comfort for the family during their difficult time; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service. Special thanks to the Martin Senior Citizens Center for helping to keep Lizzie and all senior citizens active and independent; your help made a difference.

THE FAMILY OF LIZZIE RATLIFF

Card of Thanks

The family of Brady Marshall Collins wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman J.M. Sloce for his comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF BRADY MARSHALL COLLINS

Card of Thanks

The family of Gladys S. Hansford wishes to graciously acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Gladys was so dear to all. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the ministers, Clinton "Buddy" Jones and Sterlin Bolen, for their kind and comforting words; and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service; also, to the staff of Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their kind and efficient service in assisting with the traffic.

Thanks to all of you. May God bless.
THE FAMILY OF GLADYS S. HANSFORD

UofL group to perform at PCC

The University of Louisville Interactive Theatre Group is slated to appear at Prestonsburg Community College on February 19.

The Friday performance begins at 6 p.m. in the Pike Auditorium.

The Interactive Theatre Group is an extension of the university's African-American Theatre Program and will perform under the director of Dr. Lundeana M. Thomas, AATP co-director.

Thomas teaches History and Cultural Diversity in Performance, among other courses, in the UofL Department of Theatre of Arts. She is immediate past president of the Black Theatre Network.

For information, call 606/886-3863. Dean Sandra Kaikumba, ext. 263, or Dr. John Shiber, ext. 302.

EMT transition class slated

Prestonsburg Community College is offering an EMT-A Transition Training course in March.

Anyone who holds an EMT-A certificate must complete a transition course prior to June 30 to retain certification as a practicing EMT.

The classes will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m., beginning March 2. The course takes one month to complete. For information, call the Community Center for Lifelong Learning, at 606/886-3863, ext. 258.

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Floyd County Pictorial History

This photo from the National Archives shows the members of Henry Armour family in the living room of their home at Wheelwright in 1946. He was one of the top coal loaders at the Inland Steel mining operation. The deadline for submitting photographs to the Floyd County Pictorial History has been extended to March 15. To submit photos, call Robert Perry at 606/886-3863, ext. 290. To place a pre-publication order for the photograph book, send \$32.50, plus \$1.95 sales tax, to Floyd County Pictorial History, PO Box 982, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Technical education hearing slated for convention center

Floyd County is the site of one of five hearings on a state plan for technical education this month.

The local hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, at 4 p.m. at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Parents, students and business representatives are urged to make comments on the plan. Public input is required by the federal Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998.

The plan addresses funding formulas, performance standards, improvement of technical educa-

tion and integration of academic and technical education, among other issues. Also included in the scope of the plan is the Single Parent and Homemaker Program at Prestonsburg Community College.

The federal act provides nearly \$20 million in funding to secondary and postsecondary technical education.

The hearings are sponsored by the Cabinet for Workforce Development's Department for Technical Education, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, state Department of

Education, and Kentucky Vocational Association.

Persons who plan to comment during the hearing are asked to submit their comments in writing, and written comments will also be accepted from those who do not wish to speak.

Written comments should be postmarked by February 26 and mailed to Bettie Tipton, Department for Technical Education, 500 Mero St., Frankfort, KY 40601.

Other hearings were slated for Elizabethtown, Somerset, Madisonville and Lexington.

Local teachers urged to enroll in writing project

The Mountain Writing Project is accepting applications for the next session which will start July 7 at Hazard Community College.

The program which is a collaborative effort between the Kentucky Department of Education, Eastern Kentucky University and Hazard Community College will begin its third year this summer.

The project offers a professional development program in writing for teachers, primary through college, and will provide a variety of outreach services for the region as the project develops. Teachers employed full-time in a Kentucky school or college are eligible to apply.

Some features of the Writing Institute include:

- A collegial, supportive professional development program for full-time teachers — any grade level and study area (non-writing teachers are encouraged to apply).
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- Tuition paid by the project for all fellows
- Six graduate credit hours for ENG 805: Writing Project (three credit hours in the summer, three credit hours in the fall)

- Summer Institute and follow-up meetings
- Opportunities to network with other teachers from the region

The Mountain Writing Project is directed by Charles Whitaker, ECU Professor and Kentucky Writing Program consultant.

Application to join the Writing Project is competitive. No more than 20 fellows will be selected. Fellows are selected by the project director, advisory committee, teachers and veteran Fellows of the project.

Reviewers consider the applicant's teaching background, understanding of the project's goals, recommendations, school responsibilities and other matters, such as geographic and grade-level representation and needs in the region.

To request further information or application materials, please contact: Lisa Maggard, Hazard

Community College, One Community Dr., Hazard, KY 41701; phone 606/436-5721 or 1-800-246-7521, ext 259, or by e-mail at lamagg0@pop.uky.edu.

Application deadline is April 7. Classes will be held on the campus of Hazard Community College.

Teachers from Floyd County who have recently attended the project include Paula Collins and Anna Kidd from Adams Middle School, Vicky Pack from Prestonsburg Elementary and Mary Slone from South Floyd High.

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Schools enjoy better funding, but test scores still lag

Kentucky's nine-year-old school-reform law has not shown convincing results in national test scores, but it may be too soon to gauge KERA's real impact, a University of Kentucky economist says.

So far, Kentucky's elementary, middle and high school students have not shown any marked improvement on their scores in achievement tests when compared to students nationally, notes William H. Hoyt, who teaches at UK's Gatton College of Business and Economics.

"While the lack of any measurable increase in achievement or performance since KERA might appear discouraging, it should not be surprising," cautions Hoyt.

"Even if the reforms and spend-

ing from KERA will lead to better schooling and performance by students, these changes may take a considerable amount of time," he says.

Hoyt studied KERA—the 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act—and a variety of factors to ascertain the effects the law is having on Kentucky's schoolchildren. He provided the results of his study to state policymakers last month.

His assessment of the reform law found improved funding at public schools statewide.

KERA has essentially eliminated all previous disparities in school financing among poor and wealthy school districts that was typical prior to 1989. State spending on public schools in general also showed a dramatic increase—"the

highest (percentage increase) among the 50 states" in the period from 1989 to 1996, Hoyt reports.

But the elimination of those disparities has not translated into smaller class sizes, according to the study. The state showed only a 4.5 percent reduction in the student-teacher ratio.

Other studies on successful schools indicate that students learn more when teachers can offer more individual attention—something not available in large classes.

Hoyt also found that the percentage of current expenditures that school districts spent on teacher salaries actually declined between 1988 and 1996. The size of teacher salaries can impact the quality of teachers who accept jobs in Kentucky's public schools.

In fact, Hoyt says teacher salaries may have the biggest impact on student performance on national tests—especially by the power that higher salaries will have permit Kentucky's school administrators to attract new, talented teachers.

The hiring of new teachers, trained in proven techniques that show better results and in the use of new technology, may have the greatest effect on how KERA's reforms work in the long term, Hoyt says.

"Only when districts have the opportunity to hire new teachers can we expect to see any benefits from increased spending on teachers," he says.

Hoyt's study, "An Evaluation of the Kentucky Education Reform Act," is published in the 1999 Kentucky Annual Economic Report, published by the UK Center for Business and Economic Research. That publication, which includes other studies by the center, is available on the World Wide Web at <http://gatton.gws.uky.edu/cber/anrpt99.htm>.

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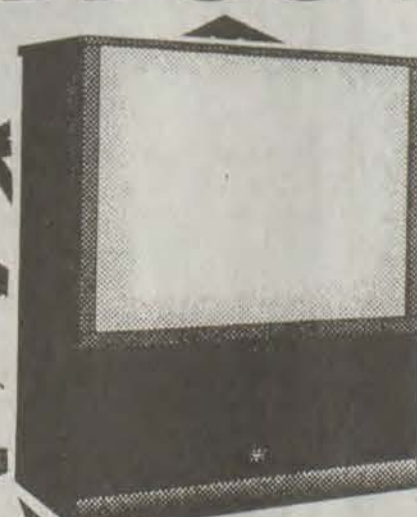
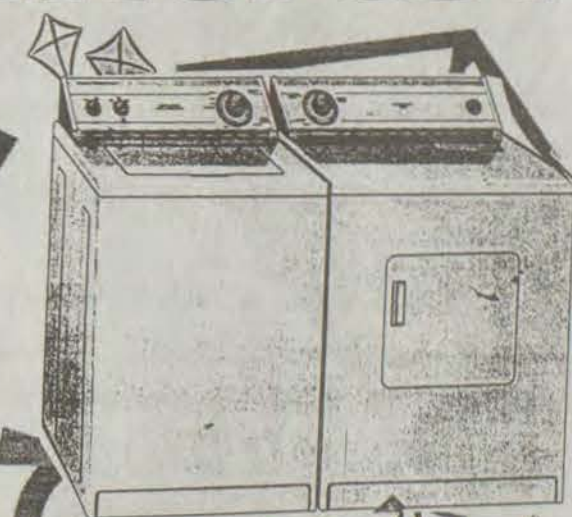
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Allen Central survives Cards' three-point barrage, 76-74

Samons snaps shooting slump with 21 points and six treys

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Allen Central senior guard Nick Samons shook off his shooting slump, and it came at the right time as he buried six three-point baskets and scored 21 points in leading the Rebels to a 76-74 win over the Sheldon Clark Cardinals Saturday night on the road.

Samons has struggled with an injured right wrist since the Class "A" state tournament.

The Rebels had to withstand a fourth quarter onslaught by the Cards, where it was bombs away from the three-point arc. The Cards hit five treys in the final quarter in outscoring the Rebels 30-22 in the final stanza.

Harley Hammonds led all scorers with 22 points and had half of the 10 three-point baskets the Cardinals collected. Ronnie Sweeney buried four and Stuart Blankenship had one.

Allen Central placed five players in double figures, led by Samons' 21. Gary Hunter finished with 14, while Jesse Hall and Brian Jones netted 12

points apiece. Rodney Scott, off the bench, finished with 10, while Larry Mullins scored seven.

Samons was trey-riffic himself with six three-point baskets. Samons hit one in the first, two in each of the second and third quarter and one in the fourth.

Hammonds almost single handedly brought the Cards back from a 10-point deficit in the fourth with three treys and 15 points.

The two teams played to an 18-18 tie after the first quarter. Jones scored six points for the Rebels in the opening period. Hammonds hit two treys in the period, while Kyle Samons had six points.

In the second, Samons hit number two and three while Hunter scored six points to help Allen Central to a seven point halftime lead, 40-33. Sweeney kept the Cardinals close with 11 points in the second stanza. He had two three-point baskets.

Samons kept up his torrid pace with two more treys and eight points in the third quarter as Allen Central led by 10 points, 54-44 going into the final period. Hall and Hunter supplied the offense for the Rebels with Hunter scoring six points, four on free throws, and Hall netted six.

In a scheduled change, Allen Central will host Phelps Thursday night and go on the road at Breathitt County to finish the season Friday night.

Phelps at Allen Central game changed to Thursday

The Phelps at Allen Central game, scheduled to be played Saturday night at Allen Central, has been changed and will be played Thursday night (tomorrow night) at the J.E. Campbell Arena at 7:30 p.m.

The game was changed at the request of Phelps, which will play in the first round of the 60th District tournament on Monday night. It will be senior night for the Rebels. Junior varsity game begins at 6 p.m.



Easy two

Allen Central's Larry Mullins (14) scored in the first quarter against Paintsville last Friday night. Mullins finished with 17 points but the Rebels fell 86-81 to the Tigers. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Tigers too much for Allen Central

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It was expected to be a battle when the Allen Central Rebels traveled to Paintsville last Friday night in what has traditionally become a huge regional game.

But this time the Paintsville Tigers had little trouble handling the Rebels full court pressure and rolled to an easy 96-81 win over Allen Central in a high scoring affair.

Nick Samons continued to struggle offensively, tossing in only eight points after going scoreless

against Prestonsburg. Samons has suffered from a sprained right hand.

Mitchell Grim burned the nets for 30 points that included four three point baskets to lead all scorers. Kenneth Meade added 15 while Ben Trimble scored 12.

Gary Hunter, with his slashing moves to the basket, led Allen Central with 23 points. Larry Mullins drained two treys and netted 17. Jesse Hall and Brian Jones finished in double figures with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Rodney Scott finished with eight

(See Tigers, page three)

Raiders roll past Jenkins

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The South Floyd Raiders are looking for some momentum as high school basketball entered its final week of the regular season just before the Second Season begins next week at South Floyd High School.

That momentum seems to be swinging the Raiders way as they posted their second straight win and fourth in their last five games. The latest victim was the Jenkins Cavaliers last Friday night in an 83-52 drubbing.

The Raiders improved to 10-10 over the season and are 4-3 in the Floyd County Conference. The Raiders will host Piarist Thursday night and entertain Millard on Senior Night this coming Saturday to close the regular season.

South Floyd will meet Prestonsburg in a first-round game of the boys' 58th District tournament Thursday night at 6 p.m.

Ryan Shannon scored 17 points with John Meade and Rusty Tackett knocking down 14 points each to lead the Raiders to the 31-point win. Coach Henry Webb said his ballclub is coming together as a unit.

"We are handling the basketball and moving the ball much better than we did earlier in the season," he said. "Like I said earlier in the year, we are pleased overall with the direction our program is moving in and we are working hard to be ready for what I believe will be an exciting district tournament for both the boys and girls."

Better ball handling was evident against Jenkins with the Raiders turning the ball over only nine times, a season low for them. But another glimmering light was on the defensive side of the basketball where they forced Jenkins into 24 turnovers.

South Floyd also had their season high in assists with 21. They outrebounded the Cavs 41-27.

Rusty Tackett, a sophomore, came off the bench and tossed in 14 points in helping to give the Raiders a longer bench. John Meade, starting in the place of the injured Justin Paige, added 14 points. Byron Hall scored 11; Jimmy Stumbo, nine; and Kyle Tackett finished with eight. Dusty Tackett netted seven points.

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Betsy Layne opens flat in loss to Phelps

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Betsy Layne Lady Cats were thinking this is a good time to get the Phelps Lady Hornets, one of the top women's basketball teams in the 15th Region. After all, the Lady Cats had Phelps at home where they have been well of late.

But the trifactors of Courtney Mercer, Shawna Ratliff and Renee Maynard shattered any thoughts of pulling off an upset on this night. Phelps posted a 70-55 win over the host Lady Cats.

Mercer finished with 20 points to lead all scorers while Ratliff netted 13 and Maynard 12. Erica Fannin scored nine points.

Amanda Hall, who has been playing great basketball of late, led Betsy Layne with 16 points. Jenny Parsons finished with 14 points but had to sit early because two quick first quarter fouls. Leslie Hopkins added 10 points.

Betsy Layne opened flat and played flat the whole game, never leading. First quarter turnovers, mostly mental mistakes, were the downfall of the Lady Cats in the opening period. The game was only tied once and that came at 2 on a basket by Parsons inside.

Betsy Layne's Jenny Parsons (23) and Phelps Renee Maynard (34) seemed to be showcasing a new dance step on the basketball court as Devon Stiltner (24) looked on. The Lady Hornets won over the Lady Cats. (photo by Ed Taylor)

(See Betsy Layne, page five)



Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

A Look At Sports

Luck of the flip pits Johnson Central against Paintsville

BUT FIRST THIS QUOTE...

"I want to rush for 1,000 or 1,500 yards, whichever comes first." New Orleans Saint RB George Rogers, when asked about the start of last season.

With the regular season all but history, four districts that make up the 15th Region tips off next week with some games played on Monday night.

But most of the attention will be centered at Paintsville High School where the 57th District will be held. Out of the 57th District has come the regional champion the last four years — Paintsville Tigers.

Can they do it again? Repeat for a fifth regional title? Some say no while others say the Tigers are the team to beat.

Paintsville is a legitimate team. With such heavy losses from last year, Todd Tackett (UK) and J.R. Vanhooise (Marshall), it was surmised that the Tigers would be hard pressed to win a fifth consecutive title. But as this season has shown, coach Bill Mike Runyon and his Tigers are poised to strike with every claw and a fifth title is not out of the question.

Of course, before you can win a regional championship, you have to get out of your district. The Tigers will face coach Johnny Ray Turner's Johnson Central Golden Eagles in a first round game at Paintsville.

How did this happen? The luck (or bad luck) of the coin flip. Johnson Central, who had a great regular season, tossed the coin with Sheldon Clark to see who got to meet Paintsville in the fourth seed spot. Johnson Central lost the toss and now must face a team that has beaten them twice.

But both wins over the Eagles did not come easy for the Tigers. One game was an overtime affair and the other a three point win. So, can the Eagles soar in game three? I think so, but it won't be easy.

With the 15th Regional tournament held at Johnson Central this year, the Eagles would love to be able to play on their home floor, where they play very well. But the obstacle is a bunch of Tigers who are set on proving all the early experts wrong and win a fifth straight regional crown.

Sheldon Clark, who has regrouped since all the "sick" have returned healthy, will face Danny Adams and the Magoffin County Hornets, the two seed. With the Cardinals playing well, this could very well be the best first round game in the region. If Harley Hammond is on, then the Cardinals will be in the championship game against either Johnson Central or Paintsville. But Magoffin is a solid ballclub as well and will have to play a strong game to subdue the Cards.

All four teams in the boys 57th are ranked in the top team in the regional ratings. No doubt, this district will be the toughest to play in and whichever two teams come out will have a shot at being regional champions as well.

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Kentucky Afield

AGE RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON BOATERS

Did you know that you must be at least 12 years old to operate a motorboat greater than 10 horsepower on Kentucky's public waters? It's part of a new law called the State Boating Bill. In addition to the minimum age limit, boaters ages 12 through 17 must have a safe boating certificate or be accompanied on board by an adult or someone with a safe boating certificate when operating a motorboat 10 horsepower or greater. The law was created to educate youth and to make Kentucky's waterways a safer place to play.

Safe boating certification is available from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. To get your safe boating certificate you must read a booklet, called Boating Basics, and take a boater education test on the material. Boating Basics covers subjects such as legal requirements, navigation rules and what to do in case of an accident. Each chapter in the booklet has sample questions to help you get ready for the boater education test.

Wildlife and boating law enforcement officers give boater education tests regularly in every

county in the state. The boater test consists of 50 multiple-choice questions. You must get 40 correct to pass the test. Once you pass the test, a safe boating certification card will be sent to you.

Call 1-800-858-1549 to receive a book and a list of testing sites near you. Boating certification from the U.S. Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary, the United States Power Squadron or similar NASBLA certification from another state will substitute for the Kentucky safe boating certification card.

GOBBLER SEASON OPENS SOON

For the third year in a row, every county in Kentucky will be open for the spring turkey hunting season. Opening on Monday, April 12, Kentucky's gobble season looks promising.

Kentucky Turkey Program Coordinator George Wright said, "We may not set a record this year, but the forecast of the spring turkey season looks good."

The poor hatch in 1997 means there will not be as many two-year-old gobblers in the population as last spring. However, reproduction for 1998 was good, so there will be a lot of juvenile gobblers, or jakes.

