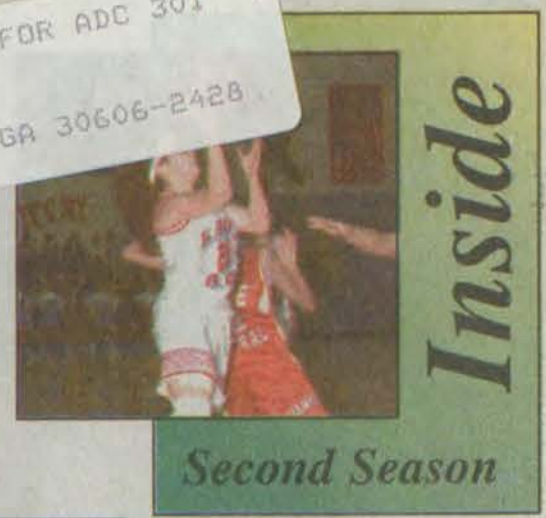


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KSU Choir at PCC
The Kentucky State University Concert Choir will perform at Prestonsburg Community College next Thursday, February 25, at 4 p.m. in the Pike Auditorium. The 40-voice choir is directed by Dr. Carl H. Smith, professor and director of choral music at KSU. The concert is hosted by PCC's Multi-Cultural Task Force Committee in celebration of Black History Month. For information, call 606/886-3863, Dr. John Shiber, ext. 302, or Dean Sandra Kaihumba, ext. 263.

MSU symposium continues today
Dr. Robert Sexton, executive director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, is the speaker for the fourth session of "Teaching the Teachers for the 21st Century: Morehead State University Symposium on the Future of Teacher Education," this afternoon at 3. His address will take place in 419 Reed Hall on the Morehead campus and will be broadcast live on Kentucky Educational Television's Star Channel 705.

- Public meetings**
- Floyd County Fiscal Court, today, 10 a.m., Fiscal Courtroom, Courthouse
 - Floyd County Board of Elections, today, 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; Agenda items: Corps' Survey Entry approval; fire department van; water works computers; business licenses; police ordinance.
 - Floyd County Board of Education, Tuesday, 6:30

One man dies on KY 114



A Prestonsburg man died following a two-car accident yesterday afternoon on KY 114 near the entrance to Frasure's Apartments. Ronnie Cordle reportedly was pronounced dead after being airlifted to Highlands Regional Medical Center. The driver of the other car, Don Whitaker of Lexington, was treated and released at the hospital, according to an emergency room spokesperson. The accident, which occurred around 3 p.m., caused traffic to be backed up for a couple of miles in each direction. Few details concerning the accident were available yesterday. (photos by Willie Elliott)

2nd entry to complex to be closed

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer
The Floyd County Housing Authority voted to close one of the access roads to the Left Beaver Creek Townhouses complex at Minnie during Wednesday's special meeting at the Green Acres office in Prestonsburg.
Anna Howell, director of the Left Beaver Creek center, said that drivers are using the two entrances to "cruise" the center.
"The drivers come in one entrance and out the other and

sometimes drive in an unsafe manner and are out and gone before they can be asked to drive more responsibly," she said.
She cited a recent incident in which a driver was driving on the sidewalk very near the housing units.
The commissioners gave their approval for a gate or other temporary device that would solve the problem. Howell said several tenants of the project had asked about closing one of the entrances, but no one had voiced opposition to the idea.

Even though the commissioners approved the plan, they asked Howell to do a survey to determine how the tenants felt about the closing of the entrance. They also said warning signs need to be posted to prevent accidents that may happen because of the closing, and they emphasized that the entrance could be reopened if needed.
The commissioners chose T & O Designers Inc. of Lexington to do the architectural services for the housing authority and Act II of Jeffersonville, Indiana, to do the consultant services. Executive

Director Patsy Ryan and her staff had compiled a chart using Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines to rate the organizations. Commissioners then basically looked at prices and scores and made their decision.
The commissioners voted to hire William Bottoms, PSC, to perform the audit. They noted the more than \$3,000 difference in Bottoms' bid and the other company.
The same reasoning was used in
(See **Complex**, page two)



The Floyd County Housing Authority has voted to close the upper entrance to the 50-unit housing complex at Minnie for safety reasons. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Burning topic at Wayland

by Pam Shingler
Editor
Apparently, some residents of Wayland have been using public roads and railroad tracks to burn their garbage, and the city commission wants the practice to stop.
Commissioners discussed the possibility of drafting an ordinance outlawing burning trash on public property during Wednesday night's meeting, which had been moved up from the regularly-scheduled Thursday meeting time.
However, the possibility that a state or county law against such burning already exists kept the commissioners from taking governmental action. Commissioner Tim Stephens said he would research whether a broader law exists or the city needs one of its own.
(See **Wayland**, page two)

Meanwhile, Policeman Aaron Kidd said he will continue to cite residents who do burn on public property with criminal littering.
Commissioner Tommy Robinson, acting in the place of Mayor Tommy Murphy who was absent because of a family emergency, said "something has to be done about the stove" in City Hall. Robinson said he considers the gas unit to be unsafe, adding that he gets a headache whenever he is exposed to it.
Commissioners Stephens and Curt Tufts joined Robinson in voting to purchase a new heating stove. Robinson was authorized to find one at a good price and buy it.
Clerk Carol Stapleton advised the commissioners of a concern they need to address when they hire an additional police officer.
(See **Wayland**, page two)

Preparing locals for prison jobs

by Pam Shingler
Editor
Part 2 of a 2-part series
If most of the local population cannot qualify for the hundreds of jobs a prison creates, is a prison a viable, justifiable economic development?
When politicians and economic developers "sell" prison construction as a jolt to the local economy, they generally talk about how many jobs will be creat-

ed. At the federal penitentiary planned for Honey Branch in Martin County, for instance, more than 400 positions will be filled. Taken at face value, that's a tremendous boon to the economies of
Floyd and the other counties in the Big Sandy area.
Indeed, the median annual salary of \$39,000 for the employees of the

federal Bureau of Prisons is more than twice the average salary for people in this area. The Honey Branch facility is expected to pay out \$25 million a year in payroll.
The catch is that the Bureau expects to bring in most of the employees it will need when the prison starts up in 2001 or thereabouts — simply because research has shown that what it needs is not already here.
(See **Prison**, page two)

Blackburn issue is unresolved

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor
The employment of Pam Blackburn in the office of her husband, Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn, is still in question, despite an opinion from Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley that Blackburn should remain an employee of the sheriff's office.
Bartley sent his opinion in a letter to members of the Floyd County Ethics Commission, who met Tuesday in the Floyd County Courthouse. After an executive session to discuss the issue, the Ethics Commission approved a motion to wait for an attorney general's decision to determine if Blackburn's employment in her husband's office violates the county ethics ordinance.
The ethics code says that "no county government officer or employee or agency shall advocate, recommend or cause the employment, appointment, promotion, transfer, or advancement of a family member to an office or position

of employment with the county government or agency ..."
Blackburn was hired by former Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson in November of 1998. Her husband, John K. Blackburn, took office in January. That's the bone of contention between the parties involved in the issue.
(See **Blackburn**, page two)



Pam Blackburn (left); Sheriff John K. Blackburn and his attorney Jerry Patton (center); and commissioners Curtis Hall, John Richard Porter, Dan Rosenberg, Peggy Bradford, and Lorena Hall listened as attorney John Rowland told members of the Floyd County Ethics Commission that to deprive her of her job "seems to be sexism."

Purse check leads to arrest

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer
Despite the warning posted at the entrance of the Floyd County Justice Center, Glenna Endicott, 39, of Buffalo walked into the center yesterday with drug paraphernalia and a quantity of marijuana.
Detectives Ricky Newsome and Steve Toy of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department were manning the detection equipment when Endicott opened her purse and revealed the marijuana and drug-related items.
Toy said it was significant that Endicott had less than eight ounces,

since eight ounces or more would have made her subject to a felony charge.
Toy said all purses and bags that are brought into the center are searched. He said this is common information around the county, and an advisory sign is posted at the entrance to the detection device.
Endicott was arraigned before District Judge James R. Allen where she entered a guilty plea.
Allen sentenced her to the maximum sentence: \$1,500 fine and 12 months in jail. According to Allen, Endicott will not be permitted bond.
(See **Arrest**, page two)



Steve Toy and Ricky Newsome discovered drugs in a woman's purse at the Justice Center Thursday.



Waitin' around

Even though he was not part of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce's Business after Hours contingent, Jared Harmon was at Country at Heart in downtown Prestonsburg Tuesday night waiting until it was time for his AAU basketball game. Jared is a fourth grader at Prestonsburg Elementary where his mom Gwen is principal. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Arrest

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and thus will have to serve the full sentence.

Allen said Floyd County has one of the best justice centers and security systems in the state.

"This building belongs to the people of Kentucky and you have violated the law against the people of Kentucky," Allen told Endicott during the arraignment.

The judge said he wants the people of Floyd County to know this type of behavior will not be tolerated.

Allen said, "It is bad enough that people are involved in illegal drugs, but it is worse that it would happen in the Justice Center."

Endicott is lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center.

Blackburn

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In his letter to the Commission, Bartley said that, as a clerical worker, Blackburn's employment "runs concurrent with the term of the interim sheriff and "in my opinion ... Blackburn was an at will employee ... and continues to be an at will employee."

He also said that if Blackburn "were employed as a deputy it would be a clear violation of the Floyd County Ethics Code."

"However, it is my understanding that Ms. Blackburn was originally employed as a clerk for the former Sheriff Thompson. Therefore, I believe that KRS 70.030 (3) and the obligations of the Kentucky Law Enforcement Funds to the situation at hand, simply do not apply. They would only have an effect if in fact Ms. Blackburn was a deputy."

At Tuesday's meeting, members of the commission asked Pam Blackburn and her attorney if she had been sworn in to work at the Sheriff's office.

"The new law (said you had to be) grandfathered in or had to be a deputy," Pam Blackburn said. "They swore me in at that time ... and I did become a deputy."

The new law she referred to concerned 16 weeks of training that potential employees have to undergo before they can begin their employment.

When commissioner Peggy Bradford asked if every employee of the sheriff's office had to be sworn in, Blackburn responded, saying: "Anyone who had to avoid 16 weeks of training had to be sworn in."

Her husband, John K., added that only dispatchers were not sworn in.

Rowland said that Thompson's hiring of Pam Blackburn was "strictly legal." He added that she is a valuable asset in the sheriff's office and needed to be sworn in because she often assists with women prisoners.

Rowland said that Blackburn has worked 32 days without pay due to the Commission's failure to make a decision on the issue and his client was getting tired of waiting.

"There wouldn't be a problem if they were friends, lovers or divorced," the attorney said.

Blackburn's attorney said the ethics ordinance did not define nepotism.

"Nepotism is just hiring somebody not qualified. It doesn't have anything to do with relatives in my opinion," he said.

He referred to various court cases involving the dismissal of employees by newly-elected officials. He said that those employees had to be rehired.

Commissioner Bradford asked Rowland if those cases involved relatives hired by the officials, and he said "no."

"If she's terminated, it has to be for political reason," Rowland said. "Nepotism has to do with politics. To fire her would be politics. She's not a paramour who got the job so he could pay off his girlfriend ... She's someone he can trust."

Rowland said that Bartley's opinion was "as good as the attorney general's opinion."

"It just depends on which attorney

general you talk to. It just doesn't mean anything," he said.

Commissioner Lorena Hall said she would vote to let Blackburn keep her job.

"Why should she be the first?" Hall said.

John Rosenberg, chair of the commission and director of Appalachian Research and Defense Fund, said that the county did not have a merit protection system in place and that Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson had replaced some employees.

"If they had a right of continuous employment, how could he let people go?" Rosenberg questioned.

John K. Blackburn's attorney, Jerry Patton, told the commissioners that the issue is "a question of fundamental fairness."

"Is it fair to read things in this ordinance that isn't black and white?" he asked. "Let's get competent people in county government and keep them there." He reiterated Bartley's opinion that Blackburn's job is "a case of continuous employment. Rosenberg disputed that claim, saying that the deputies' tenure ended with the sheriff's vacating office.

"There's no doubt of Mrs. Blackburn's competency. It's not for us to decide whether a person is competent or not. What (this commission) set out to do is to make (the ethics code) stronger ... The idea is to do something about the principal of it. The code speaks to favoritism of employees (and not about employees being more competent)," Rosenberg said.

He pointed out a loophole in the Ethics Code that the issue had brought to the Commission's attention.

"The problem — what we have to think about for future time — is outgoing public officials' political allies going to incumbents to ensure their relatives are employed," Rosenberg said.

Commissioners seemed to concur with Rosenberg.

"We feel duty bound to support the code. We're not going to gripe if you want to go ahead and pay (Pam Blackburn)," Bradford told Sheriff Blackburn. "We don't have the authority to tell you not to do that."

John K. Blackburn asked the commissioners what the difference is between Bartley's opinion and the attorney general's opinion.

"In the county, there are certain political alliances — and I don't even know if there is one (between Blackburn and Bartley) — but the (county attorneys) could have political alliances," Bradford explained.

To veiled hints of a lawsuit against the commissioners, Rosenberg reminded the attorneys that the Commission has the authority to issue a cease and desist order and that taking the issue the courts could result in a longer waiting period than the attorney general's ruling on the matter.

In other business at the meeting, Bradford reported that she has written letters regarding the filing of financial disclosure statements. She said administrative personnel of political officials must also file disclosure statements.

"If they have \$500 purchasing power, they must have one," she said.

Prison

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However, Workforce 2001, with a price tag of more than \$289,000 in anticipated federal and local funding, is being developed by the Big Sandy Area Development District, in conjunction with Prestonsburg Community College, Morehead State University, Mayo Technical College and Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, to put a glitch in the Bureau's projections.

The project aims to identify persons who have the potential to meet the Bureau's stringent employment requirements and then prepare them to be employed by the new federal prison.

Big Sandy ADD's Anne Chaney has envisioned and outlined the Workforce 2001 project, with input from the state Department of Employment Services and the area educational institutions, to focus on what the Bureau says it needs in employees.

Likely candidates for prison jobs are expected to be identified in a six-county region — Floyd, Martin, Johnson, Magoffin, Pike and Lawrence — this spring, Chaney said. They will then go through a rigorous assessment process.

Evaluators will look at the prospective employees' educational and work experience, assess communication skills — written and oral, help them get a criminal background check and a credit history, offer information on physical fitness requirements and discuss job requirements.

Those who are already clearly competitive will be given copies of the Bureau's employment application and be told to "go for it." Those who lack the educational component of the Bureau's requirements will be encouraged to enroll in a postsecondary academic degree program as soon as possible so they can improve their chances of being considered for the high-paying prison work.

Those who meet many of the requirements, but need to improve

their communication and interview skills or who require credit and budget counseling will be enrolled in Workforce 2001 courses.

Communication is obviously important in prison work, as in most other lines, and it is stressed by the Bureau of Prisons. The local program, then, will include courses to help prospective local employees:

- Enhanced Communication I — a fancy way of putting the task of boning up on writing skills. The focus will be on the Bureau of Prison's application and will help applicants with grammar, critical thinking, sentence structure, paragraph construction — those elements that will help them communicate more effectively than most people think Appalachian folk can.
- Enhanced Communication II — designed to improve oral communication. Diction and grammar, as well as non-verbal communication factors, will be addressed, so that the applicants may be taken more seriously instead of being stereotyped because of their speech patterns.

The Bureau, according to Chaney, puts applicants through a series of make-or-break interviews, signifying the need for preparation in this area. The two progressive courses are

- Interviewing Skills I — one-on-one interview settings, where body language, eye contact and appropriate responses are critical. Applicants will take part in practice interviews that mimic the real thing.
- Interviewing Skills II — group interview settings in which the applicant will be evaluated by several people, interacting among themselves and with the interviewee. Critical thinking and responses to "what if" scenarios will be practiced by the applicants.

Because close to 30 percent of inmates in federal prisons are of Hispanic descent, an applicant who can communicate with those inmates obviously has a step up.

Therefore, it makes sense that part of the Workforce 2001 program is a course in

- Conversational Spanish — designed to help potential prison employees be able to carry on a basic conversation in the Spanish language.

The communication and interviewing courses will run four hours a week for eight weeks each, and the Spanish class will go five hours a week for 16 weeks. The program is set up so that a serious participant can complete all the courses in 16 weeks. Up to 25 participants can be enrolled in a class. Chaney expects the courses can be repeated at least four times in the next two years before the prison opens.

The project, she said, has "one clear performance evaluation — how many of those jobs are filled by local people."

For more information about the program, contact the Big Sandy ADD at 606/886-2374.

What she is hoping for now is that qualified potential prison employees will enroll in the program and that by the time the Bureau begins its application and interview process, it will be able to find the people it needs right here at home.

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Wayland

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for which the city has grant money.

She said that if the city sends the new police officer to the police academy for training, it has no guidelines in place to keep him or her from quitting and taking a higher-paying job soon after the officer receives training.

Stapleton said she has talked with Bob Leonard of the state Department of Local Government, who indicated that the city can bind the police officer, by contract, to his/her employment with the city for a specified length of time following training.

The commissioners agreed that such a contract needs to be in place, but they put off a vote until the mayor and Commissioner Mary Murphy are in attendance.

Stapleton also alerted the commission that it needs to pass a budget amendment ordinance, because of an unexpected tangible tax check for \$14,000 that it received from the state. She explained that the check in the past has generally been for around \$3,000, which is the current budget amount for this tax category.

Commissioners said they will talk to local residents and discuss ideas for using the money at the next meeting.

A citizen in attendance at the meeting suggested using the money to fix sidewalks in the town, but Robinson informed her that the city cannot use the money for that purpose.

"The sidewalks belong to the property owners," Robinson said. "We learned a while back that we

can't use public money to work on private property."

Stapleton pointed out that when Elk Horn Coal, which formerly owned the town, sold the property to individual purchasers, it "deeded property up to the street."

The commissioners approved requests from Kidd to attend two workshops, one in Richmond on handling asset forfeitures and the other in Frankfort on writing grants to secure funding for highway safety. He said the workshops are free, and he will use his own vehicle and pay for his own meals.

Commissioner Stephens also volunteered to do research on telephone packages that would allow set rates for regional calls and to present his findings at the next meeting.

Stapleton informed the commission that she has received a map of the city from the Property Valuation Assessment office. The map, she said, will help in assessing taxes.

Stapleton also read a letter from the Department of Local Government which accepted the city's audit report for the new community center, acknowledged that the city has met all requirements,

and closed out the building grant project.

Kidd presented his arrest report for January which included 30 arrests, ranging from driving without insurance to alcohol intoxication.

The next regular commission meeting is scheduled for March 18. Robinson said he will check on having it at the new community center which can accommodate more citizens than the City Hall.

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approving an updated phone system. Lucent Telephone from Louisville was selected. Lucent will do the basic upgrades for \$3611.75, give a one-year warranty and offer monthly maintenance for \$24 to 26 a month.

Because of an incident with a housing authority employee, the commissioners amended the authority's Safety Plan to instruct and caution about lifting.

In other action the board

- accepted the Management Assessment Certification. Ryan said the housing authority's score would be at least as good as last year's score.
- discussed the cost of bringing Section 8 office into compliance with handicap requirements. This item did not receive the board's approval.

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Zenith Hall, principal at South Floyd Middle, (left), McDowell Elementary principal Jerri Turner posed with Dr. Alan DeYoung and Marty Newell from the University of Kentucky. The group met at the Mountain Arts Center to work out the details of the Annenberg Grant. (photo by Pam Shingler)

Study of local culture promoted through grant

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

The staff and students at McDowell Elementary are \$15,200 richer because of an Annenberg Grant installment presented to Principal Jerri Turner at the February 12 Appalachian Rural Education Network (AREN) meeting at the Mountain Arts Center.

This is the second year of a 3.5 year grant.

Five new schools were granted awards of \$6,000. They include G. F. Johnson (Pike County), Johnson County Middle, Paintsville Elementary, South Floyd Middle and St. Paul Elementary (West Virginia).

The theory behind the grant is that schools can find a way to knit academics into community and Appalachian culture and history. The

The money will be used on a community/school project, a technology integration project, a parent involvement project, and to pay a school certified staff member for coordinating the projects.

The rock building on the campus that was built by Works Progress Administration (WPA) workers in the 1940s will be renovated to house the community museum which will contain past trophies and accomplishments of McDowell High School. McDowell consolidated with Wheelwright High to form South Floyd in 1993.

Part of the funds will be used in the technology integration project. The school plans to invest money in internet services, scanners, digital

cameras, and two computer stations. A media assistant will be paid \$3,350 from these funds.

Another project that will benefit from these funds is the parent involvement program. Working with Clara Johnson and the Family Resource Center, the school now mails home to parents the school news.

The school will also print school brochures for distribution. As part of this program, the school has purchased a bulk-mailing permit. The school will also hire a parent involvement coordinator at \$500.

The programs will be done through an agreement between Appalshop Inc. and McDowell Elementary School, on behalf of the Appalachian Rural Education Network.

Susan Compton, Director of Instruction and team leader for McDowell Elementary, said she is proud of the accomplishments of both McDowell Elementary and South Floyd Middle. South Floyd Middle students from the McDowell area were part of the grant last year. "The grant has been a vital part in helping the school belong to a true community," said Compton.

Compton said the program gives students an opportunity to learn about their own Appalachian culture, as well as other cultures in their daily studies.

Compton was also complimentary of the work of Dr. Alan DeYoung, a University of Kentucky professor and director of World Challenge project, and Marty Newell, co-director of AREN.

Milken study gives Kentucky education technology high marks

A study by the Milken Family Foundation gives Kentucky's education technology system high marks for its implementation, support and availability across the state.

Kentucky ranked among the highest of the respondents in nearly all of the seven categories of progress: learners; learning environments; professional competency; system capacity; community connections; technology capacity; and accountability.

"Technology gives teachers and students the tools and resources they need to be successful," said Education Commissioner Wilmer S. Cody. "But just having the tools isn't enough. Teachers and students must have support at the local and state levels to make the most of the technology they have."

The study was compiled using data from a state-by-state survey of education technology in public schools in the spring of 1998. Kentucky, one of 21 participating states, had a 70 percent response rate—the sixth-highest of the 21.

The study concludes that progress is being made in education technology nationwide, but that much more needs to be done. The foundation praised Kentucky's efforts.

Teachers' attitudes about technology and how technology should be used were measured with a range of indicators. In all of the measures below, Kentucky's responses were

at the high end of the progress scale among respondents:

- Teachers believe technology is a powerful tool and not a "fad."
- Teachers frequently enhance curricula with technology.

- Teachers expect students to produce assignments using technology.

- Teachers use technology to accommodate individual learning needs.

How students use technology was assessed. Kentucky ranked highest among all respondents on these indicators:

- Students use technology at all grade levels.

- Students use technology for independent learning and on-line research.

Kentucky stands out for recognizing students as a valuable resource for supporting the technology program. Students are a vital part of the technology support system within schools and districts, serving as consultants, mentors and troubleshooters across the state.

The Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) is a student-driven program designed to develop student leadership and technology skills that will also benefit their peers, their schools and their communities. STLP participants actively assist in the implementation of the Kentucky Educational Technology System (KETS).

On the other hand, Kentucky

ranked very low among respondents on the following:

- Students use technology for drill and practice.

- Students use technology in labs only.

"Given the fact that KETS discourages the use of technology for simple drill and practice and encourages schools to distribute computers among classrooms instead of just clustering them in labs, these two 'low' responses are very good news," said David Couch, associate commissioner of the department's Office of Education Technology.

Kentucky also received low marks for its relationships with vendors, which Couch said was positive.

"That means that teachers and administrators are not having to deal with vendors, which would take away valuable time from the learning process," he said.

The other states involved in the study were Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming. Nearly 2,000 school districts replied to the Milken survey.

The full report is available on the Internet at <http://www.milkenexchange.org/progress/>.

Named to Berea College's dean's list

Allen Central High graduate Jessica Stone, daughter of James and Kimberly Stone of Hueysville, has been named to the dean's list at Berea College for the fall term.

To be eligible, a student must maintain a 3.0 average and earn grades of B or better in at least four full-credit courses, the equivalent of 16 semester hours.

Berea is a non-denominational, liberal arts college which offers bachelor of arts degrees in 23 areas of study, and bachelor of science degrees in agriculture, business administration, industrial arts and nursing. There is no charge for tuition and each student works at least 10 hours a week to pay living expenses.

Students graduate from EKU

Ten Floyd County students received degrees from Eastern Kentucky University at the end of the 1998 fall semester.

Local EKU graduates include Frankie Lee Adkins, Tram, police administration; Barbara S. Caceres, Prestonsburg, corrections and juvenile service; James A. Derossett, Prestonsburg, physical education, K-12; Tamyra R. Frazier, Richmond, psychology; Wendy C. Hobson, Paintsville, accounting;

Brian L. Hunter, Richmond, biology; Doug Eugene Johnson, Richmond, police administration; Jessika Layne, Betsy Layne, biology; Carrie A. Music, Richmond, nursing (associate); and Twana Tackett, Harold, nursing.

More than 1,000 degree candidates were honored at December receptions sponsored by EKU's nine academic colleges. Eastern holds no formal commencement ceremonies in December, but all fall semester graduates are invited back to participate in the spring commencement, May 8.

The new degree-holders join more than 70,000 Eastern alumni in Kentucky and across the country.

Shepherd named to Distinguished List at ALC

Lowell DeWayne Shepherd of Hueysville, was placed on the Dean's Distinguished List at Alice Lloyd College in recognition of superior scholastic achievement.



Wayland student part of MSU campaign

Katie Fultz, a Wayland sophomore pre-nursing major, is one of 14 Morehead State University students assisting with the "televising" phase of the University's spring 1999 annual giving campaign that runs February 1-April 22. During the phonathons, conducted each fall and spring, students call more than 40,000 alumni and friends of MSU seeking financial support for various programs. Fultz is the daughter of Jerry A. and King P. Fultz of Wayland. (MSU photo by Tim Holbrook)

Prestonsburg Little League

The Prestonsburg Little League will be having an organizational meeting to elect officers for the upcoming 1999 season. They will hold the meeting at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, February 27, 1999, at Billy Ray's Restaurant.

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Viewpoint

Quote of the day...
If every day is an awakening, you will never grow old. You will just keep growing.
—Gail Sheehy

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Editorial

Gaining respect

In advocating approval of his higher education reform package, Gov. Paul Patton challenged the University of Kentucky to become recognized as one of the nation's top research universities by 2020. From early indications, UK could meet that challenge considerably ahead of schedule.

A new national survey not only shows that UK is fast becoming one of the nation's more successful schools when it comes to turning faculty research into new products for the public, but it also shows the advantages of that research for both the school and the state it serves.

New vaccines for horses and eye-disease treatments developed by faculty members brought the university more than \$2.5 million in payments in 1997 from the companies licensed to use them.

That ranks the school 21st among public universities and 34th among all research universities, according to the most recent survey by the national Association of University Technology Managers.

UK received 12 patents in 1997, 21 in 1998 and four so far this year.

"Faculty who create new drugs or new technologies strengthen the university, add to its reputation," said UK's Joe Fink, associate vice president for research and graduate studies. "They are the ones who attract the federal funding and the top students."

Kentucky has had several successes with its faculty's research. Pharmacy professor Anwar Hussain created a method to deliver some 35 different drugs via nasal spray. One of the drugs, a prescription painkiller called Butorphanol, has received Food and Drug Administration approval and is distributed by Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Ophthalmology researchers Thomas Smith and Paul Ashton developed an implant to treat eye diseases that lead to blindness. It also has received FDA approval and is distributed by Chiron.

Most of the revenue earned from faculty technologies goes back to the professor and the university research program.

Kentucky gives 40 percent of the royalties to the professor and 20 percent each to the professor's department and college and the UK Research Foundation, which oversees commercialization efforts.

The money generated from faculty research can, in turn, be used to fund more research and to attract more top-rank researchers to a school. Universities that are known for their research attract top students.

So what's the benefit for the state as a whole? It's no accident that some of the states with the most prosperous economies — North Carolina, Michigan and California, for example — also are home to some of the nation's best research institutions. Having a top-notch research university boosts a state's economy. — *The Daily Independent, Ashland*



Letters to the Editor

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NOT OPPOSED TO BRIDGE REMOVAL

Members of the Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society have expressed concerns that the name of our organization is being used in the newspaper as a group in opposition to the removal of the Town Branch Bridge.

After becoming aware of this, we met and dis-

cussed the matter at length, and we want to go on record that we are not opposed to the removal of this bridge.

Members of the Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society
Jim Daniels, President

Commentary

Home is where the violence is

Despite recent shootings, children still safer at school

by Charlie Baker, President
Buckhorn Children's Foundation

Despite the recent tragic shootings that have occurred at schools across the country, here's a cold, hard fact that is as astonishing as it is sad: U.S. children are still much safer in school than they are at home.

The most up-to-date studies have found 20 to 30 students are killed each year by guns while attending school. While this is intolerable in and of itself, it pales—unfortunately—when compared to what many children face at home. According to the U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect, 2,000 to 3,000 children and youths are murdered each year by parents or caretakers, a toll that clearly is rising.

The well-documented school shootings by students during the past year killed 11 children. That is fewer kids than are numbered by parents on any average two days in the United States.

In Kentucky in 1995, 63,313 children were reported abused or neglected, an increase of 6.3 percent from 1994, and an increase of 60.3 percent from 1986. Right here in the Bluegrass state, 22 children died as a result of abuse or neglect in 1996.

If only one child died from school violence, that would be one too many. School violence is frightening, but the media's focus on these very dramatic stories distracts us from serious public debate about violence and children.

Such an exclusive focus on the individual person undermines our joint responsibilities. News stories that focus on one violent child and his victims grab our attention—we all want safe schools—but a focus on this one aspect of violence toward children serves to shift priorities; clearly, our highest priority should be keeping children safe in their own homes.

There's a second problem with a focus only on each individual case; such a perspective makes it all too easy to make the solution for a problem someone else's concern.

Consider how child abuse and neglect is treated today. A community member, perhaps a neighbor, a teacher or a doctor, calls the Cabinet for Children and Families with a complaint of suspected child abuse, and if the case appears serious enough, a social worker makes a home visit. If the worker deter-

mines abuse has occurred or the child is at serious risk, then, and only then, are services provided.

In other words, services are rationed—becoming available only to those children who have suffered the most serious harm. This also means our child-protection procedures and policies tend to look for the cause of child abuse and neglect in an individualistic way, and this shapes our interventions similarly.

The net result of this is that the child-protection system often has little to offer families whose main child-care problems are strongly associated with poverty, deprivation and lack of community resources.

Any experienced social worker—even most concerned citizens—can identify areas of the city or the county where children are generally at higher risk due to poverty, sub-standard housing, inadequate public utilities, or poor schools. But, we don't focus our attention on all of the children of the area—we wait to intervene after a tragedy occurs, and, then, only certain individual children receive attention.

Because our current system of service focuses only on the individual case, it creates an illusion that—just as the victim and the perpetrator are individuals—the solution also is in the hands of the individual social worker; or, at most, in the hands of the Cabinet for Children and Families.

Someone else—not us. The result is easy to track. For example, if you are the producer, the network, the sponsor, the station, or the viewer of violent TV programming you can rationalize a lack of responsibility for the well-documented association between entertainment violence and violent behavior by children.

We are told the media have no responsibility, we can just—individually—turn off the programming, but that is no real answer. In a healthy society, we are all responsible for keeping our children safe. Dozens of scientific studies prove a very strong link between watching violence on TV and the movies and violent behavior in children.

A recent study conducted at four major research universities found a 14 percent increase in violent

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Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor are welcomed by The Floyd County Times. In accordance with our editorial page policy, all letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author.

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PostScript

by Pam Shingler
Editor



Last week in an editorial, I may have implied that there have been two or three hundred-year floods this century. My apologies to Lon May, the county's flood plain coordinator, who has had to explain to some folks that there's been no such thing. I was trying to be facetious and failed.

However, I do remember being mightily impressed by the '57 flood, and I've seen some frightening pictures from '37. I wasn't around here in '77 or '81 or other times there've been major floods.

Lon tells me that despite how bad these have been, there has not been a

"hundred-year" flood in this century. I hope that doesn't mean we have to have one.

Truth is, I'm not even sure I understand what the term means. But I am going to find out. As soon as I get a chance, I'm going to talk to Lon about measuring floods, predicting them, preventing them, etc., and attempt to share my knowledge with you.

Trying to be facetious, by the way, has led to trouble all my life, going back to childhood when my grandmother called it "sass" or "back talk" and kept a fly swatter handy for those frequent occasions when I couldn't help doing it. That may very well be proof that corporal punishment does not work.

John K. Blackburn's right to have his wife Pam work with him in the Floyd County Sheriff's office has been an issue with the local Ethics Commission lately. And the issue of nepotism has been bandied about in the Lexington Herald-Leader and probably some others.

It should be an item of discussion. After all, we have a heritage in the mountains of outrageousness when it comes to public officials hiring their kin. Time was when it was not unusual for a sheriff or jailer or judge to have wife, kids, siblings, uncles, aunts, cousins, on the public payroll.

Thankfully, it's not as bad as it once was, and in many cases it could be better, especially in terms of developing and abiding by a defensible code of ethics.

I've thought about this quite a bit and I've come to what many who know me well will consider a radical opinion. I really do not see anything inherently wrong with an elected official having one family member working with him (or her, though that's not often an issue). More than one is clearly too many, but one doesn't bother me, as long as that one is qualified for the job and the salary is fair.

I understand the need to have someone you trust deeply working with you. That's not to say that non-relatives cannot be trusted; we all can cite instances where family members are not trustworthy. But, by and large, there is — or should be — between family members, particularly husband and wife, a perception of trustworthiness, a shared background, a common goal that ought to be helpful in fulfilling the responsibilities of public office.

And, here's the topper: If the arrangement doesn't work, we the voters can always divorce the official — and his or her family member — in the next election.

Thanks to those of you who have inquired about my health and have shared medical horror stories. I did get to see a doctor and my problem does not appear

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Advancing to state

Placing second in the regional speech competition was the ACHS team: front row, from left, Brandy Hall, Heather Handshoe, Deanna Mullins; back row, from left, Coach Chuck Stamper, Kris Fultz, Willie Carver, Coach King Fultz, and Patricia Watson of the Floyd County Schools central office.

ACHS earns 2nd in speech meet

"See what you can do when you're willing to work hard and practice!" That was Coach Chuck Stamper's praise to Allen Central High School's Forensics Team, who took second place, February 6 in Kentucky High School Speech League regional competition.

This was a first time win ever for ACHS in regional speech competition.

ACHS finalists will advance to state competition in Bowling Green in March. Finalists from ACHS

include Kris Fultz and Heather Handshoe in the Duo Interpretation event; Kris Fultz in Dramatic Interpretation; Brandy Hall, Humorous Interpretation and Impromptu Speaking; Heather Handshoe, Poetry Interpretation; and Deanna Mullins and Willie Carver, Prose Interpretation.

The ACHS Forensics Team is coached by King Fultz and Stamper.

Other Floyd County students advancing to state competition are

Paige Tussey and Lea Spradlin, Prestonsburg High School, Duo Interpretation; Jennifer Hamilton and Brandon Newsome, Betsy Layne High School, Radio Broadcasting; Brandon Newsome, BLHS, Impromptu Speaking; Cindy Taylor, BLHS, Prose Interpretation; Jeff Bryant, BLHS, Extemporaneous Speaking; and Billy Newsome, BLHS, Storytelling.