This means jakes will likely make up a larger percent of the spring harvest than usual. But keep in mind that jakes are not nearly as vulnerable to hunting as adults in the spring. The good news is that this year's surviving jakes will be adults during the spring 2000 hunt.

Based on turkey permit sales, approximately 54,000 hunters participated in Kentucky's spring gobble season last year. The known legal statewide spring harvest for 1998 was 17,700 birds, nearly a seven percent increase from the previous gobble season. Hunters enjoyed a success rate of 33 percent for the spring season. This is considered very good for turkey hunting.

The top ten counties for turkey harvest during the 1998 spring season were: Muhlenberg, 729; Butler, 674; Ohio, 651; Hart, 355; Crittenden, 337; Adair, 323; Logan, 313; Hardin, 310; Hopkins, 310; Cumberland, 304.

In addition to these top counties, 69 counties each had a harvest of over 100 birds. This is quite an improvement from the spring harvest in 1990, when just one county had a harvest over 100.

Not only are harvest numbers up, but the number of turkey hunters in

Kentucky is also on the rise. Since 1990, there has been an average increase of 20 percent in participation in turkey hunting. So grab your shotgun and see what all the excitement's about! Turkey season is just around the corner.

Floyd County Babe Ruth League schedules meeting

Floyd County Babe Ruth League president, Harold Case, has scheduled a meeting for coaches and anyone interested in coaching in the league. The meeting has been scheduled for this Sunday, February 21, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Stumbo Convention Center.

The meeting is an organizational meeting and all coaches are urged to be in attendance.

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From the arc

Allen Central's Jesse Hall (42) hit a three-point shot against Paintsville. The two teams met at Paintsville last Friday night with the Tigers pulling out a 96-81 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Raiders

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Michael Hall had one point. Jason Rose had 15 points to lead the Cavalier's with Chad Robinson scoring 14 points.

South Floyd opened up an early lead at Jenkins and led 16-6 after the first quarter behind Kyle Tackett and Hall. Tackett had a trey in scoring five points in the period. Hall had four.

Shannon, who had two points in the first period, opened up his offense and scored eight of 17

points in the second period for a 20-13 run for the Raiders that netted them a 36-19 halftime lead. Meade hit a trey and scored five points in the period with Hall scoring four points.

Jenkins buried three treys in the second period to keep the margin decent. Rose, Jordan Tackett and Robinson each had three-point baskets.

Jenkins hit nine of 12 free throws in the third period, but it

wasn't enough to offset the play of Shannon and Kyle Tackett as South Floyd built a 24-point deficit.

Rusty and Dusty Tackett took charge in the fourth period. Rusty hit a three-pointer and scored nine points while Dusty Tackett had a trey and seven points.

"This was a good win for us," said Coach Webb. "We have three games to play before the tournament begins."

Sports

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The 57th could still reign as the best district for a fifth straight year.

Boys Pre-tournament notes:

- The biggest disappointment comes from the boys' 60th District in Belfry. The Pirates have won but five games this season.

- The surprise team also comes from the 60th District in Feds Creek where the Vikings have had a great season and could very well be a dark horse over there.

- The Phelps Hornets lead the 60th District standings and are a favorite to capture the 60th District.

- As expected, Pikeville is the top seed in the boys' 59th District. The Panthers face Millard in the first round while Shelby Valley and Pike Central meet.

- At home, Prestonsburg will be looking for a fourth straight district championship in the

58th.

- Upset possibilities: Johnson Central over Paintsville (57th); South Floyd over Prestonsburg; Betsy Layne over Allen Central (58th); Belfry surprising Phelps (60th). Don't say, "it will never happen."

SCHEDULE CHANGE

The Phelps Hornets are scheduled to play in the first round of the boys 60th District on Monday night, so the Hornets asked for a schedule change versus Allen Central Saturday night. The game has been moved back to Thursday night at Allen Central. Fans need to note the schedule change. It will be senior night at Allen Central, so all you Rebel fans turn out in force.

South Floyd will hold its senior night this Saturday night when they entertain Millard. Again, all Raider fans, fill the gym and let the seniors know

you appreciate them.

- I sure hope that Justin Paige will be able to play in the district tournament. He is a senior and this is a big moment in his high school career. I understand that he may be able to play some of the tournament, but how effective he will be is unknown. But at least he may get to play.

- South Floyd's Rusty Tackett had a great game at Jenkins the other night. A future star, no doubt!

- Another future star, for the Betsy Layne Lady Cats, is Devon Reynolds. She is a freshman and can handle the basketball, shoot the threes and dish off the ball.

- Here are some names: Kimberly Clark, Whitney Lykins, Natasha Stratton. They are headed for a great high school career at Betsy Layne.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

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Tiger

points. Grim showed why he liked the right hand corner of the court as he drilled three treys from the spot. His fourth three-pointer came from off the left key in the second half. Allen Central used their pressure defense but the taller Tigers just threw over it, resulting in several easy baskets. Paintsville's biggest lead came in the fourth quarter when they built a 22-point lead, 84-62. But Allen Central raced back to narrow

the lead to nine points, 88-79, with less than two minutes to play. But Paintsville extended the lead back to 11 and scored the final six points of the fourth quarter to win by 15. Allen Central turned the ball over 17 times to Paintsville's 16. Turnovers hurt the Rebels early in the game. Paintsville held a 27-20 lead at the first stop. The game was tied twice; once at two and then at nine at the beginning. Allen Central held

four early leads before Paintsville grabbed an 11-9 lead and never looked back. Paintsville was ready for the Allen Central weave and made several steals when they blind-sided the Rebels. Against the press, Paintsville showed good patience and exploited the open holes for easy lay-ins. The Tigers went to the locker room with a 48-37 lead. Samons was held scoreless in the first two quarters as he worked hard to get an open

look at the basket. His first point did not come until the fourth quarter when he hit the backside of a two-shot foul. He scored all eight of his points in the fourth, including a three-point basket. Allen Central cut the lead to six points, 48-42 on two Larry Mullins free throws, but Paintsville took the lead out to 19 points, 68-49 and led 73-53 after three quarters. Allen Central fell to 19-6 with the loss. The Rebels will host Phelps this

Thursday night, in a schedule change, and close out the season with a road game at Breathitt County Friday night.

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Big move

Shawna Ratliff (23) of Phelps went to the floor while Renee Maynard (34) went for the block of Betsy Layne's Jenny Parsons (23) shot. The two teams met last Thursday night at Betsy Layne. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Skimmer boat to remove debris from Fishtrap Lake

U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-5) has announced that a 50-foot 12 ton "skimmer boat" is under construction at the direction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and will be dispatched as early as March to remove trash and debris from the surface of Pike County's Fishtrap Lake and other eastern Kentucky waterways.

"One of the most important aspects of the Eastern Kentucky PRIDE program is the clean up of our area's waterways — our streams, rivers and lakes," Rogers said today. "A good example of the need for this cleanup is at Fishtrap Lake, which is cluttered with trash and other debris."

"A few years ago, I told the Corps of Engineers about a skimmer boat that goes along the water picking up trash and even floating logs. Today, that boat is under construction and we're expecting it to be launched sometime in the middle of next month. I believe it will go a long way toward our goal of cleaning up Fishtrap and it will help clean up other lakes in eastern Kentucky, too. It comes with a trailer which will allow it to be moved to other sites."

Rogers says the 2-pontoon skimmer boat is being constructed on behalf of the U.S. Army Corps

of Engineers at a cost of \$376,000. The 50-foot craft will collect and remove floating drift and debris up to a depth of 30 inches below the surface, including concentrated debris found in shallow coves. Grapple arms and hooks enable the skimmer boat operator to handle wooden logs up to 50 feet long and up to 48 inches in diameter. The boat includes a conveyor to off-load collected debris from the vessel into an awaiting truck or container. Rogers says he plans to be at Fishtrap Lake when the skimmer boat is finally dedicated.

"The cleanup of our waterways is one step forward in helping us promote our area as a Mecca for tourism," Rogers said. "The skimmer boat will help us get that job done. And I've even suggested a name for the boat to the Corps of Engineers. I think it should be called the 'Eastern Kentucky PRIDE.'"

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THE RACING REPORTER



GORDON WINS DAYTONA DUEL

Jeff Gordon outdueled Dale Earnhardt in the closing laps of the 41st Annual Daytona 500, Sunday.

A closing duel between "The Kid" in the rainbow colored No. 24 and "The Intimidator" in the black No. 3 was set when Bobby Hamilton, driver of the No. 4 Kodak Monte Carlo lost control on the backstretch of lap 175 of the 200 lap race. During the caution period, Earnhardt was the only driver on the lead lap to take on four fresh tires.

As the teams returned to the track with 17 laps remaining, Gordon was fifth and Earnhardt was three places back in eighth. Within one lap, Earnhardt had passed Gordon and moved into third place. On lap 189, Gordon moved underneath Earnhardt and leader, Rusty Wallace to take over the lead.

For the last five laps there were five other cars, all in a string, trying to catch and pass Gordon. They were Earnhardt, Michael Waltrip No. 7, Ken Schrader No. 33, Kenny Irwin No. 28 and Mike Skinner No. 31.

Earnhardt closed several times on the rear of Gordon's No. 24, but he was unable to get under-

Martin's three treys, 20 points lead Prestonsburg

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Ryan Martin drained three three-point baskets in scoring 20 points to lead the Prestonsburg freshman basketball team to a 40-38 win over Sheldon Clark last week. Matt Turner added seven points and had a three-point basket.

Prestonsburg held a 9-8 first quarter lead with Martin sinking two three-point baskets while scoring seven points in the first period. Turner had two in the first period.

Both teams struggled in the second quarter with Prestonsburg outscoring the Cardinals 5-3 to lead 14-11 at the half. Turner hit his trey in the second quarter and Martin had two points. Martin and Turner scored all 14 of Prestonsburg's points in the first two periods.

Sheldon Clark held a 25-24 lead after three periods after a 14-10 run by the Cardinals. Matt Slone scored all four of his points in the third period. Craig Fleener got into the scoring column with two points. Martin and Turner had two apiece.

In the fourth quarter, Martin hit his third trey and scored nine points to lead a 16-13 run that gave Prestonsburg the win. T.C. Hatfield completed a three-point play to finish with three points. Austin Clark had two points.

neath or take the wind off his

spoiler. His last try came as the cars exited turn four on the 200th lap, but he didn't quite have the power without a drafting partner.

"We had ignition problems earlier, but it came back later," said Earnhardt. "I wanted to work with Skinner, but he couldn't get up to where he could help me. I just couldn't do it. I got beat."

Gordon and crew chief, Ray Evernham picked right up where they left off last year in the season-ending NAPA 500 at Atlanta — in victory lane.

"This is a dream come true," Gordon said. "To race Dale like that and win is awesome. I want to thank him for a great race. The only way I could beat him today was using what he taught me. Man we had a miracle today. I can't believe it."

Kenny Irwin, driver of Robert Yates' No. 28 Havoline Taurus finished in third, a career-high for him. Earlier in the race, Irwin may have bumped his teammate Dale Jarrett on lap 123 that touched off a ten-car wreck.

"The cars had gotten bunched up and I backed off a little," Jarrett said. "I knew there was somebody back there but I didn't know who it was, and I got tapped a little bit. We had a good race car but it's not what we had planned."

Other cars involved in the wreck were Geoffrey Bodine, Ward Burton, Steve Park, Sterling Marlin, Joe Nemechek, Mark Martin, Rich Bickle, Elliott Sadler, Terry Labonte, Ward Burton and Ricky Rudd. Most of them did not return to the track.

Gordon's total earnings for winning the Daytona 500 and Winston No-Bull Bonus were over two-million dollars. He is the first driver to win the Daytona 500 from the pole since Bill Elliott did it in 1987.

TOP TEN FINISHERS:

1. Jeff Gordon
2. Dale Earnhardt
3. Kenny Irwin
4. Mike Skinner
5. Michael Waltrip
6. Ken Schrader
7. Kyle Petty
8. Rusty Wallace
9. Chad Little
10. Rick Mast

TOP FIVE POINTS LEADERS:

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| 1. Jeff Gordon | 185 |
| 2. Dale Earnhardt | 170 |
| 3. Mike Skinner | 165 |
| 3. Kenny Irwin | 165 |
| 4. Michael Waltrip | 155 |

NOT MUCH FUN FOR WALLACE AT 500

Kenny Wallace and team owner, Andy Petree are still optimistic about the 1999 Winston Cup season, but if the first week of the season is any indication of how the entire season will go, then it's going to be a long hard year

for them.

After seeing their primary car, the No. 55 Square D Monte Carlo destroyed in Thursday's Twin 125 qualifying race, the team went to work preparing the car he ran in the Bud Shootout for last Sunday's Daytona 500.

"It wasn't an easy task," said crew chief Jimmy Elledge. "We basically took that Bud Shootout car apart after the race and put it in the truck, thinking that in the worst case scenario it would be there if we needed it."

Well, they needed it Friday about noon.

"We used the Bud Shootout as kind of a preliminary test for the Daytona 500," continued Elledge. "We took the setup from the Bud Shootout car and put it in our Daytona 500 car. But we lost that car, so we took the stuff directly out of the 500 car and put it back in the Bud Shootout car."

Wallace had qualified 33rd for the Daytona 500, but he had to start from the tail-end of the field (43rd) after resorting to the back-up car. But the team's bad luck didn't end there. Wallace lost an engine on lap 93 of the 200-lap event and would up 42nd.

"This was not the way we wanted to start the season out," Wallace said. "Obviously, we would have like to done better, but we learned a lot and we'll be ready for Rockingham. No, the team didn't have a lot of fun."

QB BRETT FAVRE MOVES TO NASCAR

More and more athletes from basketball, football and baseball are getting involved in NASCAR racing. First, it was "Dr. J" who attempted to field a Winston Cup team in 1997, then Mark McGuire, baseball's all-time home-run champion became a Busch series car sponsor in 1998. Now, Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre is co-owner of Dale Jarrett's No. 32 Busch entry.

"Up until about two years ago, I didn't really know much about NASCAR," Favre said. "It kind of took hold of me. It has become a very exciting part of my life. While the car ownership part is brand new, it's still a business opportunity. While I still plan on being in football for some time and hopefully, winning another Superbowl, there will come a day when I will want to retire. Right now, I'm learning, but I'm not making any of the big decisions.. It's a lot of fun."

The team is scheduled to run 14 events this season beginning with the Coca-Cola 300 at Texas Motor Speedway, March 27.

Last year Jarrett competed in 12 Busch events, but this year he will only run in three. Kenny Irwin, Jarrett's Winston Cup teammate will be the driver for the other 11 races.

LAJOIE IS BACK AT VICTORY LANE

Randy LaJoie had a disappointing 1998 season, but the two-time

Busch Series champion is back on top after winning the season-opening NAPA Auto Parts 300 at Daytona, Saturday, February 13.

LaJoie led 61 of the 120 laps that were called a demolition derby. Four different wrecks took out 12 cars, but the last one coming at the start of lap 120 was the most spectacular.

Casey Atwood of TN was running side-by-side with Jeff Green of Owensboro, KY when he was bumped from behind by Andy Hillenburg Atwood's No. 27 Monte Carlo became airborne, then it went sliding on its roof before flipping over four or five times.

Atwood was taken to the infield care center, where he was checked and released.

LaJoie had left BRACE Motorsports, the team he had driven for the past three years, after the end of last season and moved to Phoenix Motorsports, owned by James Finch.

"We're in victory lane, and it doesn't get any better than this," said LaJoie. "You always question your decisions about what you should do. I questioned myself a lot about out going to the Phoenix organization without a major sponsor, but James has run this deal without a major sponsor time, and I really wanted to work with Marc Reno (crew chief). Obviously, I made a good decision."

TOP TEN FINISHERS:

1. Randy LaJoie
2. Jeff Green

3. Andy Hillenburg
4. Matt Kenseth
5. Bobby Hillin, Jr.
6. Adam Patty
7. Kevin LePage
8. Kevin Grubb
9. Jeff Burton
10. Brad Loney

ALL TIME WINSTON CUP RACE WINNERS

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|--------------------|-----|
| 1. Richard Petty | 200 |
| 2. David Pearson | 105 |
| 3. Bobby Allison | 84 |
| 3. Darrell Waltrip | 84 |
| 4. Cale Yarborough | 83 |
| 5. Dale Earnhardt | 71 |
| 6. Lee Petty | 55 |
| 8. Ned Jarrett | 50 |

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| 8. Junior Johnson | 50 |
| 9. Rusty Wallace | 48 |
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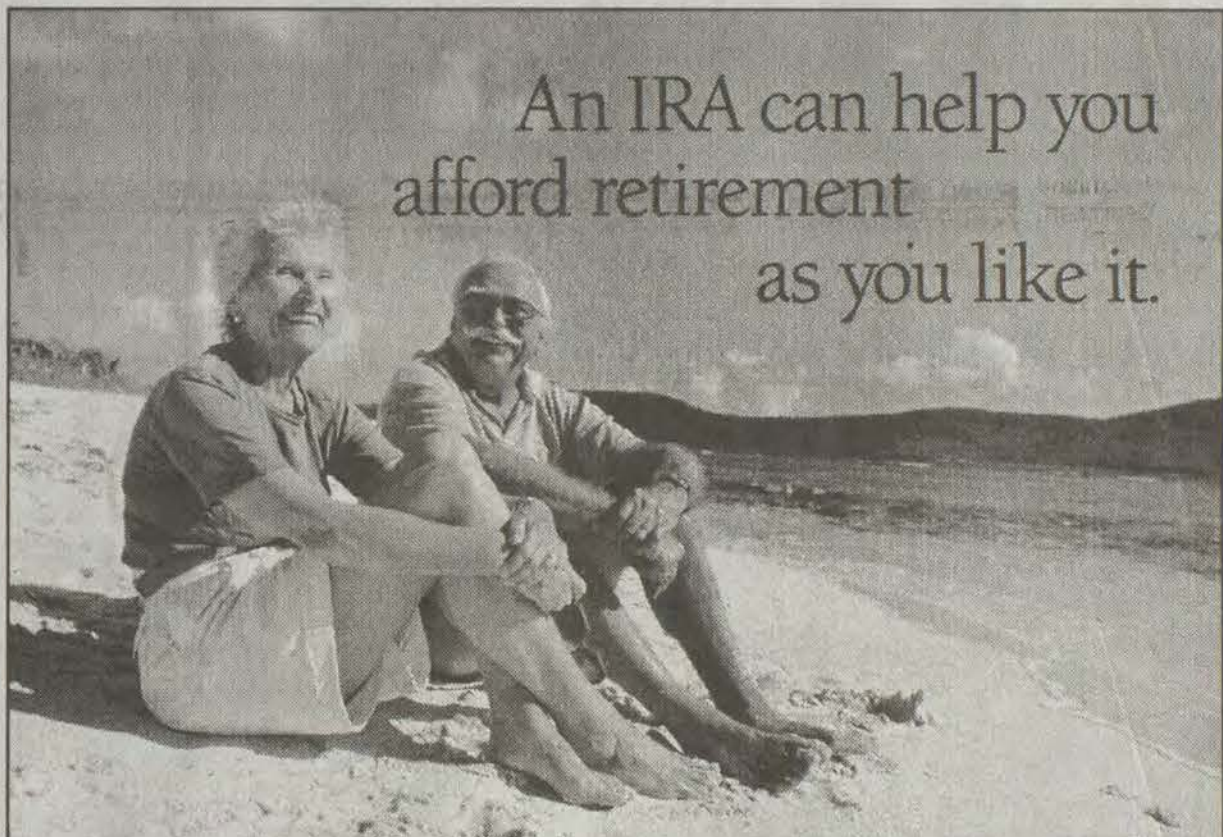
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NASCAR CONNECTION



NASCAR Connection

Last season was supposed to be a breakout year for Mike Skinner and his Richard Childress' Lowe's team. After all, he was coming off a season that saw him win the Rookie of the Year honors. During that '97 rookie campaign he made history by being the only rookie to ever win both poles at Daytona. He also captured the year-ending exhibition race held in Suzuka, Japan.

Skinner felt his team had the momentum entering last season to get off to a good start and battle for a top ten spot in the points battle. The year did start like that with an eighth place finish in the Daytona 500. In fact it was his drafting help near the end of the race that helped his fellow Childress driver, Dale Earnhardt,

to win his first ever 500.

Although the season was off to a flying start for both teams, the fortunes soon turned sour as both teams were having problems qualifying and finishing. After several weeks of struggling on the track, Childress made one of the boldest moves an owner has ever had to make.

It was mid season and Childress decided to swap the crew chief roles of Kevin Hamlin and Larry McReynolds. McReynolds had guided Earnhardt's Daytona win, while Hamlin was in charge of the struggling Lowe's Monte Carlo.

The switch paid off almost immediately for Skinner and McReynolds. The two found that their styles meshed easily together and the results started to show up on the track as the schedule moved past the halfway point.

Winston Cup is a result-oriented sport and the results that this new duo were putting up on the board each and every Sunday soon started to catch the eye of the competition. Beginning with the first New Hampshire race, Skinner put together finishes that included a fifth at Loudon, a fourth in the Brickyard 400, a third at Watkins Glen, and a third, under the lights of Daytona in the fire delayed Firecracker 400.

Although there wasn't a win included in the finishes, it did show the team had turned the season around and, more importantly, it started some momentum that, hopefully, would carry over to this season. Adding to the already newly-earned momentum was a second straight win for the team in Japan. This time it was on the mile and a half oval at Montegi. This win saw him hav-

ing to battle Jeff Gordon, Jeff Burton, and Jeremy Mayfield as the laps counted down.

As a former Craftsman Truck Series champion, Skinner no doubt possessed the skills to win in a race car, but in this case he needed a veteran crew chief to help mold the skills necessary to help him run up front. In McReynolds, Skinner had the ultimate teacher with a proven record of working with a young driver.

McReynolds has been winning races and poles; 11 wins, and helped him to win back-to-back Winstons in 1991-92.

McReynolds' recipe for success is very simple: he will just out work the competition. To Childress' credit he knew that the Lowe's team was in need of a leader who would not only demand their best but wouldn't

settle for anything but their best.

The Lowe's team believes in the way McReynolds goes about business. Not only did he bring his track record of success to the team, he turned the Lowe's team in the same direction.

Each year you always hear about the drivers who have yet to find their way to victory lane. Michael Waltrip, Rick Mast, and Ted Musgrave always seem to head the list of the drivers who will win their first race this season. Just don't be surprised if a third year driver by the name of Skinner with a throwback crew chief makes it to victory lane first.

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Betsy Layne

(Continued from page one)

The Lady Hornets doubled the score, 14-7, on a Fannin lay-in. The Lady Hornets displayed great ball movement at the onset. Devon Stiltner, point guard, had four assists in the first period.

After trailing 6-5, Betsy Layne watched as Phelps went on an 8-2 run to lead 14-7. The Lady Hornets held a 24-14 lead after the first period. Phelps scored eight points off turnovers.

The Lady Cats continued the second quarter much the same as the first, not handling the basketball. The passes were not sharp and no one was coming to meet the ball, allowing Mercer and Fannin to pick off passes for easy baskets. Leading by seven, the Lady Hornets went on a 15-4 run that netted them a 41-23 advantage at the half. Betsy Layne had seven turnovers in the second quarter.

Baskets by Sheena Akers and two Hall free throws to open the third period made it a 14-point game, 41-27. Betsy Layne played very well in the third period in taking care of the basketball and also on offense. The Lady Cats narrowed the large Phelps'

lead to just nine points, 46-37, with 37 seconds to play by scoring six straight points. Hopkins started the spurt with back-to-back baskets and Heather Hamilton hit a short jumper. Renee Maynard scored the final five points for Phelps for a 51-47 lead after three periods.

Again, the Lady Cats were not ready to concede the game as they scored the first five points of the fourth quarter in cutting the lead to nine, 51-42, with 6:24 to play. But

Phelps extended the lead back to 15 and was never threatened the rest of the way.

Betsy Layne fell to 8-11 on the season. The Lady Cats will host Magoffin County Thursday night to close out their regular season. Betsy Layne will meet Prestonsburg in the first round of the girls' 58th District tournament at South Floyd Wednesday, February 24, in a 6 p.m. start.

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Floyd County Basketball Standings and Schedule

MEN

Team	Overall	Conference
Allen Central	20-6	7-1
Prestonsburg	12-9	6-2
South Floyd	10-10	4-3
Betsy Layne	7-14	2-6
Piarist	0-20	0-8

Tuesday night games not included

WOMEN

Team	Overall	Conference
Prestonsburg	18-9	4-2
Allen Central	14-9	5-1
Betsy Layne	9-14	3-3
South Floyd	5-16	0-6

Tuesday night games not included

Games on tap

Thursday, February 18
 Phelps at Allen Central, boys
 Allen Central at Whitesburg, girls
 Magoffin at Betsy Layne, girls
 Prestonsburg at Pike Central, girls
 Piarist at South Floyd, boys
 South Floyd at Shelby Valley, girls

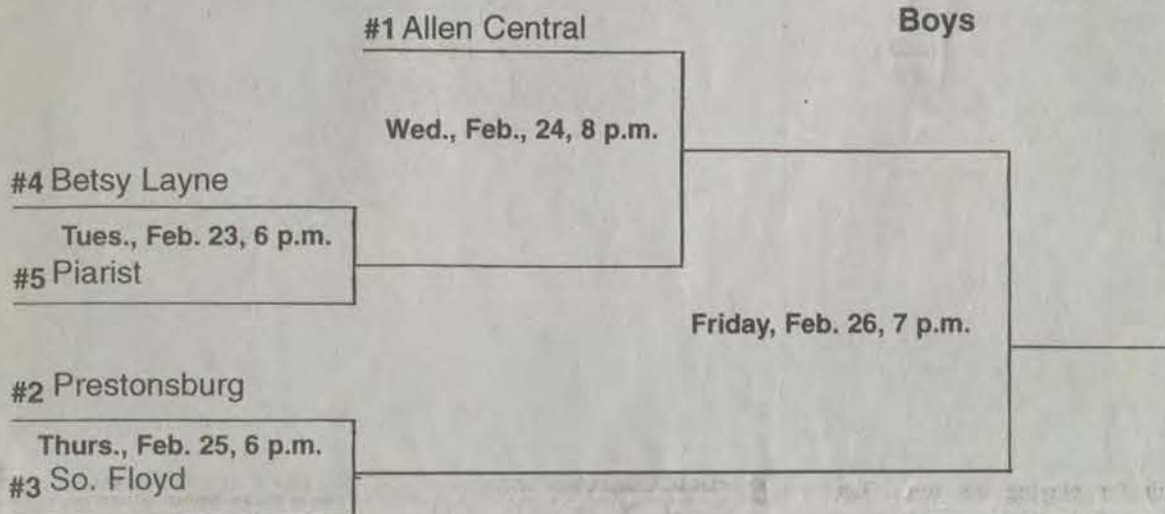
Friday, February 19
 Allen Central at Breathitt County, boys
 Betsy Layne at Shelby Valley, boys
 Prestonsburg at Sheldon Clark, boys
 Piarist at Riverside, boys

Saturday, February 20
 Millard at South Floyd, boys
 End of Regular Season

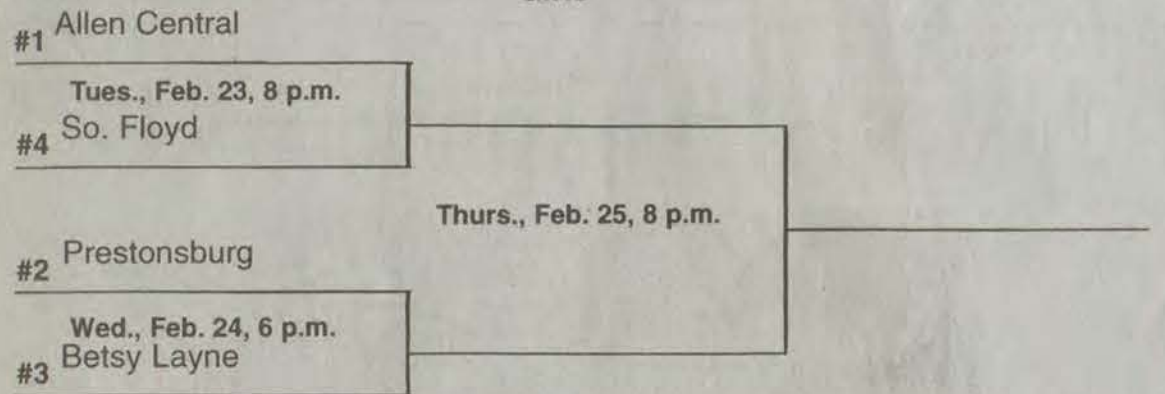
58TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

South Floyd High School, February 23-26

Boys



Girls



Power move

Leslie Hopkins (52) of Betsy Layne went strong to the basket against Phelps last Thursday night. The Lady Cats fell hard to the Lady Hornets in a regional matchup. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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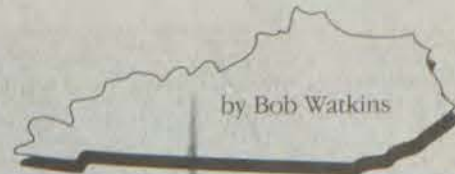
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SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



Heroes? Even All Americans are forgotten, but a kid always remembers

When the UK Basketball Museum opened last week, its displays brought fresh to mind pleasant memories for thousands of devoted Kentucky fans. The new mecca will be a success.

Growing up in Corbin, my ear pressed to a radio listening to Claude Sullivan, I have my own reminiscences and look forward to visiting the museum soon. But it was a moment before Saturday's UK-South Carolina game that stirred thoughts of good days gone by. Bob Burrow (1954-56) was recognized, his jersey number 50 retired to the rafters in Rupp Arena.

A long time coming, I thought, as applause went up. Too long for an All-American, the school's all-time leading rebounder for a season (17.7). A man who led the Wildcats to 23-3 and 20-9 seasons. Burrow had been inducted into the Junior College Basketball Hall of Fame nearly two decades ago.

Incredibly, 44 years have melted away since Burrow was a star at UK and I was a kid. A boy who took a crayon and scrawled K-E-N-T-U-C-K-Y across the front of a tee-shirt, along with the No. 50. A kid trying to imagine being a giant... six-foot-seven.

On wintry nights this time of year Claude Sullivan reported all I needed to know about Bob Burrow. A JUCO transfer, his nickname was Slim, from Wells, Texas. At UK he was a star no less bright than all those who would succeed him, including Rick Robey, honored last Saturday also.

On those cold nights with Burrow in the middle and Corbinite Jerry Bird at forward, UK won 43 times out of 52 tries. Then Burrow's name passed into history with legions of other UK All-Americans too often forgotten. But, a kid doesn't forget. Years later I would interview Burrow more than once and discover that his junior college teammate and long-time friend is Billy Tubbs, now coach at TCU.

Burrow coached basketball at Fort Knox High School, became high school assistant principal, then principal and superintendent. His oldest of two sons Brett became a high school all-state player who Joe B. Hall insulted by asking him to walk on at Kentucky while offering a scholarship to Brett Bearup. Bob stayed quiet and finally Burrow accepted a scholarship offer from C.M. Newton at Vanderbilt where he became an SEC standout in his own right. As I reflected on Bob Burrow's contribution to basketball here, I remembered novelist Shana Alexander's words. We should keep our heroes at a distance lest we see their warts and they become less heroic. She

was right, but there are exceptions. The tribute paid Bob Burrow last Saturday was too long coming. His legacy remains. His moment in the spotlight one more time made a kid proud.

The one so long ago who took a crayon and scrawled onto the front of a tee-shirt. No. 50.

UK BASKETBALL MUSEUM



Assists leader

Betsy Layne's Heather Hamilton (10) leads the Lady Cats in assists this season, her first year at the point guard position. Betsy Layne will meet Prestonsburg in the first round of the girls' 58th District tournament at South Floyd next Wednesday night. (photo by Ed Taylor)

The UK Basketball Museum opened its doors last week still \$2.2 million in the red. Chicken feed. When all is said and done, and with the right person in charge, the project will be a success, not because of medallion sales or corporate arm twisting and other appeals to the rich and famous, but because Kentucky fans now have a mecca to come home to where tickets will be available.

Still, a vigorous, concerted and very

public effort ought to be made to persuade those who used UK basketball as a launching point to grand careers and financial wealth as a way to retire the \$2.2 million debt. The list should start with Rex Chapman and Antoine Walker, who recently signed huge contracts.

Ashley Judd should make a contribution if only because of network "face time" she's gotten from rooting for the Wildcats. And, Nazr Mohammed ought

extraordinarily charismatic. A can't-miss head coaching prospect.

SCOOTER MCCRAY, Louisville asst. Brush with the NCAA police hurt. But there is a school of thought that McCray might be a Wade Houston-type. Better as a lieutenant than being commandant. However, he escaped the Nate Johnson flap and, if a recommendation from his current boss is forthcoming, he will get a shot at a head job at some level.

JERRY EAVES, Louisville asst. Has the fire all right, and good fortune to apprentice under a Hall of Fame mentor. But Eaves still must prove he can recruit. There is a perception that Eaves goes beyond brash and fiery to being abrasive, combative and too cocky. He will be a head coach one day, but at what level?

VINCE TAYLOR, Louisville asst. Has charisma, but is still in coaching kindergarten.

READERS (RIGHT) WRITE

∞ About UK's offense before losses to Florida and Alabama...

Jim Aussenbaugh, Scottsville (E-Mail): "Is Kentucky giving up better shots than it's getting, consistently? Seems to me that UK's offense is static, setting up few truly open shots. Both Florida and Alabama, and other teams before, got a lot of good shots, close in and far out. What you think?" (Scott) Padgett rarely gets a clear shot following a good screen. Most of his shots seem to be hurried, with a hand in his face. (And) what do you think of UK's ability to set up open three-point shots?"

COMMENT: Excellent points. UK's offense has been predictable and with consistent perimeter offense in decline, Tubby Smith began to emphasize pushing the ball inside for better percentage shots. This has amounted to a no confidence vote in UK's perimeter shooters. And that's what Wildcat fans are getting, hurried and at times off balance no confidence shooting.

∞ About Saul Smith and a reader's view in this space criticizing Tubby Smith for playing his son... Tana Dickens, Cadiz: "Who would you use to back up (Wayne) Turner at the point? Here are the facts. Saul's assist-to-turnover ratio is far better than Turner's; he plays good defense; and his free throw shooting is third best on the team. True, his 3-point shooting is only 31.8 per cent, but that's not far behind Ryan Hogan's leading 36.7.

Facts speak louder than bias."

∞ About rating in this space of Kentucky's men's college basketball teams... Tim Curry, Greensburg: "... your comments regarding the best teams in Kentucky, that the only NAIA institutions mentioned would be Georgetown, Cumberland, and Campbellsville. The mentality that these are the only worthwhile NAIA schools in the state seems to persist in many circles, regardless of what is happening on the court or in the national rankings. A quick check of the latest NAIA rankings would reveal that Lindsey Wilson College (was) 20-3 and ranked 10th in the NAIA Men's Division I Basketball rankings. At least the national voters aren't ignoring the Blue Raiders!"

COMMENT: If you have a point of view, write me on-line at SptsInKy@aol.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ANYWAY

UK basketball fan Stephen Rodgers' 12th birthday Feb. 6 turned out to be special after all. Because tickets to a UK game in Rupp Arena are dif-

icult to come by, the boy's father, Charlie, signed up for a special bus tour trip out of Elizabethtown to see the Kentucky-Alabama game in Tuscaloosa.

When the game was over and UK had been upset by the Crimson Tide—its second loss in a row—Donna Smith went onto the already loaded team bus and told her husband Tubby about Stephen Rodgers who had hoped to get an autograph. "Tubby and the players had to be feeling pretty low, but Coach came off the bus and autographed Stephen's hat," Charlie Rodgers said. "He told Stephen he was sorry the Wildcats didn't win the game. I thought that was really something for him to do under the circumstances." And so it goes.

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COACHING'S YOUNG TURKS

Too bad about Ralph Willard. Once projected as heir-apparent to Rick Pitino at Kentucky, Pitt's coach jumped too soon from Western Kentucky U. Now he is through at Pitt at season's end. Willard is likely destined to become a clipboard guy for Pitino again, this time in Boston.

On the upside, affable Meade County native Rick Stansbury recruited, worked and waited and reached a Div. I top spot at Mississippi State. He is headed for a winning season in his first try. Willard's demise and Stansbury's rise, brings us to conjecture about the next wave of upwardly mobile young turks starting to show up on the screen. Alphabetically by rank... TRAVIS FORD, Campbellville. Right place at right time. Son of a high school coach who grew up with the game, young Ford played well enough to score 2,676 at Madisonville High, earn a free ride at Missouri then an invitation to "come home," play for Pitino at UK. A glorious break all round.

With no resume Ford's celebrity got him the Campbellville U. job but his

Tigers have been successful (swept No. Georgetown this season) even though Ford gets a black mark for the school's tournament ban for using transfer David Harrison before he was eligible. As a result Ford will be asked character questions at his next interview, but it won't stop his rise in coaching.

KYLE MACY, Morehead. Mr. Kentucky Wildcat is wrapping up an impressive year at Morehead State where he and staff breathed life into a cadaver. Macy's name is already being connected to Vanderbilt's soon to be vacant coaching job.

JOHN PELPHREY, Florida asst. Like Ford, another "right place-right time." Pelphrey hooked his wagon to Billy Donovan's star at Marshall. The Paintsville native will keep some of Donovan's glitter for good recruiting and is a can't miss Div. I head coach. When the time comes, he may well be the best bet to succeed Tubby at we-know-where.