MSU women's conference

Internationally known novelist Sharyn McCrumb and educator/social activist Dr. Elizabeth Brinson will serve as keynote speakers for the 1999 Wilma E. Grote Symposium for the Advancement of Women, Sunday-Tuesday, March 7-9, on the Morehead State University campus.

McCrumb will speak at the symposium's opening reception on March 7 at 5 p.m. in the Crager Room, Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). Author of 16 books and numerous short stories, the author has had two of her novels, "The Rosewood Casket" and "She Walks These Hills," on the New York Times Best Seller list.

A two-time recipient of the Best Appalachian Novel award for "The Hangman's Beautiful Daughter" and "Lovely in Her Bones," McCrumb was honored by the Appalachian Writers Association in 1997 with the Award for Outstanding Contribution to Appalachian Literature.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a master's degree in English from Virginia Tech, McCrumb has taught journalism and Appalachian studies at Virginia Tech. She is currently a full-time novelist and lecturer.

McCrumb attributes her regard for books, her love of the Appalachian Mountains, and her gift of storytelling to her great-grandfathers, who were circuit

preachers in North Carolina's Smoky Mountains a hundred years ago.

Educator, community organizer and social activist, Dr. Elizabeth Brinson will speak at the banquet on March 8, at 6:30 p.m., in the Crager Room, ADUC. Her presentation is entitled, "Why Our History Matters."

Brinson's career of public involvement began in 1960 with efforts to integrate lunch counters and movie theaters in Greensboro, North Carolina. Since then, she has worked for racial equality, women's rights, civil liberties, economic justice and compassionate services for persons living with AIDS.

Currently teaching at the University of Kentucky School of Medicine, Brinson formerly worked at the Virginia Commonwealth University Medical College of Virginia where she was co-director of a statewide program to recruit and train medical students for practice in medically underserved communities.

She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and received her doctorate degree in American history with a concentration in American social movements from the Union Institute. She is one of the creators of Women's History Month which has been recognized by the U.S. Congress and most state legisla-

tures. Presently, Brinson serves as the director of the Kentucky Civil Rights Project for the Kentucky Historical Society and is doing research about Kentucky women who were active from 1930 to 1970 in the struggle to eliminate legal segregation.

Her film documentary, "The Common Wealth of Women," a history of Virginia women, was a finalist in the 1985 American Film Academy Awards and was selected for international distribution by the U.S. Information Agency.

Additional speakers from across the country will participate in the eighth session of the Wilma E. Grote Symposium for the Advancement of Women. In keeping with the theme, "The Art of Being a Woman: Artistry, Creativity and Tradition in Women's Lives," sessions will focus on inspiration for imagery and media, media used by contemporary women artists, artistic dimensions of women in the sciences, feminine voice in art, the artistic journey from opera singer to company director, and the cultivation of womanhood through the generations.

Additional information and registration forms are available by calling the symposium office at 606/783-2004.

McCrumb will speak at the symposium's opening reception on March 7 at 5 p.m. in the Crager Room, Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

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18 receive MSU degrees

Eighteen students from Floyd County completed degree requirements during Morehead State University's 1998 Fall Semester.

Completing degree requirements were Lonzie Deyon Blankenship, Craynor, Bachelor of University Studies; Stoney Burke, Martin, Bachelor of Arts; Traci Elaine Campbell, Prestonsburg, Bachelor of Arts; Rhonda Faye Clark, Prestonsburg, Bachelor of Social Work; David Lee Frazier, Dwayne, Master of Business Administration; David A. Gearheart, Prestonsburg, Bachelor of Arts; Laura Jane Gray, Langley, Bachelor of Science; Susan

Henson, Bypro, Master of Arts in Education; Rebecca Dawn Hicks, David, Bachelor of Arts;

Talila D. Kidd, Banner, Bachelor of Business Administration; Stephanie A. Lawson, Hi Hat, Bachelor of Arts; Surekha G. Maddiwar, Banner, Master of Business Administration; Linda K. Ousley, Blue River, Bachelor of Arts; Rory K. Patton, McDowell, Bachelor of Arts; Timothy Ballard Plummer, Auxier, Bachelor of Science; Tonya Romell Porter, Prestonsburg, Bachelor of Arts; Teresa Lynn Ramey, Garrett, Bachelor of Arts; Nathan Allen Shelton, Martin, Bachelor of Arts.

PostScript

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to be serious and is being taken care of.

A very special angel intervened. Leigh Ann Honshell Maynard at McDowell ARH called early Monday morning. "How can I help you?" she asked — words we all hear too seldom any more and which most of us rarely use, if truth be told.

She found out that the physicians at the ARH Clinic are approved for the newspaper's insurance and asked if I could see a doctor that day. Stunned, I said yes, and within a couple of minutes she was back with me to say I had an appointment with Dr. Pajel that same afternoon.

I cannot praise him too highly for his calming and gentle manner, for his openness and his willingness to share information with me, and

for making me feel better.

I could not have asked for more caring, more friendly treatment by the women who work in the reception/records area, by Frieda the nurse, by the doctor, or by the people in the pharmacy. They all treated me like a real person, not a number or an illness. Nobody tried to hustle me through like an item on an assembly line.

Marketing is a major thrust for most hospitals these days. They are all clamoring for our business, and too many pay little attention to us after they get it.

What Leigh Ann did was the very best kind of marketing any business can do. She helped me, and she and her colleagues won me over. And I don't care to let other people know about it. Hurray for McDowell ARH.

Commentary

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content on prime-time programming from 1994 to 1997. Fourteen percent may not seem drastic, until you consider that a 12-year-old watches an average of three to four hours of TV each day.

In this culture of "exclusively individual blame," Congress and the President can cut funds for preventive programs and promote prison growth and welfare rules which are based on "individual responsibility." This perspective is so pervasive it often appears that the public may be deliberately distracted from any focus on joint responsibility.

We're distracted at home, too. In Kentucky, from fiscal year 1997 to fiscal year 1998, prison spending increased 11 percent, while school spending (K-12) increased a paltry 3.2 percent.

Remember that oil-filter commercial, "Pay me now, or pay me later." That's how child abuse works.

Don't get me wrong; we must be accountable as individuals, and we have our individual responsibilities—each teen-age shooter must be accountable, each abusive parent is responsible. However, we also have joint responsibilities—as extended

families, as communities, as a state and as a nation.

We are each responsible for our neighbor's children. We rise or fall together. Your personal time as a volunteer with children is needed, and your personal financial gift in support of an agency to serve children is also needed.

While government has a major role, it is not to lead. Government must follow our lead; and when we begin to insist that our children should be safe in school and at home, then and only then, government will make that a priority.

In the daily work of the Buckhorn Children's Foundation, it's the healing of an individual boy named Billy and a girl named Jane that keeps me hopeful each day, but it's our nation's growing failure to accept responsibility for all of our children that keeps me up at night.

Charles Baker is president and chief executive officer of the Buckhorn Children's Foundation in Buckhorn. The agency cares for more than 250 children each day from throughout the state of Kentucky. Buckhorn, which treats abused and neglected children, operates three intensive residential treatment programs.

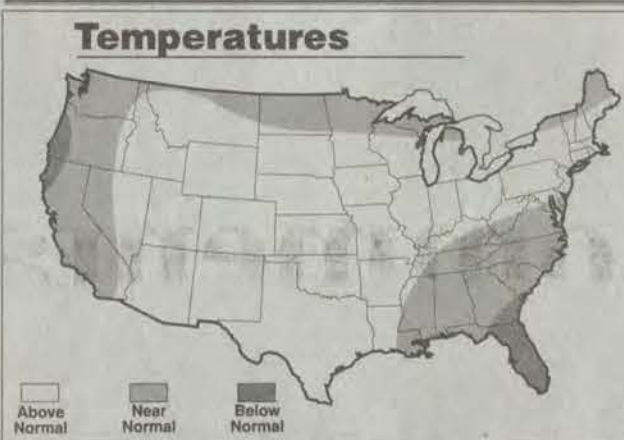
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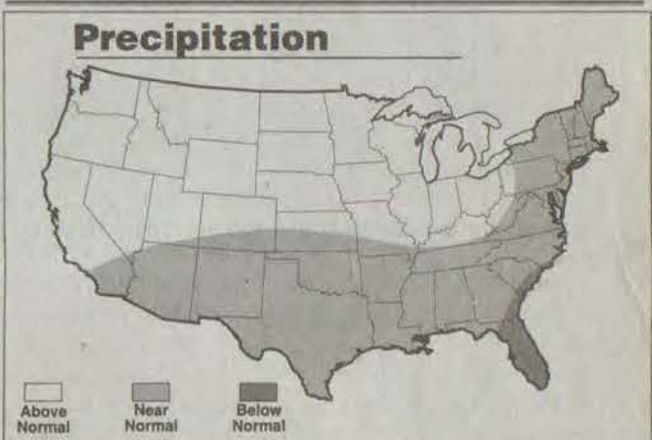
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THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Atlanta	57 40 sh	52 32 sh	48 27 s	52 31 s	53 37 s
Boston	43 27 pc	35 22 sn	31 18 sn	36 19 pc	33 22 s
Chicago	32 22 sf	30 16 sf	31 15 s	31 20 sf	37 21 sn
Cleveland	38 23 c	29 19 sf	28 16 pc	32 19 pc	35 21 pc
Denver	51 26 pc	45 25 pc	47 24 sf	51 25 sn	51 24 sf
Des Moines	31 18 c	30 15 sn	30 17 pc	35 21 c	40 22 sh
Detroit	35 21 c	32 16 sf	29 16 s	30 17 sf	34 20 sn
Houston	70 46 pc	66 42 pc	62 42 c	68 48 s	67 52 c
Indianapolis	39 23 c	33 17 sn	32 16 pc	37 25 pc	41 25 c
Kansas City	37 23 pc	35 19 c	38 21 pc	42 26 pc	48 27 l
Los Angeles	72 54 pc	74 53 c	69 50 sh	71 47 pc	68 49 pc
Miami	81 60 pc	77 56 l	74 49 c	77 49 s	71 54 s
Minn.-St. Paul	25 16 c	27 16 sn	26 15 pc	26 17 c	35 18 sn
New Orleans	67 47 s	65 43 pc	53 35 s	61 39 pc	63 46 c
New York City	41 31 pc	35 25 sn	35 23 sf	35 26 pc	38 27 s
Omaha	34 20 c	34 16 c	34 20 s	38 22 c	44 22 sh
Phoenix	81 54 s	83 57 s	81 56 pc	76 50 pc	73 47 sh
San Francisco	62 48 c	58 49 c	59 48 r	58 44 pc	60 48 sh
Seattle	49 38 sh	51 38 r	51 38 sh	50 38 sh	52 39 sh
Washington	44 32 pc	37 28 sn	35 24 sf	37 24 s	42 28 s

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WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

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Amsterdam	51 36 r	40 31 pc	35 34 s	50 36 s	50 35 s
Berlin	40 36 sn	37 27 sn	28 20 pc	37 31 s	38 36 s
Buenos Aires	96 73 s	96 71 s	83 62 pc	82 62 pc	84 67 pc
Cairo	59 47 r	60 42 pc	67 48 pc	66 46 pc	64 47 s
Jerusalem	49 40 r	46 34 pc	56 41 sh	57 38 pc	53 37 s
Johannesburg	85 65 pc	85 63 pc	86 64 pc	86 64 pc	85 63 pc
London	54 42 c	45 37 pc	47 46 s	56 43 s	56 36 s
Madrid	59 42 pc	65 43 pc	61 43 s	64 43 s	62 42 pc
Mexico City	76 43 s	76 46 s	69 41 pc	68 44 pc	71 45 pc
Moscow	29 24 sn	26 19 sn	35 24 pc	34 25 pc	33 22 sn
Paris	47 44 r	47 34 sh	39 38 s	51 39 s	53 38 s
Rio de Janeiro	86 71 pc	84 73 pc	85 73 pc	84 72 pc	82 71 pc
Rome	54 43 pc	64 47 pc	55 31 pc	57 47 s	66 50 s
San Juan	77 71 pc	80 71 pc	85 72 pc	86 73 pc	85 71 pc
Seoul	35 13 s	30 13 s	30 18 s	39 26 s	46 31 pc
Sydney	71 58 pc	71 63 pc	76 65 pc	74 63 pc	74 64 pc
Tokyo	50 33 sh	44 35 s	36 28 pc	40 37 s	48 44 pc
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Elizabeth Payne, South Point, Ohio, junior, is Nurse Ratched and Shawn Slone, Prestonsburg senior, is R. P. McMurphy in Dale Wasserman's "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," presented by Morehead State University theatre students, on Thursday-Sunday, February 23-28, in Kibbey Theatre on the campus. (MSU photo by Tim Holbrook)

Local student in MSU play

A student from Prestonsburg will participate in the Morehead State University theatre students' production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," February 23-28 in Kibbey Theatre, on the campus.

Shawn Slone, the son of Paul and Carol Slone, will appear as R. P. McMurphy. A senior history and theatre major, he is a member of Theta Alpha Phi theatre honor society, the MSU Players and Robert's Kids Players.

Show time for the play is 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, February 23-27, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 28. Due to limited seating, reservations are necessary.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens and high school students, and free to MSU students with a valid ID.

Additional information is available by calling MSU's Theatre box office at 606-783-2170.



Pilgrims and Indians ate together like the first Thanksgiving in Anna Shepherd's kindergarten class at May Valley Elementary along Parent volunteers Teresa Combs and Samantha Hamman assisted with serving the food.



Representatives from Dr. Boyd's Pediatric Dental office in Allen visited the Pre-School class at the Wesley School. The children were taught about good oral hygiene habits and the importance of brushing. Each child was also given a toothbrush. Pictured are: Rhonda Whitt, Aaron Jacobs, Chelsea Keathley, Haley Donohoe, Hollie Donohoe, Hannah Porter, Owen Caudill, Rebekah Wright, and Rebecca Lumpkins.

Community invited to tour France and England

Students and community members of the Prestonsburg Community College regional service area toured in Italy in June 1998. They visited the ruins of ancient Rome and Pompeii, saw the works of such Renaissance artists as Michelangelo and Leonardo Da Vinci in Rome and Florence, and experienced the delightfully different city of Venice.

This year, PCC history professor Dr. Donald Barlow has planned a trip to France and England. This year's tour will include the sights of Paris, France, the rural Loire River region with visits to Chartres and castles in that area.

One of the highlights of this trip is a visit to the beaches of Normandy—55 years after the famous landing there in June 1944. War Veterans and relatives of those who fought there are especially encouraged to take the tour.

After crossing the English Channel, the group will travel to London. From there, they motor to Stratford-on-Avon and Oxford as well as take in London's sights.

This trip will embark on June 1 and return June 10. College credit

in Western civilization history is available for those who want it.

Or, the trip can be taken purely for enjoyment.

Call Barlow by February 22 at 886-3863, ext. 211, to make reservations. After February 22, the cost of the trip increases \$125.



Tours Italy

Dr. Donald Barlow of PCC, along with students and community members, toured Italy last June. In Florence, from left, Barlow, Jason Daniels, Kathy Horn, Stephanie Osborne, Kenneth McKenzie, and Kathy Barlow, with Whitney Daniels in front.

Collins inducted into Kappa Alpha Theta

Heather Collins, of Prestonsburg, is a new member of Kappa Alpha Theta at Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana. Collins is a graduate of Paintsville High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collins, of Prestonsburg.

Kappa Alpha Theta has been a

fraternity promoting the growth of college women on Hanover's campus since 1959. Kappa Alpha Theta's national philanthropy is C.A.S.A., Court Appointed Social Advocates, and Hanover's chapter works locally with Girls Inc. and Habitat for Humanity.

Hanover College is a private, co-

educational liberal arts college, affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Founded in 1827, it is the oldest private college in Indiana. Located in southeastern Indiana, the Hanover College campus consists of 34 major buildings on 650 wooded acres overlooking the Ohio River.

Sullivan College adds programs

Sullivan College in Lexington is offering two new degree programs, one in child care management and the other in legal nurse consulting.

The child care management program has two components. After nine months of study, the student can earn the Professional Nanny Diploma. After nine more months of management courses, the student can earn an Associate Degree in Child Care Management.

"The laws have changed in the child care management industry," said program coordinator Leigh Shapiro. "Individuals must have degrees to be directors of child care institutions. Our students will be able to fill that need."

The Legal Nurse Consultant Program is open only to registered nurses who already possess an associate or bachelor's degree in nursing from an accredited institution. This fast-paced program, which begins in March, can be completed in six months.

The Legal Nurse Consultant uses medical skills and expertise in a legal setting. LNC duties may include preparation of medical documents, legal briefs, advising in the questioning of medical witnesses, interpretation of medical files, records, billing statement and medical language.

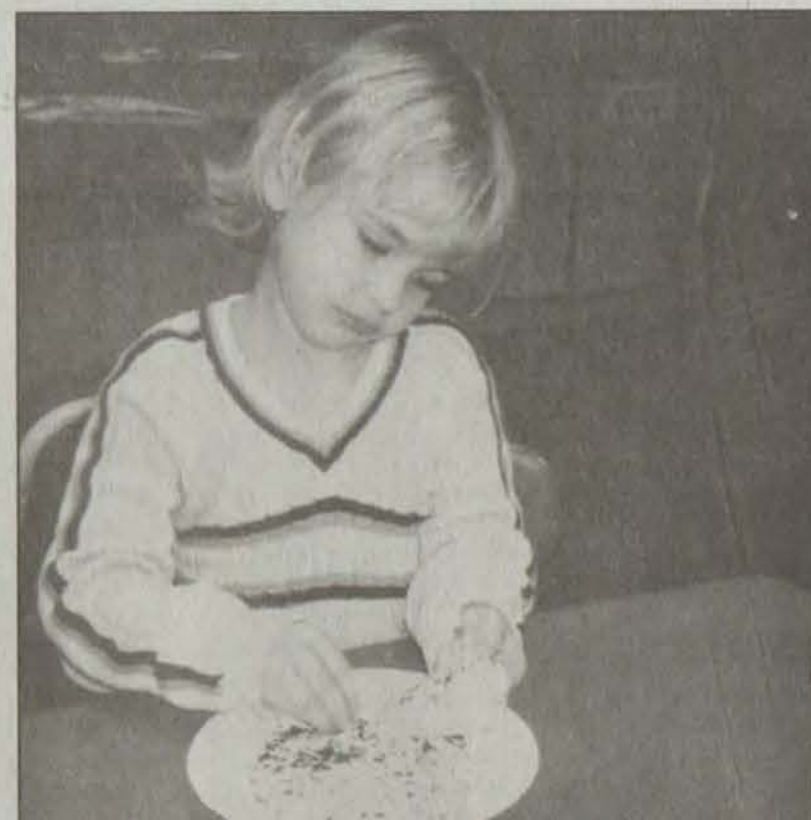
An LNC may work with an attorney, in a plaintiff or defense capacity, providing valuable assistance in cases dealing with such issues as personal injury, malpractice, billing disputes, and insurance suits, among others.

Sullivan College provides graduates with a life-time, nationwide employment assistance. Over the past five years, the college has maintained a 98 percent or better graduate employment success record.

For information about the new programs, call 606/276-4357 or toll-free 1-800-467-6281.



Jerica Blair and her twin doll. Jerica bought her twin doll as part of a show and tell activity in Anna Shepherd's class at May Valley Elementary.



"Edible Christmas Trees." Hannah Farmer made an edible Christmas tree. She is a kindergarten student in Anna Shepherd's class at May Valley Elementary.

Transylvania's academic camp for Appalachian students is July 11-16

Transylvania University will hold its seventh annual Academic Camp for Appalachian students, July 11-16.

The six-day camp will give high school students entering their junior or senior year the opportunity to experience college life and will introduce these students to the liberal arts through discussion in five academic areas.

Students will also learn how to better their scores on standardized examinations. Transylvania professors will serve as teachers and Transy students will serve as mentors and group leaders.

The camp is free, however, a \$25 application fee is required by May 1.

Enrollment is limited to 40 students. Applicants must have a B

average and be recommended by two individuals, one of whom is a teacher or counselor who can verify that the student is interested in the camp and would benefit from attending.

The camp is supported in part by the Jessie Ball duPont Fund.

For more information or an application, contact Donna Ellis at 606/233-8228.

Applications for Rogers Scholars now being taken by Center

For the second year, 48 high school students from eastern and southern Kentucky, including Floyd County, will be selected as Rogers Scholars to participate in a summer workshop at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset.

The Rogers Scholars program is an intensive one-week session for rising juniors from 40 counties. It emphasizes technological skills development and fosters an entrepreneurial spirit, leadership and commitment to rural Kentucky.

The goals of the Rogers Scholars program are to encourage youths to seek job opportunities at home while increasing their marketable skills in telecommunications.

Students will hear speakers who are leaders in their professions and will participate in exercises designed to build leadership and cooperation.

Instruction, food and lodging are free to the participants. Two sessions are scheduled: July 11-17 and July 18-24. The deadline for

applications to be received by the Center is April 20.

One student will be selected from each county in the center's service area, along with eight at-large scholars from across the region.

Students who are sophomores now and will be juniors next year and who have an interest in technology are encouraged to apply.

For application information, contact your school's guidance counselor or call Margaret F. Sloan at the Center, 606/677-6000.

REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Magoffin County

Lena Arnett, 92, of Salyersville, died Sunday, February 7. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 10, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Pike County

Lurlie Marie Thacker Thompson, 58, of Virgie, died Tuesday, February 9. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 13, under direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Virginia Lorrene Cox, 65, of Phelps, died Thursday, February 11. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 14, under direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Raymond Augustine Blair, 67, of Pikeville, died Friday, February 12. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 15, under direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Marie Lowe Blackburn, 92, a resident of Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville, died Friday, February 12. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 15, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Glen Bishop Jr., 46, of Collins Highway, died Wednesday, February 10. He was a drill operator for Branham & Baker Coal Co. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 13, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Lurlie Marie Thacker Thompson, 58, of Virgie, died Tuesday, February 9. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 13, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Gobel Adkins, 60, of Fords Branch, died Wednesday, February 10. He is survived by his wife, Arlene Adkins. Funeral services

were conducted Saturday, February 13, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Barbara Jean Harrison, 60, of Sidney, died Wednesday, February 10. She is survived by her husband, John B. Harrison. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 12, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Steven Keith Ward, 42, of Majestic, died Saturday, February 13. He was a disabled coal miner. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 16, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Omer "Buster" Hopkins, 76, of Greasy Creek, died Saturday, February 13. He was a retired coal miner. He is survived by his wife, Marie Powell Hopkins. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 16, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services-Morris Chapel.

Martha Ann "Bootie" Hager Smith, 53, of Ransom, died Saturday, February 13. She is survived by her husband, Landon Smith. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 15, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry.

Frank Coleman, 53, of Shelbiana, died Friday, February 12. He is survived by his wife, Helen Coleman. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 15, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

George Lacy Williamson, 71, of Pikeville, died Sunday, February 14. He was retired from Citizens Bank (now Star Bank) where he served as president. He is survived by his wife, Biddie Elizabeth Worley Williamson. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 17, under direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Nellie Mae Hunt, 74, of Belfry, died Saturday, February 13. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 16, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Eunice Bishop, 74, of Lick Creek, died Monday, February 15. She was a merchant. She is survived by her husband, Tulie Bishop. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 18, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home, Elkhorn City.

Darling Newsome, 77, of Robinson Creek, died Sunday, February 14. He was a retired coal miner formerly employed by Island Creek Coal Company. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Newsome. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 18, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Katherine Lemaster Rose, 71, died Wednesday, February 10. She is survived by her husband, Everett Leroy Rose. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 12, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Martin County

Felix Elmer Lafferty, 68, of Inez, died Monday, February 15. He was a retired foreman of the Columbia Gas Company. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 17, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Grace D. Preece, 79, of Debord, died Monday, February 15. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 17, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Mary Workman, 75, of Lovely, died Sunday, February 14. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 17, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Oscar Fannin, 76, of Inez, died Saturday, February 13. He is survived by his wife, Pauline Chaffin Fannin. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 15, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Willie Kirk, 84, of Lovely, died Tuesday, February 9. He was a retired coal miner and was county judge for 16 years. He is survived

by his wife, Victoria Kirk. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 12, under the direction of the Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Beatrice Mae Parks, 82, of Louisa, died Friday, February 12. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 15, under the direction of the Heston Funeral Home.

Mary Lesta Robinson, 87, of Louisa, died Tuesday, February 9. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 12, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Jacqueline Jane Ball, 72, of Louisa, died Tuesday, February 9. She was a retired registered nurse, worked at Riverview Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 12, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Mary "Granny" McCoy Fugett, 89, died Saturday, February 13. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 15, under the direction of Young Funeral Home Chapel.

Mary P. Lemaster, 60, of Louisa, died Tuesday, February 16. She is survived her husband, Bobby J. Lemaster. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 18, under the direction of Young Funeral Home Chapel.

Augustus "Buzzie" Moore, 81, of Louisa, died Tuesday, February 16 at his residence. Funeral arrangements were under direction of Young Funeral Home.

Knott County

Winnie Pigman Day, 97, of Mallie, died February 9. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 12, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services Chapel.

Douglas Franklin, 53, of Amburgey, died February 7. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Franklin. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 10, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services Chapel.

Bethel Seals, 69, of Litt Carr, died Monday, February 8. She is survived by her husband, Floyd Seals. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 11, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

OBITUARIES

Malcom Lewis

Malcom Lewis, 79, of Banner, died Monday, February 15, 1999, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, following a long illness.

He was born January 8, 1920, in Floyd County, the son of the late Wallace Lewis and Rosa Belle Roop Lewis. He was a U.S. Army, World War II veteran.

Survivors include two sisters, Florence Lewis of Harold, and Ada Lewis of Glasgow.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, February 19, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, with the clergymen Jim Smith and Jake Jarvis officiating.

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

Barbara Lafferty Morrison

Barbara Lafferty Morrison, 56, of Marquette, Michigan, died February 13, 1999.

Born May 15, 1942, in Edgar, she was the daughter of Johnnie Lafferty, of Prestonsburg, and the late Dottie Lafferty.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Morrison.

Other survivors include, her father, Johnnie Lafferty; step-mother, Maggie Lafferty; two sons, Robert Lee Morrison of New Mexico; Steven Matthew Morrison of Gwinn, Michigan; two step-daughters, Higinio Cavarrubias of Florida, Christina Cavarrubias of Missouri; three sisters, Earnestine Wynn of California, Linda Kay Wallen of Prestonsburg, and Dianna Joyce Crace of Indiana; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 18, at noon, at the Gwinn United Methodist Church in Gwinn, Michigan, with Rev. Jackie Roe officiating.

Burial was in Warren, Ohio, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Carl Ray Tuttle

Elder Carl Ray Tuttle, 60, of McDowell, died Wednesday, February 17, 1999, at McDowell ARH, McDowell, following an extended illness.

Born on September 12, 1938, in Lucasville, Ohio, he was the son of the late Henry and Daisy King Tuttle. He was a disabled miner, a member of U.M.W.A., and member of Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church at McDowell.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Jean Hopkins Tuttle; two sons, Terry Tuttle and David Tuttle, both of McDowell; four brothers, Buck Tuttle of Prestonsburg, Wayne Tuttle, Holly Tuttle, Ellis Tuttle, all of Ohio; one-half sister, Lois Tuttle of Ohio; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, February 19, 10 a.m., at the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist church at McDowell, with ministers of Old Regular Baptist officiating.

Burial will be in the Hopkins Family Cemetery at McDowell, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Chester Lee Lafferty

Chester Lee Lafferty, 58, of Ashland, died February 17, 1999, of an extended illness.

Born September 4, 1940, in Floyd County, he was the son of Lonzo and Elsie Peters Lafferty of Allen. He was a member and minister of the Lindsey United Methodist Chapel and Masonic Lodge No. 715 F&AM, of Rush. He was a carpenter.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Watkins Lafferty.

Survivors, other than his wife and parents, include three daughters, Karen Lafferty Qualls, Cheryl Lafferty Conn, and Jami Leigh Lafferty, all of Ashland; two brothers, Vernon Lafferty of Cincinnati, Ohio, Ernie Ray Lafferty of Prestonsburg; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 20, at the Steen Funeral Home, Cannonsburg Chapel, with Reverend John Ray Walters officiating.

Burial will be in the Ashland Cemetery, under the direction of Steen Funeral Home, Cannonsburg Chapel.

Visitation may be made Friday, February 19, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the funeral home, where Masonic services will be held at 7 p.m.

Friends may make contributions to Community Hospice, 1438 Central Ave., Ashland, Ky. 41101.

Kelpie Young

Kelpie Young, 89, formerly of Harold, died Wednesday, February 17, 1999, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home.

Born in Pike County, on December 27th, 1909, she was the daughter of the late Sarah Jane Conn Maynard, and Robert Maynard and a member of the Baptist church.

Her husband, Alvin Young, preceded her in death.

Survivors include: one daughter, Joan Cooper of Harold; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 20, 11 a.m., at the J.W. Call Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial will be in the Ferguson Cemetery, at Harold.

Woodrow Robinson

Woodrow Robinson, 70, of Pierceton, Indiana, died February 17, 1999, at his residence.

He was born August 20, 1922, in Floyd County, the son of Dick and Ellie Brown Robinson. He was a coal miner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elsie Shepherd.

Survivors include three sisters, Alma Wadkins of Palestine, Indiana, Ida Mae Dotson of Akron, Indiana, and Eliza Dotson, of Prestonsburg; and one brother, Albert Robinson of Prestonsburg.

Funeral services will be Saturday, February 20, at 1 p.m., under the direction of McHatton-Sadler Funeral Home, Pierceton, Indiana.

Burial will be in the Hillrest Cemetery in Pierceton, Indiana.

Jackie Hicks

Jackie Hicks, 71, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, February 17, 1999, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following a long illness.

He was born December 18, 1927, in Blue River, the son of Joe Hicks of Blue River, and the late Ocie Hale Hicks.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 20, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergyman Vernon Stone officiating.

Burial will be in the Richmond Cemetery, Prestonsburg, with the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Ethel B. Smith Osborne

Ethel B. Smith Osborne, 96, of Bypro, died Wednesday, February 17, 1999, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, after a long illness.

She was born May 25, 1902, in Knott County, the daughter of the late William B. Smith and Tince Bowen Smith.

She was a retired merchant and former owner and operator of Osborne Drug Store, Bypro, and member of the First Baptist Church, Martin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. W.D. Osborne.

Survivors include two daughters, Virginia Jamerson of Bypro, Joan Blackburn of Brooklyn, Michigan; one brother, Oscar B. Smith of Bypro; four grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 20, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergyman Arnold Turner Jr., officiating.

Burial will be in the Osborne Cemetery, Bypro, with the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Oceans are topic of Ashland program

Dr. David Gallo, director of special projects at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, will speak on "Exploration, Adventure, Our Origins and Destiny: A Story of Global Oceans," Saturday, March 6, at Ashland Community College.

A scientist, explorer and educator, Gallo will touch on such seaworthy topics as shipwrecks, pirates, sea monsters, life origins, and ocean exploration.

The program begins at 7 p.m. in ACC's Telecommunications Auditorium at 1400 College Dr. in Ashland. It is sponsored by ACC, Kentucky Highlands Museum, and WLGC.

Admission is free, but reservations are necessary because of limited seating. To order tickets, call 606/329-8888.

Acie Hawkins

Acie Hawkins, 66, of Quincy, Ohio, died Monday, February 15, 1999, at Wilson Memorial Hospital Emergency Room, Sidney, Ohio.

He had been employed as a welder with the Stolle Corp. in Sidney, Ohio, for 42 1/2 years.

He was born December 22, 1932, in Pine Top, a son of the late Robert and Drucie Sloan Hawkins.

He is survived by his wife, E. Viola Strong Hawkins.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mona Kean of Quincy, Ohio, Rhonda Shively of Shelbyville, Texas, and Lacie Jo Hawkins of Quincy, Ohio; one brother, Conley Hawkins of Sidney; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Quincy/Miami, Ohio, Township Rescue Squad.

The Rexter-Riggin-Madden Funeral Home, DeGraff, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements. (Information courtesy of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.)

Stambaugh pallbearers listed

Serving as for the pallbearers for the funeral of Bob Stambaugh were Matt Wallen, Steve Branham, Michael White, Patrick Morris, John Wayne Potter, James Potter, Lee Turner and George Leake.

Gibson pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Minerva Gibson, were Greg Gibson, Chris Prater, Terry Gibson Sr., Neil Ousley, Jeffrey Shepherd, Charles Shepherd, Gary Gibson, Mark Shepherd, Richard Collins, and Michael Conley.

Pallbearers listed for Billie Ruth Ward

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Billie Ruth Ward were Kevin Setser, Mike Setser, Jimmy Setser, Wayne Harless, Larry Ward Jr. and Tony Ward.



In Loving Memory of Hiwatha (Hank) Green

3-29-26 to 2-19-90

Your resting place we visit and place flowers there with care. No one knows the heartache when we turn and leave you there. They say time heals all sorrows and helps you to forget. Time so far has only proven how much we miss you. We think of you in silence and often speak your name. All we have in memories and your picture in a frame. Our hearts still ache in sadness and silent tears still flow. No one will ever know our loss.

May you rest in peace. Your loving wife, Aileen Children, Barb, Donald, Debbie, Peggy, Rodney, Jean 10 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren



Stretched out

This tree between the Twin Bridges at Martin has outlived its usefulness other than as an adornment for the city and an attraction for would-be photographers. (photo by Willie Elliott)

PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY
CHURCH OF CHRIST
 South Lake Drive at Entrance to Jenny Wiley Park
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 Worship—10:45 a.m.
 6 p.m. Std. Time
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6:00 p.m.
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"Various Local Artists"
Community Methodist Church
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 (on the river bank)
 Prestonsburg, KY
See you there!

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AUXIER
Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, Auxier; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 6:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby Joe Spencer; Assistant, Southie Fannin, Jr.
Auxier United Methodist Church, Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Night Service, 6:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome! Pastor, Doug Lawson.
Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Rd.; Sunday Morning Services, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School 10:00; Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Garfield Potter.

ABBOTT
The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, J.J. Wright.
ALLEN
Allen First Baptist Church, Allen; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship at 7 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Arnold Turner.
Christ United Methodist, Allen, Ky.; Sunday School, 9:45; Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth Lemaster.

BANNER
Prater Creek Baptist Church, Prater Creek; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Kids for Christ Club meets; Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Jr. and Beginners Church meets; Independent Fundamental Baptist Church; Pastor, Gary Fish.
Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner, Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 7:00; Tuesday Bible Study, 6:30; Everyone Welcome. Pastor, David Shepherd.

BEAVER
Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist Church, Beaver, Rt. 979; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Philip T. Smith.
BETSY LAYNE
Betsy Layne United Methodist Church, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Randy Blackburn
Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night family training hour, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Judith Caudill.
Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist Church; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Night Prayer & Youth Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Tracy Patton.
Calvary Southern Baptist Church, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Youth Meeting, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Troy Lee Tackett.
Betsy Layne Church of Christ at Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Minister, Tommy J. Spears.