DARRIN HORN, Morehead asst. Paying his dues as a recruiter, the Morehead assistant looks to have gotten his break by joining Macy. A Tates Creek High and Western Kentucky U, star, Horn is articulate, dynamic, and

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BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

Wednesday, February 17, 1999

U.S.A. quilt



by: Vossie Tackett and Kayla Case

Mrs. Rodriguez's fourth grade Social Studies class of Betsy Layne Elementary raised money to take a field trip to Frankfort.

The fourth grade Social Studies class made a United States of America quilt. We did research for about a

week on state flags, populations, and capitals. Two students were assigned to one state. We worked with pieces of material that represented our state and labeled the state name and capital.

Mrs. Rodriguez and Anita Rogers helped us with the project. Mrs. Rogers sewed the states on the quilt.

We had a drawing on October 30, 1998 to give away the quilt. Kimberly Lawson was the winner. We have a nice picture of our quilt that will be in the year-book, also.

We enjoyed learning about our states and looking forward to going to Frankfort.



Betsy Layne Elementary Middle School academic team

by: Brentton Akers
7th grade student

Betsy Layne Elementary Middle School Academic Team is having a successful year so far in the Jenny Wiley Academic Conference. We are tied for 1st place in Quick Recall with a record of six wins and two losses, along with being in first place in Overall Written Assessment. We have a total of 15 members on our academic team and it's been very competitive this year to test in any category. We have eight eighth graders, five seventh grade students and two sixth graders. Leading the way in scoring for our team is Tyler Harris who is in first place for General Knowledge as well as Social Studies. Mollie McMillan has placed first in our three competitions in Language Arts and her younger sister Casey McMillan is

tied for third place in the same division. Joseph Ratliff who has tested in General Knowledge is in 3rd place along with a 4th place finish in Science. Our Mathematics category has Brentton Akers and Nat Blackburn who are tied for second place along with Chase Hamilton who is in fourth place. Tasha Rice is sharing honors for third place in English Composition. Adam Chaffins and Robert Collum have both contributed by having placed fifth in Science and General Knowledge.

We look forward to upcoming Academic events which include our next match at Allen Central Middle School where we will compete in five rounds of Quick Recall on January 23. Our District Competition will be February 6, 1999 at John M. Stumbo where the top scores will go on to Regional Governor's Cup Competition at

Johnson County Middle School.

Having to practice in the evening and giving up Saturdays to test has been a big sacrifice for many of us. We all have other interest such as basketball, cheerleading, hunting and band, however its been a very rewarding year and we are proud of our team and our school and how we have come together after consolidation for one common goal. It doesn't matter what the activity has been, all of us at Betsy Layne have become one. One school, one team, and one group of friends.

Academic Team Members include: Anthony Adkins, Breanne Akers, Brentton Akers, Nat Blackburn, Nick Burchett, Adam Chaffins, Robert Collum, Chase Hamilton, Tyler Harris, Jordan Kidd, Casey McMillan, Mollie McMillan, Tasha Rice, Joseph Ratliff and Lora Beth Worrix.



We are learning about good foods and bad foods in Mrs. Ferrell and Mrs. Meade's science class. We are also testing foods to see how much starch they have. Pictured (left to right) Leslie Lee, Jordan Tackett, Tori Meade, and Jim Henson. (Written by Tori Meade)

Recognition of school nurse



by Tiffany Meade

Pictured are all the cards, signs, and notes of thanks given to School Nurse Debra Hayes on School Nurse Day at Betsy Layne Elementary. All of the students at Betsy Layne would like to thank her for all her help, care, and kindness she has given us. She

bandages our scrapes and calms our fears, and always with a smile. She always takes time to listen to our complaints and problems, no matter how small. She makes us feel safe and taken care of just like our moms do. Sometimes I think she has more patients to take care of in a day

than a doctor does. You see, she has about 900 of us to take care of. She is the best and we could never survive without her. I know she has used nine million band-aids on us, so we give nine million billion thanks to her for all she does for us. Thanks Nurse Hayes, WE LOVE YOU!

German II at B.L.E



Left to right: Tyler Harris, Joseph Ratliff, Jacki Shell, and Nat Blackburn

The Lexington-based KET Distance Learning program has given four eighth graders at B.L.E an opportunity to earn a high school foreign language credit in German 2.

Daily, Ruth Styles, our teacher broadcasts to our class from their Lexington studio. We also have telephone tutor, Thomas, from Berlin to help us with our telephone lessons. The program is also a web-based course where students

can take quizzes and look at grades. There is also a German 1 class at Betsy Layne. This credit course is a great opportunity, and given the option, shouldn't be passed up.

Turkey project

by: Tara Case
Age 9

One day Mrs. Davis, Ms. Watts, and Mrs. Tackett's homerooms were doing a turkey project. We made turkeys out of apples, gumdrops, and toothpicks. It was fun. Some people even ate their apples at school. I wouldn't blame them. They looked yummy! We put them in bags so they wouldn't get dirty. I took mine home and put it on the table for Thanksgiving.



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Briefs

Crop loss disaster assistance program signup

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has announced that signup for assistance through the new Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program began February 1 and will end on March 12.

More than \$2 billion will be used to reimburse farmers hit by natural disasters and who suffered losses of at least 35 percent of their historic yields.

Farmers are eligible for compensation either for qualifying losses on 1998 crops, or losses in any three or more crop years between 1994 and 1998 where a crop disaster assistance program was received. Farmers can receive payments under either sign-year or multi-year provisions, but not both. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will make payment to each successful applicant at the higher of the two levels.

For further information contact the Johnson-Floyd-Martin-Pike County FSA Office, 100 Left Fork Teays Branch Road, Paintsville KY, Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by calling 606-789-3766.

Heart clinic

A heart clinic for children under the age of 21 with suspected or diagnosed heart problems has been scheduled for March 24, through the Salyersville Region office of the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs at 741 Parkway Drive, Salyersville. The Commission provides diagnostic evaluation, clinical follow-up, x-rays, hospitalization, surgery, medical equipment, supplies and therapy services for certain disabling conditions whether they are congenital or acquired.

Doctors from the Pediatric cardiology department at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington will conduct the examinations. If needed, chest x-rays, EKG's and echocardiograms will also be taken and reviewed on day of clinic.

Anyone can make a referral to the clinic by calling 606-349-7411 or toll free 1-800-594-7058 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Patients will be seen by appointment only. Clinic fees are based on a sliding fee scale according to income and family size. Medicaid and most insurance cards are accepted.

Pikeville Methodist Calendar of Events

February 18th—P.A.N.D.A. PROGRAM. Find out how to stop smoking using nicotine patches or gum during our free PANDA Program at 5 p.m. at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital Lifestyles Center in the Collins and Love Building. Don't put it off any longer. You can quit smoking. Register today for this free one-hour presentation to address nicotine dependence in adults. Call 437-3563 to register.

February 19th—AIDS UPDATE. Dr. Mary Fox presents current information about AIDS from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital Education Center located in the Wallen and Cornett Building. This class meets AIDS continuing education requirements for Kentucky relicensure of nurses and other health-care professionals. The public is also welcome. Call 437-3525 to register. The class is free.

February 22nd—DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP. Pikeville Methodist Hospital's Diabetes Support Group will meet at 6 p.m. in the Lifestyles Center in the Collins and Love Building. Call Mavis Johnson at 437-3513 for more information.

February 23rd—PREPARED CHILDBIRTH CLASSES. This class is for women who are

The Bear Den



Recently, the students in Mrs. Woods' first and second grade class at Our Lady of the Mountains School participated in a school wide Be Excited About Reading (BEAR) program. As part of their "beary" interesting studies, the students became "real" bears for a day. They learned facts about real bears and their habitats and participated in a bear habitat game. Pictured with Mrs. Woods are all the OLM wild bears.

Students from Our Lady of the Mountains were recently found hibernating with books in a cozy bear den created in the school's large foyer. BEAR Week (Be Excited About Reading) was a school-wide program to promote reading.

Students, faculty and families were all asked to keep track of the time they spent reading each day during BEAR Week.

Students tallied reading minutes and kept progress charts in the hallway. The BEAR Day trophy moved throughout the school to the classroom with the most minutes. Students, faculty and parents

reserved time slots to read in the BEAR Den (a large tent in the foyer), so that someone was reading there continually. Some children created their own special BEAR dens at home for reading.

Students wrote BEAR stories and made BEAR masks, but mostly they read and read and read. Bear week culminated with a hibernation read-a-thon on Friday. Students and faculty alike came to school in pajamas, with sleeping bags, pillows and books!

At week's end the reading minutes totaled 224,610, just a bit short of the goal of 250,000 minutes. The program was very favorably

received by students and parents. As parent Kathy Butcher stated, "BEAR Week has been the best thing for my kids."

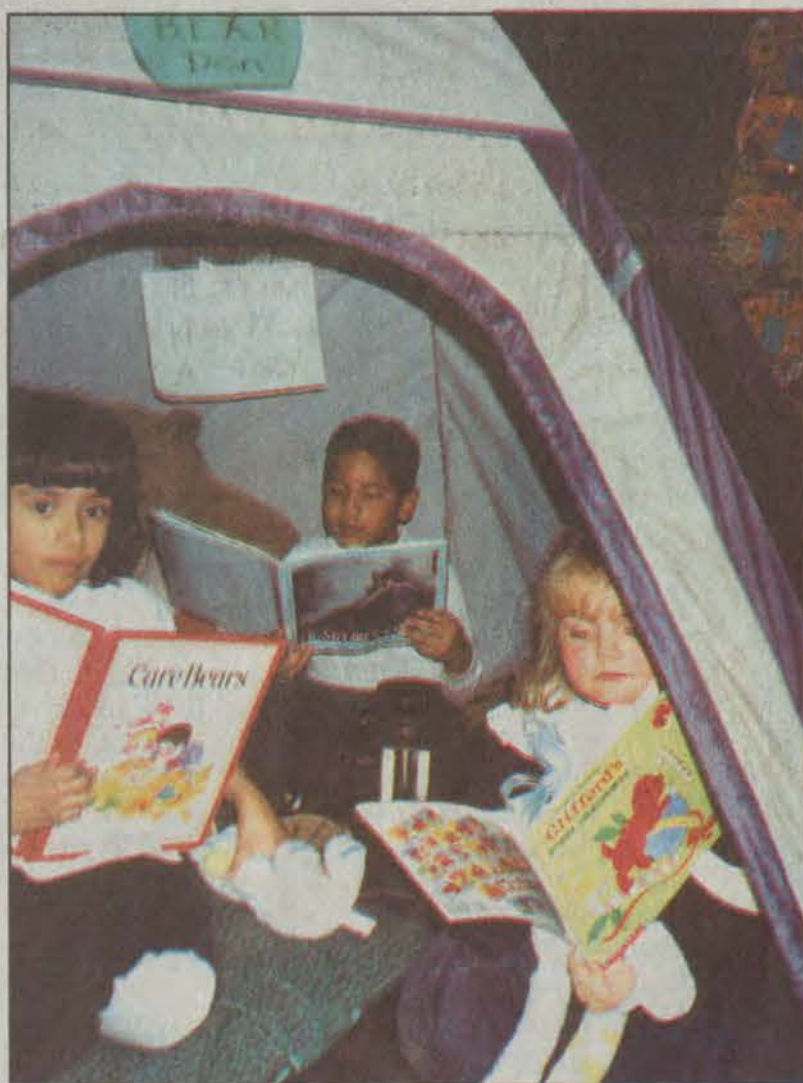
Their study habits have improved and their grades have

improved." Students have already begun talking about having a BEAR Week next year.

The students have learned that hibernating with a book is BEAR-y good thing to do.



Last month, as part of a school wide reading incentive program, students in Mrs. Woods' first and second grade class at Our Lady of the Mountains School participated in "Pajama Day." Students came to school in their pajamas, brought their sleeping bags and a pile of their favorite books, and spent the day reading or being read to. Pictured are Katie Hutchinson of Magoffin County and Jordan Damron of Prestonsburg, (both first graders) as they enjoy listening to a story being read.



Anita Iyer, (left) daughter of Sriram and Chitra Iyer of Prestonsburg, enjoyed reading in the BEAR den with classmates Larry Poindexter from Van Lear and Katie Hutchinson from Salyersville. The BEAR den was part of a school wide program to get students excited about reading.

Waneta Newsome, a volunteer at Our Lady of the Way Hospital at Martin, recalled the hospital's past as she looked at the names on the volunteer's memorial tree at OLV. (photo by Janice Shepherd)



Tree honors deceased OLV volunteers, staff

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

Volunteers at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin are remembering the hospital's volunteers and staff through a Memorial Tree.

The wooden tree is attached to a wall in the hospital's emergency room waiting area. It holds small plaques that contain the names of deceased employees of the hospital.

The tree contains 69 names, and there are at least 20 more names and plaques to be added to the tree, according to hospital volunteer Waneta Newsome, who has worked at the hospital since its inception.

Newsome, Pauline Wallace, and Kathy Lafferty and her husband worked at various fund-raisers for seven years to purchase the tree and the plaques. Newsome said Lafferty's husband washed cars to raise money for the volunteers. Donations were sought from

various businesses. Bake sales were also held once a week until the group had raised enough funds to purchase the tree, Newsome said.

The volunteers purchased the tree and placed it on the wall three years ago. Since then, names have been added. Some families have also placed memorials on the tree in honor of their deceased relatives, Newsome said.

As Newsome looked at the tree, she pointed out various names, such as Dr. J.A. Stumbo, one of the first names to be put on the tree, and Edith James, who worked in the laboratory and was killed in a car accident.

Newsome encouraged hospital visitors to stop and look at the tree and remember OLV employees who played an important role in health care for the community, whether it was physicians and nurses who applied the healing touch or maintenance workers who kept the hospital clean and sanitized.

POISON OAK

by Clyde Pack

We weren't so different, after all

I suppose if there's one thing I've learned from writing (for the past 15 years) about growing up in an Eastern Kentucky coal camp, it's that we weren't as unique as I first thought we were.

Oh, we've got our ways, there's no doubt about that. Our culture is solely ours in many respects, but I've discovered that some of our ideas are more universal than I first imagined. For instance, I was discussing some old-time remedies with an old gentleman who grew up in east Texas, and he told me that when he was a boy his mother would soak a piece of bread in a saucer of milk, then apply it as a poultice to ease the pain of a minor burn.

I told him that our primary treatment for such an affliction was a paste made from baking soda and water. But, quite naturally, the conversation then turned to bread and milk as a meal. That's when I quickly learned that he, too, had enjoyed eating that combination, as he put it, "many's the time."

For some reason, I'd always thought that milk and bread was strictly ours, and it's funny, but I can't recall eating milk and bread except in the winter time. I can't imagine why it should have been considered a cold-weather meal, like vegetable soup or chili, but I can still see my little brother Joe and me when we were four or five years old huddled in front of the open-grated fire, each with a big bowl of cornbread and buttermilk cradled in one arm as we shoveled it in with the other.

I don't know about Joe and the man from Texas, but to this day I still love to crumble cornbread into a glass and cover it with ice-cold buttermilk.

Like I said, though, this was, for some reason, for us a winter-time meal. In the summer months, our lunches were usually bologna or egg sandwiches...always served with Kool-Aid. I liked grape and Joe liked orange, so mom usually took a day about fixing the two flavors. I guess it wasn't practical to make both at the same time because, unlike today, it took about a cup of sugar to make a quart.

The man from east Texas said he also ate a lot of bologna, but he always fried it first. Now fried bologna is great, but there was also something extra special about a thick slab (along with four or five fresh crackers) direct from the meat counter at the company store.

Another thing the old Texan talked about was how much he enjoyed rabbit hunting when he was a boy. He said he ate an awful lot of rabbit when he was growing up. That, like the milk and bread, sounded a lot like Eastern Kentucky, too.

THINGS TO PONDER

Alcohol and its effect on the drinker and his/her family are well known in our region. As "guessed" before, alcohol is probably the substance of choice for most addicts of eastern Kentucky with a high rate of usage. For example, during one admission, seven of eight male patients in a private psychiatric hospital in Lexington were from our area. Although most everyone has been repeatedly exposed to alcoholism, hopefully today's discussion will include "something" that will catch someone's attention, help him/her to recognize alcohol abuse and/or dependency in himself and/or others, and will lead to

a positive impact on opinions about alcoholics.

Now for some straight facts about alcohol. Alcohol abuse is a pattern of problem drinking that may cause health and social problems. However, alcohol dependence, or alcoholism, refers to a disease where having alcohol is the focus of the individual's attention with a lack of ability to control over drinking. Physically, alcohol's major impact is as a central nervous system depressant. It affects virtually every organ in the body and chronic use can lead to numerous preventable diseases. Alcohol hinders coordination, slows reaction time, dulls senses, and blocks memory functions. Some of the possible effects of alcohol are intoxication, sensory alteration, and anxiety reduction. Thus, many drink to "relax." Psychologically, alcohol lowers inhibitions and impairs judgment which can lead to risky behaviors, including practicing unprotected sex, possibly acquiring HIV/AIDS as well as other sexually transmitted diseases and an unwanted pregnancy. Alcohol abuse and dependency affect everyone and all populations. In 1995, 52 percent of Americans age 12 and over drink alcohol; 16 percent of these are "binge drinkers" (five or more drinks on the same occasion at least once per month). More men (68 percent) between ages 18 and 25 drink than women (55 percent). Alcohol is often used by substance abusers to enhance the effects of other drugs, which increase risk factors further.

Some visible symptoms of excessive alcohol intake are stag-

gering, odor of alcohol on the breath, loss of coordination, slurred speech with dilated pupils, impaired judgment, and altered perceptions and emotions. Indicators of possible extreme intake of alcohol can be confusion, disorientation, loss of motor nerve control, convulsions, shock, shallow respirations, involuntary deec-

seven/eight are in the legally intoxicated range; and nine/ten are likely to contribute to criminal penalties. It is well known that alcohol affects individuals differently. Your blood alcohol level may be affected by your age, gender, physical condition, amount of food consumed and any other drugs or medication. In addition, different

patterns of behaviors and alcohol intake. Is drinking making your home-life unhappy? Is drinking causing you financial problems or jeopardizing your job? Do you promise to limit yourself, then

Are you concerned that you are an alcoholic? If you answer "yes" to any of the following questions, then you need to seriously examine your

drink more than you intended? Do you forget things you said or did while drinking? Do you drink to escape from worries or troubles or to relieve stress, shyness, or insecurity? Do you ever drink alone? Have you or others noticed a change in your personality—turning from Dr. Jekyll to Mr. Hyde? Do you "reward" yourself with a drinking bout after working hard or completing a project? Does a "good" time have to include alcohol? Do you buy alcohol at different places so no one will know how much you buy? If you are concerned about yourself or someone else, do something now. Remember the old saying, "It is not a sin to not know you are in the wrong, but it is a sin if you don't do something when you do know."