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Jacks Creek Baptist Church, Bevinsville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday, Women's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Pastor, Jeff Barrett.
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Middle Creek Baptist Church, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.; Independent Fundamental; Pastor, Vernon Stone.
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Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Jimmy D. Brown.
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Endicott Freewill Baptist Church; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth Service, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

and the first Saturday each month at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Jim Smith
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Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Roger Music.
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Benedict Baptist Church, Slick Rock Branch of Cow Creek, (half mile up Cow Creek on left); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Youth Service, 6 p.m. each Wednesday and Evening Service, 7 p.m. each Wednesday.

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Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist Church, Dana; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Church, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Youth Meeting Sunday, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Jody Spencer; Assistance Pastor, Terry Hall.
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Goodloe Pentecostal Church, Rt. 850, David, Ky.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Malcolm Slone.
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Drift Pentecostal Church, Drift; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ted Shannon.
Drift Independent Church, Drift; Thursday, 6:30; Sunday, 11:00.
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Liberty Baptist Church, Denver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Pastor Merle Little.
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Free Pentecostal Church of God, East Point, Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 11:00; Sunday Night, 6:30; Thursday Night, 6:30; Pastor, Buster Hayton.
Little Point First Church of God, East Point, 671 Little Point Road; Sunday School, 9:45; Morning worship, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 6:00; Youth Fellowship, Sunday 6:00; Wednesday Night, 7:00; Kings Class (Children Ministry) Wednesday 7:00; Pastor, A Wayne Burch.
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Emma United Methodist, Emma, Ky.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.; Paul Aiken, Pastor.

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Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church, Garrett; 4th Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Moderator, Elder Earl Stone; Assistant Moderator, Elder Jerry Manns.
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First Baptist Church, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday; Pastor, Randy Osborne.
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Garrett Community Christian Church, Route 550, Garrett, Ky.; Service Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting 2nd Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10:30

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Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 4th Saturday Night, Regular Service & Business, 6:00 p.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Paul D. Coleman.
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Grethel Baptist Church, State Route 3379, (Branham's Creek Road), telephone 587-2043; Junior Church and Morning worship at 11:00; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth meeting Wednesday night 6:30 p.m.; Prayer meeting and bible study at 6:30.
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Lower Toler Church of Christ at Harold. Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Minister, Lonnie Meade.
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Maytown United Methodist Church, Langley; Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Youth Sunday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Roy Harlow.
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Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Stephens Branch; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.
Martin House of Worship, in Martin on Old Post Office St. Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.
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First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Missionettes & Royal Rangers, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Lorie Vannucci.
Trinity Chapel, Pentecostal Holiness Church, North Main Street, Martin; services: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday worship, 7:00 p.m.; Second Saturday Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Youth Activity nights, 1st and 3rd Saturday, 6:00 p.m.; Womens Ministries, 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Ministries, 2nd Friday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Bible study Monday evenings, 6:00 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Pastor.
Faith Bible Church, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.; Independent Fundamental Baptist; Pastor, Don Crisp.
Martin Freewill Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Youth League, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Pastor, John L. Blair.
First Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Sunday School 10:00; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Sunday Evening Worship, 5:00; Wednesday service, 6:00; Pastor: Russ Taylor.
Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Friday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Deacon, Bud Crum.
Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Group, 7 p.m.; Evangelist, Gary Mitchell.
Martin Methodist Church; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Harlow.
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MAYTOWN
Maytown First Baptist Church, Main Street; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Ed Taylor.
Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.; Evangelist, Benny Blankenship.
St. James Episcopal Church, school starts 9:45. Enquire classes to begin in January. For more information, contact the Rev. Johnnie E. Ross, 886-8046.
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Town Branch Community Baptist, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m. Pastor, Tom Nelson.
Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10; Morning Worship, 11; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor Clifford Austin.
Benedict Baptist Church, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Gordon Fitch.

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Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Sunday morning service 11:00 a.m.; Thursday service 6:00 p.m. Pastor, Buddy and Maude Frye.
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Salisbury United Methodist Church, Printer; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby G. Lawson.
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Trimble Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Intersection of U.S. 23 and Ky. 80, Water Gap, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00; Wednesday night and youth service, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor Joe Coleman. Everyone Welcome!
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Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Hall.
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Wheelwright United Methodist Church, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 services; Pastor, Bobby Isaac.
Youth Fellowship Center; Youth Meeting, Mon.-Tues., 6:00; Thursday Night Bible study, 7:00 p.m.
Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Wednesday evening worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Louis Ferrari.
Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Friday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Louis Sanlan; Rev. David Pike, assistant pastor.
Lighthouse Temple, Hall Hollow, Wheelwright, Kentucky; Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday Services, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Cosby.
WEST PRESTONSBURG
Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Don Shepherd.
Family Worship Assembly, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Thursday night, Bible Study and Youth Hour; pastor; nursery provided; Pastor, Scott Lish.
The Church of God of Prophecy, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Amer B. Whitaker.
Free United Baptist Church, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:30 p.m.; Midweek Prayer Service, 6:30 pm.
WAYLAND
Zion Deliverance Church, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Saturday Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Ada Mosley.
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PAIGE RETURNS

Senior to see playing time in district

Justin Paige

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It is his senior season. It had been a good one thus far. Then, like a lot of athletes, things start to go wrong and in a freakish way, an accident takes away the season, the spirit and heart.

All that happened to South Floyd senior forward Justin Paige when, on a Friday afternoon, he broke his right hand in practice. That sidelined him for five weeks, leaving some doubt that he would ever play for the Raiders again.

Tuesday morning, Paige made the scheduled visit to his doctor to have the hand examined, expecting bad news as he went.

"I thought they would remove the cast, x-ray the hand and put another cast back on," said the Raiders' leading scorer. Instead, the news was good as he received a release and clearance to resume his basketball career at South Floyd. But Raider coach Henry Webb said he will be brought back slowly. Paige suited up for the Shelby Valley game Tuesday night but did not play.

"He hasn't practiced or anything," said the South Floyd coach. "We have to see how strong his hand is. We will look at him tomorrow (Wednesday) in practice and see what it looks like. We want to take it slow. We just want to make sure that we don't get him hurt."

In the warm-ups Tuesday night, Paige sank four straight from the three-point arc and pronounced he was ready.

"It doesn't bother me when I shoot," he said. "Today, when I first shot, Coach Webb lowered the goal for me. The first time I shot I about broke the backboard. After about five minutes, my wrist started loosening up."

Paige said he still had a knot on his wrist, but it didn't seem to bother him. He said he had no pain except for some caused by stiffness from his wrist being immobile for five weeks.

Paige said there was fear that his career was over that Friday when the accident happened and that he would have to forget about playing in the district tournament.

"When I first broke it, it was real hard at first for me to accept what had happened and I didn't know if I

would get to play in the district tournament," he said. "It was real hard to sit on the bench and watch my teammates play. It was painful to sit and watch."

But there is excitement in the voice of this senior forward whose love for the game of basketball is evident. Now he is ready and looking forward to playing against Prestonsburg.

"I can't wait. There is not a team in the district I want to play against," said Paige. "I wanted to beat Allen Central forever but, when we beat Prestonsburg up here on a last second shot then got beat a few points there, there is not another team that I want to play against like Prestonsburg."

Coach Webb said if Paige shows he is ready to play and looks strong in practice, he could see playing time against Piarist (Thursday night) and will play against Millard on Saturday night.

"Hopefully, we can get him some quality minutes Saturday night against Millard (Senior Night) and, hopefully, have him ready by district tournament time."

Webb said the doctors gave Paige a release and the go-ahead to full strength with two exceptions.

"I can't dunk the ball and no block shots," said Paige, and that could be good news for the opposition. "He told me to try and take care of it and protect it as much as I can."

Paige said the doctors reported there was no need for a partial cast and that everything looked good.

"There was that big fear of missing the district tournament, but everything has worked out all right," said Paige, who had his release in his back pocket.

"I have it here ready to give to Mr. (Dan) Collins our athletic director," said Paige.



Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

A Look At Sports

Girls' basketball gets better with each season

In the year 1975, legislation was passed bringing in what became known as Title IX, which ruled that high schools had to provide the same athletic opportunities for girls as for boys. With that came the birth of girls' basketball in the high school ranks.

That was 24 years ago. Today the girls' game has soared to record heights and has become a fan favorite with more and more sports fans taking in girls' basketball.

I, for one, enjoy watching girls' basketball. It is a different game from the boys, but yet it is not different. The rules are all the same, but it seems the attitudes toward the game are different. The girls seem to take it more seriously than do the boys.

Next week, along with the boys' teams, all four girls' districts will tip off as they battle to see who will represent the 15th Region in the Sweet Sixteen in March.

The 15th Region has become a hot bed for women's basketball and has college recruiters sitting in the stands hoping to locate a player who could make a difference in their season.

The rich talent that can be found in the region is located mostly in the 59th and 60th districts but most of those good young players are not ready for college. They have another year or two of high school.

57TH DISTRICT

Like the boys in the 57th, it is hard to pick a winner here but you have to give the nod to Sheldon Clark, whom I feel is the best girls' team in the 15th Region. The Lady Cardinals are quick, have discipline (something that is lost today) and can shoot the basketball.

Coach Robin Harmon Newsome has her Lady Cards geared for a run at a regional title and the Lady Cards should come out of the 57th, along with Johnson Central and right into the regional meet.

Mandy Harmon is as good as they get in the 15th. A solid player who can rebound, play defense, and, of course, score. Add Anita Harless and Nikki Copeland and the Lady

South Floyd tames Wildcats 77-72 behind a pair of Halls

Raiders become school's winningest basketball team

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

"A child shall lead them!"

Michael Hall may be just an eighth-grader but don't tell him he doesn't play like one. Don't let him know that he is not supposed to be able to get in the middle and mix it up with the "bigger kids" and that he is not supposed to lead the South Floyd Raiders with 17 points in their 77-72 win over Shelby Valley Tuesday night. No, don't tell him that, because he probably won't believe you.

For one Michael Hall, who wears number 54 on his jersey, has the opposition keying in on that number with the way he has played this varsity season. Hall buried two three-point baskets, yes, but he also challenged the taller timber in the middle with his slashes to the basket. He also dished off four assists, a team high for the contest.

What does all this spell? Well, it meant a modest two game winning streak for South Floyd, it put the Raiders over the five hundred mark as they improved to 11-10 on the season, but it also made the '98-99 Raiders the winningest basketball team in the school's short history. Last year's team posted 10 wins. The Raiders are starting to get things together.

"We are on a little streak right

now," said South Floyd coach Henry Webb. "We're playing well and starting to come together. We wanted to jell going down the stretch, I congratulated the kids after the game and told them they were the winningest team in South Floyd history."

It was a come-from-behind win for the Raiders as they fell behind by 15 points in the second period before they got a wake-up call from their coach. After a quick full time out at the onset of the second quarter, the Raiders figured they had

better come out of their lethargy. Standing around and going through the motions in the first

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Saturday Night

Millard vs. South Floyd
•When: 7:30 p.m.
•Where: Raider Arena
•Records: Millard (3-17); South Floyd (11-10)
•Line: SF by 20
•Senior Night



Collins scores 32...

Pike Central turns back Allen Central

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Force shots, bad shot selection, poor execution on offense, call it what you will but it all spelled d-e-f-e-a-t for the Allen Central Lady Rebels in a 70-56 setback to top-ranked Pike County Central Monday night at the J.E. Campbell Arena.

In a game that contrasted halves, the Lady Rebels were sharp and looked like a regional contender in the first 16 minutes of the game but all went array in the second half as they could not find the basket. After shooting a decent 40 per-

cent in the first half, the percentage took a big dive in the final two periods.

Amanda Collins had her way around and under the basket in scoring 32 points to lead the Lady Hawks. Ashley Melvin and Alisha Weddington each finished with 15 while Fran Daugherty added eight as the only scorers for Pike Central.

Freshman Beth Combs led Allen Central with 18 points. Combs opened the game with a hot hand but cooled off in the second half. Shanna Howell pumped in 12 points in

a solid performance. Jessica Martin netted nine. Natalie Cooley, ridden with the flu, saw limited playing time but did toss in six points as did senior Jennifer Hopkins. Hopkins had two three-point baskets.

Melvin led a late second spurt that netted the Lady Hawks a 36-31 lead at the half. With Allen Central in front 28-24 on two Howell free throws, Melvin was outstanding. She buried

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Tuesday Night

Allen Central vs. South Floyd
•When: 8 p.m.
•Where: Raider Arena
•Records: Lady Rebels (14-9); South Floyd (8-13)
•Line: AC by 20
•TV: IMSN Channel 5
•Radio: Q95, Double X



Allen Central freshman Beth Combs (21) went to the basket against Pike Central in her team's 70-56 loss to the Lady Hawks. Combs scored 18 points in the loss. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Raiders

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SHELBY VALLEY (72)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Bartley	1	2	2-1	9
Johnson	4	1	3-3	14
Akers	3	5	4-4	25
Newsome	4	4	4-4	24
Akers	0	0	1-0	0

SOUTH FLOYD (77)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Shannon	1	1	6-2	7
K Tackett	1	2	2-2	10
B Hall	2	2	8-4	14
Stumbo	3	1	0-0	9
P.J. Hall	2	0	2-2	6
M Hall	4	2	4-3	17
R Tackett	2	0	2-1	5

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 South Floyd.....10 24 19 24 - 77

quarter, the Raiders trailed the Wildcats 20-10 at the first stop. Daniel Newsome buried a trey and Brad Johnson hit two free throws inside the first 30 seconds of the second period that prompted Coach Webb to take a time out. What was said in that meeting is not known, but it worked. The Raiders were not standing around any longer. They were pushing the ball up and down the court.

"We're a team that works hard on pushing the ball up the court," said Coach Webb. It gets us moving more. If we push the ball we feel we can play with anybody. If we stand around it is awful tough for us."

The running game also turned up the intensity on defense and when the Wildcats looked up, the Raiders were about to put the leash

on them. With the outside game of guards Michael Hall and Ryan Shannon, the Raiders made their move and cut the lead to two, 36-34, on a power move inside by Rusty Tackett, a sophomore. Brad Johnson completed an old-fashioned three-point play that gave Shelby Valley a 39-34 lead at the half.

The Raiders showed a solid man-to-man defense when the second half began and Shelby Valley had problems matching up with it on offense. The turned-up pressure forced Shelby Valley to take some ill-advised shots. Byron Hall started the South Floyd comeback with a rebound basket and a three-point shot off the right side at the 6:30 mark. The trey tied the game at 39, and it was South Floyd from that point on. Jimmy Stumbo's three-

point basket from the top of the key gave the Raiders their first lead since the first quarter, 47-45, with 3:15 to play in the third.

"We can't say enough about our young kids," said Coach Webb. They have been playing very hard. Some have been sick, but they play anyway. Byron is a work horse on the floor. He struggles from the line and doesn't shoot every shot great, but he is one kid you can count on every night to give 115 percent.

South Floyd held a 53-50 lead going into the fourth quarter and extended it to 10 points, 60-50, with a 7-0 run to start the final period. Shelby Valley turned the ball over on its first four possessions to begin the final stanza.

A barrage of three-pointers by the Wildcats propelled Shelby Valley back into the game as they

narrowed the Raider lead to one, 68-67, on a trey by Newsome. The wildcats hit four straight three-point baskets. With 55 seconds to play, the Raiders had to put the game away from the free throw line, where it became an adventure. The Raiders did net seven of 10 tosses to secure the win.

"Free throw shooting is something we work extremely hard on," said the South Floyd mentor. "It is a Catch 22 thing. At the first of the year, we shot our free throws well. But now we seem to be struggling."

Coach Webb said it is not something he is overly concerned about, although it is an important part of the game.

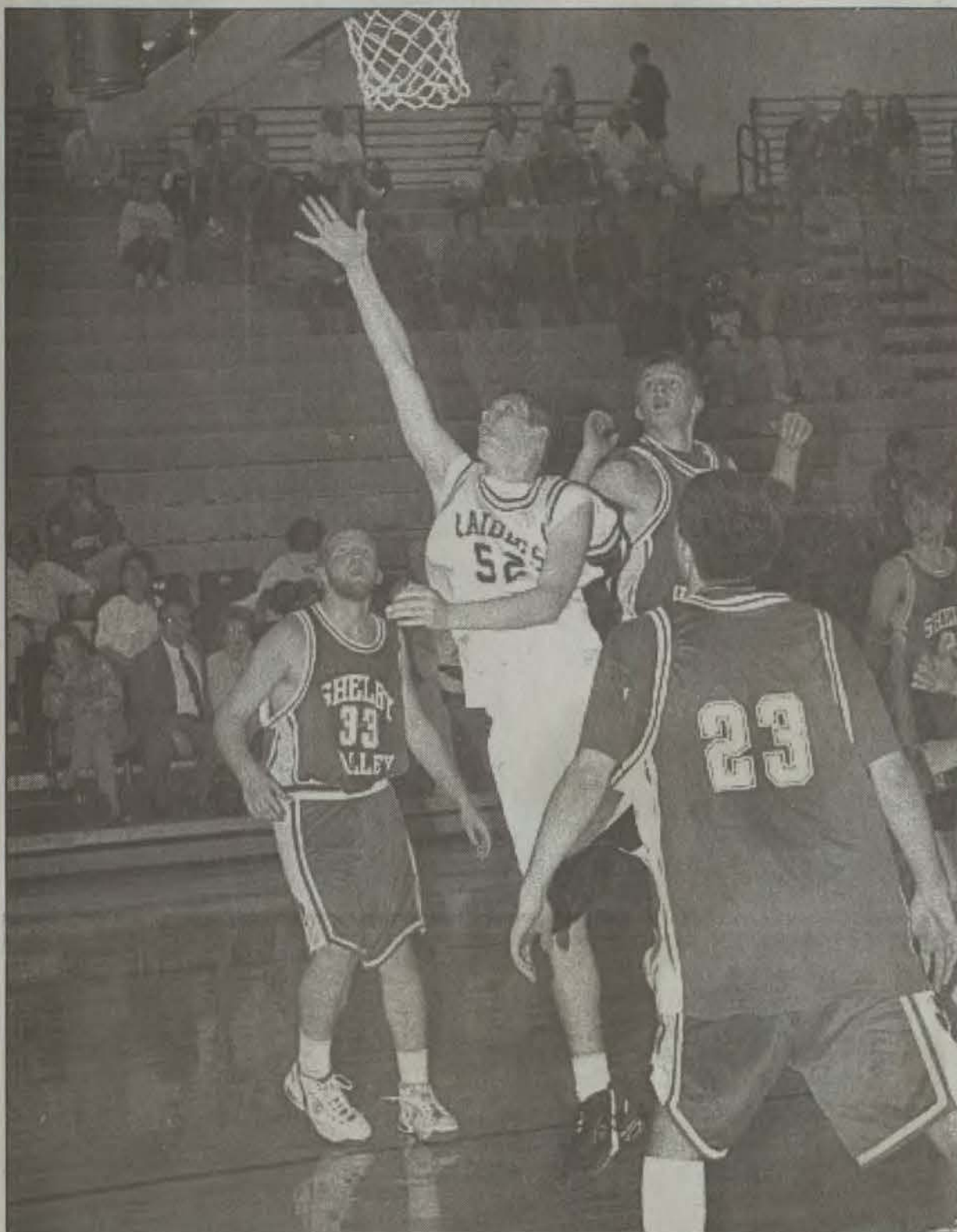
Shelby Valley buried 12 three-point baskets in the game. Shannon Akers led all scorers with 25 points

and hit five treys. Newsome tossed in 24 points and four three-pointers. Johnson finished with 14 points and one trey while Jamie Bartley hit two threes and had nine points.

Kyle Tackett had two treys and scored 10 points for the Raiders. Stumbo finished with nine and P.J. Hall scored six. Rusty Tackett had five points.

Byron Hall had 12 rebounds to lead the Raiders. Kyle Tackett pulled in seven. John Meade dished off five assists.

South Floyd closes out its regular season Saturday night at home against Millard. The Raiders face Prestonsburg in the first round of the boys' 58th District at South Floyd on Thursday night in a 6 p.m. tipoff.



Super soph

South Floyd's Rusty Tackett (52) scored on this move to the basket against Shelby Valley Tuesday night. The Raiders won their fifth game in the last six outings to improve to 11-10 on the season. (photo by Ed

Earn extra money...

Be a volleyball official

The 15th Region Athletic Association is currently seeking individuals who are interested in becoming volleyball officials for the upcoming 1999 season.

The first day of organized practice is July 15 with the

start of the regular season on August 23. The season runs through October 17 and concludes with the district, regional and state championships.

Two officials are used per contest. Anyone interested in becoming a registered official

should contact the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) at (606)299-5472 or David Bolen, 15th Region Assigning Secretary at (606)478-9138 or 478-2233.

58TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

South Floyd High School, February 23-26



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Sports

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Cardinals are a strong unit. A good bench gives Sheldon Clark good depth. Sheldon Clark faces Magoffin County in the first round.

Magoffin County is a much improved team since they re-jumped their program five seasons ago. The Lady Hornets have shown signs of coming around but will be no match for the Lady Cardinals. Nikki Love and Whitney Love, a pair of guards, will lead the Lady Hornets. Cassie Howard roams the paint area for Magoffin and Kelli Montgomery plays inside as well.

This may be a down year (believe that if you want) for the Johnson Central Lady Eagles, but they are a legitimate team led by Josie Melvin, Megan Salyer, Teresa Lewis and Amanda Griffith. Coach Phillip Wireman had a solid team and will be the 57th District number two seed that meets Paintsville in the first round of the 57th.

It has been a rebuilding season for the Paintsville Lady Tigers, but they have some

young talent who will make Paintsville a contender in the future. Leigh Ann Wallen, LeAnn Curtis, Stacy Patrick and Kim Kretzer will lead the Lady Tigers against Johnson Central.

59th DISTRICT

Over in the 59th, the Shelby Valley Lady Wildcats were the surprise number one seed after knocking off Pike Central during the regular season. The duo of Summer Jones and Ashley Damron give coach Bobby Spears a twosome who can score inside or outside.

The Lady Wildcats will meet Millard in the first round of the 59th District. Millard has struggled all season and picked up but two victories.

Pike Central has been the top-rated team in the 15th Region for most of the season, along with Belfry. The Lady Hawks will look to Amanda Collins and Ashley Melvin for their scoring, but Alisha Weddington has a good outside shot from the three-point arc. Rachel Pugh and Fran Daugherty round out the starting unit for Pike Central.

This ballclub does so many things well on the basketball court. They can beat you inside or with their outside shooting. They are a good defensive unit and rebound very well. Collins is one of the region's, if not the state's, top rebounders. Melvin is uncanny from the three-point arc.

The Lady Hawks will battle

cross-town rival Pikeville in the first round of the girls' 59th District. The Lady Panthers have some outside firepower themselves in Jill Kimberlain and Samantha Narra. Sarah Boyd plays the middle for the Lady Panthers.

But taking care of the basketball has been a problem for Pikeville and against the Pike Central press, it could be a long night. Others to watch include Emily Johnson and Kim Hickman.

60th DISTRICT

The Belfry Lady Pirates head the list of teams in the 60th. Coach Cindy Halbert's ballclub got a shot in the arm when Ramanda Music made the transfer to Belfry. She has been a big

plus for the program.

But the Lady Pirates are loaded with inside players, including Tonya Francis and Rosen. Rosen has inked already with Coastal Carolina for next season and Francis is being courted by several colleges.

Guard play has been the suspect for the Lady Pirates, but they will rule the 15th as well as the 60th District. Belfry plays Feds Creek in a first round game.

Feds Creek has Lisa Fuller and that is a lot. A great performer on the basketball court. Fuller has turned some heads this year. But it will take more than her to upset the Lady Pirates.

Elkhorn City will meet Phelps in a first round game and the Lady Hornets could be the surprise team in the region. Winners of the girls' All "A" Classic, Phelps has the likes of Courtney Mercer, Erica Fannin and Devon Stiltner but tall, tall Shawna Ratliff in the middle.

In the 57th, look for Sheldon Clark and Johnson Central to be part of the eight teams that will

make up the girls' 15th Region, held at Pike County Central this year.

Allen Central and Prestonsburg should represent the 58th at the big show while Shelby Valley and Pike Central will make it out of the 59th. Belfry and Phelps will complete the eight teams.

Who will be the winner or runner-up is a good question. There could be some upsets along the way, but we don't see any, except maybe in the 58th.

Looking at it on paper, district winners could be Sheldon Clark, Allen Central, Pike Central and Belfry. Runner-up may be Johnson Central, Prestonsburg, Shelby Valley and Phelps.

Eight great teams. Key matchups: Allen Central against Johnson Central, Pike Central meets Prestonsburg, Sheldon Clark plays Phelps and Belfry faces Johnson Central. Now, that is not the way they line up; that is decided by the draw. But, who knows, it might be. It will be a great regional tournament.

P'burg frosh continue to roll with win over Pikeville, 47-43

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Ryan Martin scored a game high 18 points and Matt Turner added 13 to lead the Prestonsburg freshmen team to a 47-43 win over Pikeville Monday night at Pikeville.

Dave Cecil led Pikeville with 14 points and Dan Paul Branham added 10.

Martin hit two three-point baskets in the game and both came in the first quarter when he scored eight points to lead Prestonsburg to a 17-11 lead after one quarter. Matt Slone, who finished with seven points had four in the opening period. Craig Fleenor and Kevin Younce had two points in the first. Cecil hit a trey and scored five points for Pikeville in the opening quarter.

Branham had the only two field goals for Pikeville in the second quarter as a 14-5 run gave Prestonsburg a 31-16 lead at the half. Martin scored six of the 14 points. Turner had a trey and Slone scored three points in the second quarter.

Pikeville pulled to within nine points in the third quarter by outscoring Prestonsburg 11-5. Turner and Fleenor had the lone two field goals for the Blackcats. Cecil scored six points for Pikeville in the third period and Jamie Anderson had four points with a three-point basket.

Prestonsburg did not have a field goal in the fourth quarter but camped out at the free throw line where they attempted 18 shots from the charity stripe connecting on 11. For the game, Prestonsburg hit 14 of 27 tries.

"We couldn't put one in the ocean," said Prestonsburg freshman coach, Neil Turner. "They were trying to catch up and put us on the free throw line."

Prestonsburg finished their freshman year 8-8 after playing a grueling schedule.

"We did play a tough schedule," said Coach Turner. "We played in the Ashland tournament, played South Floyd twice and they have a good freshman team. The last three weeks we have been hit hard by the flu."

Fleenor finished with six points for Prestonsburg. Younce, T.C. Hatfield and Josh Murdock had two points each.

PRESTONSBURG (47)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Martin	4	2	6-4	18
Turner	1	2	8-5	10
Fleenor	2	0	4-2	6
Younce	1	0	0-0	2
Hatfield	0	0	4-2	2
Slone	3	0	3-1	7
Murdock	1	0	0-0	2

PIKEVILLE (43)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Kerr	1	0	0-0	2
Branham	5	0	0-0	10
Justice	1	0	3-0	2
Norman	0	0	5-3	3
Anderson	1	1	4-2	7
Cecil	4	1	4-3	14
McCoy	2	0	2-1	5

Prestonsburg.....17 14 5 11 - 47
Pikeville.....11 5 11 16 - 43



Three Musketeers

The trio of Danny Vanhoose, Ken Hall and "Dr" Don Bevins will blanket the district tournaments for Inter Mountain Sports Network as the district tournaments tip off next week. The network will cover 22 games in a five day period. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Kentucky Afield

Leasing program offers \$\$\$ for landowners

Now's a good time to start thinking about spring planting, especially if you want to make some money. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) is offering a new leasing program for landowners.

The Dove Field Lease began last year. It's a way for Kentucky landowners make some extra money. Plus, it provides more places for people to hunt doves.

Fields planted this spring for dove hunting next fall can generate as much as \$2,500 for a landowner when leased to KDFWR for public hunting.

All you have to do is plant an idle field to the crop your KDFWR biologist recommends for mourning doves. Recommended crops include plants such as sunflowers or millet. The next step is to sign an agreement with KDFWR allowing folks to hunt doves on your land during the legal season. That's all there is to it. After dove season ends, you'll get a

check in the mail for as much as \$2,500.

Payments are based on the number of acres enrolled, crop type and the number of days a landowner is willing to open those acres to public dove hunting. Payments are specified in the initial agreement.

After its first year, the Dove Field Lease Program is considered a success by participating landowners and hunters. These hunters might not have gotten to dove hunt if it weren't for the leasing program.

Find out more about enrolling your land in KDFWR's Dove Field Lease Program by contacting your private lands biologist or local conservation officer. If you're not sure how to get in touch with a biologist or officer, call the KDFWR Information Center at 1-800-858-1549.

Upon our invitation and under no obligation, a biologist will schedule an appointment to meet with you, take a look at your property and discuss your inter-

est in DFLP. Following the visit, the biologist will give recommendations about how your property can be managed for doves. You'll also be given a firm dollar figure for leasing your property to KDFWR during dove hunting season.

Participation in the Dove Field Lease Program does not affect landowner liability. Kentucky's Recreational use Statutes (KRS 411.190 and KRS 150.645) are intended to encourage landowners to open their lands to the public — without charging a user fee — for hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreational activities.

After mid-August and as mourning dove season approaches, hunters interested in finding out where leased fields are located can contact the KDFWR at 1-800-858-1549 to receive a dove field listing by mail.

Remember, hunting (and fishing) on private lands is a privilege. Treat private land — and any private landowners — with respect.



Dedication and professionalism

Rebecca Bryant was honored by Sgt. Hardy (left) during senior night at Allen Central Monday night. Her parents, Shelia and Ron Bryant of Martin was on hand for the honoring (photo by Ed Taylor)

Central

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consecutive three-point baskets and hit a short jumper that gave the Lady Hawks a 32-31 lead. Then Collins hit four of four free throws for the five point halftime lead.

Combs got Allen Central off to a fast start, scoring the first six points for the Lady Rebs. The two teams were tied at six, eight, and 13 before Allen Central led 14-13 after the first quarter.

A short jumper by Martin and a free throw by Howell gave the Lady Rebels their biggest lead of the game, 17-13. The two teams were tied at 17 and 24 with Allen Central taking a 28-24 lead on a basket underneath by Martin and two Howell free throws. After that Melvin took over.

Weddington opened the third for Pike Central with a long three and

Collins hit two free throws that gave the Lady Hawks a 10-point lead. Allen Central's shot selection left a lot to be desired as they were hitting the side of the backboard instead of the rim. The Lady Rebs had but two field goals in the third period, a trey by Hopkins and Combs' layup. Pike Central led 56-39 after three quarters.

Allen Central was able to cut into the lead and narrow the margin to 11 points, 60-49, on Combs' three-point basket with over a minute to play.

The Lady Rebels, after closing their regular season at Whitesburg Thursday night, will face fourth seed South Floyd Tuesday night at 8 p.m. in the first round of the 58th District tournament.



On the sick list

Allen Central's Natalie Cooley (20) put up a short jumper against Pike Central Monday night. Cooley, like a lot of players, played not feeling well. Allen Central dropped a 70-56 decision to the Lady Hawks. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Sports Commentary...

Bryant displays professionalism, dedication in Allen Central ROTC

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

credit to not only the JROTC but Allen Central as well."

This may not be your normal sports feature, but it is one that is deserving of this space because of the hard work and dedication of a member of the Allen Central JR ROTC.

Rebecca Bryant holds the rank of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel, Battalion Commander in the JROTC where she has been involved the past four years. JROTC Director, Sergeant Hardy, said she will be missed after her graduation.

"Becky has been part of our program here for the past four years," said Hardy. "Her dedication and professionalism gives

Last year, Bryant received the Leadership Excellence award from the VFW and has received numerous other awards as part of the program.

"Her asset to the program will be missed," said Sgt. Hardy. "She came into the program and was a big part of getting the program back in shape. She is a professional and has a tremendous personality."

Bryant was recognized and honored by Sgt. Hardy during senior night at Allen Central Monday night. She is the daughter of Ron and Sheila Bryant of Martin.

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Return to Glory

Tradition, No. 4

Rick Pitino

UK Record: 219-50 (81.4%), 8 yrs.
Overall Record (College):
 352-124 (73.9%) 15 years
Alma Mater (Year):
 Massachusetts (1974)
Hometown: New York, NY
Born: Sept. 18, 1952



Promising to win right away, the 36-year-old coach from the New York Knicks took the challenge of rebuilding the

Kentucky basketball dynasty and never quit until the job was complete eight years later.

Pitino came to UK with impressive credentials, having rebuilt Boston U., Providence and the Knicks. His first UK team, "Pitino's Bombinos," shocked the college basketball world by defeating Shaquille O'Neal, Chris Jackson and the No. 9-ranked LSU Tigers in Lexington en route to a surprising 14-14 record in 1989-90.

It was a glimpse into the future. The following year, UK finished with the best record in the SEC. Then in

1992, fresh off NCAA probation, the "Unforgettables" took eventual national champion Duke into overtime of the East Regional final before falling 104-103 in what many have labeled "the greatest college basketball game ever played."

In 1993, with Jamal Mashburn leading the charge, UK advanced to the Final Four for the first time in nine years, losing to Michigan in overtime. The next year, the Cats recorded the biggest road comeback in NCAA history — 31 points with 15:34 remaining — to defeat LSU, 99-95. After an Elite Eight finish in '95, Pitino's squad became the team to beat in '96. Highlights included the school's first league championship in 10 seasons, a 27-game win streak, a top-three ranking nearly the entire season, and the crowning jewel, the school's sixth NCAA title.

After a trip to the White House for a celebration with the President, UK lost four players to the NBA Draft. Pitino's task of defending the national championship became more difficult after star-guard Derek Anderson severely injured his knee during the season. But his Cats wouldn't fold, rolling to the title game before losing to Arizona in overtime.

Along the way, Pitino won five of six SEC Tournament Championships, two ECAC Holiday Classics, the Maui Invitational and the Great Alaska Shootout. He had a 104-28 record vs. SEC teams, winning two league crowns and an amazing 17-1 record in the SEC tourney.

He coached three All-

Americans and eight All-SEC performers. The NBA drafted eight of his Wildcats, six in the first round, including three lottery picks.

Following the national runner-up trophy in 1997, the former point guard at UMass left UK for the challenge of rebuilding the NBA's Boston Celtics.



1990-97

Cat Scratch

Player Profiles from UK Staff

Drew Ashcraft, offensive lineman from Paul Laurence Dunbar in Lexington: "What can you say in this day and age, in light of our present situation in Washington and elsewhere, of a young man who walks tall as a junior and says 'I want to be a Wildcat,' and then holds to it. In three years when he's doing real, real well, everyone will wonder, Geez, I wonder how they found out about Drew Ashcraft? ... The only red shirt he's going to see next year is on the quarterbacks in practice."

Jonathan Chapman, running back from Breathitt County/Pikeville: "Had he not broken his foot, he probably would have been Mr. Football. He would have given Jared (Lorenzen) a hell of a run for it. What better criteria can you give than that."

Derek Smith, tight end from Highlands in Fort Thomas: "He's a tremendous athlete. He's a kid who is about two years ahead of most of the competition that he deals with. The reason that I am excited about Derek Smith is the fact that Derek, as a lot of these kids did, but Derek maybe more so, he basically made a move last spring that said, 'I'm going to go into football. I'm a good basketball player, but not great, and I want to play on Sunday' in the NFL."