"Last call for alcohol!"

tation, drowsiness, respiratory depression, and possible death. Withdrawal from the extended and excessive use of alcohol can also produce serious symptoms, such as sweating, tremors, altered perceptions, psychosis, fear, and auditory hallucinations. Remember the drunks' stories of seeing butterflies and bugs crawling?

A big media crusade recently has been that of Never Drive after Drinking, since the relationship between alcohol and motor vehicle crashes is widely acknowledged. In 1993, 40 percent of the 5,905 traffic fatalities of 15-to-20 year olds were alcohol related. Our neighborhoods know too well the pain caused by the combination of alcohol and driving, especially from the death of our young folks driving while drunk. In many states, the legal limit for Driving Under the Influence is .08 percent Blood Alcohol Concentration. Don't forget, Impairment Begins With Your First Drink! One drink is 1.25 ounce of 80 proof liquor, 12 ounces of beer, or 5 ounces of table wine; after two to four drinks your driving skills are significantly affected; up to six, you may receive possible criminal penalties;

drinks may contain different amounts of alcohol, so it's important to know how much and the concentration of alcohol you consume. A woman drinking an equal amount of alcohol in the same period of time as a man of an equivalent weight may have a higher level blood alcohol level than that of the man.

Besides the frequency of death while driving, alcohol often causes illnesses and deaths in other ways. In 1995, there were more than 20,000 alcohol-induced deaths in the U.S., not including motor vehicle fatalities. More than 38 percent of drownings are alcohol-related. In the beginning, a loss of appetite occurs to that with the drop in proper nutrition vitamin deficiencies appear.

Other conditions arise, such as stomach ailments, skin problems, and memory loss. Excessive drinking can decrease the amount of testosterone in a man's body and cause impotence. Alcohol abuse can lead to both homicides and suicides. There are more than 25,000 deaths in the U.S. each year from chronic liver disease and cirrhosis, the 10th leading causes of death in the U.S. in 1996. In the degenera-

Call to Kentucky artists for Governor's Mansion exhibition

On behalf of the Governor Paul E. Patton and First Lady Judi Patton, the Kentucky Arts Council is coordinating a special visual arts exhibition entitled "Kentucky Visions." Works submitted for review should in some manner depict or represent Kentucky.

The exhibition will open in the ballroom of the Governor's Mansion in conjunction with the Governor's Derby Breakfast Celebration and is expected to be viewed by 5,000 guests.

Kentucky artists are invited to submit up to three slides of two or three dimensional work in any medium, along with entry form by March 15. Selected work must be available for installation and exhibition between April 20 and May 10. Work must be original and complet-

ed within the past three years. Sculpture should not exceed 36" x 24"; framed works should not exceed 48"x48".

The artist may choose to offer his or her work for sale. There will be no commission on any sale. Denise Burge, assistant professor at the University of Cincinnati, College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning will serve as juror for the exhibit. Selected works must be framed, mounted, and/or ready for installation.

For an entry form and prospectus, contact Lori Meadows: 502-564-3757, toll free 1-888-833-ARTS, or e-mail lmeadows@arts.smag.state.ky.us. The Kentucky Arts Council is a state agency in the Education, Arts and Humanities Cabinet.



EKU graduate

Carrie A. Music, a 1995 graduate of Pike Central High School, has recently graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with an R.N. degree in nursing. She is now employed at the U.K. Medical Center. She is the daughter of Ruth Ramey of Pikeville, and the granddaughter of Robert and Midge Goodman of Prestonsburg.

OUR YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago (February 15, 1989)

A group of local citizens is conducting what has been described as a "subtle and quiet" campaign to change the status of liquor sales in Prestonsburg ... The Prestonsburg area has been recommended as the site for a regional office of the Kentucky lottery ... Fourteen Cow Creek residents filed a civil suit in Floyd Circuit Court recently against Coal-Mac Inc., a Pikeville-based coal company, and its parent company, Ashland Oil Coal Company ... Members of the Prestonsburg City Council heard the first reading of an ordinance Monday night that would restrict extended weight traffic on KY 1428 within the city limits ... There died: Kirk Bolen, 86, of Garrett, February 8 at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Delpha Gayheart, 63, of Hudson, Indiana, February 14; Azzie B. "A.B." Hall, 55, of Printer, February 12; Ben H. Layne, 84, of Dema, February 9; David I. Louder, 65, of Winchester, February 9; Green Bud Mosely, 88, of Minnie, February 9; Pauline Layne Northrup, former resident of Prestonsburg, February 3; Fred O'Bryan Jr., 70, of Hunter, February 7; Pauline Osborn, 60, former Prestonsburg resident, January 31; Polly Rose Shell, 61, of Prestonsburg, February 9; Thomas Sheppard, 79, of Givisonville, Ohio, February 13; Pauline Sweeney Slone, 54, of Prestonsburg, February 8; Bill "Pepsi" Taylor Sr., 58, of Celina, Ohio, February 11; Sylvia Worland, 76, of Prestonsburg, February 10.

Twenty Years Ago (February 21, 1979)

Prestonsburg High School will close at the end of classwork Friday and remain closed until the removal of asbestos from its interior, and replacement of ceiling, electrical wiring and fixtures are completed, announced Pete Grigsby Jr., superintendent, on Monday...A public hearing for the discussion of the levy of a three percent utility gross receipts license tax which is proposed by the Floyd County Board of Education will be held Thursday...Climaxing a growing string of Eastern Kentucky crimes was the discovery at Fishpond, the bodies of Charlie Gross, 75, his wife, Lula, 74, and her brother, Sam Chaney, 79, all of whom had been clubbed to death during an apparent robbery of their store...Paul Osborne of Wheelwright took the oath of office as trial commissioner of the Floyd

County district court last Wednesday...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Don Sexton, a son, Travis Ryan...There died: Ruth Davidson, 83, of Prestonsburg, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Margaret R. Goodwin, 58, of Nicholasville; Edd Beverly, 62, of Fairborn, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, at Grandview Hospital in Dayton, Ohio; Andy Coburn, 88, of Corunna, Ind., formerly of Garrett, at Alegen, Mich.; Oma Keathley, 64, of Galveston, at her home; Margaret "Maggie" Dotson, 94, of Ecorse, Mich., formerly of Prestonsburg, at the Rivergate Convalescent Home in Riverside, Mich.; Delta Gibson Frasure, 65, of Flatwoods, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Glenda Gail Venters Hutson, 29, of Zion, Ill., formerly of Carr Creek, in an automobile accident; Willie Martin Sr., 73, of Garrett, at his home; Ellen Maggard Akers Bartley, 89, of Prestonsburg, at Riverview Manor; Lucy Conley, 80, of Abbott Road, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ruby Parker, 64, of Cincinnati, formerly of Floyd County, in Cincinnati; Bart Jones, 76, of Bevinville, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Vivian Allen Ross, 58, of Union Mills, Ind.

Thirty Years Ago (February 20, 1969)

Prestonsburg's City Council will study plans at its meeting tonight of the municipal building which it proposes to erect on an \$80,000 acre site which it has purchased here. "I'm guessing," Mayor George P. Archer said of the building cost, but I would say it will cost around \$300,000...Gerald Pease, manager of the U.S. Shoe Company plant here, told council members at their Paintsville meeting that the new plant near here has in one year reached the halfway mark in its projected production, with 250 employees producing 3000 pairs of shoes per one day shift...The Prestonsburg City Bus Line made its last run Tuesday afternoon as operating losses mounted to the point that its stock holders decided against further waging of a losing battle...Workmen at two Floyd county mines began returning to work Monday ending a strike of more than a week. Upwards of a thousand workers were idle...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. David Blackburn, of Prestonsburg, Feb. 13, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kid, of Harold, a son, Feb. 15...There died: Leonard Jarrell, 58, Dana, son of the late John and Cord Akers Jarrell; Pearl Harris, 78, Prestonsburg, at his residence here; Nammie Tackett, 78, of Grethel, daughter of Bill and Linda Hamilton Hall; Mrs. Fannie S. Clark, 76, at her home here; Susie Johnson, 68, Hi Hat, at McDowell

Hospital; C. L. Hutsiniller, 79, at Good Samaritan Hospital Lexington. He was a native of Gallipolis, Ohio.

Forty Years Ago (February 19, 1959)

Prestonsburg's City Council last Monday night adopted an ordinance which establishes an Air Board to cooperate with Paintsville in planning and working towards a centrally located airport to serve the two communities and surrounding areas. Distance, mud and an impassable creek crossing on Buffalo Creek were noted this week in a petition to state and county officials as preventing the attendance of children in school. The petition, signed by 100 residents, urged the building of a bridge across the stream one and one-half miles east of Endicott...Savings have climbed to a high level in Floyd County. On the basis of money in the bank, one of the important indicators of economic strength, local residents have advanced to new heights. The savings total, amounting to \$7,701,000, represents an increase of 44 percent over the \$5,346,000...A petition signed by 101 residents, landowners and voters in the area proposed to be annexed by the town of Martin have signed a petition on their behalf has been filed in the Floyd circuit court to forestall the action...There died: Mrs. Elizabeth Perry, 58, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Thos J. Miller, 69, Drift. He was a son of the late Ralph and Mary Miller; Mrs. Jennie Campbell, Hippo. She was a daughter of Dan and Rebecca Prater; Mrs. Mary Alice Burchett, 82, formerly of Prestonsburg, a daughter of William and Sally Hubbard.

Fifty Years Ago (February 24, 1949)

A Floyd County mine, that of the Diamond Elkhorn Coal Company at Bosco, is one of four U.S. coal operations which have taken the lead in discovering that sludge—the residue from washing coal—is really black gold. The sludge or slurry, now is being turned into a highly combustible stoker fuel for making of electricity...Prestonsburg's local option election, it became almost certain this week, will be held on March 26...If your license as the driver of a motor vehicle has been revoked, you can continue to operate with complete immunity from the state police if you are careful not to drive outside the limits of

Prestonsburg and 39 other Kentucky towns...The first three days of next week have been designated Health and Economy Days in the Floyd County schools by proclamation issued last week by Superintendent Palmer L. Hall, and all principals and teachers have been requested to see that a minimum of 20 minutes instruction be given all pupils on each of these three days of proper heating, ventilation and lighting of classrooms in an effort to save money and energy...Circuit Clerk W. W. Cooley and Ernest Turner, of Drift, have leased from J. W. Turner the Brown hotel and have assumed management of the business...There died: Cleveland Lewis, 64, native of Dana, at his home; Earl Litteral, 43, at Wayland; Zeke Prater, 87, Huesville farmer, at home; Frank D. Ward, 73, at his home at West Prestonsburg; Mrs. Missouri Josephine Johnson, 68, wife of Sampson Johnson Sr., and a native of Little Paint; Body of Pfc. Lee Prater, killed on Leyte Island in 1944 will arrive at Martin, Saturday.

Sixty Years Ago (February 23, 1939)

Posted on all WPA projects of the county this week was a notice from George H. Goodman, state administrator, of impending reviews of the cases of all certified workers to determine their present needs for relief before the coming slash in WPA relief rolls...Promised acceptance of \$55,000 worth of a local holding company's bonds indicated last week that Prestonsburg's \$200,000 graded school building will be completed by the Work Progress Administration...Destruction of a large portion of Right Beaver Creek's fish supply was reported this week by sportsmen who proposed legal action to prevent further contamination of the stream. The Times was told that mine water is used in washing the coal, and that properties in the water, together with coal dust and acidity are destroying large numbers of fish...Though not making demands for a specific increase in the assessment of Floyd County's taxable property, a letter received by County Judge E.P. Hill from the State Tax Commissioner Monday did ask that the property evaluation be raised...There died: Mrs. Laura Hutchinson Dillon, 63, at her home on Sugar Loaf; Jimmie Poe, 36, at his home at Brainard; Nettie Binjham, 79, at her home on Town Branch; Mrs. Green Slone, 63, at her home at Goodloe; Mrs. Fannie Alice Crisp, 27, daughter of John W. and Edith Clarke; James Ring, 47, of Wayland; Felix Allen, 52, of Northern, a son of George Allen, of Middle Creek.

FOR THE RECORD

Marriages

Verna M. Conn, 77, of Dana, and Fred C. Conn, 81, of Dana.
 Christi J. Stevens, 20, of Martin, and Jason D. Wood, 19, of Prestonsburg.
 Alice M. Skeans, 64, of Hunter, and Douglas Osborne, 71, of Hunter.
 Kelly C. Keathley, 18, of Grethel, and George E. Frazier, 22, of Grethel.
 Betsy R. Johnson, 18, of Melvin, and Landon G. Frazier, 18, of McDowell.
 Kara H. Hall, 30, of Martin, and Gerald D. Innon, 38, of Banner.
 Michelle Akers, 17, of Harold, and Bryce Kidd, 21, of Honaker.
 Tabitha L. Caudill, 20, of Pikeville, and Jason N. Hall, 24, of Galveston.

Prestonsburg Dispatch Logs

JANUARY 27

10:04 motorist locked keys in vehicle behind Johnson Building at PCC
 11:50 accident with injuries at the hospital exit
 1:43 car broke down on US23S
 4:50 motorist locked keys in vehicle at the unemployment office
 6:03 reckless driver at the Allen red lights
 6:41 accident without injuries at RT302 Bridge
 8:05 reckless driver at KY80E
 12:45 motorist locked keys in vehicle at PCC
 3:45 motorist locked keys in vehicle beside Billy Rays
 3:50 theft related call at Wal Mart
 3:58 theft related call at PCC
 4:18 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Food City
 4:37 911 hang up at Adams Middle School
 5:43 fight in progress at the corner of Highlands/Dingus
 8:37 motorist locked keys in vehicle at PCC
 9:02 motorist locked keys in vehicle Sam an Tonios
 9:53 car broke down at Porter Lane

JANUARY 28

1:35 harassment in the Prestonsburg area
 2:06 suspicious person at Super America
 2:09 fight in progress at Burke Ave
 3:00 disturbance on Burke Ave
 8:08 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Big Sandy ADD
 8:35 car broke down at 23/University Dr
 8:40 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Kelly Lane
 9:01 motorist locked keys in vehicle at N Arnold Ave
 9:05 alarm activated at Tobacco Joint
 9:14 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Post Office
 2:20 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Riverside Nursing Home
 3:04 car broke down on RT114
 5:46 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Catos
 6:31 accident without injuries at Food City Lights
 6:55 domestic problems at Hyden Trailer Park
 10:14 suspicious vehicle at Highland Terrace
 11:36 intoxicated person at Super America

JANUARY 29

2:51 suspicious person at Arnold Ave
 11:45 motorist locked keys in vehicle at post office
 12:56 car broke down at Richmond Plaza
 1:39 reckless driver on US23N
 1:49 motorist locked keys in vehicle at McDonald's
 3:41 car broke down at 1428/23 red lights
 4:03 accident without injuries on S Lake Dr
 6:20 car broke down at StarBank
 6:38 disturbance on S Lake Dr
 9:00 theft related at Wal Mart
 10:37 DUI RT80/302
 10:50 accident without injuries 23/Super 8
 11:09 clear lot at Wendy's

JANUARY 30

0:31 disturbance at Cliffside apts.
 1:07 intoxicated person at Holiday Inn
 1:15 DUI at Holiday Inn
 1:21 DUI at jail
 2:30 intoxicated person at Hardees

4:32 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Old Court House
 9:14 car broke down on 1428/302 intersection
 11:21 suspicious person at Cliffside apts.
 11:46 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Highland Plaza
 12:52 suspicious person on N Arnold Ave
 2:41 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Service Master
 3:59 accident without injuries on Burke Ave
 4:51 suspicious person at the health department
 6:01 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Allen Apts.
 6:22 theft related on N Arnold Ave
 7:33 disturbance at Pizza Hut
 7:55 alarm activated at Union 76
 8:02 alarm activated on S Lake Dr
 8:19 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Front apts.

FEBRUARY 1

9:15 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Farm Bureau
 10:25 debris in road on 23S
 2:31 911 hang up at Appalachian Research
 2:32 disturbance on N Lake Dr
 2:58 reckless driver on 114/E
 3:47 shoplifter at Wal Mart
 5:26 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Mountain Comp
 8:28 suspicious person on S Central
 8:48 domestic call on N Arnold Ave

FEBRUARY 2

1:28 suspicious person at Super 8
 11:33 car broke down on 114/Arnold Ave intersection
 11:57 shoplifter at Wal-Mart
 5:11 motorist locked keys in vehicle at Wal Mart
 5:26 shoplifter at Wal Mart
 6:31 suspicious person on Hager St
 9:22 accident without injuries at Wal Mart light
 10:29 car broke down at Court House

FEBRUARY 4

0:45 car broke down at Foodland

District Court

Editor's note: All first offense DUIs are allowed to do two days public service in lieu of \$200 of the total court costs and fines. All individuals who are charged in cases involving alcohol or drugs must undergo counseling.

Brenda Reynolds, 35, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication 1st/2nd, disorderly conduct, \$158.50 in fines.
 John D. Click, 21, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication 3rd, 60 days in jail, \$93.50 in fines.
 Malcolm Poe, 36, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication 3rd, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, 14 days in jail, \$183.50 in fines.
 Jonathon Crider, 26, Auxier, alcohol intoxication 3rd, \$93.50
 Thomas Tyler Hicks, 18, Hueysville, alcohol intoxication 3rd, disorderly conduct, 21 days in jail, \$93.50 in fines.
 James Gilliam, 19, Wheelwright, alcohol intoxication 1st/2nd, \$133.50 in fines.
 Allen C. Bennett, 21, East Point, alcohol intoxication 1st/2nd, \$133.50 in fines.
 Danny Hall, 18, Argillite, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, failure to wear a seatbelt, \$203.50 in fines.
 James Gilliam, 19, Wheelwright, leaving an accident, \$88.50 in fines.
 Jackie Gayheart, DUI, 2 days in jail, alcohol drug education, \$508.50 in fines.
 John Wayne Chambers, 22, Teaberry, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia use/possession 1st, \$223.50 in fines.
 Raymond Coney, 21, Royaltown, resisting arrest, 15 days in jail, \$93.50 in fines.
 Ollie Leslie, 29, Prestonsburg, possession of marijuana, \$183.50 in fines.
 Mark E. Dehorty, 28, Prestonsburg, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia use/possession 1st, \$183.50 in fines.
 Jerry D. Smith, 21, Cordova, SC, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicant, no insurance, failure to wear a seatbelt, failure to notify DOT/ADD, one day in jail, alcohol drug education, 2 days public service, \$1058.50 in fines.
 Brenda S. Sturgill, 54, alcohol intoxication, \$183.50 in fines.
 Judy W. Sumpter, 46, driving

DUI with a suspended license 1st, alcohol intoxication, \$278.50 in fines.

Virgil T. Bowling, 23, reckless driving, failure to wear a seatbelt, \$193.50 in fines.

Jason D. Hackworth, 20, operating a motor vehicle under the influence under 21, license suspended 30 days, \$178.50 in fines.