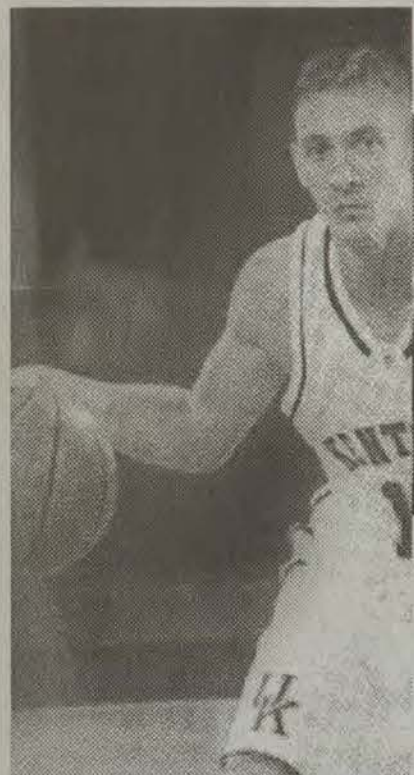
Dustin Wynn, kicker from Middlesboro: "He has an outstanding leg and has to get some academics squared away and he'll be here."

Jared Lorenzen, quarterback from Highlands: "It's one of those things where what's not to like. He's a guy who can throw it 70 yards on a dime, who rushed for 900 yards. He's got great quickness for a guy the size he is. He's a proven winner who comes from a great program. ... His junior year he was rough in a lot of his mechanics, but you could see great potential. He took those drills home and worked on them for a year, and Dale (Mueller) did a tremendous job with him, coaching him between his junior and senior year, when he came back for our camp last summer, that's when we got real excited about him. We hadn't seen him for a year, other than on video. When we saw him in person doing a lot of those things, it was really exciting us."

Mumme Hires Four Assistants

Hal Mumme dug into his past for four new additions to his coaching staff. Scott Highsmith, Mumme's college roommate, has been named wide receivers coach. Marc Hill, who played for Mumme at Iowa Wesleyan College, has been named the school's new strength coach for football. Sonny Dykes, a Mumme graduate assistant in 1997, returns in that capacity for 1999, joining ex-UK player Rob Manchester. Meanwhile, tightends coach Mike Fanoga has moved into administrative duties as Director of Player Development. And recruiting coordinator Claude Bassett has added the role of Director of Football Operations.

Cat Profile



Todd "T-Square" Tackett

Height: 6-2
Weight: 180
Class: Freshman
Position: Guard
Hometown: Paintsville, KY
 (Paintsville High School)

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Full Name: Jerry Todd Tackett
Birth date: August 22, 1979
Place of birth: Lexington, Ky.

Favorite sports figure: Reggie Miller

My greatest moment in sports were:

Breaking the school record with 56 points in a single game, and winning the state championship.

The thing I like most about UK basketball is: The tradition.

The thing that impresses me most about Coach Smith is:

The way he is always around to help us.

My advice to youngsters is: Never give up and follow your dreams.

My future goals are: To graduate and play professional basketball.

Smith on Tackett

"Todd, like J.P. Blevins, has the same loyalties to Kentucky as so many other young men who have grown up in the state and played for the Wildcats. Todd has the ability to be an excellent guard with his shooting skills. Obviously, he's got to get stronger and, like the rest of our freshman, develop the intensity to play at this level."

Strengths
 • good court awareness

Must Improve
 • strength • overall game

Trivia Answers

Number of victories in a row at Memorial Coliseum: 129!

Cat Trivia

What is the Wildcats Basketball team over-all all-time winning percentage at Home?

Say What?

Recruiting coordinator Claude Bassett on recruit Derek Smith: "He's a kid who is about two years ahead of most of the competition he deals with!"

The Cats Prowl



Arkansas Razorbacks
 Saturday, February 20 at 1:00 p.m.
 Television: CBS

SERIES INFORMATION

Series Record: UK leads series 12-4
 Series Record in Lexington: UK leads 4-2
 Series Record in Fayetteville: UK leads 2-2
 Series Record at Neutral Sites: UK leads 6-0
 First Meeting: Dec. 18, 1945 - UK 67, UA 42
 Last game: March 7, 1998 — UK 99, UA 74
 Current Series Streak: Won 6
 Coach Richardson's Record Against UK: 4-8

KEY PLAYERS

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	PPG	RPG	HOMETOWN/HS/JUCO
12	Kareem Reid	G	5-10	165	Sr.	11.9	2.1	Bronx, NY/St. Raymond's
22	Pat Bradley	G	6-2	195	Sr.	14.8	2.7	Everett, Mass./Everett
55	Derek Hood	F	6-8	215	Sr.	8.4	6.1	Kansas City, Mo./Central

PLAYERS RETURNING

3 Starters: Bradley, Reid, Hood
4 Lettermen: Thompson, Davis, Walker, Jennings

Prediction: UK 73 SC 70

Upcoming Kentucky Wildcats Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site	TV
Feb. 17	Wed.	Georgia	8 p.m.	Lexington	JP
Feb. 20	Sat.	Arkansas	1 p.m.	Fayetteville, Ark.	CBS
Feb. 24	Wed.	Vanderbilt	8 p.m.	Lexington	JP
Feb. 28	Sun.	Tennessee	Noon	Knoxville	CBS
March 4-7	Th.-Sun.	SEC Tournament	TBA	Atlanta	TBA

Classic Cats

1958 National Champions
 Kentucky 84, Seattle 72

MARCH 22, 1958 — LOUISVILLE

Senior Vernon Hatton scored 30 points and the Wildcats overcame a 25-point, 19-rebound performance by Elgin Baylor to capture their fourth NCAA championship.

Led by Hatton and Johnny Cox, who finished with 24 points, the Wildcats twice battled back from 11-point deficits to gain the victory.

Trailing for much of the game, UK grabbed its first lead with 6:08 left when don Mills hit a hook shot to give the Wildcats a 61-60 lead. Moments later, Cox hit a jump shot to make it 63-60 and UK never trailed again.

John Crigler added 14 points and 14 rebounds for the victors. Mills and Adrain Smith finished with nine and seven points, respectively.

Aside from Baylor, Seattle received 17 points from Charley Brown and 16 from Jerry Frizzell.



Front Row: Coach Rupp, Adrain Smith, John Crigler, Ed Beck, Don Mills, Johnny Cox, Vernon Hatton, Assistant Coach Harry Lancaster. Second Row: Student Manager Jay Aterson, Earl Adkins, Billy Smith, Phil Johnson, Bill Cassidy, Lincoln Collinsworth and Harold Ross.

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1999 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK (LAST YEAR)
1. Jeff Gordon, 180	Randy LaJoie, 185	Ron Hornaday, 4,072
2. Dale Earnhardt, 170	Jeff Green, 175	Jack Sprague, 4,069
3. Kenny Irwin, 165	Andy Hillenburg, 165	Joe Ruttman, 3,874
4. Mike Skinner, 165	Matt Kenseth, 160	Jay Sauter, 3,872
5. Michael Waltrip, 155	Bobby Hillin Jr., 155	Tony Raines, 3,596
6. Rusty Wallace, 152	Adam Petty, 150	Jimmy Hensley, 3,570
7. Ken Schrader, 150	Kevin Grubb, 147	Stacy Compton, 3,542
8. Kyle Petty, 146	Kevin Lepage, 146	Greg Biffle, 3,276
9. Chad Little, 138	Jeff Burton, 138	Ron Barfield, 3,227
10. Rick Mast, 134	Brad Loney, 134	Mike Bliss, 3,216

TOP TEN

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

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. (1) Jeff Gordon | Who else? |
| 2. (2) Mark Martin | He'll be back |
| 3. (4) Rusty Wallace | Gunning for victory |
| 4. (3) Dale Jarrett | Already behind |
| 5. (5) Jeff Burton | Dependable and talented |
| 6. (6) Bobby Labonte | Something to prove |
| 7. (8) Dale Earnhardt | Won here in '96 |
| 8. (7) Jeremy Mayfield | Not much history at NCS |
| 9. (9) Terry Labonte | Likes Rockingham |
| 10. (—) Mike Skinner | Won't need friends as much |

1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
Feb. 21	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
March 7	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	Las Vegas, Nev.
March 14	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hampton, Ga.
March 23	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
March 28	Texas Motor Speedway	Fort Worth, Texas
April 11	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
April 18	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
April 25	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
May 2	California Speedway	Fontana, Calif.
May 15	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
May 22	Charlotte Motor Speedway*	Concord, N.C.
May 30	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
June 6	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
June 13	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
June 20	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
June 27	Sears Point Raceway	Sonoma, Calif.
July 3	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 11	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
July 25	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 7	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Speedway, Ind.

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP SERIES

Jeff Gordon outdueled Dale Earnhardt to win his second Daytona 500 in three years. In fact, Gordon now has more career Winston Cup victories (4) on the 2.5-mile tri-oval than Earnhardt (3), the track's acknowledged master.

Kenny Irwin was the highest-finishing Ford driver. Third was Irwin's career best.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Randy LaJoie made clear his desire for a third BGN title with a season-opening victory in Daytona's NAPA Auto Parts 300. The Chevrolet driver, who switched teams during the offseason, won

the crash-plagued event, which ended under caution.

IROC

Dale Earnhardt pulled off a classic pass of Mark Martin, winner of the last three IROC point championships, coming off the fourth turn on the final lap of the 100-mile event.

GOODY'S DASH SERIES

Christian Elder held off Robert Huffman, who finished second for the second year in a row, in the annual Discount Auto Parts 200 at Daytona. Elder, from Minneapolis, drove a Pontiac to victory lane in the Goody's Dash Series event.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Dave Marcis vs. Ernie Irvan

The veteran driver accused Irvan of driving "like a maniac" in one of Daytona's 125-mile qualifying races. "He's either a madman or he's blind," said the 57-year-old Marcis.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "Here's hoping whatever it was that set Marcis off was an isolated incident. Ernie looked as proficient as ever in the 500."

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Jeff Gordon's pass of Rusty Wallace with 11 laps to go was similar to the one he pulled on Bill Elliott in the 1997 Daytona 500, his first victory in NASCAR's most prestigious race. Elliott fell victim to an assault from Hendrick Motorsports. Gordon's teammates, Terry Labonte and Ricky Craven, also swooped past the Ford driver to give Rick Hendrick's Chevrolets a 1-2-3 sweep.

ON THE SCHEDULE

THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

Coming up: Dura-Lube/Big Kmart 400
Where: North Carolina Speedway, Rockingham
When: Sunday, Feb. 21
Defending champion: Jeff Gordon
Event qualifying record: Mark Martin, Ford, 157.885 mph, Feb. 21, 1997.

Race record: Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 125.927 mph, Feb. 23, 1997.

Notable: The rules for ground clearance and rear-spoiler height that were put in place for last season's final race at Atlanta will be in effect when the Cup drivers visit their first nonrestrictor-plate track next week.

Last year Rick Mast won the pole for this event. ... The great

Curtis Turner won the first race at Rockingham in 1965.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Coming up: Alltel 200
Where: North Carolina Speedway, Rockingham
When: Saturday, Feb. 20
Defending champion: Matt Kenseth
Track qualifying record: David

Green, Chevrolet, 153.419 mph, Oct. 20, 1994.

Race record: Mark Martin, Ford, 124.397 mph, Oct. 19, 1996.

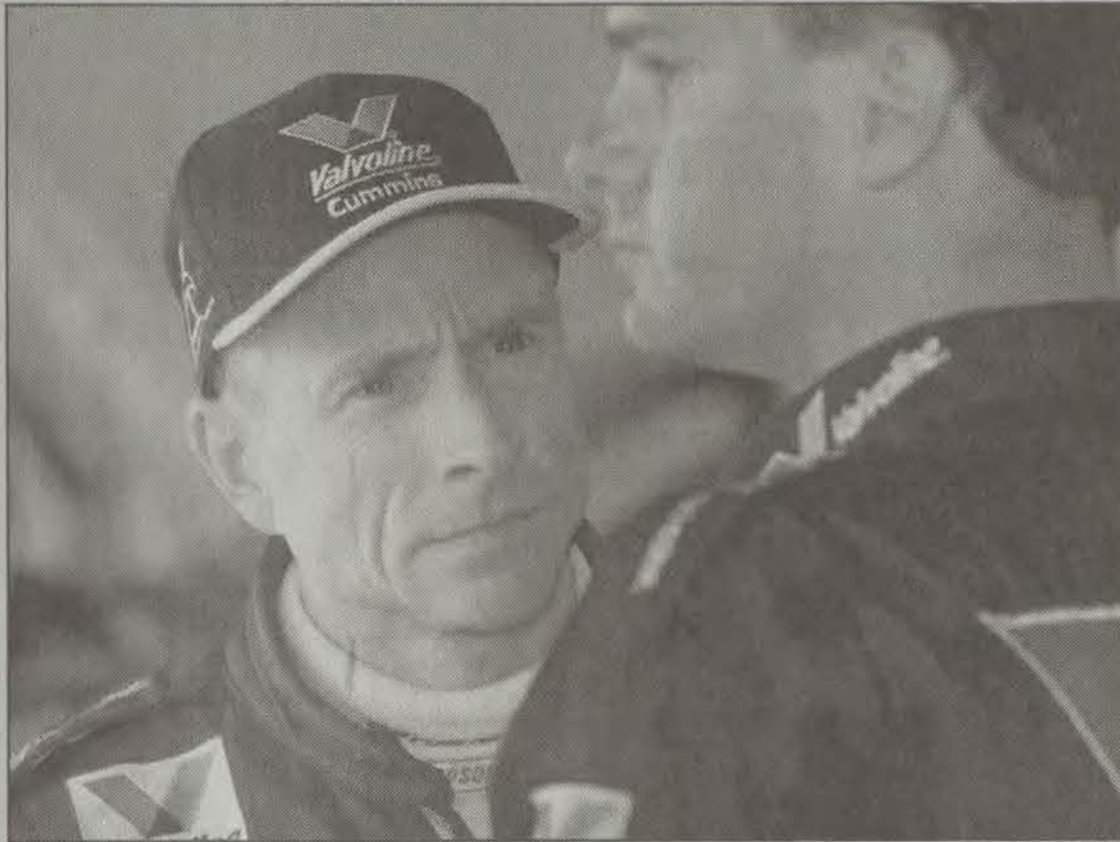
Notable: Kenseth outdueled Tony Stewart with a last-lap pass in last year's event.

Elliott Sadler, now running for Winston Cup rookie of the year, won the fall event.

Martin has won nine times on this 1.017-mile, D-shaped track.

PROFILE

Mark Martin



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Mark Martin (left) talks with a crew member in the garage area during Winston Cup practice at the Daytona International Speedway.

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

Mark Martin has done virtually everything in his Winston Cup career except win the championship. He has finished second three times and third three times. Last year he was second to Jeff Gordon.

In all other respects, the 1998 season was the best of Martin's career. He won seven races, finished second six times and earned \$4,309,006, almost twice as much as his next best year.

HOMETOWN: Born and raised in Batesville, Ark., lives in Daytona Beach, Fla.

AGE: 40

WIFE: Arlene

CHILDREN: Stepdaughters Amy (26), Rachel (24), Heather (24) and Stacey (11), son Matthew Clyde (6).

CAR: No. 6 Valvoline/Cummins Ford Taurus, owned by Jack Roush.

FIRSTS: Start (April 5, 1981, at North Wilkesboro), pole (July 9, 1981, at Nashville), win (Oct. 22, 1989, at Rockingham).

CAREER STATISTICS: 391 starts, 38 poles, 29 wins, 153 top-five finishes, 232 top-10s, almost \$19 million in career earnings.

WHY DO YOU THINK THE TEAMWORK BETWEEN YOU AND JEFF BURTON

WORKS SO WELL? "Because of Jeff Burton is why it works so well. If Jeff wasn't driving a car for Jack Roush at this point, we'd probably have almost the same relationship. I think Jeff is the strongest individual race-car driver on the Winston Cup circuit at this point, in my opinion. I know he's had a huge impact on the success that I had in '98, and he has the personality that makes the deal work."

HOW ARE YOU PHYSICALLY? "My back is about the same status that it was in November, not better. My hope was to have surgery in November and come into the season with no back problems. I have back pain. I may have back pain the rest of my life, but I can live with it. They took another look at my problems there and came with the recommendation that if it doesn't hurt when I race, to keep racing, and when I can't race anymore, they'll do something to me."

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU LEARNED LAST YEAR? "I made a couple of mistakes that I hope not to make this year that were based basically on lack of confidence due to having a brand-new team and a brand-new program. Now I know I have a great race team, and I'm a little bit more comfortable and secure with things, and I'm another year older and (have) another year of maturity. Hopefully, I'll try to make the right decisions at the right time."

Who's Hot... Who's Not

■ HOT: Jeff Gordon is off and running toward a possible third straight championship.

■ NOT: The championship looks all the more daunting to Daytona casualties Mark Martin, Dale Jarrett, Jeff Burton, Bobby Labonte and Terry Labonte.

Trackside Trivia

1. What company sponsored Terry Labonte when he won his first Winston Cup title?
2. Who was the original driver for the Wood Brothers race team of Stuart, Va.?
3. Who won the 1998 125-mile qualifying races at Daytona?

ANSWERS
 1. Sterling Airlines, 2. Glen Wood, 3. Sterling Martin and Dale Earnhardt.

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AROUND THE GARAGE

Stewart feels it's not too late to learn some lessons

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Front-row qualifier Tony Stewart, asked if he thought he was getting a late start in Winston Cup: "I've always believed if you're a good race-car driver, you can drive anything."

Stewart said he was already getting lessons from the veterans. "I expect to be schooled a lot here," he said. "I got schooled in practice already (Monday). It's those lessons that you learn. You have to remember those in order to be successful in this series. Trust me. It's a big book. It's bigger than the Encyclopaedia Britannica. There's a chapter after chapter that must be learned in order to be good in this series."

QUOTABLE: Rookie Dan Pardus, on the loneliness of trying to gain respect from Winston Cup veterans: "If these drivers don't want to talk to me, I just go to the next one."

FIRST OF A SERIES? The city of Charlotte, N.C., took a big hit when what had been Charlotte Motor Speedway became Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord.

No one should be shocked by this development. Just as there is a 3Com Park and an Ericsson Stadium, soon racetracks across the land will be named for beers, burgers and banks. Over the next few months, track names will become commercialized in a process akin to the falling of

dominoes. But no, the money raised will not make the sport more economical for the fans.

At least they settled for just naming the track after Lowe's. It could have been named Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse Motor Speedway, or maybe just Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse.

The company is paying \$35 million over 10 years.

BEST LINE OF THE WEEK: At the IROC pole drawing, Rusty Wallace drew a teal-colored car. ESPN's Rece Davis said, "Oh, it's really not green; it's more like teal. Kids love teal, Rusty. You can market that color." Wallace replied, "Not my kids."

NEW DEAL FOR RUSTY: Wallace and Penske Racing South have signed a sponsorship contract with Miller Brewing Co. that will place the company's colors on the No. 2 Ford Taurus through 2003. "They (Miller) asked me how long I planned on driving, and I said four or five more years at least," said Wallace, 42. "So they called us up to Milwaukee for a meeting and told us they wanted to sponsor us at least for five more years."

Wallace, from St. Louis, has been sponsored by the brewery since 1990, when he was driving for owner Raymond Beadle. He brought Miller with him when he moved to Penske's team the following year. The car is currently sponsored by Miller Lite.

CREW OF THE WEEK

■ Randy LaJoie, determined to give Dale Earnhardt Jr. a run for the Busch Grand National title, came out of the chute running full speed with the victory in Daytona's NAPA Auto Parts 300. During the off-season, LaJoie moved from BACE Motorsports to Phoenix Racing and crew chief Marc Reno.

Big Sandy Briefs

The Numbers Game

Wednesday's Results		February 17, 1999	
LOTTO KENTUCKY	03-07-18-31-33-39	POWERBALL	10-21-22-25-36 (39)
Next Estimated Jackpot \$1.6 million		Next Estimated Jackpot \$14 million	

TB scare is not so scary

The recent rash of concern about a tuberculosis (TB) epidemic in Magoffin County is actually much more widespread than the rumored epidemic itself.

According to statistics from the Magoffin County Health Department, one case of the TB disease was diagnosed in November 1998.

This individual turned out to be very infectious. A search and testing of the individual's close contacts was administered. From that search, two definite cases of infection and five possible cases of infection were identified.

Cathy Hembry of the Magoffin County Health Department said that those seven people do not have the disease and cannot transmit the infection to anyone else.

All eight individuals are currently under medication. "The true contacts of the first case, including those seven who were diagnosed following that, and their close contacts are who we need to be focusing on right now," Hembry said. "We need to make sure that all of them are being tested and treated, so that we can more effectively contain the disease. Then we can turn our complete attention to testing the general public who may not have even had a minor contact with a diseased person."

TB is transmitted through the air, through close contact with a diseased person. A person with the disease can spread the germs by coughing, shouting or sneezing. — *The Salyersville Independent*



More arrests made in conjunction with theft

Arrests are continuing in conjunction with the recent burglary of a local business.

A juvenile petition, which includes charges for burglary in the third degree and criminal mischief, second degree, was filed February 10 for the underage accomplice of Troy Adams Jr., who received similar charges. Adams was arrested recently for the January 27 burglary of Cigarette Outlet.

A second individual has also been charged with receiving stolen property, in conjunction with the burglary. Steve Parker was arrested February 9 after authorities found part of the missing stock from Cigarette Outlet at his home. — *The Salyersville Independent*

Community plans benefit to aid critically ill woman

A community effort is being made to organize a gospel sing and auction to benefit Patricia Arnett Banks on Friday, February 19, at 6 p.m. in the Lloyd M. Hall Community Center.

Sammy Smith will emcee the event, which will feature several local gospel groups, including The Oakley Creek Singers, The Gloryland Singers, Connie Pennington and Joe Clark.

Bans has been hospitalized since mid-December when she suffered a brain aneurysm which has kept her in a coma. — *The Salyersville Independent*

Pike teacher charged with 127 felonies

A Feds creek High School teacher has been jailed on 127 Class D felony counts for allegedly falsifying documents and cashing the paychecks of students whose names she forged as having worked in a summer work program.

Mary Ann West, 52, of Mouthcard, was arrested Tuesday by Kentucky State Police Trooper Melissa Hampton. West, who is also a bus driver at Feds Creek High School, was booked at the Pike County Detention Center.

According to Hampton, West falsified records and forged student signatures on documents and paychecks from June to August of 1998. She reportedly cashed the checks, which were written for work done in Feds Creek's summer youth work program.

Hampton said the checks were forged with the names of six students, some of whom had never worked in the program, and some of whom had only worked in the program part of the time. — *Appalachian News-Express*



According to the summons, a female bus driver for the system has charged that on or about the first of January, Transportation Director Danny Patierno began harassing her. The woman also complained Patierno, 53, of Mett, "called her home approximately three times," and "has also been following her."

Patierno was suspended without pay pending a full investigation into an incident in which Patierno allegedly took a district vehicle out of the county on personal business. — *Appalachian News-Express*

Deficit plan wins state approval

The Kentucky Board of Education-approved corrective action plan for the Pike County School System does contain several job cuts but, local officials said last week, no new jobs will be eliminated during this fiscal year.

Last July, the Pike County school board and then-interim Superintendent Brenda Gooslin declared a state of emergency in the district due to a \$540,000 general fund deficit. Superintendent Frank Welch unveiled a corrective action plan that he said would not only correct the half-million deficit but would put the school system more than \$600,000 in the black.

Included in the plan were reductions in personnel and technology debt, elimination of computer conversion costs and streamlining of facilities maintenance. The state board shot that plan down, but the local board approved a revised corrective action plan in January. The state board approved that plan last Tuesday. — *Appalachian News-Express*

School official ordered to appear in court on harassment charges

A summons has been issued in Pike District court requiring a Pike County School system administrator to answer charges of harassment and harassing communications.

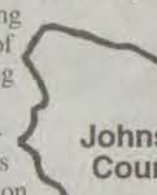
Judge orders release of youth to parent's custody

A judge has released from the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center a 13-year-old Pike County girl who claimed she was being held illegally in the facility.

Johnson Circuit Judge Stephen N. Frazier last Friday granted a writ of Habeas Corpus, ordering that the girl be released into the custody of her mother and that she report to a hearing in Pike County this past Tuesday.

The girl's public defender filed a petition for the writ, saying the juvenile was taken to the regional jail in Paintsville on February 3. Lodging the girl in jail was illegal, the attorney claimed, because she was not represented by counsel during a hearing held on a complaint, filed by her mother, charging her with assault, menacing and terroristic threatening.

The girl waived her right to counsel, but the public defender said the juvenile's waiver of her right to counsel was not made "knowingly, intelligently or voluntarily" because she suffers from a personality disorder. — *The Paintsville Herald*



911: In a state of emergency

One week after going on line in April 1998, Paintsville's enhanced 911 service was credited with saving a life. Now, the program is fighting for its own survival, and Paintsville Mayor Robin Cooper is asking Johnson Countians to come to the rescue.

The city-operated service, which accumulates operating revenues from a 98-cent monthly surcharge on telephone bills, has cost \$53,000 more than it has generated in the past seven months, and Cooper says the city must stop the bleeding.

To accomplish that, the mayor has proposed a 51 percent increase in the monthly surcharge, raising the rate from 98 cents to \$1.48. On top of the monthly operating deficit, the system is faced with some \$50,000 in hardware and software upgrade expenses to bring it into Year 2000 readiness. — *The Paintsville Herald*

Husband murders wife over food stamps, money

A fight over food stamps and money resulted in the death of a former Martin County woman and the arrest of her husband.

Gary Newsome, 32, of River Bend Road in Crum, West Virginia, was lodged in the Wayne County (West Virginia) jail February 2 after telling police that he shot his wife, 36-year-old Joyce Newsome, at the couple's home.

According to West Virginia State Trooper R.W. Lively, the Wayne County 911 office received a call about the shooting on River Bend Road.

The trooper said Joyce Newsome was shot once in the side of the head with a .22 revolver by her husband. Lively said the shooting resulted from a domestic quarrel and that the couple "argued and Gary pulled the revolver out of his pocket and shot her ... She was still talking when I arrived at the couple's home."

Joyce Newsome was transported to Cabell-Huntington Hospital, where she died the next day.

The shooting was witnessed by Joyce Newsome's

six-year-old son, 19-year-old daughter and another boy. — *The Mountain Citizen*



Fletcher, Horn arrested for drugs

Two Martin County men were arrested February 2 and charged with possession of marijuana with a street value of more than \$6,500.

James Arthur Horn, 55, and Melvin Fletcher, 36, both of Inez, were arrested after a routine patrol on U.S. 23 in Lawrence County, four miles south of Louisa.

The men were traveling in a pickup at 74 mph in a 55 mph, according to Kentucky State Police reports. When a KSP trooper approached the stopped vehicle, he smelled a strong odor of alcohol on the driver, Horn. Later, when Horn and his passenger, Fletcher, got out of the vehicle, troopers noticed a quantity of money (\$7,346) bulging from the inside of Fletcher's jacket.

Troopers searched the pickup and found a "large brick of marijuana," estimated to be around two pounds. They also found a pill bottle containing about 24 Valiums. — *The Mountain Citizen*

"missing in action" as required. Fred Wilson, commander of the local V.F.W. post, said there are others who died while in the service of their country, but were not killed in action, so their names were also omitted ... Wilson addressed the fact that Jones was an African-American and said that had nothing at all to do with the decision to not include his name on the monument. — *The Big Sandy News*

City mulls getting out of garbage collection business

When Louisa's main garbage truck recently broke down again, the city saw the trash pile up faster than they could haul it away. Realizing that the situation was desperate, city officials called in BFI, an outside garbage collection agency based in Huntington, West Virginia, to come in and help.

"They cut us a deal and it didn't cost us a dime," Louisa Mayor Mike Sullivan said.

Now, the city plans to take a look at using BFI on a regular basis to handle some of the larger commercial customers.

Sullivan said some city employees are using their own vehicles to haul garbage.

Next month, representatives of BFI are expected to come to the Louisa City Council with a proposal to help alleviate some of the garbage problems. Right now, Sullivan said, the city is just looking over their options. — *The Big Sandy News*



Lawrence man charged with exposing himself

Michael L. Moore, 46, of Blaine was arrested last Thursday after a woman allegedly saw him exposing himself in front of the First United Methodist Church, according to court records.

Moore was seen "exposing himself to several women on the corner of Church and Main" streets, according to a citation. — *The Big Sandy News*

Some veterans oppose adding Jones to marker

Although the Lawrence County Fiscal Court voted last month to add a soldier's name to the monument on the courthouse lawn, the debate may not be over yet as members of local veterans' groups plan to challenge the vote.

At their January meeting, the court voted unanimously to add the name of Charles S. Jones, a Lawrence County resident who died while in Vietnam, to the monument. Jones died of a heart attack during a softball game in 1969.

Local resident Patty Wallace had submitted a letter asking that Jones' name be added because his name is on the monument in Frankfort and is listed in the Book of Vietnam Casualties.

Local veterans said his name does not appear on the monument because he was neither "killed in action" or

and was airlifted directly from the scene to a Lexington hospital.

The accident victim, John Young, 34, of Blaine, was injured around 3 p.m. at a logging site on KY 437 about 17 miles east of West Liberty.

Young, who was in a semi-conscious state, was being brought from the scene of the accident by his fellow workers on a log skid when personnel from the Morgan County Ambulance "met them when they were about halfway out of the woods," according to ambulance service spokesperson Betty Pelfrey.

After initial examination, emergency medical personnel immediately radioed for a Med-evac helicopter, which was able to land nearby.

After being stabilized and prepared for the flight, Young was flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Officials said Young may have suffered a fractured skull. — *The Licking Valley Courier*

Fire destroys home

Fire of an unknown origin destroyed the residence of Debbie Perry at Index Monday morning.

West Liberty Fire chief Dwayne Nickell said the fire was reported at about 12:30 a.m. by a motorist who saw the fire while he was driving on KY 191.

When firemen arrived shortly afterward they found the entire residence engulfed in flames.

"The fire was coming through the roof when we got there," Nickell said.

"The brick residence was entirely gutted; nothing was saved," Nickell said. Perry was not at home at the time of the fire. — *The Licking Valley Courier*



Logger airlifted to hospital following accident Monday

A Lawrence County man suffered severe head injuries in a Morgan County logging accident Monday

School board considers personnel reduction

Superintendent James Pack made his recommendations last Thursday to balance the Knott County School System's budget for the 1999-2000 school year.

Pack said finance officer Roger Martin had reported last month that most of the school system's money is tied up in personnel and that the system is undergoing a money crunch due to declining enrollment.

"I don't know how to affect the budget without having an impact on personnel," Pack said during a meeting of the school board.

Pack said school-based decision making councils

must set their priorities and make decisions to work within their allocated funds.

"Right now, schools don't think they can operate with any less staff — but we can have a deficit situation. The state will take over, make all decisions, and you won't spend a penny without their approval," Pack said.

He suggested reducing certified staff by 26 positions; reducing classified staff by 7.4 positions; deferring bus purchases; deferring technology funds, reducing one teacher position in the gifted program; reducing extended days of secretaries/clerks; and using \$450,000 in contingency funds as part of general fund dollars.

Pack said the changes will result in a savings of \$1,600,000. — *Troublesome Creek Times*



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95 DODGE NEON	11450	8980 / 159 mo.
97 OLDS ACHIEVA	11450	8980 / 159 mo.
96 SATURN SC1	11075	8980 / 159 mo.
95 CHEVY CAMARO	8980	8980 / 159 mo.
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97 PLYMOUTH BREEZE	11000	9980 / 179 mo.
96 OLDS CUTLASS SUPREME	11925	9980 / 179 mo.
95 PONTIAC GRAND PRIZ	11450	9980 / 179 mo.
96 FORD ESCORT LX	10500	9980 / 179 mo.
96 FORD CROWN VICTORIA	14625	10980 / 199 mo.
97 MERCURY COUGAR XR7	14625	10980 / 199 mo.
97 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SE	15200	11980 / 209 mo.
97 FORD MUSTANG	14050	11980 / 209 mo.
96 BUICK PARK AVE	18775	11980 / 219 mo.
96 FORD TAURUS GL	16000	12980 / 219 mo.
96 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL	20600	13980 / 259 mo.
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97 HONDA ACCORD	18000	14980 / 259 mo.
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96 OLDS ACHIEVA	9980 / 179 mo.
96 GEO PRIZM	9980 / 179 mo.
96 BUICK SKYLARK	12900 / 179 mo.
96 PONTIAC SUNFIRE SE	12300 / 179 mo.
95 OLDS REGENCY	15050
95 OLDS 98	11800
95 OLDS 98	14700 / 11980
95 CHEVY MALIBU	14700 / 11980
95 CHEVY MONTE CARLO LS	14700 / 11980
96 BUICK CENTURY	17150 / 13980

98 OLDS 98	16325	13980 / 239 mo.
98 BUICK LESABRE	19750	14980
98 OLDS INTREPID	19250	14980
98 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SE	14950	14980 / 239 mo.
96 BUICK REGAL	19650	15980
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93 FORD PROBE GT	8025	5980
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94 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL	12250	9980
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95 CHRYSLER CONCORDE	11900	8980
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96 CHEVY LUMINA	11900	8980
96 LINCOLN TOWN CAR	14980 / 279 mo.	
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96 NISSAN HARDBODY	3525	6980 / 119 mo.	
96 GEO TRACKER	28,000 miles	6275	6980 / 119 mo.
95 FORD AEROSTAR XLT	10100	7980 / 139 mo.	
97 GEO TRACKER	20,000 miles, auto, air	9550	7980
96 JEEP CHEROKEE SE	39,000 miles	9980 / 179 mo.	
96 NISSAN FRONTIER	9980 / 179 mo.		
97 FORD RANGER FLAIRSIDE	11025	9980 / 179 mo.	
94 CHEVY S10 BLAZER	4 door, 55,000 miles	10980	
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95 FORD EXPLORER 4x4	18100	11980 / 219 mo.	
95 NISSAN PATHFINDER 4x4	15900	12980	
97 JEEP WRANGLER 4x4	14400	12980 / 229 mo.	
95 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4x4	16800	14980 / 279 mo.	
95 HONDA PASSPORT 4x4	15900	14980 / 279 mo.	
96 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4x4	22500	15980	
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96 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4x4	19375	16980	
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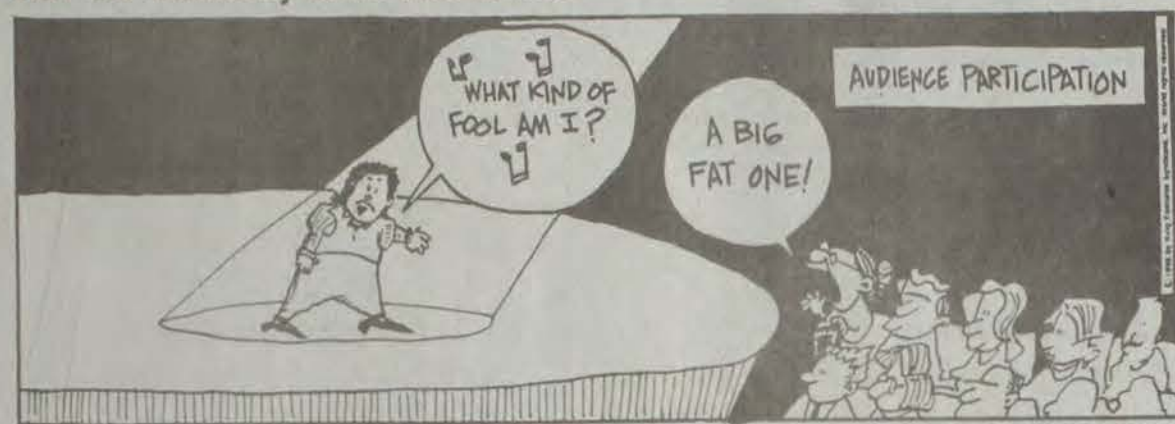
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| ACROSS | 54 Bring disgrace on | 96 Pilotless airplanes | group | 40 Breathe in | comfortable |
| 1 Lovers' quarrel | 55 Eat into | 97 Daytime TV fare | 128 Mardi — | 41 Singer McEntire | 84 Computer-screen image |
| 5 Nipa palm | 56 Darkens | 99 British prisons | 1 Play the guitar | 42 Mosaic ruler | 86 More untidy |
| 9 Jose's house | 59 Brings forth lambs | 100 River in Scotland | 2 Couples | 43 Eli Whitney's 1793 | 88 Wood sorrels |
| 13 Title for 57 Down | 61 Southwest wind | 101 Political student org. | 3 Declare to be true | 44 Invention of 1928 | 90 Drinker/Slaw invention of 1928 |
| 17 Barrel part | 62 Museum commodity | 104 Remove the rind | 4 Communications invention of 1928 | 45 Of a time period | 92 Tunisian measure |
| 18 Lytton heroine | 63 Lanston's 1887 invention | 106 Diminutive, in Dundee | 5 Bridal paths | 47 Hunt's 1849 invention | 94 Small jazz ensemble |
| 19 TV comedy | 65 Walton's 1860 floor covering | 107 Pepper or barley follower | 6 Aggregate | 48 Flightless bird | 95 Strich and May |
| 20 Iliad and Odyssey | 67 Lincoln Center offering | 108 Slate-trimming tool | 8 Female peacocks | 49 Suffix meaning skin | 96 David Copperfield's bride |
| 22 The Little Mermaid | 69 One of the Muses | 111 Bell's 1876 invention | 9 — Calloway | 51 Elected official | 98 Urge into action |
| 23 Fulton's pride | 71 French painter | 114 Ben Franklin's 1780 invention | 10 Minor prophet | 53 Brutes | 100 Tour guide and lecturer |
| 25 Papal vestment | 72 Nobel's 1866 invention | 117 The pea tree | 11 Zoo favorites | 56 — acid | 101 RBI or ERA |
| 26 Fitch's invention | 75 Westinghouse's 1868 contribution | 118 Maelzel's 1816 contribution to music | 12 Pranks | 57 Pianist Hess | 102 French painter |
| 28 Oughtred's 1620 invention | 77 Thus far | 120 — Mountains; a range of the Rockies | 13 Protective resources | 58 Iberian country | 103 Point of view |
| 30 German river | 80 Chinese and Persian | 121 Pierre's aunt | 14 On — (equivalent to) | 60 Plumber's tool | 105 January, to Juan |
| 31 Sesame | 81 Intimidates | 122 Malayan outrigger | 15 Negative quantity | 63 Hebrew letter | 107 Alan King, for one |
| 32 Stammering sounds | 83 Cuddle snugly | 123 Emerald Isle | 16 French school | 66 Lonely number? | 108 "The Prisoner of —" |
| 34 Look at closely | 84 — fact | 124 Consumer advocate | 17 Glut | 68 Library adhesives | 109 Feeds the kitty |
| 35 "I'll — You in My Dreams" | 85 Falls to include | 125 Play the lead | 21 Snicker follower | 70 Preoccupy greatly | 110 Peter or Ivan |
| 36 Stains | 87 Western city | 126 Chinese association | 24 Worth | 72 Mail slot | 112 Miss Kett |
| 37 Marsh bird | 89 Some M.I.T. grads | 127 Splinter | 29 Speaker's platform | 73 Arizona Indian | 113 Harrow's rival |
| 39 "In Spain they say —" | 90 Cake topper | | 33 Short drive | 74 Female sheep | 115 Golfer's cry |
| 41 Summarizes | 91 Soft saddles | | 36 Tropical fruit | 76 Road map abbr. (pl.) | 116 Ananias, for one |
| 44 Joyous | 93 Much-sought outcome | | 37 Hebrew or Arab | 78 Serf | 119 Scott Joplin opus |
| 46 Felt intuitively | | | 38 Bacchanalian cry | 79 Clothes | |
| 50 Ham it up | | | | 82 Warm and | |
| 51 Jaffe or Wanemaker | | | | | |
| 52 Ibsen heroine | | | | | |

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

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Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A6

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING TIME CHANGE

The regular monthly meeting of the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission has been changed to the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. This change in meeting time is effective March, 1999. Commission meetings are open to the public. C.J. McNally, Chairman Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission

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

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Maple Ridge Mining Corporation, P.O. Box 219, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has applied for Phase II bond release on Increment No. 3 of permit number 836-5137 which was last issued on June 1, 1998. Increment No. 3 covers an area of approximately 8.09 acres located 0.8 miles south of Blue Moon in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.6 miles southwest from Morgan Fork Road's junction with Little Mud Creek Road and located 10 feet south of Morgan Fork. The latitude is 37°29'33". The longitude is 82°42'21".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 3 is a Kentucky Bond Pool bond in the amount of sixteen thousand three hundred dollars (\$16,300.00). Approximately twenty-five percent (25%) of the original bond amount of \$41,200 posted for Increment No. 3 is included

in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed on Increment No. 3 includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in October 1996 and trees planted in December 1996.

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, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by March 26, 1999.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Monday, March 29, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. This hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 26, 1999.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Maple Ridge Mining Corporation, P.O. Box 219, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has applied for Phase III bond release on Permit Number 836-5223 which was last issued on September 9, 1996. The application covers an area of approximately 10.99 acres located 1.5 miles north of Grethel in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.7 mile west from Parson Branch Road's junction with KY 979 and located in the watershed of Parsons Branch. The latitude is 37°30'02". The longitude is 82°39'28".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 12 is a surety for \$49,700.00, approximately 25% of the original bond amount of \$24,700 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: establishment of the post-mining land use.

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, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by April 5, 1999.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 6, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. This hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 5, 1999.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Addington Enterprises, Inc., 1500 North Big Run Road, Ashland, KY 41102, has applied for Phase II Bond Release on Permit Number 836-0243, Increment 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, and 21, which was last issued on 4/20/87. The application covers an area of approximately 713.58 acres. Located 1 mile east of Ivey Creek, Pike County.

The permit area is approximately 1.4 miles northeast from US 23 junction with Toms Creek and located 1 mile east of Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37°37'12". The longitude is 82°37'30".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 1 is a

surety for \$25,900.00, approximately 25% of the original bond amount of \$25,900.00 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 2 is a surety for \$200,700.00, approximately 25% of the original bond amount of \$200,700.00 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 3 is a surety for \$98,100.00, approximately 25% of the original bond amount of 98,100.00 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 5 is a surety for \$59,800.00, approximately 25% of the original bond amount of 59,800.00 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 6 is a surety for \$63,000.00, approximately 25% of the original bond amount of 63,000.00 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 12 is a surety for \$49,700.00, approximately 25% of the original bond amount of \$49,700.00 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 13 is a surety for \$4,300.00, approximately 25% of the original bond amount of \$4,300.00 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect

for Increment No. 14 is a surety for \$800.00, approximately 25% of the original bond amount of \$800.00 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 15 is a surety for \$63,300.00, approximately 25% of the original bond amount of \$63,300.00 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 16 is a surety for \$130,000.00, approximately 25% of the original bond amount of \$130,000.00 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 18 is a surety for \$65,200.00, approximately 25% of the original bond amount of \$65,200.00 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 19 is a surety for \$24,400.00, approximately 25% of the original bond amount of \$24,400.00 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 21 is a surety for \$66,200.00, approximately 25% of the original bond amount of \$66,200.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: seeding and regarding was done as of the fall of 1992. No major activity for reclamation has been done since, with the establishment of the post mine land use as per revegeta-

tion plan.

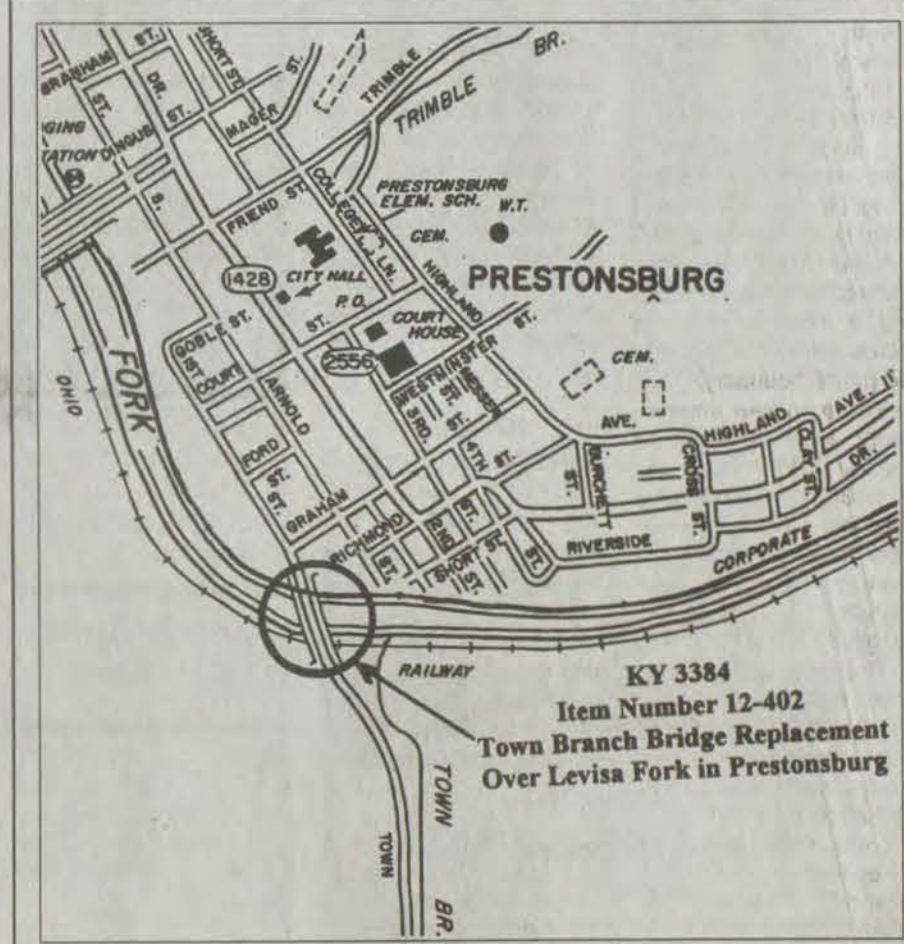
Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 4/5/99.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on 4/6/99, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 4/5/99.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Addington Enterprises, Inc., 1500 North Big Run Road, Ashland, KY 41102, Has applied for Phase III Bond Release on Permit Number 836-0243, Increment 20, which was last issued on 4/20/87. The application covers an area of approximately 713.58 acres. Located 1 mile east of Ivey Creek, Pike County.

The permit area is approximately 1.4 miles northeast from US 23 junction with Toms Creek and located 1 mile east of Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37°37'12". The longitude is 82°37'30".



LEGAL NOTICE FOR A PUBLIC MEETING
Floyd Item No. 12-402.0
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KY ROUTE 3384, US 23 to Prestonsburg
Town Branch Bridge Replacement Project

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways has scheduled a Public Information Meeting for Monday, February 22, 1999, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at Prestonsburg Elementary School, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. This Public Meeting has been scheduled to afford all interested persons an opportunity to become better informed and to express their views concerning the proposed project.

The purpose of this meeting is to present information relative to various alternatives currently being considered for the replacement of the Town Branch Bridge.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this Public Meeting, which will be conducted in an "Open House" format. There will be an informal presentation of the project at 5:30 p.m. Interested persons may enter and leave the meeting at will between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 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, cultural resources, and other organizations in the area. Representatives of the Transportation Cabinet involved in the details of the project will be present to answer questions, address comments, and assist the public with any information made available to them as a result of this project.

Handouts will be made available describing the project and the objective of the Public Meeting. Both oral and written statement made submitted during the meeting, as well as at the part of the official meeting record. For convenience, a comments sheet will be provided with the handouts for soliciting written comments and a recorder will be made available for those who desire to make oral statements. Statements will be accepted and project information made accessible for review from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. prevailing local time, Monday through Friday at the Pikeville District Office up to fifteen (15) days after the Public Meeting.

Once compiled, the summary from this meeting and/or other supporting documentation will be made available for review and copying only after an Open Records Request has been received and approved. All Open Records Requests must be submitted to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Administration Services, State Office Building, Frankfort, Kentucky 40622.

In accordance with "American with Disabilities Act," if you have a disability, for which the Transportation Cabinet needs to provide accommodations, please notify Mr. Johnnie E. Ross, Chief Environmental Technologist in the Pikeville District Office at (606) 433-7791, by Friday, February 19, 1999. This request does not have to be in writing.

LINDA WAGNER-JUSTICE
CHIEF DISTRICT ENGINEER
KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET
DISTRICT #12-DEPT. OF HIGHWAYS
P.O. BOX 2468
PIKEVILLE, KENTUCKY 41502

NOTICE TO UTILITY CUSTOMERS OF PRESTONSBURG CITY'S UTILITIES

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission's retail water, gas, and sewer rates are as follows:

WATER RATES

Rates currently in effect

	Inside City	Outside City
0-2,000 Gallons, Minimum	\$4.60	\$6.97
Next 98,000 Gallons	\$1.95 per 1,000	\$3.02 per 1,000
Over 100,000 Gallons	\$1.64 per 1,000	\$2.02 per 1,000

Water service which requires booster pump service shall also include a surcharge of \$.10 per booster pump per 1,000 gallons.

Water Rates for PCUC Customers formerly served by Prater Creek Water District:

0-2,000 Gallons, Minimum	\$13.78
Over 2,000 Gallons	\$ 5.39 per 1,000 gallons

Water Rates for PCUC Customers formerly served by David Water District:

0-2,000 Gallons	\$8.25
Next 3,000 Gallons	\$4.65 per 1,000 gallons
Next 5,000 Gallons	\$3.50 per 1,000 gallons
Next 10,000 Gallons	\$2.50 per 1,000 gallons
Next 30,000 Gallons	\$1.90 per 1,000 gallons
Next 50,000 Gallons	\$1.40 per 1,000 gallons

Minimum bills, based on meter size, for customers in the David area are:

5/8" Meter	2,000 gallons
3/4" Meter	5,000 gallons
1" Meter	10,000 gallons
1-1/2" Meter	20,000 gallons
2" Meter	50,000 gallons

GAS RATES

Rates currently in effect:

	Inside City	Outside City
0-1 MCF	\$5.50 Minimum	\$7.25 Minimum
Over 1 MCF	\$5.10 per MCF	\$5.60 per MCF

SEWER RATES

Rates effective March 1, 1999:

	Inside City	Outside City	Allen/Dwale Area
0-2,000 Gallons, Minimum	\$7.50	\$10.50	\$21.70
Over 2,000 Gallons, rate per 1,000	\$2.55	\$2.75	\$2.55

SELDON D. HORNE, Superintendent
February 17, 1999

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 20 is a surety bond for \$5,900.00, approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$5,900.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: seeding and regarding was done as of the fall of 1992. No major activity for reclamation has been done since; with the establishment of the post mining land use as per revegetation plan.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 4/5/99.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on 4/6/99, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, the hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 4/5/99.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application No. 877-0159, Amendment No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Branham & Baker Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 271, 148 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation in both Magoffin and Floyd County. The amendment will also 435.44 acres of surface disturbance making a total of 1,178.48 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.60 miles east from Brushy Fork Road's junction with KY Route 7 and located on Brushy Fork and Open Fork. The latitude is 37°33'55". The longitude is 82°55'12".

The proposed amendment area is located on the David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Luther Shepherd, David L. Francis, Branham & Baker Coal Company, Inc., et al., John Henry Shepherd, Edgar Fleming, Norman Osborne, Kelley Hale Heirs, Branham & Baker Coal Company, Inc., and Loretta Newsome, et al., Johnny and Claudette Miller, and David L. Francis, et. al. The operation will use the mountaintop removal method of surface mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

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 and III Bond

Release on Permit No. 836-0155 which was last issued on April 2, 1990. The permit covers a surface area of approximately 51.16 acres. There is no underground area involved on the permit. The operation is located approximately 0.5 miles southeast of Blue Moon in Floyd County.

The permit area is 2800 feet south of KY 2030's junction with the Little Mud Creek Road. The latitude is 37°30'08" and the longitude is 82°41'17", and is located on the Harold and McDowell 7 1/2 minute USGS quadrangle maps.

The performance bond (Surety) currently in affect for the operation is \$60,200.00. 100% of the original surety bond of \$460,900. is included in this request for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in Fall 1993. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation and the post mining land use in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601 by March 29, 1999.

A hearing date for this bond release request has been set for March 30, 1999 at 9:00 a.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 March 29, 1999.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DRILL

Evan Energy Company L. C., P.O. Box 3583, Kingsport, TN 37664, intends to drill and oil and/or natural gas well on the George Hamilton 80.00 acre tract of land situated on Caney Fork of Middle Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky. Said tract is located on the Martin Quadrangle. Any person or persons having an interest in the coal estate in this tract and objects to the drilling of this well is advised to contract the following. Mr. Rick Bender, Director Oil & Gas Division Department of Mines & Minerals P.O. Box 14090 Lexington, KY 40512-4090

PUBLIC NOTICE

Larry Moore, mailing address P.O. Box 185 McDowell, KY 41647, hereby declares his intention to apply for a retail beer by the drink and carryout license no later than February 18, 1999. The business to be licensed will be located at 530 Frasure Creek, McDowell, KY 41647 doing business as G&L Bar and Carryout.

Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Tr. A-2 Frankfort, KY 40601, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-0281

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Addington Mining, Inc., 1500 North Big Run Road, Ashland Kentucky 41102, has applied for a permit for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining

and reclamation operation located 1 mile northwest of Hennon in Floyd County. The amendment will add 17.34 acres of surface disturbance making a total area of 811.09 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 2.93 miles northeast from U.G. 23's junction with CR-1026 (Mare Creek Road) and is located along Shop Branch of Mare Creek. The latitude is 37°35'05". The longitude is 82°36'04".

The proposed operation is located on the Broad Bottom and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by the Hatcher Trimble Trust and Buffalo Development. The operation will use the contour, auger, and area methods of surface mining.

The application has been filed for public

inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-0261, Major Revision No. 5

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 coal mining and

reclamation operation located 0.75 miles north of Prestonsburg in Floyd County. The major revision will delete 10.20 acres of surface disturbance and 8.30 acres of underground mining making a total of 1081.26 within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed major revision area is approximately 0.75 miles northwest from KY 3's junction with KY 1428 and located 0.1 miles 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 the City of Prestonsburg.

The major revision proposes a change from forest premining land use to fish and wildlife, industrial, residential and recre-

ational postmining land use.

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, 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Coastal Coal Company, LLC (formerly ANR Coal Company, LLC), 117 Madison Avenue, Suite B, Whitesburg, Kentucky 41858 has applied for a

Phase I bond release on Permit Number 836-5359 which was last issued on October 1, 1997. This permit included 12.9 acres of surface disturbance and underlies an additional 990.0 acres making the total permit area 1,002.9 acres. The permit is located 1.5 miles north of Wheelwright in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately .80 miles south of the junction of KY Rte. 979 and KY 122 and located along Hayes Branch of Clear Creek. The latitude is 37°22'40". The longitude is 82°43'23".

The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety bond in the amount of \$42,900.00 of which approximately 60% of it is involved in this release.


Reclamation work performed includes that which was necessary to achieve the approved post mining land use for the permit area includes but was not limited to

backfilling highwalls to AOC, grading, and initial revegetation.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by March 22, 1999.

This is the final advertisement of the application. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Monday, March 23, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, the hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 22, 1999.

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One crazy night!!!

By Mike Crum
"One crazy night before Christmas"
What a show! The play "One Crazy Night Before Christmas" acted out on December 8, 1998, by the Prestonsburg Elementary fourth-grade class was a big hit. Students, led by our music teacher, Ms. Rebecca Haywood,

were like real actors. The play was slowed down only by the sound of people clapping. Skit after skit was great. Everybody was laughing and that made Christmas a happier time.
My favorite act was when three Santas showed up. Three detectives had to sort out the impostors. The detectives used magnifying

glasses and questions to figure out that they were all fake, while the other students sang "Will the Real Santa Claus Stand Up." The real Santa showed up at the end of the play.
Our families, friends, and fellow students came together for a fun evening. Go to your school plays and see how good they are.

Greetings from Mexico

Dear Mom and Dad,
We're having a great time down here in Mexico! Last night we were invited to a real Mexican fiesta! We have been singing Mexican songs like "Feliz Navidad" and learning Mexican dances. We even made flour tortillas. This is how you make them. First,

we mixed flour, salt, and baking powder together. Then we added oil and water. We made little dough balls and rolled them out flat. Last, we cooked them in a pan. Delicious!
But the very best part of the fiesta was when we had a piFirst, we mixed flour, salt, and baking pow-

der together. Then we added oil and water. We made little doug We're having a fabulous time! Wish you were here. See you soon!
Your Little Senorita,
Savannah
Savannah Reno
Mrs. Gail Hall's primary class
Prestonsburg Elem.

Music Tag's field trip to the workshop

by Michael Stephens and Brooks Herrick
We're back!!! You remember us don't you. Michael Stephens and Brooks Herrick, those two Music Tag (Talented And Gifted) students. Anyway, we would like to tell you about the recent field trip we took to the Talented and Gifted Workshop on January 19, 1999. On the day of the trip we met at the Bus Stop at approximately 10:05 a.m. We all loaded onto the bus and drove off.

When we got there, we went inside and started practicing. We practiced both songs one time. The two songs we sang were "En La Feria De San Juan" which is a Spanish song and "Winter Fantasy" which is a winter song. After we practiced, the Bell Choir practiced and a forensics team from Allen practiced their German skit. We waited for about twenty minutes for the principals, teachers, and parents to get their food and sit down. Finally, it was time to sing. When

we got up there some of us were nervous and some weren't. To my surprise we did excellent. Second up was the German group who also did excellent. Last, but not least, the Bell Choir went. They did absolutely awesome. Afterward, we all loaded back onto the bus and left for Pizza Hut. We had a good time, and a good meal there and finally came home. That about wraps it up for Brooks and me. Thank you for reading.



by Christopher Martin and Craig Cooley
During the month of December, the students in our class (Mrs. Diana Turner's primary) collected food and blankets for the Animal Shelter. There were a lot of new

kittens and puppies at the shelter and we wanted to make sure that they were not hungry and they stayed warm.
Two nice ladies from the shelter named Rita Fleanor and Norma Senters brought a kitten for us to

see. They even let us name it. We decided to call it Serena.
We enjoyed this project because we learned that even though we're kids, we can still make a difference!

The adventures of Kassidy Kidd



By Brittany Coyer
My name is Kassidy Kidd. I attend Prestonsburg Elementary School. The teacher of my first grade class is Scott Tackett. He read "The Hillbilly Nigh

Afore Christmas" to all the first grade classes. I liked it a lot. It was about "Sainty" and his bear cubs. Mr. Tackett dressed up like a hillbilly. It was funny. All the kids laughed. He looked

like "Sainty." We all had so much fun. No one wanted it to end.
Mr. Tackett read a story called "Hillbilly Night Before Christmas." It was a funny story!

Our friend buzz



by Chayse Martin
One day a policeman, Mike Goble, came to our school to talk to us about drugs and safety. First he talked to us about crack and other

major drugs. He told us that it was really bad to do drugs because if you just smoked weed and were taking some people home, you might wreck and that could not only be endangering your life, you would also be endangering the other people in your car and other people that are driving around you.
Then he talked to us about safety. He said that you should always wear your seat belts when you are in a car driving down the road because there might be a stop sign and whoever is driving did not see it. The chances are that the driver is going to slam on his or her brakes and you are going to go through the window. Another thing that he told us about safety was that when you

are crossing a road you should look left, then look right, and do the same thing again until you see that there are no cars and you can go straight across.
Then the man said that he wanted us to meet a friend of his. Then a little car named Buzz came out talking. He told us many things about safety and drugs.
Then he said, "Do you want to hear some music?"
The children said, "Yes" and he played all kinds of music.
After that I asked, "Who is the voice of Buzz?" Then Mrs. Rebial stepped out with headphones on.
I learned a lot and if you ever have a program like this, you will too.



Dr. Tom came to visit us from PCC. He talked to us about bats. We got to touch and feel the two dead bats he brought. We found out a lot of neat things about bats! (By: Cheyenne Bailey)

A large, dark silhouette of a hand is shown in the upper left, reaching down to move a chess piece. The piece is a king, and it is being lifted from its base. The background is a gradient of colors, from light at the top to dark at the bottom, with a horizontal line of dots separating the two sections.

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Call IRS for Service

It's easier to get tax help and information from the Internal Revenue Service.

Print, fax, telephone and computer services are available all year long. Here are some numbers to remember. "800" and "877" numbers are toll-free.

- Free forms and publications 1-800-829-3676 (1-800-TAX-FORM). Get Publication 910 for a list of most publications, some in Spanish.

- CD-ROM of most IRS forms and publications buy a CD for \$25 from the National Technical Information Service at 1-877-233-6767 or for \$18 at www.irs.ustreas.gov/cdorders on the Internet.

- Recorded tax messages on TeleTax 1-800-829-4477 for automated refund information and to hear over 140 tax topics, some in Spanish.

- Hearing-impaired tax assistance 1-800-829-4059 using TTY/TDD equipment.

- Tax assistance 1-800-829-1040.
- Taxpayer Advocate 1-877-777-4778 to help cut through red tape when problems can't otherwise be resolved.

- IRS on the Internet — Web: www.irs.ustreas.gov; File Transfer Protocol: <ftp://irs.ustreas.gov>; Telnet: [irs.ustreas.gov](telnet://irs.ustreas.gov); Modem 1-703-321-8020.

- Forms and instructions by TaxFax dial 1-703-368-9694 from the fax machine.

- International TaxFax numbers dial from the fax machine — Bonn (49)(228)339-2822/2824; San Juan (787)759-4524/4525; Tokyo (81)(3)3224-5465.

Capital Gains Tax Expanded

For people who owned stocks, mutual funds or other investments last year, chances are the new capital gains tax rules will affect how they file their tax returns and how much tax they'll owe from those investments.

Last year, the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 went into law, affecting millions of taxpayers on their 1997 tax returns. Many were able to take advantage of lower capital gains rates. This year, the benefits of the Act have been expanded and now apply to sales of property held more than one year, instead of 18 months.

If the net capital gain is from collectibles or Section 1202 gain (from qualified small business stock), then the

maximum capital gains rate is 28 percent. If the net capital gain is from unrecaptured Section 1250 gain (from depreciable real property), then the maximum capital gains rate is 25 percent.

If the net capital gain is from other gain, then the maximum rate is 20 percent, but only 10 percent for gains that would otherwise be in the 15 percent tax bracket.

Taxpayers who have capital gains distributions from mutual funds must use Schedule D to report them, rather than Schedule B. Those who have ordinary dividends of more than \$400 must file Schedule B.

For more information about the capital gains tax changes, see a financial advisor or get free IRS Publication 550, Investment Income and Expenses, Publication 564, Mutual Fund Distributions, and Schedule D and its instructions.

Call 1-800-829-3676 to order.

Tax Changes for 1998 Can Benefit Taxpayers

When filling out tax forms this year, take note of some of the changes that could make the difference between getting a refund and paying more taxes.

Depending on their income, people may be able to claim up to a \$400 credit for each qualifying child under age 17. New this year, the child tax credit could reduce the tax to zero, or even become a refundable credit for taxpayers with three or more qualifying children.

People can benefit from a number of educational incentives. The Hope credit lets people below certain income levels claim a credit for the first two years of post-secondary education. It's limited to \$1,500 per year for qualified tuition and expenses. The lifetime learning credit applies to qualified tuition and expenses for undergraduate, graduate and professional degree courses paid after June 30, 1998, for courses starting after that date. The credit is 20 percent of expenses, up to \$1,000 per return. Certain limits apply to both credits.

In addition to these credits, people can set up Education IRAs featuring nondeductible contributions of up to \$500 a year for a named beneficiary under age 18. And people can tap into their other IRAs to pay for qualified higher education expenses. Also, a limited amount of interest paid on higher education loans is deductible. Some restrictions apply to each benefit.

Another new IRA is the Roth IRA. It features nondeductible contributions, with tax-free distributions if they begin after the fifth year the taxpayer has a Roth IRA, the taxpayer is at least age 59+ or disabled, or the distribution is a qualified first-time home buyer distribution.

New capital gains tax rules may reduce the tax owed on investments. The benefits of lower rates now apply to sales of property held more than one year instead of 18 months. Schedule D will take taxpayers step by step through the rates and rules.

The earned income tax credit (EITC) could be worth a few dollars, or up to \$3,756 for people with more than one

qualifying child, up to \$2,271 for one qualifying child. For those with no children, the EITC could be worth up to \$341. The amount people can earn and still be eligible for the credit in 1998 is \$30,095 for those with more than one child, \$26,473 with one qualifying child, and \$10,030 with no children. People who aren't eligible for the EITC, but who claim it anyway, could be prohibited from taking it for up to 10 years.

Rules for getting installment agreements, offers in compromise and innocent spouse relief are now less stringent. And people who haven't been able to resolve their problems through normal IRS channels have a new toll-free line to a taxpayer advocate: 1-877-777-4778.

Social Security numbers will not be printed anywhere on the tax instruction booklets or labels, so people need to make sure they put their correct SSNs on their tax returns and other forms. And those who owe taxes can write their checks to the United States Treasury, but don't staple the check to the return.

Get details on these topics and more in the tax instruction booklets or in free IRS Publication 553, Highlights of 1998 Tax Changes. Call 1-800-829-3676 to order.

Kids Are a Tax Bonus

People starting a family think about many things, like naming their child, clothing, education and so on. But one thing they might not have thought about is the tax benefit of having children. Sure, they probably know about the exemption for a dependent, but this year there's another tax benefit — the child tax credit.

Depending on their income, people may be able to claim up to a \$400 credit on their 1998 tax return for each qualifying child under age 17. This means they can reduce the tax owed by up to \$400 for each child — not a bad deal! For families with one or two children, the credit is nonrefundable. In other words, they may use the credit to reduce the tax they owe to zero, but they would not receive any remainder as a refund. However, if they have three or more children, a portion of the child tax credit may be refundable. (The maximum credit will rise to \$500 per child in 1999.)

As with many things in life, there are limits that come with the benefits. The amount of the child tax credit depends on one's income. The value of the credit is \$400 per qualifying child, but the total credit is reduced by \$50 for each \$1,000, or part thereof, that their adjusted gross income exceeds \$110,000 for joint filers, \$55,000 for married filing separately, and \$75,000 for single filers.

For more information about the credit, see the instructions for Form 1040 or Form 1040A.

Credit Cards May Be Used to Pay Taxes

This year, some people who owe the Internal Revenue Service money have a new payment option. "We have two arrangements that allow the payment of federal income taxes by credit card for the first time," said Bob Barr, IRS e-file executive. "One arrangement will let people who e-file using Intuit's TurboTax or MacIntTax software package pay the amount owed to the U.S. Treasury with any NOVUS credit card," explained Barr. NOVUS card brands include Discover Card and Private Issue and other NOVUS cards.

The other arrangement processes credit card payments by phone through an agreement with US Audiotex. "After e-filing by TeleFile, a personal computer or through an authorized e-file provider, people can call a toll-free number to charge the balance due," said Barr. Those who file a paper return may also use this system. US Audiotex will accept Mastercard, American Express, and NOVUS credit cards.

The IRS will not have any fees for credit card payments; however, users will pay the companies a convenience fee based on the amount charged.

Faster Refunds With Direct Deposit

Expecting a tax refund? Get it faster by directly depositing it into a bank account.

Depositing a refund into a checking or savings account is more secure because there's no check to get lost. And it takes the U.S. Treasury less time than issuing a paper check. So people can get their refunds faster without making a special trip to the bank.

Direct Deposit is available for all individuals, regardless of how they file their returns by phone, computer or mail. Those who mail the IRS a paper return can fill in the "Refund" section.

People should ask their financial institutions if they accept Direct Deposit, including joint refunds into individual accounts. They can also verify the correct routing and account numbers.

Although Direct Deposit can be used in most situations, it can't be used when filing a prior year's return. Also, Direct Deposit will not occur if the name on the tax return and bank account don't match. Direct deposits of refunds won't go into foreign bank accounts, either. If, for some reason, the refund can't be directly deposited into a taxpayer's account, the U.S. Treasury will send a check instead.

Tax Breaks After Disasters

Losing personal or business property due to a fire, flood, hurricane, theft or other similar event is devastating. But many people can recover some disaster losses through federal income tax breaks.

People who suffer a casualty, loss or theft may be able to deduct the loss when they itemize deductions on their tax returns. If the loss happens in an area declared a disaster area by the president, people can choose to deduct the loss when they file their tax returns for the year of the loss, or amend their returns for the year before the loss, whichever provides the better tax result.

If additional time is granted to disaster victims for the filing of returns and paying taxes, interest will not be charged for that period.

For details, get free Publications 547, Casualties, Disasters, and Thefts (Business and Nonbusiness), and 1600 (1600SP in Spanish), Disaster Losses. Call 1-800-829-3676.

Educational Incentives Give Tax Breaks

People continuing their education or planning for a child to attend college should learn about the educational incentives available to them. These incentives could change the bottom line on their tax returns.

The Hope credit lets people below certain income levels claim a credit for the first two years of post-secondary education expenses. The credit is limited to \$1,500 per year for qualified tuition and expenses. Tuition expenses eligible for the credit must be reduced by any tax-free funds, such as grants or scholarships. Graduate and professional level fees are not allowed. The credit applies to payments made after 1997, for academic periods starting after that year.

People can claim the Hope credit for each eligible student in their family. The student must be enrolled in at least half of the full-time workload for the course of study. The credit is not allowed to students convicted of a felony drug offense. A person can claim the Hope credit for only two tax years for each eligible student.

The lifetime learning credit applies to qualified tuition and expenses for undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree courses paid after June 30, 1998, for courses starting after that date. People under certain income levels can claim this credit for an unlimited number of years. The credit is 20 percent of expenses, up to a maximum credit of \$1,000 per return. The credit amount doesn't increase with additional eligible students in the family, and it cannot be claimed for students' expenses during years when the Hope credit is claimed for those students.

Both the Hope and lifetime learning credits are reduced ratably as a taxpayer's adjusted gross income rises from \$40,000 to \$50,000 (double those amounts for a married couple filing jointly).

In addition to these credits, people under certain income levels can deduct a limited amount of the interest paid on qualified higher education loans, but only for the first 60 months of loan payments. The maximum deduction is \$1,000, and students must have been enrolled for at least half the normal full-time course load required. This deduction phases out as adjusted gross income rises from \$40,000 to \$55,000 (\$60,000 to \$75,000 for married couples filing jointly). Taxpayers do not have to itemize on Schedule A to claim the student loan interest deduction.

People who are dependents and married couples filing separate returns cannot claim the student loan interest deduction or the Hope and lifetime learning credits.

Individual retirement arrangements (IRAs) can help provide for education as well as retirement. People who have IRAs can tap into them to pay for qualified higher education expenses. They won't have to pay the 10 percent penalty tax on early withdrawals, but they will have to pay tax on the amount withdrawn.