Oscar Short, 28, Wayland, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant, minor possession/ alcohol, license suspended 90 days, alcohol drug education, 2 days public service, \$608.50 in fines.

Claude Gearheart, 27, Martin, operating a motor vehicle under the influence 2nd, driving DUI with a suspended license 1st, \$768.50 in fines.

Bonnie Shepherd, 54, Prestonsburg, theft by deception, 90 days in jail, \$1075.00 in fines.

Mander A. Johnson, 25, Hi Hat, KA, improper or no windshield, \$78.50 in fines.

Everett W. Bordine, 25, Pikeville, no insurance, failure to wear a seatbelt, \$143.50 in fines.

Mardy Mollette Jr, 29, Shelbiana, speeding 19 mph over limit, \$106.50 in fines.

Gabriel D. Howell, 19, Harold, speeding 20 mph over limit, \$108.50 in fines.

Randy L. Howell, 21, Pikeville, no KY reg plates, no insurance, \$118.50 in fines.

John M. Kidd, 43, Harold, failure to wear a seatbelt, \$93.50 in fines.

Angela C. Jarvis, 26, Pikeville, speeding 16 mph over limit, referred to state traffic school, \$43.50 in fines.

Larry Anderson, 27, Galveston, attempted burglary 3rd, criminal mischief, 6 months in jail, \$62.50 in fines.

Restaurant, School, and Mobile Home Park Inspections

Editor's note: All inspections are made by Floyd County Health Department or environmentalists Russell Wallace, Mark Johnson, and Janet Conley.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, food inspection, 91: Prep hand sink soiled, slow draining, not maintained. Maintenance equipment not properly stored, mop not inverted. Improper storage of single serving articles (napkins, plates, cups). Food contact not clean, mixer head. Non-food contact not clean, bottom of reach-in freezer. Improper storage of clean utensils. Non-food contact shelving rusted.
 The David School, school inspection report, 96. Hand sink not in operation in men's restroom, near classrooms.
 The David School, cafeteria, 99. Ceiling tile missing in storage and hot water tank area.
 Orion Foods, Action Inc., Ivel, courtesy inspection, 95. Condiment containers not identified with label in food preparation area. Bottom of reach-in refrigeration unit in storage area not maintained. Single serving articles (wiping cloths) stored on floor in dish area. Floors not clean in preparation area, storage area and walk-in freezer. Ceiling in preparation and dish area not approved to be smooth and easily cleanable. Deli approved for opening.

G&L Bar and Carry Out, McDowell, retail food establishment report, 95. Faucets in restroom needing repair. Restroom needs self-closing door repair. No toilet paper in men's room. No covered receptacle in women's restroom. Floors constructed of unsanitizable material. Mop head stored on floor. Some debris in outside area.

Food World, Stanville, retail food establishment report, 75. Not all refrigeration and freezer units have thermometers. Cabbage stored on floor in walk-in. Foods not requiring cooking or washing stored with foods that do. Mops and buffer pads being washed in three compartment sink. Meat trays stored on floor. Leak under hand wash sink in women's restroom. Mop water being dumped outside. Both restrooms in need of more intensive cleaning. No soap at the hand wash sink in restroom. Large gaps under and on sides of back entrance doors. Restroom walls in bad repair. No light in milk cooler, walk-in freezer or meat cooler. Cleaning equipment stored on floor. Mop heads stored on floor. Most display coolers in bad repair.

John M. Stumbo Elementary School Cafeteria, food inspection, follow-up, not rated. Upright freezer

noted on previous inspection has been taken out of use. Temperature compliance on other smaller freezers acceptable. Walk-in freezer was not overcrowded and temperature acceptable.

Betsy Layne High School Cafeteria, follow up, not rated. All violations of previous inspection have been corrected, except the walk-in freezer is crowded.

Care-A-Lot, Martin, food inspection, 97. No self-closing door on restrooms. Lights in restrooms unshielded.

Osborne's Restaurant and Pizza, food inspection, follow-up, 97. Violations from previous inspection corrected, except floors in disrepair and not of non-porous surface in dining area, ceiling in food area in disrepair, and hood and exhaust fan soiled.

J&H Stop and Shop, Estill, pre-opening inspection, not rated. Deli not open yet, retail inspection only. Thermometers not in all cooling units. Food observed stored on floors. Restroom faucet in disrepair. Floor in slight disrepair. Ceiling restroom in disrepair. Restroom exhaust fan in disrepair. Mop head stored on floor. Need morgue area in cooler.

Wayland Quick Mart, pre-opening inspection, not rated. Deli not open yet, retail inspection only. Pet food stored next to cleaning items on display shelves. Open sugar under coffee maker. Pop stored on floor of walk-in and display area. Restrooms have no self-closing doors or soap. No light in walk-in. Cleaning supplies stored improperly. Litter in back of store. Mop head on floor. Thermometers not observed in all cooling units. Expired Excedrin and razor on counter.

Property transfers

Harold G. and Sherrie Dixon to Robert and Misty Jervis, property at Hippo.

Adrian Gunnell and Anna H. Gunnell to Margaret J. Hays, property along US 23, specific location not listed.

James Bailey Hall Jr. and Pamela Bea Hall to Doug and Angela Kisor, warranty deed, property location not listed.

April Lynn Maddox Gayheart to April Lynn Maddox Gayheart and Jackie Mich Gayheart, property in Martin.

Jimmy Johnson and Anna Johnson to Joey Tackett and Sherlene Tackett, quitclaim deed, property at Weeksbury.

Master Commissioner William S. Kendrick to Linda Kay Samons, property location not listed.

Bobby Sinters and Lola A. Sinters; Norma Sinters Letourneau and Louis Letourneau; Clotene Sinters Fuller and George Fuller; Georgene Sinters Irick and Paul Irick; and Irvin Arrowood, by Special Master Commissioner Clyde F. Johnson, to Bobby Sinters, property at Betsy Layne.

Virgil B. Hall and Erma Jane Hall to Carlos Johnson and Wilma Johnson, property at Abner Fork.

Floyd County Board of Education to Commonwealth of Kentucky for use by Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, property at KY 114 and South Clark Road (2 parcels).

Thelma Jones to Jerry Jones, property on Left Beaver Creek at Melvin.

Belva Vanover, Sarah Vanover, George Vanover and Bridgett Vanover to Carmel Conley and Brenda Conley, property on Right Beaver Creek.

J&N Land Co. to Roger Dean Osborn and Deborah Osborn, property on US 23, specific location not listed.

Master Commissioner William S. Kendrick, for First Commonwealth Bank, to Jeanice Hall, property at Barn Hollow on Left Beaver Creek.

Stallard Boyd to Mark Love, property at Hunt's Branch of Prater Creek.

Master Commissioner William S. Kendrick to Mid-State Trust IV, property on Toler Creek.

Sheila Crisp Lee and Stanley M. Lee and Robert Terry Lee to Stanley Everett Lee and Myonghue Lee, property on Beaver Creek at the mouth of Arkansas.

S.S.S.&P. Inc. to Danny Ray Smith and Judy C. Wicker, property on Maynard Branch of Mare Creek.

Judy Ousley and Denver Ousley, Alice Prater, Peggy Jo Prater Hopkins and Gordon Hopkins, Brenda Prater Wilkinson, Ralph E. Prater, Phyllis Prater Dotson, Curtis

E. Prater and Angie Prater, Bonnie Prater Ousley and Gary Ousley, Ima Jean Prater Nelson and Rebel Nelson, Michael Ernest Prater, Charles D. Johnson and Martha H. Johnson, Janet S. Johnson, Ruth Douglas Prater, Charles Prater and Mary Ruth Prater, Arnold Prater and Berneice Prater, Lona Hall, by Special Master Commissioner Martin L. Osborne, Kenneth E. Prater Jr. and Sadie Prater, Connie Prater and Ted McGinnis, Susan Reffett and Bill Reffett, to Russell Shepherd and Caren Shepherd, property location not listed.

Charles C. Prater and Mary Ruth Prater to Arnold Prater, property location not listed.

Tommy D. Hall and Bonnie J. Hall to Larry Douglas Hall, property in Ivel.

Edgar Crucey and Joyce Crucey to Junior Lawson and Ester Lawson, property location not listed.

Johnny M. Flannery to Johnny M. Flannery, property near Martin.

Paul D. Porter to S & P Land Development, property on Beaver Creek between Allen and Martin.

Billy G. Slone and Deborah L. Slone to Thomas R. Hough and Louann Hough, property on Daniels Creek.

Billy Ray Marsillett et ux, Evelyn Marsillett, Jimmy Douglas Marsillett et ux, Phyllis Marsillett, Smith Edward Marsillett et ux, Priscilla Marsillett, Larry Kenneth Marsillett et ux, and Caroline Marsillett, warranty deed to Sulia Dixon Marsillett, Judith Carol M. Gayheart et ux, and Jeff Gayheart, property at Dotson Branch of Bull Creek.

Sulia D. Marsillett, Judith Carol M. Gayheart et ux, Jeff Gayheart, Jimmy Douglas Marsillett et ux, Phyllis Marsillett, Smith Edward Marsillett et ux, Priscilla Marsillett, Larry Kenneth Marsillett et ux, and Caroline Marsillett, warranty deed to Billy Ray Marsillett and Evelyn Marsillett, property on Dotson Branch of Bull Creek.

Sulia D. Marsillett, Judith Carol M. Gayheart et ux, Jeff Gayheart, Billy Marsillett et ux, Evelyn Marsillett, Jimmy Douglas Marsillett et ux, Phyllis Marsillett, Smith Edward Marsillett et ux and Priscilla Marsillett, warranty deed to Larry Kenneth Marsillett and Caroline Marsillett, property on Dotson Branch of Bull Creek.

Paul P. Hughes, Trustee for J.P.H. Perpetual Care Inc., to Willard and Kathlene Ousley, interment rights in Davidson Memorial Gardens.

Sherrel Shepherd and Jalenda Shepherd to Kermit Boyd and Margarita Boyd, property near Maytown on Right Beaver Creek.

The Bank Josephine to Joey L. Griffith and Rachel J. Griffith, property in Prestonsburg.

Roselane Tackett and Wilkie Tackett, G. Rowena Evans, Gerald Robinette and Darlene Robinette, Ronald Robinette and Shelby Jean Robinette, Rex Robinette and Cheryl Robinette, Harry Layne, Kathleen Layne, unknown spouse and heirs of Harry Layne, by Special Master Commissioner, to Ronald Robinette, property location not listed.

Glenn Patrick and Danny J. Stumbo to Glenn C. Patrick, property at Martin.

Idola Jane Wright to Mary Elizabeth McKinney, property on Right Fork of Bull Creek.

Barbara Joseph to Paul Michael Joseph, property in Prestonsburg.

Paul H. Bailey and Lavone Bailey to Wayne P. Gravitt and Anita K. Gravitt, property at Bypro.

Virginia E. Martin and Hawley Martin to Charles Osborne, warranty deed, property at Eastern.

Robert Meyer and Pamela R. Meyer and Anthony Bentley and Kathy Bentley to John T. Holland, property on Abbott Creek.

Margaret O'Quinn, Charles O'Quinn and Gloria O'Quinn, Ralph O'Quinn and Caralita O'Quinn, Lacey O'Quinn and Mary Lou O'Quinn, Danny O'Quinn and Billie O'Quinn, Brenda Stricklin and Bill Stricklin, Rose Miller and Martin Miller, Joyce Watson and Stanton Watson, Sharon Handshoe and Rodney Handshoe, to Tammy Farmer and Blake Farmer, property at Garrett.

Lorraine Halbert, Susan Stewart and Tom Stewart, Jayne Howard and Joe Howard, Steve Halbert and Kay Halbert, Allan D. Halbert and Denise Halbert, Henry Reitz, Tommy J. Reitz and Donna Reitz, Michael Reitz and Bonnie Reitz, Loretta Powell, Gary Newsome, John Curtis Hall and Tammy Hall, Squire Gregory Hall and Sherry Hall, Hazel Melinda Leanne Belcher and Billy Belcher to Roger

Nelson and Sandy Nelson, property in Martin.

Forrest Dale Halbert, Pamela Saunders and Larry Saunders, Teresa Graham and Randy Graham to Roger Nelson and Sandy Nelson, property in Martin.

Big Branch Development Company Inc. to William Trent Naim and Robin Naim, property on Big Branch of Abbott Creek.

Erlin "Randy" Crum and Glenda Crum to Jerry A. Lyons and Patricia Lyons, property along KY 1750, specific location not listed.

Wade Martin to David A. Barber, property at Delong Gap.

Ronald Owens to Ronald Owens and Connie Owens, quitclaim deed, property at Garrett.

Eugene Kidd and Marsha Kidd, Willard Kidd and Cindy Kidd, Clayton Akers and Lora Akers, Nannie Mae Kidd Hampton, Clyde Branham and Shirley Kidd Branham, James Russell Crum, James Randall Crum, Susan Kimberly Bosely and David Bosely, Alice Kidd Lawson and Gary Lawson, Leo Jarrell and Minnie Kidd Jarrell to Juanita Kidd Cook, property on Spurlock Fork of Prater Creek.

Edd Moore and Una Moore to Edd Moore and Una Moore, Evelyn Martin, Bonnie J. Conley, Judy Schlegelmilch, Gordon Moore, Anna V. Lawson, Carson Moore and Wanda Huff, property on Stone Coal Branch.

Shirley Kidd Branham to Eugene Kidd, property on Spurlock Fork of Prater Creek.

Bertha Faye Wright and Herbert Gary Wright to Walter Banks, property at Emma.

Loretta McCoy and James McCoy to Roy M. May, quitclaim deed, property on Wilson Creek of Right Beaver Creek.

Anna Miller and Ken Miller to Roy M. May, quitclaim deed, property on Wilson Creek of Right Beaver Creek.

Mayo Resources Inc. to Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, property location not listed.

John T. Thomsbury and Anna Lea Thomsbury and Terry Mullins and Kathy Ann Mullins to Chantel M. Reed, property on Brush Creek of Right Beaver Creek.

Lizzie Hays to Eugene Hamilton, property location not listed.

David Rick Goble and Bonnie Goble to Barbara Shepherd, property at Miller Subdivision.

Paul H. Bailey and Lavone Bailey to Timothy Bailey or Teresa Bailey, property at Bypro.

Audrey Burchett and Samuel Burchett and Scotty Reed and Della Reed to Darwin Reed, for life with remainder in fee simple unto Scotty Reed, property on Cow Creek.

Edward Ousley and Peggy B. Ousley to Bryan R. Boleyn and Cassandra Boleyn, property on Spurlock Creek of Middle Creek.

Jonathan L. Burchett and Lisa L. Burchett to Verble Lee Bishop Jr. and Tammy Bishop, property location not listed.

Abigail A. Grant and Leonard D. Grant, Theresa Stark and Milton G. Stark, Patricia Wareham, Allen Bolling, John Mark Bolling, Elizabeth Bolling, and Julienne Leigh Daniel and Brad Daniel, to WDOC Inc., property location not listed.

Randy Click and Lori Click to William C. Garten and Rhonda L. Garten, property location not listed.

J.R. McClung and Wilma McClung to Billy G. Curmutte Jr. and Deborah Curmutte, property at Auxier.

Joseph Leon Bentley and Patsy Ann Bentley and Mitchell Fitzpatrick to Harlain Wayne Paige and Stacy Lea Paige, property on Right Beaver Creek.

James Vernon Collins and Temptra Collins to Michael Hall, property on Little Paint.

Minnie Kidd Jarrell and Leo Jarrell to Paul Jarrell, property on Spurlock Fork of Prater Creek.

Floyd County Board of Education to Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, property at South Clark Road, Prestonsburg.

Suits filed

Editor's note: Suits filed are not indicative of guilt, but represent only the claims of those filing the action.

Commonwealth of KY Transportation Cabinet, Department

Record

of Highways VS Ethel Stumbo of Prestonsburg & Family Federal Savings Bank of Pikeville, condemnation of property.

Commonwealth of KY for Amanda N Ray VS Timothy V Ray of Harold, petition for child support & healthcare insurance.

Commonwealth of KY for Edna Damron VS Bobby Damron of Tram, petition for child support & healthcare insurance.

Commonwealth for Linda

Spears VS Jimmy Spears of Prestonsburg, petition for child support & healthcare insurance.

Leonard Stephens & Loteressa Stephens of Brandy Keg VS Frank E Stanley of Paintsville & Joe A Thompson of Paintsville, compensation for back-to-back auto accidents on Jan 29, 1997.

Lisa Tucker VS Childers Oil Co of Whitesburg, compensation for an accident that occurred at the BP Station of Martin.

Ella A Burke of Prestonsburg VS Melissa Jones of Greenfield, IN & David Jones of Minnie, compensation for an auto accident that occurred on March 25, 1998 on RT 122/80.

Tina Robinette Goble of Banner VS Paul David Goble of Conyers, GA, petition for dissolution of marriage.

George Stambaugh VS Tyson F Wills of Prestonsburg, compensation for an auto accident that occurred on or about June 22, 1998 on RT 1427.

Johnny Pennington of Pike Co

VS John A Branham of Prestonsburg, compensation for an auto accident that occurred on or about April 9, 1997 on KY 1428.

Dinah Gibson VS Randall King of Byro & Allstate Insurance Co of Louisville, compensation for an auto accident that occurred on Aug. 2, 1997 on RT 302.

First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg Inc VS Salyersville National Bank, contract dispute.

Barbara Justice of Pike Co VS West American Insurance Co of Frankfort, Melissa Taylor of Hueysville, compensation for an

auto accident that occurred on or about July 2, 1998.

David Johnson of Minnie VS Angela Darlene Oney Johnson of Prestonsburg, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Highland Hospital Corp. d.b.a. Highland Regional Medical Center VS Naoma Spradlin of Prestonsburg, collection of debts.

Judy Rose Moore Hurst of Minnie VS Charles Glenn Hurst of McDowell, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth Trust Bank of Pikeville VS Billy Ray Collins &

Deborah A Collins of Prestonsburg, collection of debts.

Michelle Dawn Hamby of Wheelwright VS Christopher Hamby of Melvin, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Molly Estep of Virgie VS Ronnie Hopkins of McDowell & Colonial Insurance Co of Louisville, compensation for injuries received in an auto accident that occurred on or about June 26, 1997.

Shonda Daher Bailey of Garrett VS Bertle Dwayne Bailey, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL WORLD



by Aileen Hall

NEW BABY GIRL

There's a new baby girl in Auxier. Her name is Mariana Victoria Jacobs, the daughter of Joe Byron and MaShawna Jacobs, born January 31. She's another one of those first babies, the first born to her parents who were themselves first babies in their own families.

She's also a first grandchild to two couples who think she's the greatest thing they've seen. They are Paul and Ramona Aiken of Prestonsburg, and Joe and Beatrice Jacobs of Stanville. Paul is the minister of Emma Methodist Church and Ramona teaches at the Allen Elementary school.