The Education IRA is set up as a funding vehicle to pay educational expenses of a named beneficiary. It features nondeductible contributions of up to \$500 a year per beneficiary, with no tax on the earnings if withdrawals are less than qualified higher education expenses in the year of the withdrawal. The beneficiary must be under 18 when the contribution is made. The \$500 limit is reduced if a contributor has income above certain levels.

And for people whose employers pay for their education, the employer-provided educational assistance is excluded from their wages. The maximum exclusion amount is \$5,250 and is for undergraduate courses, not for graduate level courses.

Publications 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs), and 970, Tax Benefits for Higher Education, have more details about these tax breaks and the income phaseout rules. To order, call 1-800-829-3676.

New IRA for Education

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 created an Education IRA that is not a retirement savings vehicle, but one used to pay for qualified higher education expenses of a designated beneficiary.

The Education IRA features nondeductible contributions of up to \$500 a year per beneficiary, with no tax on the earnings if withdrawals are less than qualified higher education expenses in the year of the withdrawal. The beneficiary must be under 18 when the contribution is made. The \$500 limit is reduced (phased out) if a contributor has adjusted gross income above \$95,000 (\$150,000 on a joint return).

Withdrawals not used for higher education purposes will be partially taxable to the beneficiary and will generally be subject to an additional 10 percent penalty. This will also apply to any amount remaining in an Education IRA when the beneficiary reaches age 30. There is no tax on a rollover from a beneficiary's Education IRA to an Education IRA of certain family members.

Publications 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs), and 970, Tax Benefits for Higher Education, have more information. To order, call 1-800-829-3676.

IRS e-file This Year

People who want their tax refunds faster and their tax returns more accurate should use IRS e-file. This year, IRS e-file even offers people who owe money several options to "file now, pay later."

The IRS' electronic filing program, called IRS e-file, offers people increased ease of filing, speedier delivery of refunds and more accurate tax returns.

Those who use e-file will get their refunds in half the time as paper filers, even faster when deposited directly into a bank account. Since e-filed returns are more accurate, there's less chance people will hear from the IRS about mistakes on their returns.

"This year, IRS e-file offers additional benefits to those who owe money with their returns," explained Bob Barr, IRS e-file executive. "By providing bank information when they file electronically, people can direct when they want their payment made to the U.S. Treasury." Also for the first time, taxpayers can choose to pay their taxes with a credit card.

Payments can be made anytime after the tax return is filed until April 15. "This feature will let people file early, have the peace of mind knowing their returns have been accepted by the IRS, and manage their finances without waiting until the last minute to file and pay," explained Barr.

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IRAs worthwhile retirement investment for all individuals

When a person retires, they will likely depend on one-third of their earnings coming from social security, one-third from an employee pension plan, and should plan on one-third coming from other investments such as an Individual Retirement Account.

"Nearly one half of all Americans have less than \$10,000 in savings," said Pam Butcher, assistant vice president, Citizens National Bank, Paintsville. "Today and in the future this is not nearly enough money to retire on, even when combined with social security and pension income."

Butcher said many individuals believe that social security will be enough money to support them through retirement. Other individuals believe that social security won't be around when they reach retirement age even through the president and Congress are planning now to shore-up the fund. "Regardless of a person's belief, it is worth investing in an IRA," she said.

Individuals who work for companies that do not have pension plans won't have that source to supplement their retirement income. They need to individually save and invest to prepare for their retirement. Likewise, individuals who do not anticipate social security being available need to devise a plan to replace that one-third of their retirement income.

"IRA's are one of the biggest single investment tax breaks Congress has ever given to middle-class Americans to save for their retirements," Butcher said. "An individual can invest up to \$2,000 per year which can accumulate substantially over a period of years. If an individual can only save \$10 a week, that is \$520 a year that can be invested for their future needs in retirement."

Since the federal government introduced the new Roth IRA in 1997, millions of Americans are asking: What is the difference between a traditional and a Roth IRA? What advantages does the new Roth IRA have over a traditional IRA? Should I reinvest my traditional IRA into a Roth? Is it worth investing in either?

Anyone considering the purchase of the IRA needs to understand the difference between the traditional and Roth IRA, including the advantages and disadvantages of each.

What is an IRA anyway?

"An IRA is virtually the same as any other investment account you open with a bank, such as a savings account or certificate of deposit (CD)," Butcher said. "The difference is that there is less liquidity in an IRA than a savings account or CD. Individuals who invest in an IRA typically are serious about financial planning for their

future." Money invested in a savings account can essentially be withdrawn at any time. With some savings accounts, there may be some penalties for withdrawing too many times during a year, but the penalties are minor compared to those when drawing money out of an IRA before the age of 59 1/2. There are some exceptions to the rule. First time homebuyers can withdraw up to \$10,000 without penalty, as can individuals who are continuing their education and in the case of a serious illness.

IRAs also have better potential for higher returns than a savings account or CD. Most savings account holders earn somewhere between 2 1/2 and 3 percent interest. An individual who invests in an IRA typically will earn anywhere from 5 to 7 percent. The difference is substantial when given enough years to compound tax-free or tax-deferred interest.

Like any other investment, the sooner a person invests in an IRA the quicker the money multiplies. IRAs are even available to people who are retired, but individuals in retirement need to be aware of federal government requirements on some accounts that restrict them from withdrawing amounts until the account has been open for at least five years.

Traditional IRA

A traditional IRA allows eligible savers to deduct up to \$2,000 a year in contributions from their taxable income and defer taxes on the account until the funds are withdrawn after age 59 1/2, at which time withdrawals are taxed as ordinary earnings. Any individual who makes up to \$40,000 adjusted gross income (AGI) per year or a couple that earns up to \$60,000 AGI is eligible to defer taxes invested in a traditional IRA. An individual must be under 70 years old to make a contribution into a traditional IRA. A withdrawal can be taken out of this IRA at any time after the account holder turns 59 1/2, however, the first withdrawal must be taken by April 1 of the year after attaining age 70 1/2.

Roth IRA

The Roth IRA allows annual nondeductible contributions of up to \$2,000 of earned income for singles who earn less than \$95,000 AGI, and \$4,000 for married couples who file jointly who earn less than \$150,000 AGI combined. Individuals or couples who exceed the income levels of an eligible contributor may still be able to invest in a Roth IRA at some level. Since the Roth IRA is funded with after-tax dollars, a primary benefit is that the government allows investors to accumulate interest on their contributions, but does not require taxes

be paid on the earnings at the time of withdrawal.

A Roth IRA must be held for five years. A person must be 59 1/2 to make the first withdrawal unless it is to support a first time home purchase, for higher education or in case of serious illness. The Roth IRA does not have a minimum distribution that must begin at age 70 1/2 like the traditional IRAs. If a person dies prior to withdrawing from their Roth IRA, heirs would receive the proceeds that would be entirely free from federal income taxes.

Traditional IRA vs. Roth IRA

"There is a tremendous amount of debate going on in the financial world whether the Roth IRA strategy is better than the traditional IRA strategy," Butcher said. "The answer depends on an individual's financial goals, household and discretionary income, the number of years left to invest before a person plans to withdraw from the account, and what they foresee their future income level will need to be in a retirement."

Individuals who anticipate that their tax rate will be higher during retirement than during their working years often choose to invest in the Roth IRA; otherwise, they are likely to choose a traditional IRA. Long-term investors often choose the Roth IRA over the traditional IRA so their savings and investments can accumulate earnings tax-free, as opposed to tax-deferred earnings. Since the Roth IRA was introduced, many individuals have converted their traditional accounts into Roth accounts. Anyone who is considering this transition should seek professional financial advice

Family Business Estate Tax

Family-owned small businesses get special treatment on their estate taxes. For 1998, up to \$675,000 of the value in qualified, family-owned business interests can be excluded from a decedent's taxable estate.

To qualify for claiming the special tax treatment, the family-owned business interest must be more than 50 percent of the decedent's estate and the decedent's family must own at least 30 percent of the business. A business meets the definition of family owned if it is owned at least 50 percent by one family, at least 70 percent by two families, or at least 90 percent by three families.

The exclusion will decrease in the future as the value of the regular estate tax exclusion increases. The total value of both exclusions will be limited to \$1.3 million.

because this investment decision can be expensive if the timing isn't right.

"Some people also choose to invest in both a traditional account and a Roth IRA," Butcher said. "This is acceptable, however, the combined contributions into each account can only be equal to \$2,000 for individuals and \$4,000 for couples filing taxes jointly."

For specific information concerning eligible deductibility consult your tax or legal advisor.

Investing in IRAs can be intimidating and confusing for many people, but it can be interesting and financially rewarding. To learn more about investing in our IRA accounts or want to switch from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA without cost obligation, contact Pam Butcher, vice president, at Citizens National Bank, 620 Broadway, Paintsville. She will explain all of the details and help you to complete the forms necessary to help you build your IRA retirement income.

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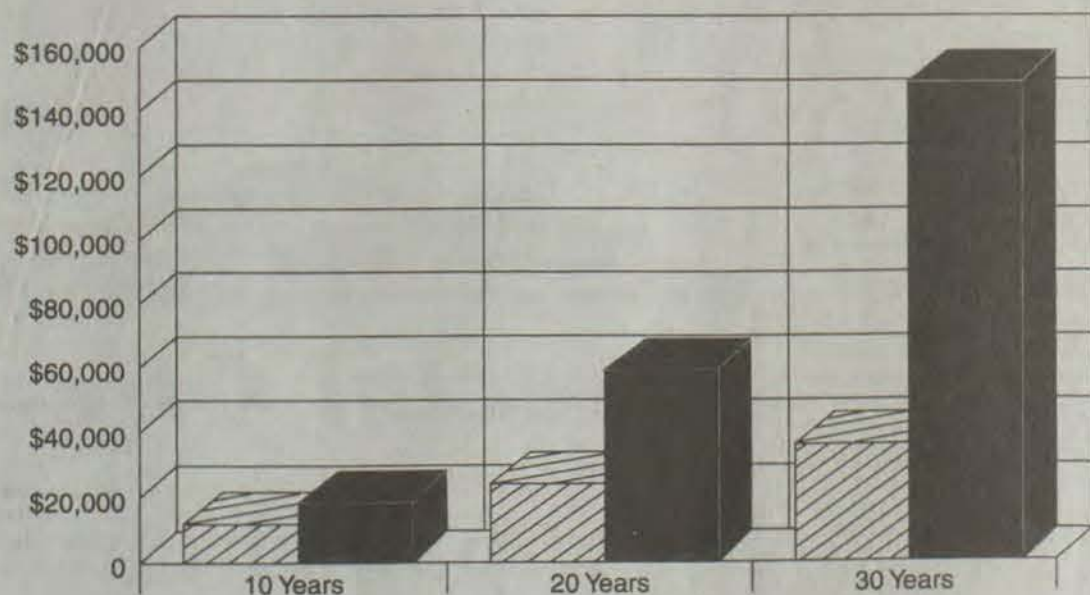
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Money Saved or Invested	\$100/month	\$100/month
Years Saved or Invested	30	30
Total Investment	\$36,000	\$36,000
Interest Earned	\$0	\$113,039.95
Total Amount Accumulated	\$36,000	\$149,039.95

Source: Citizens National Corporation, February 1999

Driving toward business deductions: lease or buy

Is it better to lease or purchase a car you plan to use in your business? The Kentucky Society of CPAs advises business owners to consider the tax implications of purchasing versus leasing when trying to determine which alternative is best.

Buying a car for business

If you purchase a car and use it for business, you may recover part of the cost of the car through annual depreciation. The amount depends on a number of factors, including the method of depreciation you use, the cost of the car, the year you place it into service, and the percentage of total mileage you attribute to business.

percent of the time for business, you may recover its cost by either claiming a depreciation deduction or by using a Section 179 expensing deduction. MACRS (Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System), the more commonly used depreciation convention, results in larger deductions in the early years of ownership followed by smaller deductions in later years. When you use the Section 179 expensing deduction, which takes the place of depreciation for the first year, any part of the car not recovered through first-year expensing can be recovered through the depreciation deduction in subsequent years.

Tax law sets limits on the amount you can claim for the depreciation deduction and the Section 179 expensing deduction. Maximum deductions depend on the year in which you placed your

car in service, the amount of your business use, and its cost. Whether you choose MACRS depreciation or first-year expensing, the first-year limit for a car placed in service in 1998 is \$3,160. This limit is reduced further by the percentage of your personal use of the vehicle. For example, if you use your car 60 percent of the time for business, your maximum deduction is 60 percent of \$3,160, or \$1,896.

This dollar limit applies only to cars manufactured primarily for use on public roadways and with a gross vehicle weight of 6000 pounds or less. While most cars fall into this category, some sport utility vehicles (SUVs) are heavier. If you use an SUV (like a Chevy Suburban or Toyota Land Cruiser) that weighs more than 6000 pounds in your business, you may be entitled to depreciate your vehicle fully in five

years using the MACRS rate.

Different rules apply if you use your car 50 percent or less for qualified business purposes for the year the property is placed in service. In such cases, you can deduct depreciation only by using the straight line method, and you must continue to use the straight line

deduct a portion of your lease payment plus other operating costs that are attributable to business. For example, if you use your leased car 90 percent of the time for business,

amount (which is adjusted periodically for inflation). For lease beginning in 1998, cars costing more than \$15,800 are subject to the inclusion amount.

The inclusion amount has the effect of reducing your deduction for your lease payment to a similar degree to what the restriction would be if you owned the car and claimed depreciation. The full amount shown in the IRS Inclusion Table applies if the car is leased for the full year and used entirely for business. If your car is leased for less than the full year, or if

you may write off even if your percentage of business use increases to more than 50 percent in a later year. If you want to avoid the trouble of keeping a record of actual auto expenses, you may elect the IRS mileage allowance of 32.5 cents per mile. However, you must elect this allowance in the first year you use this car for business.

Leasing your business vehicle

If you lease a car that you use in your business, tax law allows you to

90 percent of your lease payments during the year. (If you make advance payments, you must spread these payments over the entire lease period and deduct them accordingly.) However, under a provision in the tax law designed to equate deductions for high lease payments with the limits placed on depreciation deductions for purchased cars, you may be subject to an "inclusion amount" for each tax year you lease the car. This inclusion amount, which is simply an amount that you add to your other income, applies if a car is leased for more than 30 days and if its value exceeds a certain

it is used partly for personal purposes, you must adjust the inclusion amount accordingly. The only way to determine whether it is best to lease or buy a car used in your business is to run the numbers, taking into account both tax and non-tax considerations. A CPA or other tax professional can help you make the right decision by performing the needed tax and financial analyses.

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Kentucky income tax deduction increases to \$1,200 for 1998 tax year

For the 1998 tax year, Kentucky's standard deduction for individual income tax increases from \$900 to \$1,200. The standard deduction is claimed by persons who choose not to itemize deductions on their individual income tax return. A large percentage of low income taxpayers use the standard deduction, which is located on line 11 of Forms 740 and 740-S and on Line 2 of Form 740-EZ.

According to Governor Paul E. Patton, "The increase nearly dou-

bles the individual income tax standard deduction from 1996. This is a very positive move for Kentucky taxpayers. I know this can make a real difference for Kentuckians especially in today's economy where every penny counts. This underscores my Administration's commitment to lessen the burden on Kentucky taxpayers and is a direct result of the 1996 legislative tax package."

For 1999, the standard deduction will increase to \$1,500; and

for the year 2000 the standard deduction will be \$1,700. Last year, the standard deduction increased from \$650 to \$900—the first increase in approximately 30 years.

For additional information about the standard income tax deduction, contact the Revenue Cabinet's Taxpayer Assistance Office at (502) 564-4581 or the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet Taxpayer Service Center nearest you.

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Whether you're running your own business or working for someone else, you probably spend some amount of money on travel and entertainment expenses. As long as you have a clear business purpose for the expense, the Kentucky Society of CPAs explains that Uncle Sam may help you foot the bill by providing you with tax deductions. Strict rules apply, however, so it's important to understand the definition of qualified expenses.

Travel expenses

Travel expenses are the ordinary and necessary costs you incur when you travel away from home for your business. For tax purposes, an ordinary expense is one that is common and accepted in your business; a necessary expense is one that is helpful and appropriate to your business. To meet the IRS's definition of "away from home," you generally must be away from home longer than a regular workday and it must be reasonable for you to sleep or rest.

Typical travel expenses include the cost of transportation to your business travel destination, local transportation and incidentals such as phone calls.

When your business trip necessitates an overnight stay, you may deduct what you pay for lodging. The cost of your meals while away from home on business is deductible as well (subject to a 50 percent limit). Meal costs include amounts spent for food, beverages, taxes, and related tips.

Incidental expenses for laundering and dry cleaning, fees to send or receive business-related faxes, and gratuities you pay for services while away from home on business are deductible in full.

Entertainment expenses

In order for an entertainment expense to qualify for a tax deduction, in addition to being ordinary and necessary to your business, the business entertainment expense generally must meet one of two additional tests. The expense must

be either (1) "directly related" to the business, which means that business must actually be discussed during the entertainment, or (2) "associated with" the business. To satisfy the "associated with" test, the entertainment must take place prior to or immediately after a business discussion.

Under current tax law, 50 percent of the amount you spend, including taxes and tips, to entertain your client, customer, or employee, is deductible. Entertaining guests at a sporting event, theater, country club, or nightclub all apply, as does a round of golf or a game of tennis. But before you rush out and pay a premium for tickets to the theater or a sporting event, you should know that your deduction is limited to the face value of the ticket. No deduction is allowed for fees paid to scalpers or ticket brokers, and your deduction for the cost of skyboxes and other private luxury boxes at a sports event is limited as well. Entertainment expenses may include the cost of a meal you provide to a customer or client, whether the meal is part of the entertainment or separate. Generally, to deduct an entertainment-related meal, you or your employee must be present.

Business gifts

As a token of your appreciation, you may make deductible gifts to your customers, clients, distributors, and employees as long as the value does not exceed \$25 per person per year. (The cost of wrapping, insuring, or shipping the gift is not included in the \$25 limit.) Gifts of nominal value (\$4.00 or less) such

as magnets, pens, and calendars imprinted with your company name are not included in the \$25 limit. If you give a customer both a \$25 gift and a calendar, you may deduct the cost of both items.

Recordkeeping requirements

For travel and entertainment expenses, you must have adequate substantiation for the expenses you claim. In general, to substantiate each expenditure, you must show the amount, the date, the location, the business purpose for the travel, and the business relationship you have with the person or persons you entertained. The exact type of substantiation required depends on the item and the amount of the expense.

Currently, you do not need a receipt if the expenditure (except for lodging) is less than \$75 or, in the case of transportation costs, if a receipt is not readily available, such as may be the case with a cab ride.

CPAs point out that if you are self-employed, you can deduct your expenses as part of your adjustments to income. If you are an employee, you add your unreimbursed expenses to your miscellaneous deductions. Your deduction is then limited to the total amount of miscellaneous expenses that exceed two percent of your adjusted gross income.

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Phone In Form 941

Small businesses have an option to file their Form 941 quarterly returns using a system that has proved highly popular and successful among individual taxpayers.

Each quarter, the Internal Revenue Service is mailing to millions of eligible small businesses the 941TeleFile package. The package allows qualifying businesses to file using a Touch-Tone telephone.

The package sent by the IRS contains everything a business needs to successfully use

941TeleFile: the 941TeleFile Tax Record; a payment voucher and a paper Form 941 for those who do not meet the filing requirements.

Instructions on the first page list the qualifications. A business that meets these should complete the tax record using the instructions, then call the TeleFile system using a Touch-Tone phone and the toll-free number listed. A recording guides users step by step through the phone call and all the

entries are repeated so users can check their accuracy. As the user enters information,

941TeleFile computes all the taxes and balances. At the end of the phone call, the system provides a confirmation number that the user records on the space provided on the 941TeleFile Tax Record. The tax record is the proof of filing and the official record of filing the return and should be saved. The call takes about 10 minutes; there

is nothing to mail.

April 1998 was the first time that 941TeleFile was made available to small businesses nationwide. The IRS receives more than 300,000 returns per quarter through 941TeleFile.

The 941TeleFile system will begin accepting calls for the first quarter of 1999 on April 1, 1999. The IRS TeleFile help desk is available to assist and answer questions users have or to help them file. The number is 1-901-546-2690 and is not a toll-free call.

On The Road For Business

On the road again? Business travelers should know what expenses are tax deductible and what receipts to hang on to.

There are three types of car trips that are tax deductible: traveling from one business location to another, making business trips out of town and staying overnight, and going to temporary business locations.

Keeping a car log is essential for each business use. Taxpayers

must keep complete and accurate mileage records, or the Internal Revenue Service could disallow the deduction.

There are two methods for claiming business car expenses — actual expenses or the standard mileage rate. With actual expenses, taxpayers can add all their car operating expenses for the year — gas, oil, tires, repairs, license fees, garage rental, insurance and depreciation, subject to certain limitations — and then deduct the percentage of the total that was for business, based on mileage records.

Instead of tracking actual car costs, taxpayers can use the standard mileage rate. Multiply the business mileage by the standard

rate of 32.5 cents per mile.

Travel expenses are ordinary and necessary expenses while away from home on business. Taxpayers should keep whatever documents they can gather to prove where they went, why they went there, how long they stayed and how much they spent. If the travel includes some business and some personal aspects, they should keep clear records showing exactly how much is related to business.

Taxpayers should keep lodging receipts, including receipts for cleaning and laundry, telephone charges and tips. They should also keep transportation receipts, such as airline, train or bus ticket stubs, travel agency receipts, rental car or taxi receipts. These should

show the dates and services involved.

And, of course, keep meal receipts. Generally, taxpayers must keep a log of meal expenses and save receipts of \$75 or more. If they don't want to keep track of the actual cost of meals, they can use a standard meal allowance, which varies depending on where they are traveling in the United States. Taxpayers can generally claim only 50 percent of the cost of meals and tips while traveling.

For more information about the business use of a car or business travel expenses, call 1-800-829-3676 and ask for Publication 463, Travel, Entertainment, Gift and Car Expenses.

**Boost
Employees'
Take Home Pay**

Even in good times, many employees have a hard time making ends meet. Employers can help many of their employees get more take home pay. How? With a tax benefit for employees called the advance earned income tax credit (advance EITC).

Advance EITC allows employers to add a portion of their employees' earned income tax credits directly to their paychecks.

To get the advance EITC, employees must expect to earn less than \$26,928 in 1999, expect to have at least one qualifying child, complete Form W-5 and give it back to their employers. See Publication 15, Employer's Tax Guide (Circular E).

For more information on advance EITC, call 1-800-829-3676 to get the free publication and form.

The new year seems always to bring with it tax law changes that affect business owners filling out their annual tax returns or that require planning for the next year. Things are no different in 1999.

The changes affect how self-employed people and farmers handle income on 1998 returns, and provisions that business owners should be aware of for planning in 1999.

On 1998 returns, the amount of health insurance premiums deductible by self-employed people increases from 40 percent to 45 percent. From 1999 through 2001, 60 percent will be deductible.

Farmers can elect to compute their 1998 income taxes by averag-

ing farm income over a three-year period. This became effective for tax years beginning after December 31, 1997, and ending before January 1, 2001.

One of the more high-profile changes takes effect after December 31, 1998. Self-employed people and employees may be able to take a home office deduction if they use the office for administrative or management activities and meet basic tests. There must be no other fixed place where the person conducts substantial administrative or management activities and the office must be used exclusively and regularly as a place of business. An employee's home office deduction quali-

fies if the office is used for the employer's convenience. One warning here: an employee's decision not to use suitable space made available by the employer can affect the deductibility. The IRS will waive penalties on businesses that timely use paper federal tax deposit coupons while converting to the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS). This penalty relief will run through June 30, 1999. It applies to all taxpayers required to enroll in EFTPS and deposit electronically starting July 1, 1997, or later. Two toll-free EFTPS customer service numbers, 1-800-945-8400 and 1-800-555-4477, can answer questions.

**More Businesses Pay Taxes
Electronically**

Two million business taxpayers have enrolled in an electronic tax payment system that allows them the convenience of making their federal tax payments directly from their homes or offices. The Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) eliminates paper coupons and checks and uses instead telephones or personal computers to pay federal taxes.

Said by the IRS to be "the easiest way to pay federal taxes," EFTPS requires no special equipment. Payments by phone take less than five minutes. If a taxpayer wishes to use a personal computer, free, Windows-based software is available.

Taxpayers can also choose to work through their financial institutions. Based on specific direction from the taxpayer, tax information and payment instructions are processed through EFTPS to the government. No government

agency or outside party has unauthorized access to a taxpayer's account or company information.

EFTPS is an alternative offered by the Treasury Department to provide businesses with a simple, integrated approach to managing their tax dollars and information. Last year, the Treasury collected over \$1 trillion through the system. Approximately 4,000 businesses are enrolling each week.

Two Treasury Department financial agents, the First National Bank of Chicago and NationsBank, manage the system. These banks enroll people in the system, provide customer service, direct payments to the government's account and provide the tax payment information to the IRS. Taxpayers do not have to open accounts at these banks to participate. They can authorize their own bank or the Treasury financial agent to initiate payments for them. A business that decides to

use its own bank should check with the bank for specific instructions, deadlines and fees for using EFTPS.

Some businesses that use payroll companies may already be making EFTPS payments. A business should ask its payroll company if it has already enrolled the business in EFTPS and which taxes the company will be paying for the business. The IRS says that it is still a good idea for a business to enroll in EFTPS separately so there is flexibility should the business change payroll companies.

To use EFTPS, businesses must first enroll. They can begin using EFTPS as soon as they receive their payment instruction packet and personal identification number. Businesses that want an enrollment form or have questions can call EFTPS Customer Service at (800) 945-8400 or (800) 555-4477.

Get Ready for Year 2000

On January 1, 2000, some computer-based systems will begin processing information as if it were January 1, 1900. This is called the Year 2000 problem or the "Y2K bug." It may cause problems for businesses unless they act now.

This is not just a computer problem. It could affect any equipment that uses a computer chip, as well as the suppliers and business partners small businesses rely on. Here are three steps every business person

should take.

✓ First, take a self-assessment test. People should check their computers, as well as any electronic equipment that uses time-sensitive embedded electronic chips. The U.S. Small Business Administration's Y2K Web site explains how to take this test.

✓ Second, take action now. People should fix any Y2K problems they uncover, and test their results. They can ask their vendors

for assistance.

✓ Third, stay informed. Logging on to various Internet Y2K sites is an excellent way to stay current, and the SBA Web site is a good place to start.

Businesses should ask their banks, building managers, suppliers, customers and others critical to their business if they are Y2K compliant.

For more information, contact the SBA at 1-800-U-ASK-SBA or at www.sba.gov on the Internet.

Free Tax Information

Keeping a small business running smoothly is no easy task, and taxes only complicate the job. The Internal Revenue Service publishes free tax information to help small business owners and sole proprietors tackle their tax obligations.

Publication 334, Tax Guide for Small Business, provides general information for sole proprietors who file Schedule C or C-EZ.

Publication 1518 is a 12-month wall calendar for small businesses that provides tax tips ranging from starting a small business to planning for retirement. It also shows the taxes due each month, lists other free publications and describes ways to get tax and business information from IRS and other agencies. Publication 910, Guide to Free Tax Services, describes year-round

tax services, tax season assistance and frequently requested publications for businesses and individuals. Two other publications serve more specialized audiences: Publication 225, Farmer's Tax Guide, and Publication 595, Tax Highlights for Commercial Fishermen.

These and other IRS publications and forms are available by calling 1-800-829-3676.

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There are several ways to use IRS e-file. People can ask their tax professional to e-file their returns. They can use their personal computer and commercial tax preparation software to e-file from home. In some cases, people with simpler tax returns can use their telephones to file if they get a TeleFile booklet in the mail.

"Last year, more than 24 million returns, or nearly 20 percent of all returns, were sent to the IRS electronically," said Barr. "It's our goal to make e-file the preferred way to file with the IRS." The accuracy, speed of refunds, and ease of filing are benefits many people have noted in previous years. "We think IRS e-file offers even more this year since people who owe money can file at any time during the tax season and pay by April 15 using a credit card or authorizing a withdrawal from their bank account. And, of course, people can still e-file and send a paper check if they choose," Barr added.

Internal Revenue Service.

Here's a list of things to look out for.

✓ Numbers that are transposed, left out or totaled incorrectly.

✓ Incorrect or missing Social Security numbers (SSNs). All dependents must have one (use Form SS-5 to apply). SSNs won't be preprinted on the tax package label, so people must be sure to write theirs on the return.

✓ Incorrect or missing employer identification numbers (EINs) for employers and sole proprietors.

✓ Names that have changed because of marriage or divorce. (Notify the Social Security Administration (SSA) immediately after a change.)

✓ Aliens who do not qualify for SSNs must get IRS-issued individual taxpayer identification numbers (ITINs) (use Form W-7 to apply).

✓ People in the process of a domestic adoption may need an adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN) for the child (use Form W-7A to apply).

✓ Don't forget to use the label and envelope from the tax package. Doing so can reduce the chance of misrouted mail or refunds because of hard-to-read handwriting. Make sure the envelope has enough postage and complete addresses, both return and IRS, so it won't go astray in the mail. Remember to sign and date the return. If taxes are due, make the check payable to the United States Treasury and don't staple it to the return.

✓ To get IRS Forms W-7 and W-7A, call 1-800-829-3676. To get SSA Form SS-5, call 1-800-772-1213.

Double Check Tax Returns

A couple of misplaced numbers or an incorrect name can stall the processing of a tax return and any expected refund. It's worth the time to double check every tax form and schedule before sending it off to the

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Get Credit When It's Due

The earned income tax credit (EITC) means extra cash in the pockets of many workers. But some who are eligible for the credit don't get it. Why? "Because to get the EITC, people must file a tax return," said John Dalrymple, IRS Chief Operations Officer. "Some workers earn so little, they legally don't have to file," Dalrymple explained. "By not filing, they're missing out on money they're entitled to receive from a few dollars to as much as \$3,756."

The EITC is a special tax break

for lower-income workers. It's a refundable credit that reduces the tax some workers owe and may give them refunds. A unique feature of the credit is that people can get it even if they don't owe any federal tax or they had no tax taken out of their paychecks.

The credit is based on the amount of income earned and the number of qualifying children the workers have. A qualifying child can be a son or daughter, adopted child, grandchild, or stepchild who lives with the taxpayer in the United States for more than half the year and who meets certain age requirements. There are special rules for foster children. Workers without a qualifying child may also get a credit of up to \$341.

To qualify, workers must have earned income from wages or self-employment. Their 1998 adjusted gross income (AGI) must be less than \$30,095 if they had two or more qualifying children or less than \$26,473 if they had only one qualifying child. A worker without a qualifying child must have AGI of less than \$10,030, be at least age 25 and under 65, not be claimed as a dependent on anyone else's return and must have lived in the United States for more than half the year.

Workers claiming the credit cannot have more than \$2,300 in investment income, such as interest or dividends, and cannot be a qualifying child of someone else.

Special rules apply to U.S. military personnel, nonresident aliens and divorced couples who have dependents. Certain workers may be able to get extra money added to their paychecks throughout the year with the advance EITC. Details are on Form W-5, Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate, which they must fill out and give to their employers.

While the IRS wants people who are eligible for the credit to claim it, they are also cautioning taxpayers who claim the credit to be certain they qualify. "Due to new tax legislation, people who aren't eligible for the credit, but claim it anyway, will have to meet additional requirements if they want to claim the credit in the future. In some cases, they may not be able to claim the credit for a number of years," said Dalrymple.

For more information on the EITC, call 1-800-829-3676 and order free Publication 596, Earned Income Credit, (in English or Spanish) and Form W-5.

Missing Form W-2

Employers have until February 1, 1999, to issue a Form W-2 to each employee.

Employees should check with their employers if they don't have the W-2 within a couple days after that. If they still don't get the W-2 by February 15, they may call the IRS for help at 1-800-829-1040.

Tax Withholding on Government Payments

People who get certain government payments can choose to have federal income tax withheld from them. Doing so can eliminate the need to file and pay quarterly estimated taxes.

Those who get unemployment compensation, Social Security or tier 1 railroad retirement benefits, Commodity Credit Corporation loans or certain crop disaster payments can make this choice. Fill out Form W-4V, Voluntary Withholding Request, and give one to each payer from which you get these types of payments.

Call 1-800-829-3676 to get the form.

IRS Offers Free Help

The Internal Revenue Service offers free tax help and year-round customer service to taxpayers. Get free Publication 910, Guide to Free Tax Services, to read all about the tax help, publications and services for individuals and businesses. Call 1-800-829-3676 to order. Here are some highlights.

✓ Advocates for Taxpayers: People who have not found help with their tax problem through traditional IRS contacts can ask their taxpayer advocate for help. The advocate has the authority to cut through red tape and intercede for people who are experiencing a hardship because of a tax problem. Call toll-free 1-877-777-4778.

✓ Volunteer Tax Help—Get help

with basic tax returns through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs. Both provide specially-trained volunteers to prepare basic tax returns. VITA and TCE volunteers help older individuals, those with disabilities, and non-English speaking taxpayers with their taxes in places convenient to them. Call the IRS for the nearest location.

✓ Braille and Large-Print Materials—Federal tax materials in Braille are available at Regional Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in conjunction with the Library of Congress. These materials include Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax; Publication 334, Tax Guide For Small Business, and Forms 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ, and Schedules A and B, with instructions. Large-print copies of Form 1040, its schedules and instructions are in Publication 1614. Large-print copies of Form 1040A, Schedules 1, 3 and EIC, and instructions are in Publication 1615. The copies can be used as worksheets to figure tax, but can't be filed as tax returns.

Taxes and Home Ownership

Whether buying a first home or in the process of selling one, home ownership can have a big effect on tax returns.

Some of the settlement fees and closing costs can be deducted in the tax year the home is bought. These costs include certain real estate taxes, mortgage interest and points that meet certain requirements.

Other costs may be included in the basis of the property. Basis is a way to measure the investment in a home for tax purposes. Costs like abstract and recording fees, surveys and owner's title insurance are included in the basis.

People who itemize deductions can deduct interest on most mortgages secured by their first or second home. They can deduct qualifying points on a loan to buy or improve their main home in the year they paid them. And they can usually deduct real estate taxes imposed by state or local governments for the general public welfare.

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 replaced two tax breaks for home sellers with a more generous one. Under the old law, those 55 and older could exclude up to \$125,000 of gain. And anyone who bought a replacement home within two years of the sale might postpone taxes on some or all of the gain. Under the new law, taxpayers can exclude up to \$250,000 of gain (\$500,000 on a joint return, if both meet the residency requirement) from the sale of a home.

The new exclusion is allowed once every two years, but only if the person used the home as a principal residence for at least two out of the five years before the sale. The seller must pay tax on any gain exceeding the exclusion — the replacement home rule no longer applies. If a person sells before satisfying the two-year residency requirement because of a change in employment or health, the maximum exclusion amount (\$250,000 or \$500,000) is prorated by the percent of the two-year time met. This proration also applies to anyone who owned a home on Aug. 5, 1997, and sells it before Aug. 5, 1999, regardless of whether there was a change in employment or health.

Because of this larger exclusion of gain, the average person may not need to keep track of the home's cost basis once the two-year residency is met. Only if the home sells for more than the maximum exclusion amount will the taxpayer even have to figure the gain. In that case, one would need accurate records of all items affecting the basis. This includes improvements such as adding a room, finishing a basement or putting up a fence.

More information on buying, owning or selling a home is covered in the following free publications. Call 1-800-829-3676: Publication 523, Selling Your Home; Publication 530, Tax Information for First-Time Homeowners; and Publication 936, Home Mortgage Interest Deduction.

Relief for Innocent Spouses

Sometimes happily ever after doesn't work out, and two people end up going their separate ways. Although they might divide their belongings, they can't break up any previous tax bills or tax returns they filed together.

This is known as joint and several liability. It means that one spouse is as liable as the other for all items appearing on returns they filed together and equally liable to pay all the tax due, whether or not they're divorced. So if a joint return is audited, each spouse is liable for any additional tax that may be assessed, even if it was from something the other spouse deducted or forgot to report. In such a situation, a taxpayer could request innocent spouse relief from joint and several liability.

In 1998, Congress passed a law making the requirements for obtaining such relief less stringent. People can request this relief in three ways — expanded innocent spouse relief, separate liability election and equitable relief.

The expanded innocent spouse relief is a new version of an old law. Prior innocent spouse requirements were relatively strict. The new law relaxes those requirements to a point where taxpayers may be relieved of a portion of the additional assessment they did not know about or had no reason to know about.

Separate liability election allows certain taxpayers to elect to have the additional assessment limited to the portion that would be allocated to their share of the item(s) at issue, based, for example, on their own earnings or deductions.

Equitable relief is available when a person does not meet the conditions for innocent spouse or separate liability relief, but it would nevertheless be unfair to hold the person responsible for an unpaid tax or an additional assessment. Such a case might arise when one spouse did not know, and had no reason to know, that the other spouse took the money intended for paying the tax and used it for his or her own benefit instead.

The IRS has revised Publication 971, Innocent Spouse Relief, and Form 8857, which people may use to request this relief, to reflect the new provisions of the law. Both are available by calling 1-800-829-3676.

IRAs Make Dollars and Sense

Make those golden years more golden with careful retirement planning. Whether retirement days are around the corner or well over the horizon, it's important to plan ahead. For many, setting up an individual retirement arrangement (IRA) can provide that extra peace of mind.

IRAs are savings plans that give individuals tax benefits as an incentive to set aside money until retirement. Contributions to a traditional IRA may be deductible and the earnings on the account are not taxed until withdrawn.

Although withdrawals are generally taxable, retirees may pay a lower tax rate than when they were working. Anyone who has taxable compensation — such as wages, tips, commissions or taxable alimony — and who will be under age 70+ at the end of the year, can set up a traditional IRA. Money can be put into an IRA any time during the year or by the due date of the tax return for that year, not including extensions.

Annual IRA contributions are limited to the lesser of \$2,000 or the person's compensation, but if only one spouse has compensation, contributions may still be made to an IRA for the other spouse. If neither spouse is covered by an employer retirement plan, the contributions to a traditional IRA are deductible on their tax return. If either spouse is covered by an employer's plan, the deductibility of IRA contributions depends on their joint income level.

Generally, individuals cannot make withdrawals before turning age 59+ without being penalized. But new rules allow penalty-free withdrawals for certain purposes, such as for higher education expenses and up to \$10,000 for a first-time home purchase. Other penalty exceptions apply to amounts used for unreimbursed medical expenses that are more than 7+ percent of adjusted gross income or for medical insurance for a taxpayer who receives unemployment compensation for at least 12 consecutive weeks.

Congress added some new IRA provisions beginning in 1998. One is a new plan called the Roth IRA. The Roth IRA features nondeductible contributions, with tax-free distributions if they begin after the fifth year the taxpayer has a Roth IRA (starting with the initial contribution year) and the taxpayer is at least age 59+, or disabled, or the distribution is a qualified first-time home buyer distribution (limited to

\$10,000). If the owner dies, the beneficiary can receive tax-free distributions if it has been more than 5 years since the owner opened the Roth IRA.

Annual contributions to all IRAs — Roth and traditional — are limited to a total of \$2,000 per person. The limit for Roth IRAs is phased out as adjusted gross income (AGI) increases from \$95,000 to \$110,000 (\$150,000 to \$160,000 on a joint return). Unlike the traditional IRA, Roth IRAs allow people to contribute after they reach age 70+ and don't require withdrawals while they are living. People with AGI under \$100,000 can convert a non-Roth IRA into a Roth IRA. They will have to pay tax as though they had withdrawn the funds, but there is no early withdrawal penalty. If the conversion takes place in 1998, the taxable amount may be spread over four years. That is, one-quarter of the taxable conversion is included in income in 1998, 1999 and so on. Married couples filing separate returns can't convert a non-Roth IRA into a Roth IRA.

Publication 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs), has information on deductible and nondeductible contributions, withdrawals, the new rules beginning in 1998 and what actions will result in penalties. Publication 553, Highlights of 1998 Tax Changes, discusses recent tax law. To order, call 1-800-829-3676.

IRS Modernization Is Good News for Taxpayers

A Message to Taxpayers from IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti.

You might have heard recently that the IRS is changing. It's true. I'd like to offer a few comments about our new emphasis on customer service and fairness to all taxpayers and give you a glimpse of the new IRS that will serve all taxpayers better. We're not just putting a new face on the IRS, we're fundamentally changing our organization and our business philosophy to serve you better.

The new IRS will be organized with taxpayer needs in mind. We'll be composed of "operating divisions" that will specialize in working with groups of taxpayers that have similar needs. One division will focus on helping our largest group of taxpayers, those who have only wage and investment income. Other divisions will work with self-employed and small business taxpayers, corporations and tax-exempt organizations. Our new organization will result in more of our employees being available to work directly with taxpayers and give them the information and assistance they need.

Over the next couple of years, we'll be modernizing the way we work, with more focus on understanding, solving and preventing taxpayer problems. Just as companies develop very particular marketing programs to reach customers with differing needs, we at the IRS will be tailoring our publications, education, communications and assistance programs to taxpayers with particular needs. We'll be making filing easier for each taxpayer by providing easily accessible, high-quality assistance. All of our operations will be designed to help taxpayers prevent most problems before they occur.

We're also taking advantage of technology and introducing more electronic products and services for taxpayers. Millions more taxpayers used our popular e-file and TeleFile programs last year, and we're making things even easier for e-filers in 1999.

Our latest innovation will allow e-filers who owe taxes to have their tax payments transferred directly to the U.S. Treasury from their bank accounts.

Traffic on our Internet site, where you can find tax help and download many of our forms and publications, has nearly tripled.

We have new electronic options for businesses, including 941TeleFile for filing employment tax returns by phone and the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) for making tax payments. We're not stopping there. We have plans for many more innovations in electronic filing, payment and communications that will make filing and paying taxes even easier. At the IRS, we're working hard to serve taxpayers better. What we're doing today is only the beginning of an IRS that is re-dedicated to high standards of customer satisfaction and efficiency.

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When Names Change

Names change for different reasons, such as marriage or divorce. People should notify the Social Security Administration (SSA) when their names change because names and Social Security numbers on tax returns must match those the SSA has on record. If they don't match, federal tax refunds could be delayed or the Internal Revenue Service may contact those affected to straighten out the mismatch.

No Refund for Some

Expecting a refund, but haven't paid certain bills? Some people may find themselves waiting a long time. Federal law allows income tax refunds to be taken to pay off all or part of past-due child and spousal support, delinquent student loans, income tax or other federal debts. The IRS will let people know if their refund was used to pay back what they owe.

File Taxes from Home

The Internal Revenue Service offers a convenient filing option for people who like to prepare their own tax returns using a personal computer. With tax preparation software available commercially and their computer modems, they can file their taxes with IRS e-file. IRS e-file, the IRS' electronic filing program, offers people increased ease of filing, speedier delivery of refunds and more accurate tax returns. Since e-filed returns are more accurate, there's less chance people will hear from the IRS about mistakes on their returns.

"People can e-file from their PCs whether they expect a refund or owe money," said Bob Barr, IRS e-file executive. "Last year, nearly 1 million people filed their tax returns using this option — nearly two and a half times the number in 1997." Those who use e-file will get their refunds in half the time as paper filers, even faster when deposited directly into a bank account.

"This year for the first time, individuals who owe money and use IRS e-file can choose to pay electronically by authorizing a withdrawal from their bank account to make the payment to the U.S. Treasury. This feature will let people file early, have the peace of mind of knowing their returns have been accepted by the IRS, and manage their finances and time without waiting until the last minute to file and pay," Barr explained. Any amount due must be paid to the U.S. Treasury by April 15.

The IRS hopes to make this filing option totally paperless for many people.

"This year we are offering people who filed last year using their PCs the option of using an e-file Customer Number similar to a PIN," said Barr. "This will eliminate the need to send us a paper signature document."

To take advantage of IRS e-file, people can complete their returns using tax preparation software and send the information electronically via modem to a transmitter, who will forward it directly to the IRS. The IRS sends an acknowledgment that the return was accepted.

e-file Now — Pay Later

More people are taking advantage of the IRS electronic filing options that make filing their tax returns easier, faster and more accurate. This year, those who owe money will have the option of paying electronically also.

"We're adding more features to our IRS e-file program for people who owe money with their return," explained Bob Barr, IRS e-file executive. "Although they could have filed early and written a check later, we found most people preferred to wait until April 15 to file and pay together. Waiting until the last minute often led to careless errors and long lines at the post office. Now, individuals can file electronically as soon as they're ready, get confirmation that the IRS has received their return, and pay when they choose. This option is similar to that used by many people to pay their mortgages or to

pay other expenses," said Barr.

The new electronic payment option is available only to people who file their returns electronically either through a tax professional or from their personal computer using tax preparation software, according to Barr. By providing bank account information when they file electronically, people can designate when they want their tax payment made. Payments can be made anytime after the tax return is filed until April 15.

To find out more about electronic payments and the IRS e-file options, check with your tax professional.

Taxpayer Advocates Working to Put Service First at the IRS

When Elayne Goldstein's telephone rings at the Internal Revenue Service, the call is usually from a taxpayer who has an unresolved tax problem. On this day, the caller was complaining about receiving a collection letter from the IRS and was expressing frustration with having made multiple contacts with different IRS employees about his problem — without a solution.

As far as Ms. Goldstein is concerned, the buck stops in her office. She is a taxpayer advocate at the IRS with the authority to make sure that the IRS takes all necessary actions to correctly and completely resolve a taxpayer's problem.

"The most important aspect of being a taxpayer advocate is knowing that you can drop all other work and priorities to deal with that individual taxpayer who needs your attention at the moment," Ms. Goldstein says. Last year, taxpayer advocates like Ms. Goldstein made sure that some 237,103 cases nationwide were effectively resolved.

Even though the IRS has had a Problem Resolution Program since 1977, recent tax legislation has given taxpayer advocates more independence from the IRS and more authority to cut through the "red tape." According to Ms. Goldstein, once she confirms that the taxpayer's problem meets criteria to be brought into the Problem Resolution Program, it is assigned to a caseworker within the IRS who is in the best position to resolve the matter. The caseworker is required to contact the taxpayer within seven days to acknowledge receipt of the case. In that contact, the caseworker is to provide his or her name and telephone number, clarify what the problem is, and provide the taxpayer with either an expected date of completion of the case or the date by which the caseworker will get back to the taxpayer with the status of the case.

Taxpayer advocacy at the IRS has won strong support from IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti. Mr. Rossotti, a business manager by trade, has put the IRS on a path of improved customer service. He has been at the forefront of Problem Solving Days, where taxpayers who have unresolved problems can get one-on-one assistance from the IRS.

A provision in the recently enacted IRS Restructuring and Reform Act gives the taxpayer advocate greater authority to intercede on behalf of taxpayers who are experiencing a hardship. The taxpayer advocate must now consider such factors as the threat of adverse action from the IRS, whether there is a delay of more than 30 days in resolving taxpayer account problems, significant costs incurred by a taxpayer while waiting for relief from an IRS action, and irreparable injury to, or long-term adverse impact on, a taxpayer if relief is not granted, when making a determination of hardship.

According to Ms. Goldstein, the Problem Resolution Program is for those people whose problem remains unresolved after attempts to resolve the matter through traditional IRS contacts have been unsuccessful. Generally, most taxpayer problems can be resolved on the first contact by either calling or writing, or visiting an IRS office. A good rule of thumb before contacting the taxpayer advocate with a problem is if the taxpayer:

- Has contacted the IRS on the same issue at least 30 days after an initial inquiry or complaint, or 60 days after the filing of an original or amended return or claim, or
- Has received no response from the IRS by the date promised,

including commitment dates on IRS forms, or

• Believes that established systems have failed to resolve the problem.

Taxpayers need to be aware of the fact that the advocates do not have the authority to overturn the tax law or regulations. However, the taxpayer advocate does remain a strong ally of the public to help resolve those seemingly unsolvable problems with the IRS. "The most satisfying part about being an advocate is seeing a customer satisfied with the work we do for them, regardless of whether the ultimate results of the case are in their favor or not," Ms. Goldstein says.

For the assistance of a taxpayer advocate, call toll-free at 1-877-777-4778.

People who have access to TTY/TDD equipment may call 1-800-829-4059 and ask for Problem Resolution.

Taxpayers Have Rights

The Internal Revenue Service is changing. And people at the IRS are working hard to provide top quality service. In dealing with the IRS, taxpayers are entitled to fair treatment, privacy, and representation, in addition to specific rights that apply in collection, examination, or appeals matters. Get the details about taxpayer rights in the free IRS Publication 1, Your Rights as a Taxpayer, also available in Spanish. Call 1-800-829-3676 to order.

SSNs Write On

The IRS is listening to what taxpayers are saying. In response to taxpayers' concerns about privacy, the IRS isn't printing taxpayers' Social Security numbers anywhere in the tax instruction booklets. But the tax returns must still have the SSNs, so taxpayers should remember to write them on before sending their returns to the IRS.

Standard Deduction for Dependents

People who can be claimed as a dependent by another get a higher standard deduction for 1998. The standard deduction is the greater of \$700 or the person's earned income plus \$250, up to the regular standard deduction of \$4,250 for a single person. This helps relieve many working dependents with under \$250 of investment income of the need to file a tax return or to have any tax withheld from their pay.

An IOU for Taxes Due

The taxes are finished. The bottom line reads "Amount You Owe." But the money's not there. Now what?

"People should ask the Internal Revenue Service about their payment options," said John Dalrymple, IRS Chief Operations Officer. Those who can't pay their tax bills in full should fill out an Installment Agreement Request (Form 9465) and send it to the IRS along with their tax returns.

"This single-page form allows people to estimate a monthly payment that will fit within their budget and allow them to pay off the taxes owed in a reasonable period of time," explained Dalrymple.

An installment agreement generally must be approved by the IRS and some additional information may be required. However, under a new tax law provision beginning July 22, 1998, the IRS must grant an installment agreement if:

- ✓ the tax is owed by an individual and is not more than \$10,000,
- ✓ the taxpayer has not failed to file or pay tax in the preceding five years,
- ✓ the taxpayer has not entered into an installment agreement under these provisions in the preceding five years,
- ✓ the agreement requires full payment within three years, and
- ✓ the IRS determines that the taxpayer is not financially able to make full payment immediately.

Once the installment agreement is set, taxpayers must meet two requirements: they must agree to make their installment payments on time, and they must stay current

with their federal taxes during the agreement period.

If they fail to meet either of these conditions, they will default on the installment agreement and be required to pay their tax bill in full.

"Before entering into an installment agreement, people should explore all financial sources available that would enable them to pay the full amount of taxes owed," said Dalrymple. This is important because they will face additional costs when they enter into a longer-term payment arrangement. There is a \$43 fee for an approved installment agreement. In addition, interest and late-payment penalties are added to any unpaid tax. People may be able to obtain loans at banks or other lenders with more favorable rates. Those who decide to request an installment agreement should pay as much of their tax bill as they can with their return to reduce the amount of interest and penalties on the unpaid tax.

Another payment option can help people recover from severe financial debt an offer in compromise allows people to pay an amount less than the full amount of taxes owed. If their financial situation is such that it's obvious they may never be able to pay all the taxes owed, or there is a pending dispute regarding the tax liability, the IRS may accept an offer in compromise. "Although this particular payment option can be instrumental in helping a taxpayer recover from severe financial debt, many don't know it exists," said Dalrymple.

Before entering into an offer in compromise, most people must complete Form 656 and a comprehensive financial statement showing assets, liabilities and income.

The financial statement is no longer required if the only issue is a dispute over the amount of tax. The offer must reflect the maximum they can pay. Also, they must agree to meet all their federal tax obligations for five years or until the amount offered is paid in full, whichever is longer. Those who fail to meet the terms of the offer will once again owe all their back taxes in full.

"The IRS believes an offer in compromise makes good business sense," said Dalrymple. "It benefits taxpayers by giving them the opportunity to get out from under a heavy financial burden. It gives them a fresh start and brings them back into the tax system. It also benefits the IRS and all taxpayers by bringing in taxes that may not be collectible any other way."

So for people who find themselves facing an unexpected tax bill, and payment in full just isn't an option, remember these payment alternatives. For more information, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

Picking a Tax Professional

Many people admit that taxes are just too much to deal with. So they decide to hire a professional who is familiar with the ins and outs of tax laws.

Enrolled agents, attorneys and certified public accountants are all professionals with varying degrees of specialized expertise in finances and federal taxes. To help make the best choice, people should ask themselves these questions before picking a person or firm to handle their taxes:

- ✓ How complicated is my tax situation?
- ✓ Do I know others who have used the preparer?
- ✓ Does the preparer offer the electronic filing and payment options I want?
- ✓ Will the preparer be there later in the year, or in a year or two, to answer questions on my return?
- ✓ What does the preparer offer for the fee being quoted?

The answers will make the search for a tax professional easier.

TeleFile: Your Easiest Way to File

TeleFile, the IRS' file-by-phone option, offers many people the quickest, easiest way to file a return. "TeleFile is easy. People who use it love it, and become our best ambassadors for the program," said Bob Barr, IRS e-file executive. "Ninety-nine percent of last year's users intend to use it again."

Last year, nearly 6 million peo-

ple filed their tax returns with a simple 10-minute phone call to the IRS, and the number of users is expected to increase again this year. And why not?

"TeleFile is totally paperless. Just complete the TeleFile worksheet in the tax booklet, call the toll-free number, and follow the easy step-by-step instructions. TeleFile instantly calculates any taxes or refund due. A customer service number acts as a signature and a confirmation number indicates we received your return. That's all there is to it," explained Barr.

The IRS sends a special instruction booklet to those people who may be able to use TeleFile. With this booklet and a Touch-Tone phone, people can file their returns at any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. "Only those who receive the booklet can use TeleFile," said Barr. "Therefore, it's important that people keep the booklet in a safe place until they are ready to file."

Besides the benefits of quick, convenient filing, TeleFile users will get their refunds in half the

time than if they filed a paper return — even faster if individuals choose to have their refunds deposited directly into their bank accounts," Barr added.

The TeleFile idea is expanding. Several states also offer their own TeleFile program that lets residents file their state returns by phone. "This year, the IRS is testing a joint TeleFile option with two states, Kentucky and Indiana,"

Barr noted. "Individuals who qualify will be able to file both their federal and state returns with a single call." What could be easier?

Don't Pay the IRS This Year

When the bottom line of the tax return says "Amount You Owe," write a check, but make it payable to the United States Treasury, not the Internal Revenue Service. Taxes fund the whole government — they don't just pay for the IRS. Enclose the check in the envelope, but don't staple it to the return.

Working beneficiaries can earn more in 1999

by Jim Kelly
Social Security District
Director for the Big Sandy Area

Social Security beneficiaries who work in 1999 can earn more money and still receive all of their Social Security benefits, according to Jim Kelly, district director for the Big Sandy Area. The earnings limits increase each year with increases in average wages.

Beneficiaries between the ages of 65 and 69 can earn up to \$15,500 a year without having any benefits withheld. For every \$3 that a beneficiary earns over this

limit, \$1 is withheld from his or her benefit. In 1998, the earnings limit was \$14,500.

People under age 65 can earn up to \$9,600 a year without having any benefits withheld. For every \$2 a person under age 65 earns over this amount, \$1 is withheld from their benefits. In 1998, the earnings limit was \$9,120 a year.

People age 70 or older who continue to work do not have benefits withheld no matter how much they earn.

Disability beneficiaries must report immediately if they return to work.

Check your W-2 forms for correct Social Security number and name

by Jim Kelly
Social Security District
Director for the Big Sandy Area

Be sure your Social Security number and name are correctly shown on the W-2 form (statement of earnings) your employer is required to give to workers before the end of January, Jim Kelly, Social Security district director for the Big Sandy Area announced.

"Compare the number and name shown on the W-2 form with the information on your Social Security card. Report any discrepancies to your employer and local

Social Security office right away. The name and number on your W-2 must match your Social Security card so that your earnings will be credited to the correct Social Security record," Kelly said.

"Call Social Security's toll-free number—1-800-772-1213—if you detect a problem with your name or number on your W-2."

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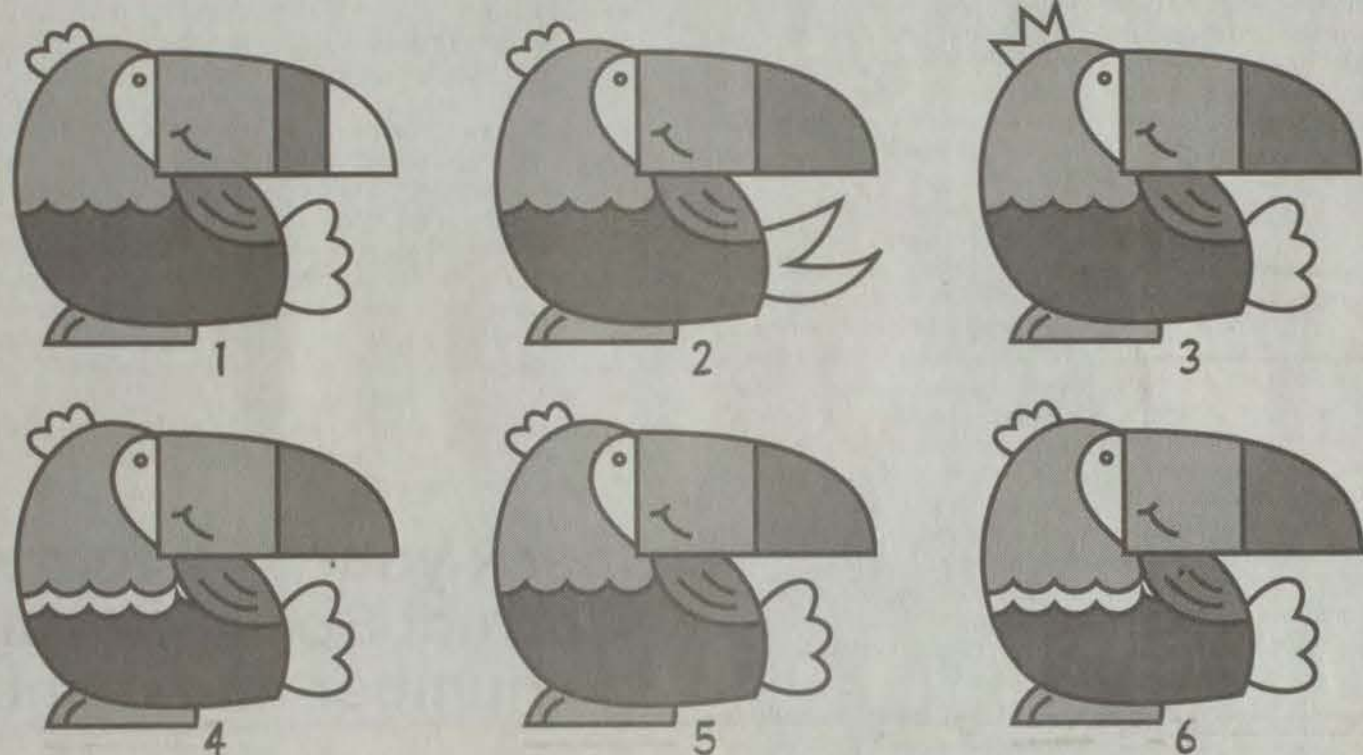
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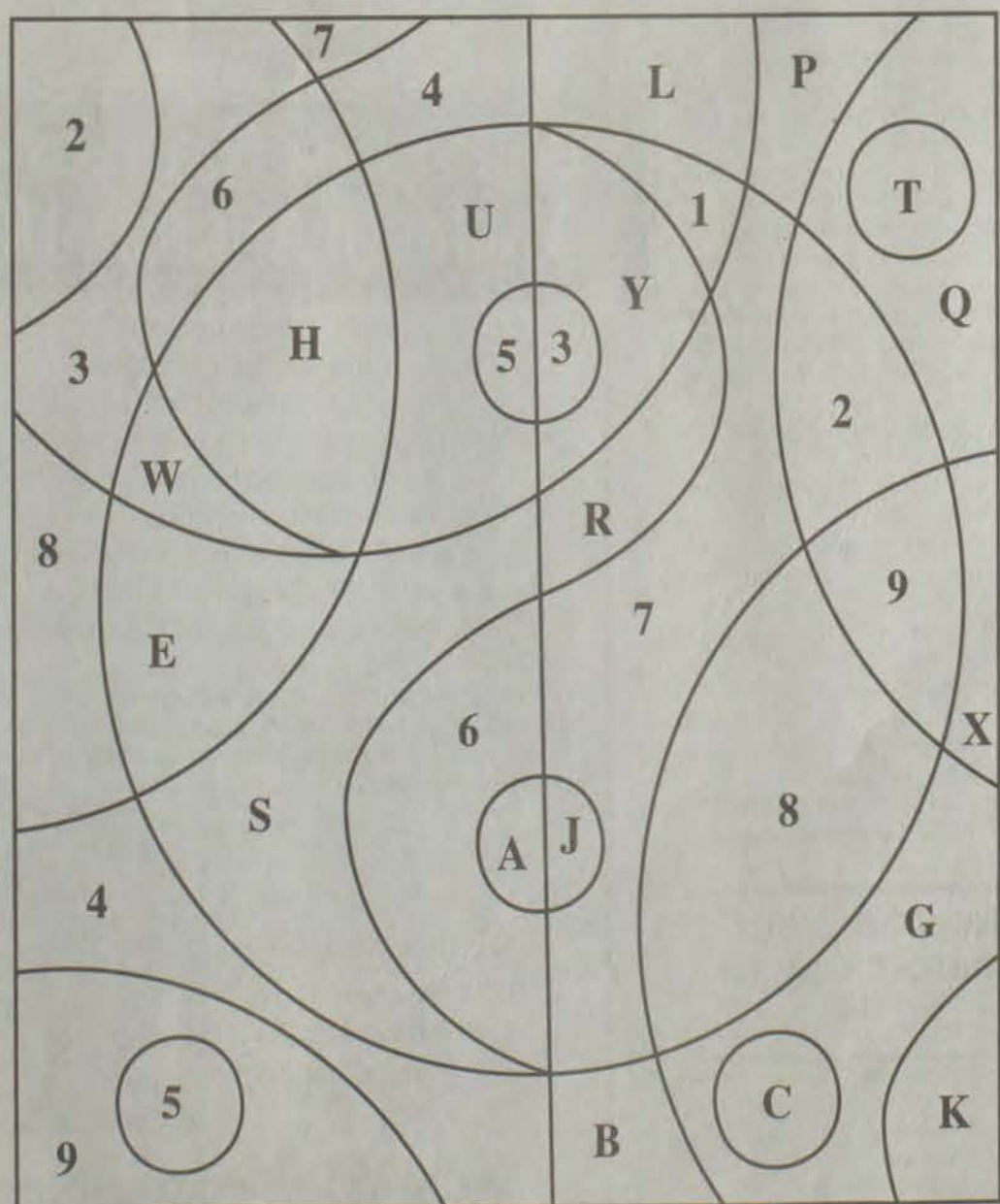
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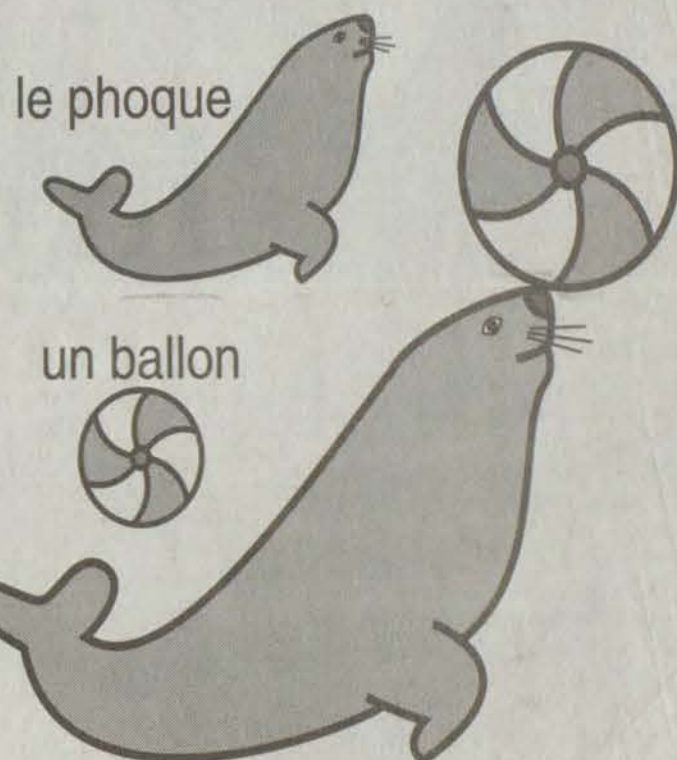
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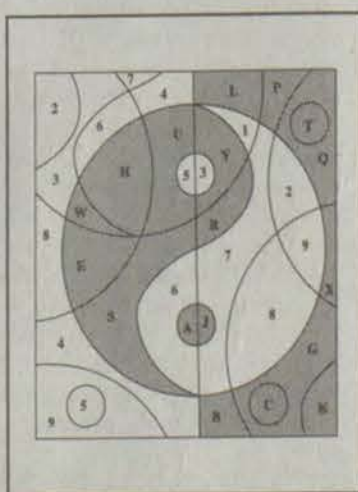
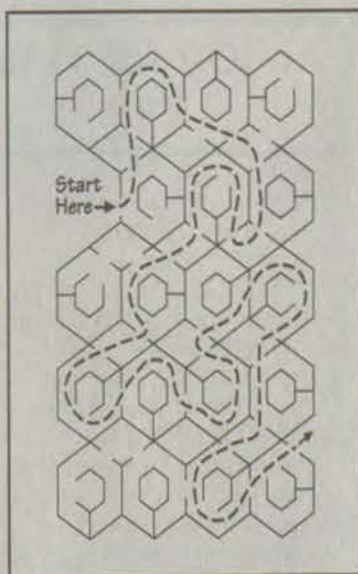
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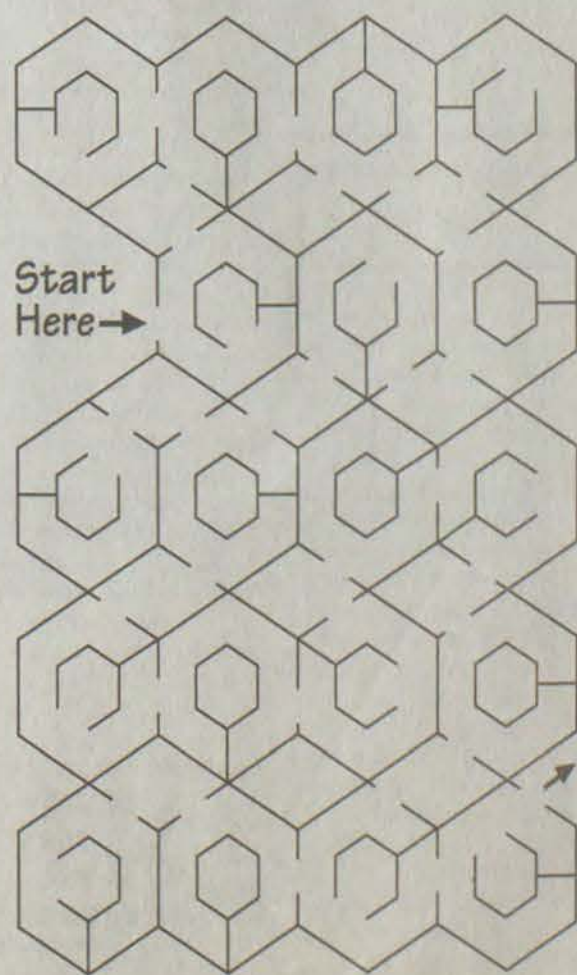
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Lady Rebels looking to repeat as district champs

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Coach Anthony Moore is hoping that his Allen Central Lady Rebel basketball team has come of age with the Second Season set to begin Tuesday.

The Lady Rebels have won the district title the last two seasons and are looking for a third straight. Coach Moore thinks his team has matured and is playing its best basketball.

"We are starting to play better basketball," said the Allen Central coach. "The team is becoming a little more patient with the shots and a little bit better shot selection than we had earlier in the season."

The Allen Central coach said defense has certainly improved over the year and the girls are thinking district title. "Some of them are learning what their role is on the team," said Moore. "They have accepted that role and when that happened, we just started getting better and better."

One player who will have to take the leadership role is junior

Natalie

Cooley. Cooley is one of the 15th Region's best, but appears laid back until late in the game. She can do so many things with the basketball — inside and out. "Natalie is really coming on," said Moore. "I think people in Floyd

girls who has accepted her role on the Lady Rebel team and it has shown in her recent play. "Shanna came out and struggled early, but she has accepted her role and she is doing a much better job of taking care of the basketball," said Coach Moore. "She understands

draws the opponents' top scorer. She is a streak shooter and, once in the groove, can burn you from the arc. An excellent free throw shooter also. "If we can ever get Jennifer back to 100 percent, I would be really happy about that," said the Allen Central coach. "I'll take her at 50 percent."

An unsung hero is Jessica Martin, who just doesn't get the recognition she deserves. Martin can do it all on the floor — play defense, shoot the treys, rebound, post up and the list could go on and on. Along with Cooley and Hopkins, she's a veteran of the district championships, solid all the way around. "She is a heck of a player underneath the basket," said the Allen Central mentor. "A lot of people don't know that she can play out away from the basket. I think she likes to play away from the basket a little bit more. She is shooting close to 50 percent from the floor. But she only takes three, four, five shots a game. We try to get her to shoot a little bit more."

Tuesday Night

Allen Central vs. South Floyd

- When: 8 p.m.
- Where: Raider Arena
- Records: Lady Rebels (14-9) South Floyd (8-13)
- Line: AC by 20
- TV: IMSN Channel 5
- Radio: Q95, Double X



County are going to see what Natalie can do. Earlier in the season she just wasn't getting enough shots. Lately she has been looking for her game and we have tried to go to her a little bit more. When we do go to her, she rebounds." Shanna Howell is one of those

what I want from her on the floor. In the past games you couldn't ask for a better player." Senior Jennifer Hopkins leads the Lady Rebels' scoring and is the designated three-point shooter from the arc. But Hopkins is better known for her quickness on defense and

(See Lady Rebels, page eight)



JESSICA MARTIN'S work on the boards will be vital to the Lady Rebels of Allen Central when they set out to defend their district title. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Rebels have quickness, scoring to claim district

Wednesday Night

Allen Central vs. Betsy Layne/Piarist

- When: 8 p.m.
- Where: Raider Arena
- Records: Rebels (22-6) BL (8-13)/Pk (0-22)
- Line: ???????
- TV: IMSN Channel 5
- Radio: Q95, Double X



The Rebels are small compared to other teams but not too many have been able to match their quickness and hard play. Coach Martin said they have to attack the basket because they do not have any size in the paint area.