Joe is Risk Manager for Electric Fuels with headquarters in St. Petersburg, Florida, and has an office in Stanville. Beatrice doesn't have a title but she is involved with more projects than I could cover in a page. She is church clerk and hospitality chairman for Calvary Baptist Church in Betsy Layne and chief volunteer for a multitude of causes.

Someone called the Jacobs' in Auxier a few days ago to ask how the new baby was doing and Joe Byron said, "The baby is doing fine. It's the grandmothers we're most concerned about now." It seems that Ramona and Beatrice are having a little trouble coming down to earth. Maybe if they had to get up for the midnight feedings and diaper changes a few times, it would help them resign them to their new status.

Anyway, little Mariana is a real joy and we wish them all a lot of happy days as they care for her and watch her grow.

IN THE MAIL

We're always glad to hear from people who look forward to our paper. Once in a while that correspondence gets directed to me as in the case of a letter this week from Chalmer Williams who lives in Baltimore, M.D. He said, "You sometimes write about people who are familiar to me, and I would like to send a hello to those who remember me."

Chalmer was one of eight chil-

dren born to Noah and Nora Williams and grew up in Ivel, near where the Wendell Stratton family lives now. In fact, the Williams' and Stratton's were both big families who were good friends and neighbors for years. The young people walked the swinging bridge together to catch the school bus that would take them to school in Betsy Layne.

During those growing up years, too, Chalmer was a good friend of my two older brothers when we lived at Banner. They had guitars and other instruments and practiced their music during all hours at our house. They even formed their own band that would have included Lum Click, and they would travel all the way to Williamson WV to play on a radio station. That was a long way to drive in those days to do a program, and we at home would listen to them as though we hadn't heard them play and sing for half the night.

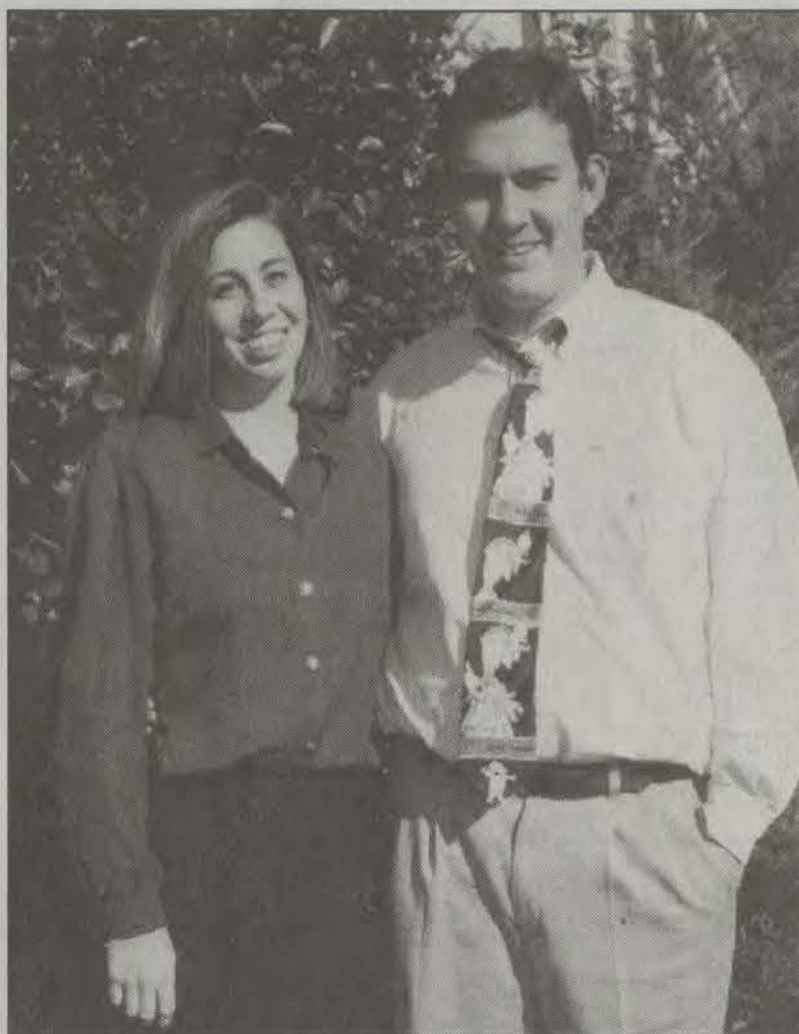
After graduation from high school, Chalmer went into the U.S. Navy and, though I don't know where he was sent, I know he had several overseas assignments. After World War II had ended and he returned home, he married his beautiful June Elswick and they moved to Baltimore. They raised two sons, Jeff and Mike, and had five grandchildren. June passed away in October and, though Chalmer has had a difficult time adjusting, he also has many beautiful memories to enjoy.

One of those memories is of a cold January day when he and June stood in the living room of the Rev. Isaac Stratton at Banner to be married by him. Just mentioning this kindly old minister brings warm memories to me also, for he also performed our wedding ceremony and was a special friend to so many of us.

I'd say that, if someone started a club of couples who were married by Rev. Isaac Stratton, it would take a lot of bookkeeping to record all the names.

Your letter was a pleasure, Chalmer, and thanks for writing.

WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS



Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fields of Lexington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn and Aaron David Bond, son of Jane Bond of Prestonsburg. The wedding is planned for July 24, at 1:30 p.m., at the Broadway Christian Church in Lexington.



Ed and Julie Shepherd of Open Fork, and Gary and Kathy Ousley of Abbott, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Jennifer Lynn Shepherd and Gary Keith Ousley. Jennifer is employed with Food City of Prestonsburg, and Gary is employed with Elliott Contracting in Pikeville. The couple will be united in marriage, March 6, at 2 p.m., at the Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church in Prestonsburg. The gracious custom of an open wedding will be observed.



Elmo B. and Barbara Allen of Abbott Road, Prestonsburg, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Nanna Lee, and Timothy Jason Fannin, son of Mike and Karen Stambaugh of Van Lear. Miss Allen is a recent graduate of the Prestonsburg Community College Nursing Program. Mr. Fannin is employed by Fannin's Plumbing in Paintsville. An April wedding is planned.



Rex and Brenda Wilson of Prestonsburg, and Ricky and Josephine Hackworth Curtis of Tunnel Hill, Georgia, announce the engagement of their children, Angela Wilson, and Adam Curtis. Angela is the granddaughter of Mae Newsome of Prestonsburg, and the late Alvin Newsome, and Rex and Elizabeth Wilson of Melvin. Adam is the grandson of Romine and Alva Hackworth of David, and the late Jack and Betty Curtis. The couple are planning a May wedding.

Briefs

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between their sixth and seventh month of pregnancy and a support person. Class meets once each week, either on Tuesday or Thursday evenings, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital Education Center. Call 437-3938 to register. The classes are free.

February 23rd—GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS. Gamblers Anonymous meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Pikeville Methodist Hospital's Lifestyles Center.

Camp Nathanael's spring adult/fellowship dinner

On February 26, adults can sit down at the table to a down-home country meal beginning at 7 p.m. at Camp Nathanael. Diners will be entertained with music from the Bluegrass Gospel Boys. There is no charge for the dinner, so put on your overalls and join the fun.

For more information, contact Camp Nathanael at (606) 251-3231.

PJWC seeking contestants for three pageants

The Pikeville Junior Woman's Club (KFWC/GFWC) is seeking contestants for three pageants: The Miss East Kentucky Scholarship Pageant, The Miss East Kentucky Teen Pageant, and The Miss East Kentucky's Little Miss.

The New Miss East Kentucky will go on to compete in the Miss

Kentucky Pageant in Lexington in June (an official preliminary to the Miss America Pageant).

The Miss East Kentucky Teen Pageant is for young ladies 13-17 years old. Contestants will compete in four categories: private interview, sportswear, eveningwear, and talent. The winner may go on to compete in the Miss Teen Kentucky Pageant in Lexington in June. For more information about the Miss East Kentucky and Miss East Kentucky Teen, contact Cathy Derry at (606) 437-4454 after 6 p.m.

Young ladies between the ages of 4 and 10 are being sought to participate in the Miss East Kentucky's Little Miss. For more information, call Linda Huffman at (606)-432-1895, after 5 p.m.

The Miss East Kentucky Scholarship Pageant, The Miss East Kentucky Teen Pageant, and The Miss East Kentucky's Little Miss will be held on March 6, at Booth Auditorium on the Pikeville College campus. Deadline for entrants for all ages is February 23, 1999.

Pre-Retirement Seminar

The Kentucky Teachers Retirement System is sponsoring a Pre-Retirement Seminar at Perry Central High School Library at 305 Park Avenue in Hazard, Saturday, February 20. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

All teachers considering retirement within the next two years will find it to their advantage to attend.

EXTENSION NEWS

by Theresa Scott
County Extension Agent
for Family and
Consumer Sciences

Skills for solo parents: play with your children

Play can be a wonderful tool for single parents to use for building strong, healthy relationships with their children. When you play with your children, you are putting yourself into their world. Children like having their parents there!

Play has been described as a child's work. It is an essential part of his or her overall development. It is as important to a young child as your job is to you. Play gives children a fun way to learn skills that will prepare them for adulthood.

Play also motivates children and teaches cooperation and trust. It builds a child's self-esteem, sense of independence, and self-sufficiency. It gives children the chance to get to know themselves, their world, and people around them. Even as children grow into the teenage years and beyond, play continues to be important.

There are many delightful ways to play with your children. Here are some idea-starters:

- Play board games. They're fun and also a good way to teach children how to pay attention and take turns. Board games can also teach children that winning and losing aren't the most important things in life. They show that how you play and how much you enjoy yourself are much more important.
- If you have more than one child, chances are

they do not all like to play the same games. Allow each child to take a turn picking what you will play as a family. Even older brothers and sisters can enjoy some of the games that younger kids like to play. Encourage siblings to participate in and take interest in what each other is doing.

- Here's another idea for helping young children play together. Put suggested activities in a hat and draw one out. Everyone participates—no grumbling.

- Turn housework into play. Take the time to share chores with your children by making a game out of it. Washing dishes in lots of detergent bubbles can be loads of fun, especially if you cover parts of your face with them while you work. Your children will enjoy this activity and get in on the working fun.

- Find out what your child likes to play and participate with him or her. Encourage outdoor or physical activity. If your children are older, why not join them in a game of tennis, volleyball or basketball?

- Try to limit the amount of time you play video games, if this is the type of play your child

requests. Encourage your child to develop other interests as well. Variety is important.

- Set aside an hour or two each week for family play time. This type of activity will open up the lines of communication between you and your children. Let the kids lead the play time. It will build their leadership skills. It also gives them a chance to feel like they are in charge for a change.

- Make one night a "no-TV" night. Don't even turn it on. Use the time to play games of hide-and-seek, charades, Pictionary, or put on your own production by acting out a skit or drama. Chances are it will be much more entertaining than that rerun you would have watched on TV.

- Make up stories with your children. Create imaginary characters. Follow your child's lead. You never know where your story might take you.

Maybe you don't think you have time to play with young children, or perhaps you feel too tired to play with them. Very young children can wear you out quickly with their high energy and



Theresa Scott

The Floyd County Times BUSINESS/REAL ESTATE

HRMC provides positive economic impact



Penelope's Pets

Penny Roberts recently opened Penelope's Pets in Prestonsburg. She is the daughter of Nancy Roberts and the late Joe Roberts. (photo by Allen Bolling)

Recently the Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) shared with individual member hospitals the information gathered and analyzed by Paul Coomes, Ph.D., a University of Louisville economist. Dr. Coomes made a presentation using preliminary results of his research at the Kentucky Hospital Convention last May.

KHA plans to update this information as the data becomes accessible. At the time the data was compiled, 1995 was the latest year all the data sets were available. The following information was reported as specific to Floyd County and the economic impact on the community by Highlands Regional Medical Center. Because Highlands is a regional medical center and employs as well as serves people

from Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties, the following economic profile may not be a true comprehensive representation.

During 1995, Highlands... Treated 67,789 patients of which 6,439 were inpatients and 61,350 were outpatients. Earned \$40,368,561 in revenues for treating patients. Supported 727 employees at the hospital. Paid \$18,165,852 in wages and salaries to hospital employees or 5.01 percent of all payroll in the county. Purchased \$4,201,560 in supplies from local vendors by

Highlands. Generated \$10,452,631 in retail sales from local firms by employees. Paid \$1,961,105 in state government taxes, including the provider-tax and employee income and sales taxes.

Estimated purchases from local vendors by the hospital... Maintenance and repair service...\$308,416. Eating and drink place...\$291,057. Trucking and warehousing...\$130,390. Postal service...\$85,985. Laundry and shoe repair...\$24,221. Electrical repair stores...\$18,973. Banks...\$10,900. Auto sales and services...\$9,285. Estimated local retail sales due to employee spending... Lumber and building supplies...\$653,971. Department and variety stores...\$1,489,600. Food stores...\$2,179,902. Auto dealers and supplies...\$2,034,575. Gasoline and service sta-

tions...\$944,624. Apparel and accessory stores...\$417,815. Furniture and appliances...\$417,815. Eating establishments...\$1,053,619. Drug stores...\$472,312. Miscellaneous retail stores...\$744,800.

As a not-for-profit, community owned and operated hospital, most of Highlands' revenues return to the community where it is operated, hospital officials said. The hospital purchases water, natural gas, electricity, and other goods and services

from within the community. A large portion of hospital revenues comes back into the community by way of the physicians, nurses, ancillary personnel and other employees who live in the community and the surrounding communities. These people own or rent homes there, have children in the local school systems, do their shopping and banking there and attend many of the local churches.

Other revenues are invested back into the hospital to upgrade technologies and personnel and return to the community in the form of new services and expanded out-

Blackcat Fans Financial Bank

by Angela McDonald
PHS student

Prestonsburg High School first opened the Blackcat Fan's Financial Bank, January 6, 1997.

The Community Trust Bank gave the school \$500 for a start-up capital. Training and assistance was provided by David Tackett, vice-president, of the Prestonsburg Community Trust Bank and Terri McCoy, P.H.S. Finance and Banking instructor.

The Finance and Banking class operates the school bank. The facil-

ity allows the students and staff to open savings and loans account. The students are allowed to borrow a maximum amount of \$2.

There are two positions that are maintained in the bank. There's a teller who greets the customers and a computer operator who prepares the data for entry into the computer.

Having Blackcat Fans Financial Bank has allowed the students to have a hands-on experience, gain knowledge, responsibility, and integrity.

Home show

The Affordable Housing Mart and Fleetwood Homes will host a four-day manufactured home show inside Lexington's Heritage Hall at Rupp Arena, Thursday, February 18, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, February 19, from Noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, February 20, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, February 21, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. This is the only indoor manufactured home show and sale open to the public in Kentucky. Admission is free with a pass from any of the four Affordable Housing Mart locations in Richmond, Lexington, Corbin and London.

For more information about The Affordable Housing Mart's Fleetwood Homes Show, call Bill Poynter at 1-800-755-5360.

CHAMBER NOTES

"Business Helping Business"

by Rebecca Derossett,
Executive Director

Floyd County Chamber of Commerce Chamber board members had a two-hour work session on Monday, February 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Chamber board room. Those present were Rebecca Derossett, Dennie Dorton, Greg Wilson, Leigh Ann Maynard,

Tom Hereford, Kathy Friend, Norm Marcum, Stephanie Baldwin, Fred Meece, Phillip Hunt, Anne Chaney, and Bob Meyer, as well as guests Cindy Hackworth, Rhonda Kretzer, and Carl Lafferty. Lunch was provided by Dennie Dorton.

A full agenda included the hiring of Rebecca Derossett as executive director, effective February 15.

Secretary Suzanne Kinzer-Hyden will assume Derossett's former duties as president.

In other action, the board approved a proposal from Carl Lafferty, Floyd County Library, to update and maintain the website, located at www.floydchamber.com. The Board also voted to pursue grant funding from Wal-Mart, after hearing a presentation from Cindy Hackworth, Wal-Mart representative. Funds will be used to promote Floyd County as a potential industrial site.

Following this train of thought, the group then heard from Rhonda Kretzer, Floyd County Times, who presented a plan for developing a new Chamber directory. The board tabled action on the directory, pending further receipts of membership dues.

Membership report reflected dues renewals since January 1, stand at 56 out of 212 on the membership rolls. Trent Nair and Allen Bolling, membership committee co-chairs, urge members to get their dues in as soon as possible. See one of them, call the office, or mail dues to Box 1508, Prestonsburg 41653.

Chairman Greg Wilson, Nominations/Awards Committee, needs input from members regarding nominees for awards, which will be presented at the annual banquet on May 20 at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Call him at 606/886-2321 with your candidates' names.

The Chamber Show will be filmed by L. J. Productions on Wednesday, February 24, at 2 p.m. in the Chamber office. Guests will be O. Sam Blankenship, Edward Jones Investment; Leigh Ann Maynard, McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; and Anne Chaney, Big Sandy Area Development District. A local attorney will also appear on The Legal Minute segment of the show.

See you, same place, same time, next week. Stay in touch!

Nesbitt geologist attends Mammoth Cave symposium



A. Bruce Rogers

by scientists from Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, England, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, and the U.S.

The third day was conducted underground in Mammoth Cave to examine and discuss the unique processes by which it was formed. Dye tracing techniques used to determine groundwater flow within the cave system and the surrounding area was also studied.

"It was very fortunate for me to catch this group of world-renown hydrogeologists at the biggest cave system in the world, since this was the first time the meeting has been held in Kentucky. It may not happen here again, since they rarely assemble at the same place twice," Bruce said of the experience. "It's comforting to know that the efforts to preserve our environment are going on all across the world."

Bruce is a graduate of M.C. Napier High School ('78), Eastern Kentucky University ('84), and is nearing the completion of his Masters degree in Hydrogeology at E.K.U. He is a registered professional geologist for Nesbitt Engineering Inc., in Lexington, and works on environmental and mining projects. Bruce is the son of Opal and the late William R. Rogers.

A leading engineering consulting firm for more than 22 years, with offices in Lexington, Hazard and Prestonsburg, NESBITT offers mining, civil, environmental consulting, and gas and oil well permitting, gas pipeline survey and design throughout Kentucky and surround-

A. Bruce Rogers, project scientist with Nesbitt Engineering Inc., attended a combined symposium presented by the Friends of Karst and the International Geological Correlation Program of the United Nations held at Western Kentucky University and Mammoth Cave National Park.

The Friends of Karst is an international group of scientists and others who have a shared interest in caves, Karst, and the hydrogeological processes by which they form. Meeting every two years at sites all across the world to discuss the progress being made in Karst research, the event was attended by approximately 120 geologists from all over the world representing universities, government, and private firms.

The symposium consisted of two days of presentations about Karst

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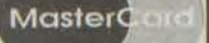
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By virtue of Judgment and order of sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 17th day of December, 1998, in the above styled cause, for the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00), plus interest from September 21, 1978, against the interest of Marshall Clubb, and for the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Eight Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$32,680.74), plus interest from September 21, 1978, against the interest of Marshall Clubb and Upper Elkhorn Coal Company, Incorporated, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 14th day of March, 1999, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described property, lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, to-wit: Being Lot #78 in the Dewey Lakeview, Inc., Subdivision as shown by Plat or Map on file in the

Office of the Floyd County Clerk's Office to which reference is hereby made for a more and complete accurate description.

For reference see deed from Peter C. Buffington, et al. to Marshall Clubb and William Harvey Johnson, partners, d/b/a Clubb & Johnson Coal Company, dated July 31, 1974, as recorded in Deed Book 217, Page 418, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. Also see deed from W.H. Johnson, Administrator, et al. to Upper Elkhorn Coal Company, Inc., dated November 4, 1982, as recorded in Deed Book 264, Page 483, in the same office.

The property hereinabove described cannot be divided without materially impairing its value, and therefore will be sold by the Master Commissioner of the Court with the proceeds therefrom to be applied to the satisfaction of the liens of the parties. The Court specifically reserves all determinations of priority which will be dealt with in an Order of Distribution.

The property hereinabove described shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth in order to satisfy the debt owed Plaintiff, interest and fees owed by the Defendants, jointly and severally.

Terms of Sale: (a) At the time of the sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or make a cash deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all real property taxes for the fiscal year of 1999, which are not yet due and payable, and any prior years which taxes are due and owing, and all subsequent years. Any announcement made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

This the 10th day of February, 1999

William S. Kendrick
Master Commissioner
P.O. Box 268
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653
(606) 886-2812

Certificate of Service
This is to certify that the original was forwarded to Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, with true and correct copies of the foregoing duly mailed, postage prepaid, this the 10th day of February, 1999 to:

Karen Davis
Bobby Davis
1213 Riverview Drive
Pikeville, KY 41501

Hon. James R. Odell
James R. Odell, P.S.C.
171 North Upper Street
Lexington, KY 40507

Hon. Thomas W. Moak
P.O. Box 511
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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P.O. Box 1530
Pikeville, KY 41502

Marsha Newsome
413A Backhand Court
Lexington, KY 40517

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Floyd County Attorney
P.O. Box 1000
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Hon. Earl Martin
McGuire
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Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-CI-00852

Wecie Allen Plaintiff

vs. Notice of Commissioner's Sale

Icie Smith; Leland Tackett; Forest Tackett, Jr.; Mary L. Tackett; Paula Tackett Dignan; Clarence England; Christina Clifton; Cathy Hill and Jim O'Dell Defendants

By virtue of Order of sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 6th day of October, 1997, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 4th day of March, 1999, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described property, lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Tract I Being Lots Nos. 9, 10, & 11 in Block One (1) of the Hall Addition to Town of Royal Elkhorn now McDowell, KY., (Incorporated). For a more definite description on lots Nos. 9, 10 and 11 see Deed Book No. 57, Page 23, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Jerry Tackett from Nancy Jane Tackett, Gora Tackett, Claudia Tackett, Marvin Tackett, Frances Tackett, Kelly Hobbs, Cassia Hobbs, O.E. Blanton, Letha Blanton, Shade Tackett, Sarah Tackett, Alvin Hall, Dixie Hall, Creed Tackett, Virgie Tackett, Zack Little, Carria Little, Sallie Hudson, Cloa Hudson, Denver Tackett, Weeks Tackett, Avis Tackett, Gleena Tackett & Forest Tackett by deed recorded in Deed Book 106, Page 226, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Tract II Being Lot #8 in block number 1 in the corporation of McDowell, KY adjoining Beverly Hall's property.

Being the same property conveyed to Jerry Tackett from Susana Johnson by deed recorded in Deed Book 106, Page 213, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Further reference is made to Affidavit of Decent of Jerry Tackett, recorded in Deed Book 429, Page 103, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Further reference is made to Affidavit of Decent of Ann England Tackett, recorded in Deed Book 409, Page 459, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed by Clifford England, et al., by deed dated the ___ day of July, 1995, recorded in Deed Book 429, Page 104.

The property hereinabove described cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and therefore will be sold by the Master Commissioner of the

Court as a whole with the proceeds therefrom distributed to the parties as set out hereinbelow.

The property hereinabove described shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth. The amount of money to be raised by this sale shall include costs of advertising of this sale and the fees and commissions for conducting the sale, real estate taxes, including interest, costs and attorney fees owned by the parties, jointly and severally.

The liens herein adjudged shall attach to the proceeds of said sale of the real estate in priority as follows:

(1) Floyd County, Kentucky, delinquent ad valorem taxes, if any, and current 1998 taxes which are due and payable as of November 1, 1998.

(2) Reimbursement to Plaintiff for payment of 1995, 1996, and 1997 Floyd County property tax bills on the subject property, and for the filing fees, Warning Order Attorney fee and Certified Mail fees for said action, said bills and fees totaling \$493.27; and

(3) Plaintiff's attorney fee in the amount of \$750.00.

Terms of Sale:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a cash deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum.

(b) successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) Upon default of said deposit or posting of bond by the purchaser, the Commissioner shall immediately resell the property upon the same terms and conditions set out herein.

(d) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530. Plaintiffs reserve right to later claim sums expended per KRS 426.525, others costs and levies.

(e) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all real property taxes for the fiscal year 1999, and any prior years for which taxes are due and owing, and all subsequent years.

(f) In the event the successful bidder or bidders is a party or parties to this action, which or who have been adjudged to have a lien on any of the property bid upon, then and in such event, said party or parties shall not be required to make any cash deposit or bond.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

This the 10th day of February, 1999.

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Master Commissioner
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Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653
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Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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Warren, MI 48092
Micky Clifton
17830 Evergreen
Clintontownship, MI 48092

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1546 Bermuda Place
Cincinnati, OH 45201

William S. Kendrick
Floyd County
Master Commissioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Prestonsburg Zoning Commission has produced a draft copy of the new zoning proposals map for the city. A public viewing and information session will be held at City Hall, Feb. 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A hearing will be held at city hall on March 2, at 11:00 a.m. for the purposes of updating and approving a new map.

Larry Adams
Zoning Enforcement Officer

INVITATION TO BID

The Floyd County Board of Education requests "Sealed Bids" for concession items for the remainder of the school year ending June 30, 1999.

Copies of bid forms and detailed specifications may be obtained from Andy Lyons, Director of finance, Floyd County Board Of Education, 183 N. Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Telephone (606) 886-2354.

Bids must have been received by mail or delivered to Andy Lyons prior to the time bids are opened at the Floyd County Board of Education on Monday February 22, 1999 at 2:00.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0164

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Southern Hills Mining Co., Inc., Box 730, Hindman, Kentucky 41822, has applied for Phase II Bond release on Increment 1 of permit #836-0164, which was last issued on 1/25/93. The application covers an area of approximately 83.31 acres located 1.13 miles northeast of Drift in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.5 mile east from County Road 1101's junction with Stonecoal Branch Road and located 1.17 north-east of Frozen Creek. The latitude is 37°29'45", the longitude is 82°44'18".

The bond now in effect for Increment 1 is a surety bond in the amount of \$141,600.00, approximately 25% of the original bond amount of \$141,600.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes: backfilling and grading;

fertilizing, seeding, mulching, and tree planting completed January, 1998; and the establishment of an adequate vegetative cover.

Written comments, objections or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601 by April 2, 1999.

A hearing date for this bond release request has been set for April 4, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 2, 1999.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following items will be offered at public sale on February 26, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. at Bentley Equipment Inc., U.S. Highway 23 North, Pikeville, Kentucky: Case 580 Super E Backhoe Loader Serial #N17027088

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

Call Mike Haney for location, 606-886-2321.
First Commonwealth Bank
169 North Arnold Avenue
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606-886-2330) intends to apply for Phase II Bond Release for Increments No. 1, and Phase II and III Bond releases for Increment No. 2 on permit No. 836-5116 which was last issued on Sept. 18, 1998. Increment No. 1 covers an area of approximately 540.72 acres, and Increment covers an area of 0.50 acres. The operation is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Langley in Floyd County.

The permit area is 0.6 miles south of KY 777's intersection with the Hayes Branch Road. The latitude is 37°27'49" and the longitude is 82°47'01", and is located on the Martin and Wayland 7 1/2 minute USGS quadrangle maps.

The performance bond (Surety) currently in affect, and the original bond for the increments are as follows:

Inc. No.	Current Original
1	\$26,900.00
2	\$29,600.00
	\$500.00 \$500.00

100% of the original bond amounts are included in this request for release for Increment No. 2, and approximately 80% of the original bond amount is included in this request for Increment No. 1.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling, and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in Fall 1996. Results thus far achieved include: for Increment No. 1, establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan; for Increment No. 2, establishment of the post mining land use plan which is residential.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or

informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601 by April 2, 1999.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on February 26, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 12/11/97.

1985 Chevy Pickup S/N 9267.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on February 26, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 10/23/96.

1997 Ford F-150 XLT X-Cab S/N 1301.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on February 26, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 4/24/98

1994 Eagle Talon S/N 4519.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on February 26, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 9/11/97.

1993 S-10 Pickup S/N 2885.

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

Call Mike Haney for

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First Commonwealth
Bank
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Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on February 26, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 10/29/98.

1995 Subaru SVX All Wheel Drive S/N 0557.

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

Call Mike Haney for location, 606-886-2321.
First Commonwealth Bank
169 North Arnold Avenue
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0261, Major Revision No. 4

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for a major revision to an existing surface mining and reclamation operation located 0.75 mile north of Prestonsburg in Floyd County. The major revision will add 15.46 acres of surface disturbance making a total of 1099.76 within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed major revision area is approximately 0.75 mile northwest from KY 3's junction with KY 1428 and located 0.1 mile east of Levisa Fork of Big Sandy River. The latitude is 37°41'44". The longitude is 82°46'01".

The proposed major revision is located on the Prestonsburg and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by Maudie Baldrige Warrix, and the City of Prestonsburg.

The major revision proposes to add 15.46 acres of surface disturbance, in which the operation's method of surface mining will be "Area Mining".

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

This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments must be received within 30 days of this printing.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 898-0284 Amendment #3

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, KY 41501 has applied for a permit for an amendment to the above referenced existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 4.5 miles southwest of Pikeville in Pike and Floyd Counties. The amendment will add 47.01 acres of surface disturbance and 3.60 acres auger mining area, making a total of 2010.94 acres, within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 3.2 miles southwest from Public Road 3416's intersection with Public Road 1426 and located 2.3 miles southeast of the community of

Teaberry. The latitude is 37°25'05". The longitude is 82°35'50".

The proposed amendment is located on the Pikeville U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be

affected by the amendment is owned by Lodestar Energy, Hubert Hall, and Chapperal Coal Company.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the

Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 109 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, KY 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a

permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this applica-

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This advertisement is to correct the advertisement of October 23, 1998

which did not include the final advertisement statement above.

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TOMORROW.

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The Floyd County Health Department is selling cookbooks, "Recipes From the Heart." Proceeds from the sale go to the March of Dimes.

The cookbooks cost \$10 each. An additional \$2 fee is added if the cookbook is to be mailed.

For more information, call Bonnie Lynch or Randi Jarrell at 886-2788, ext. 275 or 223.

POTATO SALAD

10 lbs. potatoes
18 boiled eggs, chopped
1 lg. jar Hellmann's mayonnaise plus 1 c.
1 onion, chopped
3 T. celery seed
Salt and pepper, to taste
Peel and quarter potatoes. Cook in large pot until tender and drain well. Stir in chopped eggs, mayonnaise, onion and celery seed (add more mayonnaise if needed). Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve warm.
Sherrie Moore

BAKED BEANS WITH SAUSAGE

2 lg. cans pork and beans
1 sm. onion, chopped
1/2 c. brown sugar
1/2 tsp. black pepper
1 lb. sausage
Brown sausage. Drain off grease. Add pork and beans, onion, brown sugar and black pepper. Mix well. Bake 1 hour at 375° or until golden brown.
Ethel Hunt

THICK TASTY SOUP

1 pkg. Ronco Natural soup mix
1/2 lb. ground round
1 sm. onion
1/4 c. margarine

1 celery stalk, chopped
1 can tomatoes, chopped
1 T. parsley, chopped
3 qt. water
Saute meat, onion and celery in margarine. Add 3 quarts water, 1 package soup mix, tomato and parsley. Simmer until done. Salt and pepper to taste.
Clara Martin

MEXICAN SALAD

2 cans pinto beans
1 bell pepper, chopped
1 onion, chopped
1 c. cheddar cheese, grated
1 lg. bottle Catalina French dressing
1 bag Fritos
2 chopped tomatoes
Mix pinto beans, pepper, onion, cheese and French dressing. Refrigerate before serving. Add crushed Fritos and chopped tomatoes just before serving.
Terry Webb Buchanan

SAUSAGE BEAN SOUP

3/4 lb. bulk Italian sausage
1/2 c. chopped onion
1 garlic clove, minced
1 (15 1/2-oz.) can butter beans, rinsed and drained
1 (15-oz.) can black beans, rinsed and drained
1 (14 1/2-oz.) can diced tomatoes, undrained
1 (14 1/2-oz.) can beef broth
1 tsp. dried basil
2 T. shredded Parmesan cheese
In a large saucepan, cook sausage, onion and garlic until the sausage is browned, and drain. Add beans, tomatoes, broth and basil. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Sprinkle each serving with Parmesan cheese.
Jeanette Prater

BEEF STEW

1 lb. stew meat
1 (16-oz.) can tomato juice
3 stalks celery, chopped
2 c. potatoes, chopped
1 c. water
Dash Worcestershire sauce
4 carrots, sliced
2 onions, chopped
Oil
Salt
Pepper
Flour
Salt, pepper and flour 1 pound meat. Brown in hot oil. Add about 1/2 inch water. Simmer meat, adding water as necessary, until the drippings are rich like gravy, and beef is tender. Place meat in large cooker. Add tomato juice, celery, potatoes, 1 cup of water, carrots, onions, salt and pepper to taste. Add dash of Worcestershire sauce. Cook until vegetables are tender.
Ethel Hunt

PERFECT MEAT LOAF

4 slices bread, cubed
1/2 c. milk
2 eggs
1 T. Worcestershire sauce
1 1/2 lbs. ground beef
1/2 lb. ground pork
1/4 c. finely chopped onion
2 T. finely chopped celery
2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. poultry seasoning
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/4 tsp. dry mustard
Soak bread in milk in bowl until soft. Add eggs and Worcestershire sauce. Beat with rotary beater until smooth. Combine ground beef and pork in bowl. Mix well. Add onion, celery, seasonings and bread mixture. Mix well. Shape into loaf in pan. Bake at 350° for 1 hour.
Jeanette Prater

BETTY'S CHEESE CAKE

3 (8-oz.) bars cream cheese, softened
1 c. sugar
2 T. vanilla
4 egg whites
Graham cracker crumbs
Topping:
16 oz. sour cream
3 tsp. sugar
2 tsp. vanilla
Grease springform pan with butter and sprinkle graham cracker crumbs over bottom. Mix together cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Beat egg whites and add to cream cheese mixture. Bake at 350° for 20-30 minutes until starts to brown on sides. Mix together sour cream, sugar and vanilla. Pour over cheese cake. Sprinkle with graham cracker crumbs. Bake 10-15 minutes longer, just until starts to brown. Let set in pan for awhile. Remove sides of pan. Wrap cake in foil and chill overnight.
Jane Bond

PEANUT BUTTER CANDY

2 lbs. confectioners sugar
1 c. cold water
3 c. peanut butter
1 sm. jar marshmallow creme
1 tsp. vanilla
Combine confectioners sugar and water. Bring to a boil. Boil 5 minutes. Remove from stove. Add peanut butter, marshmallow creme and vanilla. Mix well. Pour into buttered dish.
Janice Prater

COCONUT BON BONS

1 pkg. finely shredded coconut
White syrup
2 bags chocolate chips
Melt chips in double boiler. While melting, stir coconut with enough syrup until coconut binds together. Moisten hands and roll coconut into small balls. Place on waxed paper and refrigerate until cold. Dip in melted chocolate chips. Place balls on waxed paper and refrigerate.
Kathy McGuire

Arthritis not just for elderly

Babies get arthritis? Absolutely—and it can change their whole lives. Arthritis is commonly thought of as a disease of the elderly, but an estimated 285,000 children experience the daily pain and limitations of arthritis—that's more than juvenile diabetes or cerebral palsy.

As Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Week approaches, March 1-7, the Arthritis Foundation is focusing attention on this disease impact on kids. Juvenile arthritis is one of the most prevalent chronic illnesses among children.

Arthritis can make childhood a series of uphill battles. Childhood activities that many of us take for granted like learning to walk, write or ride a bicycle become nearly impossible. In addition, it can cause eye problems, affect oral health and development and even growth.

As with other forms of arthritis (there are more than 100 types), early diagnosis and proper treatment can minimize the effects of juvenile arthritis. Unfortunately, diagnosis may be delayed because parents lack awareness or education about the disease—sometimes mistaking joint pain as "growing pains."

Brochures, books, videos and listing of programs (support groups, warm-water and self-help courses) are available for children and adults. For information, call the Arthritis Foundation, Kentucky Chapter at 502/585-1866, or toll free 800-633-5335.

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NEW ARRIVALS

HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

January 29: A son, Brian Lee, to Irene and George Hale, Jr. of Martin.

February 2: A son, James Ethan Wayne, to Tonya and Frank Russell of Staffordsville.

February 3: A daughter, Kaitlyn Danielle, to Angela and Timothy Mullins of Hager Hill.

February 4: A daughter, Emerald Jade, to Carolina Fletcher of Pilgrim; a daughter, Johnny Skye, to Carolina Fletcher of Pilgrim.

February 5: A daughter, Alyssa Gayle, to Synthia and Arkie Patrick to West Liberty; a daughter,

Victoria Harmony Hackney, to Bethany Glynn Slone of Van Lear; a daughter, Carissa Carolann, to Claudine and Dallas Sweeney of Inez.

February 7: A daughter, Katlyn Sinea, to Wendy Nichole and Jeremy Wade Conn of Banner.

February 8: A daughter, Jessica Mikayla, to Chastity and William Parsons of Dana; a daughter, Harley Cheyenne, to Tammy and Howard Davis of Royalton; a daughter, Miranda Danielle Stacy, to Melissa L. Tackett of Staffordsville; a daughter, Cheyann Rene, to Gary and Dianna Light of Beaver.

Extension

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activity. One parent said he even got tired just watching his daughter play.

However, before you decide you cannot play with your child, think about how important the play time is to your child's growth and development. Consider the valuable communication that you and your child will share during this time together. Then remember how relaxed you feel when you play. Let the child within you come out and

play with the child in your home. Parents or guardians who wish to obtain additional information on the subject of Parenting Solo or by couples—contact the Floyd County Extension Service, the phone number is 886-2668. Parenting classes are available for interested individuals or groups in Floyd County. When requesting information, ask for Theresa Scott, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences.

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