"That is the way we play," he said. "We have to attack the basket. We are too small to go against the bigger teams." While the Rebs appear small, they do have a couple of 6-3's in Jesse Hall and Brian Paige and Rodney Scott, who measures at 6-2. Gary Hunter stands at 6-1. But the hub of this year's team is two-guard Nick Samons, a candidate for Player of the Year in the 58th District. Samons, however, has been under the weather of late and nursing a sore wrist he injured in the state tournament. He averages just over 15 ppg and is third on the team in rebounds.

For the Rebels to take home a district title, Samons has to be the leader on the floor. He does so much more than just score.

Larry Mullins, who came off

the bench earlier in the year, starts at the point guard slot and what a season he has had. Averaging just over 11 ppg, Mullins, along with

Samons, gives the Rebels another shooter from the three-point arc. Mullins is a good assist man and, despite his size, is not afraid to mix in with the taller timber around the basket.

Gary Hunter is a combination of a pull-up shooter and slasher. Out of the popular Rebel weave, Hunter will find a hole and a path to the basket or he will pull up and bury the 10 to 12 foot jumper. He has good range from the three-point arc as well. If he is on, he can kill you from the arc and we are speaking of Jesse Hall. Hall is the broad-shouldered Rebel who just seems to be at the right spot

when needed for the big baskets. He had his career high against

Betsy Layne, scoring 30 points and hauling in 10 rebounds. But Hall is capable of having every night like that, but there is no need with all the fire power the Rebels have.

Working and playing hard is Brian Jones, a solid force around the basket. He is known as the Rebels' garbage player and seems to come up with the loose balls underneath the basket. His unorthodox shooting around the

(See Rebels, page eight)



ALLEN CENTRAL'S DISTRICT hopes will ride on the shooting hand of senior Nick Samons. The Rebels haven't won a district title since 1995. (photo by Ed Taylor)

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Coach Johnny Martin and the Allen Central Rebels have to be tournament ready. With the 58th District basketball tournament set to begin Tuesday night at South Floyd High School, the Rebels have been tournament tested and proven they are capable of winning the big games.

In a three week span, Allen

Central won the Coca-Cola Classic, the All "A" regional and went to the semifinals of the State All "A" tournament. Knowing what it takes to win is of a certainty with this ballclub.

However, there may be some obstacles along the way for the Rebels and the first one could come in the form of the Betsy Layne Bobcats, who gave the Rebels all they wanted in a recent conference game at Betsy Layne.



A FLOATING Rodney Scott has provided strong play off the bench for the Allen Central Rebels (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Improved Lady Cats to make run toward title

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Now that Betsy Layne head girl's basketball coach, Cassandra Akers has gotten her basketball speakers broke in after a six-year absence, her second season begins next week in the tip off of the 58th District basketball tournament at South Floyd High School.

The Lady Cats will meet rival Prestonsburg, a team they lost to twice in the conference.

Coach Akers inherited a young basketball team when she took the helm in October of last year. But the roster was sprinkled with a few veteran players. Getting the players to adapt to her philosophy of the game was the next item to be addressed.

It has taken the Lady Cats most of the season to adjust to the demanding play that Akers has required but the hard work and lessons learned may have paid off.

"We are getting better as a team," said Coach Akers. "Some games we look like we have improved 100 percent, then we look like we still have a ways to go."

But overall, Coach Akers is pleased with the play and chemistry this team has displayed this year.

"If I can convince them they have to play a whole game and give effort on defense, that is the key for us."

Betsy Layne found a floor leader in senior Amanda Hall and a scorer in sophomore Jenny Parsons. Parsons leads the Lady Cats in scoring with just over 16 points per game. But her work on the defensive end of the floor has proven to be very valuable along with her ability to rebound.

It has been a season of testing to find out who could play what position. Heather Hamilton had to learn the point guard slot, Hall was moved from the point to shooting guard while veteran Leslie Hopkins ruled inside.

"Leslie has really been putting forth an effort," said Coach Akers. "She has been rebounding for us and that is what we need from her."

With the lack of the outside fire power, Betsy Layne has had to pound the ball inside in looking for points. But the Lady Cats have found success with their big people underneath. One

of those has been Sheena Akers, a junior. Akers gives the Lady Cats a strong presence around the baskets and compliments Hopkins well on the high post/low post play.

"Sheena is surprisingly quick," said Akers. "If I can get her to use her quickness of defense we will have it made."

The Betsy Layne bench has been a big part of the success of Akers' ball-club. The youth corps is led by Amber Roberts (sophomore) and Devon Reynolds (freshman) who have logged a lot of minutes this season. Tabatha Mitchell, Kimberly Tackett, and Samantha Maynard give the Lady Cats a long bench.

had layups just rolling off. Our girls know they are going to have opportunities to score, and if you have that confidence going into the game, it is anybody's ball game."

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"They are quick. We like to get out and cover them and make them push the ball up and down the floor," said Akers. "He (Coach Jackie Day Crisp) likes to run in and out a lot of players, and I do too. We are pretty much evenly matched."

While the Lady Blackcats have the outside threat, Coach Akers likes her team's inside game.

"Our inside game offsets their outside game I feel," she said. "I believe it is going to be who gets the breaks; who gets in foul trouble; and who hits the shots down the stretch. But we know we can play with them and that is the whole key."

QUICK FACTS

• The Lady Cats have only two seniors on this year's team but have five sophomores and six freshmen.

• Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne meet in the first round of the tournament at South Floyd where Betsy Layne seems to play well.

• Tip off time is 8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24.



BETSY LAYNE WILL FACE Prestonsburg in the first round of the girls' 58th District in what promises to be a top first round game. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Thursday Night

Betsy Layne vs. Prestonsburg

- When: 6 p.m.
- Where: Raider Arena
- Records: Betsy Layne (8-13) P'burg (18-8)
- Line: P'burg by 3
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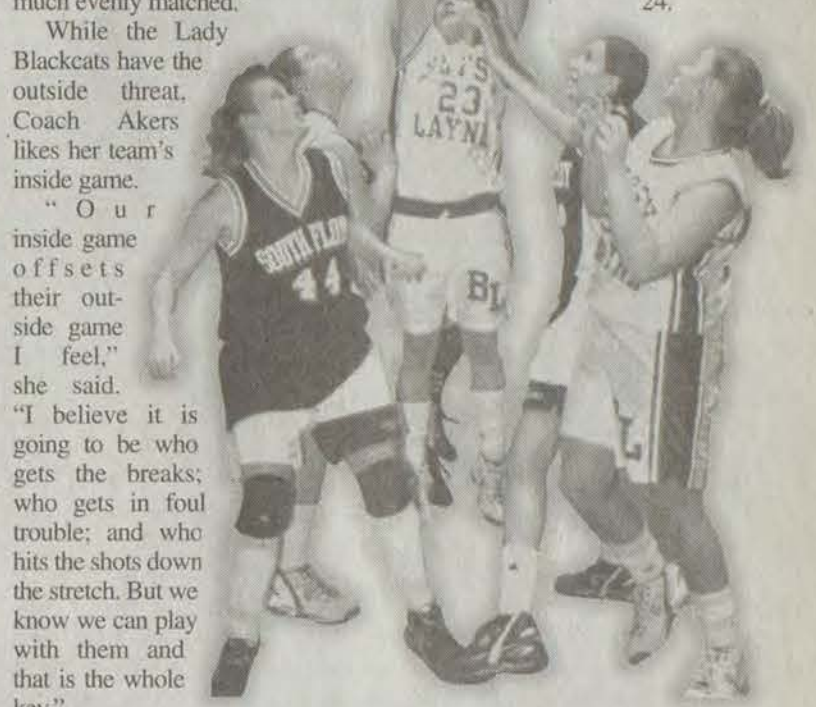
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Coach Akers feels her team has problems in matching up with Prestonsburg but has ways of offsetting any imbalance that might be there.

"The main thing is we have been in both games we lost to them in the regular season," said the Betsy Layne mentor. "We had opportunities to win both games. If you can say that about two games, you are looking forward to the third game."

In the first meeting of the season, Betsy Layne hit only 24 percent from the floor and only lost by 10 points.

"We made only 11 field goals the whole game," said Coach Akers. "We



Betsy Layne could be jelling at the right time

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It has been a difficult basketball season for the Betsy Layne Bobcats.

No team in the district has fallen on harder times when it comes to losing games than the Bobcats. With a rather disappointing record, Betsy Layne is not as bad as their record would indicate.

In fact, this is a solid and a good basketball team that figures to make some noise in the 58th District tournament at South Floyd.

Coach Rice's team has dropped eight games that rightfully they could have won. Magoffin County, Paintsville, and Allen Central all escaped the Bobcats and were fortunate to do so.

This is a big team with good speed and quickness. They are not a one or two player team, but a TEAM. Early shooting woes plagued the Bobcats but now the Bobcats could be jelling as a unit just at the right time. A lot of that could be traced to the dismal shooting of Justin Bartley, who now is scorching the nets from outside. Bartley seems to be playing with much more confidence than he did early in the season. He definitely is back on track and the junior point guard is having a good second half of the season.

But also, when you talk of improvement, you have to mention Bradley Brooks (6-4). He has been on a

tear in the past month of the regular season and has posted several double-double's. A very strong rebounder, inside player and defensive player is Bradley. He comple-

Tuesday Night

Betsy Layne vs. Piarist Knights

- When: 6 p.m.
- Where: Raider Arena
- Records: Betsy Layne (8-13) Piarist (0-22)
- Line: BL by 40
- TV: IMSN Channel 5
- Radio: Q95, Double X



ments his teammates so well.

Look out underneath for there is another Bobcat who has been consistent all season, and he wears number 32 on the back of his jersey. Adam Tackett (6-4) just has a knack of knowing where the ball is coming off the rim. A smart player who moves well without the basketball and is strong underneath.

Now that his shoulder has healed 100 percent, Michael Gross is on his way to doing what he does best — burying the treys. He is a streak shooter but since coming back from his injury he has been consistently hot. But what fans seem not to know about Gross is his rebounding and defensive skills as well.

Scott Collins has been in an up and down season and looks like a world beater one night and lost in the shuffle the next. Here is a player with as much talent as anyone in the region, he just needs to exert himself more and now is the time to be aggressive and look for his shot. With a

charged-up Collins and the overall improved play of the Bobcats, Betsy Layne could be a dark horse in this tournament.

Tommy Taulbee has the ability to score. He has good size, can shoot and is a good defensive player. He just needs to look for his shot more. Taulbee has to be a leader when the Second Season tips off.

football legs and now is running the court with the best of them. A very strong inside player on both ends of the floor. He can take the ball to the basket, pull up for the short jumper or step outside the arc and drain a three. But he can do so much more in that he hits the boards hard and gets a good number of offensive rebounds. A garbage type of player. He hustles and is not afraid to get on the floor for the loose ball. Shades of the football season.

Jay Arnett seems to have been completely recovered from an ankle injury from the first of the season. Arnett gives Coach Rice good size off the bench. He is consistent from the 10-foot range to the basket. He has good quickness and decent speed. The Bobcats will face the new kid on the 58th District block in the Piarist School. Piarist was the five seed while Betsy Layne was the four seed. The winner gets Allen Central in a second round game.

SCOTT COLLINS OF BETSY LAYNE will lead the Bobcats as they hope to advance to the second round play to meet Allen Central. But first they must face the Piarist Knights in a first-round game. (photo by Ed Taylor)



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PIARIST KNIGHTS

Hall: "We're going to play hard!"

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

This basketball season has been only the second such for the Martin-based Piarist School but only the first year of participating in the competitive Floyd County Conference and 58th District tournament.

better job of now."

Coach Hall said the Knights have learned to be more patient while on the court and their shot selection has improved.

"We are passing the ball much better," he said. "We are slowing down more and running our offense. We seem to have taken control

learning season for them."

Shawn Rose and Robert Hall are both freshmen but start for the Knights. Junior George Hall leads the team in scoring at 14 points per game. Robert Hall is second with a nine point per game average.

John Keeton and Brett Hall lead the team in rebounding while George Hall is the assist leader with five per game.

The Knights will face Betsy Layne in the opening round of the boys 58th District and Piarist dropped two season games to the Bobcats.

"We can't run with them," said Coach Hall. "We have to try and control the tempo. We will go out and do our best and play hard. They handled us easily the first two times we played them."

The Knights will try to compete against the size of the Bobcats on the inside. Off the bench for the Knights will be Matt Goeing, a good three-point shooter. James Hall and Brian Hall give the Knights some depth, along with Will Duty.

The Knights and Bobcats meet in a 6 p.m. start Tuesday, February 23, at Raider Arena at South Floyd.



Tuesday Night

Piarist vs. Betsy Layne

- When: 6 p.m.
- Where: Raider Arena
- Records: Piarist (0-22)
Betsy Layne (8-13)
- Line: Betsy Layne by 40
- TV: IMSN Channel 5
- Radio: Q95, Double X

But it also has been a year of no wins and many defeats but also a year of much improvement.

"We have played well in our last two games," said Knights coach Canier Hall. "We seem to be playing better team basketball. At first we were just going out and not playing together. But we seem to be doing a

more." While Coach Hall is praising the improvement, he said his team still has a way to go yet.

"We have a lot of improvement to do," he said. "While we are playing better together, we still need to cut down on our turnovers. We have some young players and it has been a



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Lady Blackcats earned title 'giant killers'

Prestonsburg owns wins over Pike Central, Shelby Valley

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats have been a big, big surprise this basketball season. Here is a team that has never lost stride and has gotten better and better as the season has gone on.

Unlike most teams, who peak and then go down, Prestonsburg hasn't yet peaked, but you would think they have. Here is a team that plays with more and more confidence every time out.

Coach Jackie

Day Crisp has his team doing the little things needed to win the big games. The only heavyweight he hasn't been able to knock off this season has been the Lady Pirates of Belfry. "They handled us pretty good the first of the year," said Coach Crisp.

Prestonsburg is a team of blended veterans and youth corps. But the youth are experienced in that they went through the basketball wars last year and have shown maturity.

Amelia Conley had been one of those players who has matured and become one of the top region players. Conley has many assets in that she can score, rebound, block shots, play defense and shoot free throws well. For Prestonsburg to get past the first round of the 58th District tournament at South Floyd, then Conley will have to take the game seriously and realize that much is riding on her shoulders.

Leadership. Where is that going to come from? Well, start with seniors Crystal Slone, Kimi Nunnery and Shelly Greathouse. The trio has been the leaders this season who have seen the Lady Blackcats experience one of their better seasons in several years.

Greathouse is a veteran of the basketball battles and has been through many, many tournaments

and knows what it takes to be a winner. Greathouse, who was the go-to person as a freshman and sophomore, now has been joined by an array of talent that is second to none in the district.

Shelly is the three-point shooter for the Cats, but has slowed down since she injured her knee last year, forcing her to miss last year's district tournament. But being surrounded by so much talent has helped her make the return this season.

Nunnery is Miss Defense and

player. She is not afraid to mix it up around the basket.

She can trigger the offense with her deadly three-point shooting and she complements the other players so well. Coach Crisp has a long bench and he has used it this year. He believes in using the bench and goes to it early and often. One of the first to come off the pines is freshman "Mega" Megan Hyden who one day will be one of the best girls players to come out of Prestonsburg High School. She is so poised when in the game and doesn't realize that she is just a freshman and supposed to be learning the high school game.

She plays with a lot of confidence, and as a frosh, wants the ball in her hands. She's an excellent free throw shooter and she has to be; that is where she spends

a lot of her playing time. Ashleigh Ousley has been seeing a lot of playing time of late and has responded well with some good outings. Ousley is just a sophomore, but a solid inside player who likes to roam around the paint area where she is strong on the boards.

Stephanie Adams, it is told, could start for anyone else, but she gives Coach Crisp added depth at the small forward, two guard positions. She plays hard and just seems to enjoy the game. Prestonsburg will meet Betsy Layne in the first round of the tournament, a team the Lady Blackcats have beaten twice. Both games were close.

Taking care of the basketball will be a high priority for Prestonsburg because Betsy Layne likes to come after their opponents.

Prestonsburg is a well-coached team and a disciplined team. Conley and Nunnery will have to stay out of foul trouble against the size of Betsy Layne. Coleman and Greathouse will have to open the inside up from the three-point arc.

Wednesday Night

Prestonsburg vs. Betsy Layne

- When: 6 p.m.
- Where: Raider Arena
- Records: P'burg (18-9) Betsy Layne (9-12)
- Line: P'burg by 1
- TV: IMSN Channel 5
- Radio: Q95, Double X



has shown that she has a lot of offense in her this year. She plays hard and has a good knowledge of the game. She's a role player that you'd just be glad to have on your team. She does so many things well and is an unselfish player, maybe a little too unselfish.

Sometimes you would think that someone else besides Superman was faster than a speeding bullet when you watch Crystal Slone run the court. Speed, speed and more speed describes the senior forward to a tee. The only thing seemingly lacking from her game is confidence. One night she will put 25 points on the board and disappear the next. But the talent is there and there is a ton of it. She does so many good things besides score and that is what makes her a very valuable player.

Carrying the "Iron-Girl" title is sophomore Brooke Coleman. She could play the whole 32 minutes and be ready for a second contest. Coleman is one of the team's leading rebounders and is a hard-nosed



Amelia Conley (44) of Prestonsburg has been a force around the basket for the Lady Blackcats. But the second season is here and Conley will have to show court leadership (photo by Ed Taylor)

Prestonsburg looking to set district record

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

No team in the history of the 58th District Tournament has ever won four consecutive tournament championships, but coach Jack Pack and the Prestonsburg Blackcats hope to become the first and set a new district tournament record.

Since Coach Pack came to Prestonsburg, it has been the Blackcats who have emerged as district champions. Now they are shooting for a coveted four straight and the possibility looks good for another.

The Blackcats have all the ingre-

dients to repeat for a fourth title with the senior leadership that has been displayed this season. This is a veteran team that remembers when Pack brought a winning tradi-

Thursday Night

Prestonsburg vs. South Floyd

- When: 6 p.m.
- Where: Raider Arena
- Records: P'burg (14-9) South Floyd (13-10)
- Line: P'burg by 3
- TV: IMSN Channel 5
- Radio: Q95, Double X



tion back to the program.

John Ortega, Nathan Leslie and Joe Campbell were just freshmen when Prestonsburg won its first district title under Pack. Since then

they have known two other championships and want the fourth.

Ortega hasn't amassed the points this year but has done a lot of other things well. He is a leader and the rest of the team looks to him for that leadership. At the point guard slot, he directs the offense for

Coach Pack on the floor. His football quickness helps him on the court in driving the length of the court or just taking advantage of an opening in the middle. He can bury the trey or pull up for the short jumper. Ortega is

the best defensive player on the Prestonsburg team.

Leslie, who sat out his sophomore season returned last year as a junior and was an immediate success. This season, his senior year,

he has gotten even better. His presence around the basket gives the Cats a strong inside game. He does so many good things on the floor.

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Prestonsburg Coach Jack Pack gives instruction to his Blackcat squad.



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Can the Lady Raiders pull off the upset?

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It just hasn't been the kind of season coach Ronnie Patton and the South Floyd Lady Raiders had hoped for. Going through the

season without a conference win hasn't been the kind of season expected.

The mystery continues as to why the program again finished last for the fifth straight year.

With the number four seed,

that means South Floyd will have to face Allen Central in an opening round game of the 1998-99 district basketball tournament that gets underway Tuesday night. One thing the Lady Raiders have going for them is that the games will be played on their home court.

Taking care of the basketball and executing on offense has

Stewart and Misty Berger. They are the experienced players who have played the past three seasons. Now is the time for them to step forward and go out a winner.

Stewart has played well of late and needs to take charge of the offense.

Her ability to go to the basket and score, or draw the foul, will be needed. She is also a strong

who gives the Lady Raiders another outside threat. Newsome is strong outside and handles the ball well.

Three-point shooters, the Lady Raiders have them in Brooke Hamilton, Margaret Morgan and Martha Crawford.

Allen Central poses a problem to the Lady Raiders in that the team can go deep off the bench.

Coach Patton doesn't have the luxury of having a long bench.

While the bench for South Floyd is not that long, players who come off it are capable of getting the job done. Off the pines for the Lady Raiders are Lindsey Hall, Sonya Tackett, Minnie Tackett, Angie Tackett, Stacia

Stanley and Jessica Paige.

South Floyd is very capable of pulling the upset but it will take a game of good execution and taking care of the basketball.

Free throw shooting hasn't been a problem for the Lady Raiders but hitting the boards has. Hall has been consistent all season on the windows and will need help from Berger and Stewart in controlling the backboards.

The one team in the district that the Raiders have played tough in their two meetings has been Allen Central. But, again, the Lady Raiders will have to put together four quarters of good play to pull out this shocker.



SOUTH FLOYD'S OLIVIA STEWART WILL HAVE to shoulder the leadership role as the Lady Raiders face number-one seed Allen Central (photo by Ed Taylor)

Tuesday Night

South Floyd vs. Allen Central

- When: 8 p.m.
- Where: Raider Arena
- Records: Raiders (8-14) Rebels (14-8)
- Line: Rebels by 12
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been the problem for the Lady Raiders. Against Allen Central, a team that likes the pressure game, that problem cannot be too good. If there is one area that this team needs to improve, it's in their ball handling skills and better shot selection.

That's the negative side, but there have been some very positive changes in the system. The Lady Raiders can put some points on the scoreboard, and they have some legitimate scores.

Margret Morgan has the ability to score from the outside, including beyond the three-point arc. But it seems she is hesitant in taking the shot. If the Lady Raiders are to get past the first round, Morgan has to open things up from the outside.

Leadership has to come from seniors Shawna Hall, Olivia

rebounder and plays decently on defense.

Berger has not really bloomed into the player expected out of her in grade school, but she has been a consistent player and a very hard worker on the court. Berger can burn you from the three-point line, rebounds well and is a good team player.

Hall has been nothing but great this season for the Lady Raiders. Her soft touch around the basket and ability to move without the basketball have her as a vital part of the tournament success South Floyd is to find. She has to perform well for 32 full minutes if the Lady Raiders entertain any thoughts of pulling off the upset.

Another player South Floyd will need help from will be Monica Newsome,



Ronnie Patton

Webb said the free throws are the problem for his team and bad decisions on the court.

"The opposition has shot 200 more free throws than we have," he said. "We just need to play smarter than what we have."

Paige's return could be a big plus for South Floyd

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The boys' 58th District Basketball Tournament tips off this Tuesday night at South Floyd High School, and there may be a sleeper in the boys' ranks with the game on the Raiders' home floor.

Coach Henry Webb has been pleased with the overall effort of this year's Raider team but feels like some players will have to show more consistency than what has been displayed thus far.

"This team has played hard all season and put forth a great effort," said the South Floyd coach, in his first full season at the helm. "But the loss of Justin Paige has been a big blow to us late in the season and we have had to adjust playing without him in there. We need more consistent play from Kyle Tackett. When he is in the groove, he is very tough to handle. He just needs to show more consistency."

Coach Webb said it is a possibility that Paige could return by district tournament time.

"But we don't know how much he will be able to do," said the Raider mentor. "But having him in there is a bonus for us. We have had players step in and play well for us since he went out. John Meade has filled his position in starting and played well for us."

The Raiders are the biggest overall team in the 58th District tournament and had the fortune of upsetting Prestonsburg, three-time defending district champions,

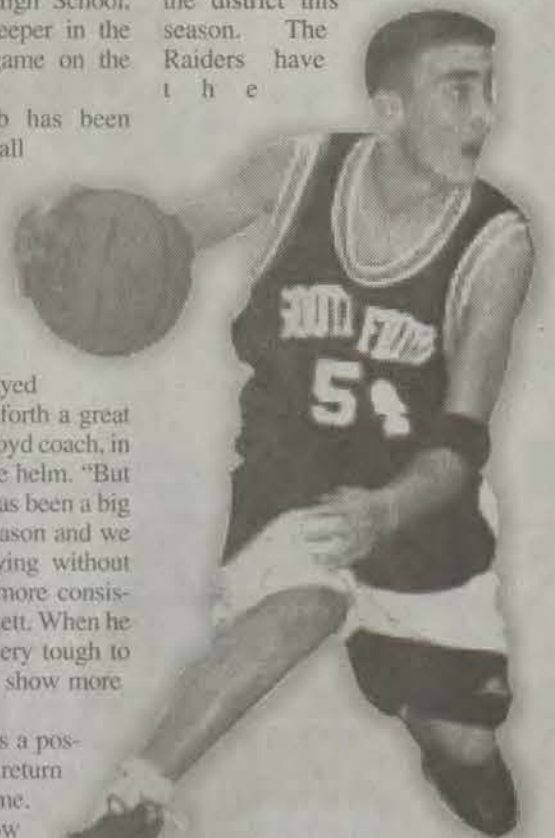
on the Raider Arena floor earlier in the year.

South Floyd has talent and tons of it and more youth on the way that holds the future of Raider basketball. While the record is not all that impressive, Coach Webb thinks his team is not to be overlooked.

"We lost seven games by five or six points," said Webb. "We would like for our overall record to be better, but this has been a good year for

South Floyd basketball, and I am pleased with the season."

Who the Raiders face in the first round will not be an easy matchup with the parity in the district this season. The Raiders have t h e



Ryan Shannon

inside presence of Jimmy Stumbo, Kyle Tackett, P.J. Hall, and Meade and has the size to compete.

"We feel the program is going in the right direction and the win over Prestonsburg was a big one for us," said Coach Webb. "We have some very good young players in our freshman and junior varsity teams. We

as district time arrives.

"Down the stretch, we have to take care of the basketball," he said. "We will have the tournament on our home floor, and we have to take advantage of that. We will have to play extremely hard as a team."

South Floyd started the season as a good free throw shooting team, but Coach Webb says that has dropped off.

"We have struggled from the free throw line," he said. "We can shoot well from there. We need to pick it back up."

Coach Webb said this team needs, in case Paige cannot return, to jell together without him and play well.

"We are doing better executing on offense and defense," he said. "We just need to continue playing hard."

Ryan Shannon has been the floor general for the Raiders and is the second leading scorer on the team. His ability to run the team at the point has been a big plus for South Floyd.

The Raiders are a solid outside shooting team and the combination of the inside play of Stumbo and Byron Hall make the Raiders a very balanced team. Byron Hall is one of the leading rebounders in the district and has been a big part of the offense as well. A solid inside player on defense and works hard on the defensive boards.

Stumbo has the soft hands in the paint area and is hard to contain once he gets the ball low. Stumbo is averaging around nine points per game.

Kyle Tackett is the type of player who can kill a defense once he lights it up from outside. He is deadly from the three-point circle. P.J. Hall is "Mr. Defense" inside and a great shot blocker, as well as rebounder. But his ability to score inside is not to be overlooked.

"Byron started the season off for us hot but has trailed off a little," said Webb, who added that Byron needs to step up his game. "He is a very good inside player."

"We need for John (Meade) to contribute more. He had been coming off the bench but is now starting. He is playing with a lot of confidence right now."

"P.J. has given us good minutes off the bench. He is a strong rebound-

er."

Also off the bench is one of the top eighth graders in the region, and he plays with much more maturity than an eighth grader, according to Webb.

"Michael Hall is a very good player and we want to put the ball in his hands," said Webb. "He has a lot of confidence out on the floor."



Henry Webb

Thursday Night

South Floyd vs. Prestonsburg

- When: 6 p.m.
- Where: Raider Arena
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have had a solid year and we feel it is on its way up."

Coach Webb, while pleased with the effort this season, still sees areas and individuals who need to step up

Lady Rebels

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reached the greatness expected of her, but she is well on her way. No longer a green frosh, but now a seasoned one, she can handle the basketball on the court. At the point guard slot, she is averaging around five assists per game but, in the defensive stats, seven steals. A little erratic at times from the arc, she burns a team from out there. She, too, has learned her role on this team. "Beth has settled down, coming out and playing real well for us right now," said Moore. "You look at her steals and assists, it is just unreal for a freshman to have that many steals and assists."

Off the bench are some promising sophomores. One of those is Shannon Sizemore who gives the Lady Rebels some extra size inside. But she is a solid player with many good tools. "Shannon gives us a big boost. She started some games for us," said Moore, "and when she is on, she is on, and she can really play." Also off the bench you will find Susan Scarberry, who has seen limited action this year. "Susan hasn't played as much as the other girls," said Coach Moore. "She is a senior and plays in key games. She

does a real good job for us when she is in there." Jennifer Risner has been a key off the Allen Central bench this season, although she has been weakened some with sickness. Risner gives the Lady Rebels a solid performer at either two or the point guard. A very good outside shooter, she is not afraid to mix it up on defense. "Jennifer gives us good play off the bench," said Moore. "She has been sort of sick and her playing time has dwindled quite a bit, but she gives us a good boost. Everyone knows she can shoot the basketball, but she is a good defen-

sive player, too." Kari Osborne has played well for Allen Central off the bench. She did not get to see that much playing time earlier in the season but is playing very well as of late. She's a good inside player and effective from close range. Barb Prater is one of those types of players who can come in and before a quarter is over she can have eight or 10 points. She shoots the treys with accuracy and gives a lot on defense. Coach Moore said there are some keys for this team if they are to win a third straight title. "We have to be real-

ly patient on offense and pick our defense up a little bit," said Moore. "We have to take care of the basketball. Our turnovers — I have been really happy the past few games and have them down under 15 which is really good for us. "What hurt us earlier in the season was our free throw shooting was terrible and we turned the ball over 25-30 times a game. When you play like that you can't really win. As the season progressed, our free throw shooting picked up and our turnovers went down and we have done a better job with the basketball."

Allen Central will face South Floyd in a first round game. The Lady Rebels defeated the Lady Raiders in both regular season games but had to come back to win in the second contest. But Coach Moore said playing South Floyd for a third time doesn't call for any changes. "We really don't change anything for any specific team," said Moore. "We will just go out and play our game and do what we are capable of doing. We try to dictate the pace and not let some other team come in and decide how we are going to play."

Rebels

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basket goes in and that is what counts. A solid worker on the boards and plays hard on defense. Needs to watch his foul problems early in the game. Off the bench comes a good one in Rodney Scott. He posts up well under the basket and wants

the basketball. Has been a steady player all season and is good for eight to 10 points per game. He runs the floor well and can shoot the trey. Nathan Tackett will see playing time for the Rebels and gives them yet another three-point

shooter. Handles the ball well and can play either the two or point guard position. Jeremy Hayes has been a pleasant surprise this season and is more "instant offense" when he comes off the bench. Others to watch include Shawn Newsome, Travis Francis, Ryan

Owens and Josh Howell. With the style of in-your-face basketball the Rebels play, turnovers are always going to be there. However, the opponents are averaging 28 themselves against the pressure Rebel defense. The Betsy Layne Bobcats pose

a problem for Allen Central in their height around the basket and especially if they get over the full-court pressure. The transition game will be vital to the Rebels. The Rebels come into the 58th District tournament as conference champions — something they

haven't done since 1995. Allen Central carries a favorite's role in the tournament, but Coach Martin is not looking beyond their first round game for he knows that anything can happen when it comes tournament time.

P'burg

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and can shoot from any range. He has been known to knock down a few threes this season. He is dangerous underneath and can drill you from short range. But his biggest asset is his rebounding — both offensively and defensively. Seems like Joe Campbell has been around a very long time. Campbell is one of those players who just quietly gets things done. Every Prestonsburg opponent knows what he can do beyond the

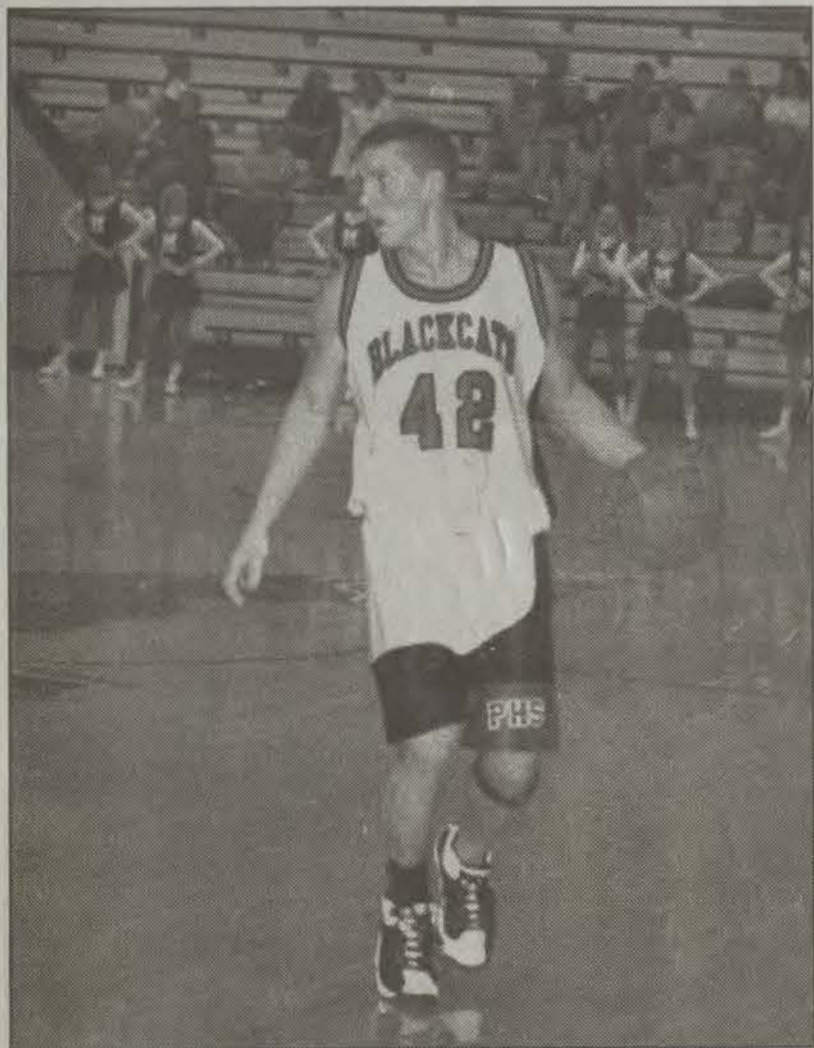
three-point arc. He is murder there. He can quickly put a game away or bring his team back. Campbell will have to do just that when the Blackcats face South Floyd in the opening round of the district tournament. Kalen Harris has had a solid year for the Blackcats as the garbage man. No one works as hard as Harris on the court. His play is intimidating at times and he is a good three-point shooter. Needs to handle the

ball better but you can tell, from earlier in the year, he has done just that. Russ Music has been a big surprise for the Cats but he has always been a competitor. Music just adds to the offensive arsenal the Blackcats have from the arc. He is very quick and seems to come up with the big basket the Cats need. An outstanding defensive player, he hustles and gives his all on the court.

You have to like the desire and heart of Jason Keathley. He plays so hard. He never smiles on the court and takes the game very seriously. He hustles on every play and at times it gets him in foul trouble. He is a very good shooter and has excellent range from all over the court. But Keathley plays above his 6-3 height and does an excellent job rebounding. Sophomore Seth Crisp comes off the Blackcat bench and is

another of the long line of three-point shooters. But Crisp does more than put the ball through the hoop. He rebounds very well for his height (5-10). South Floyd is only one of the two district teams that own a win over the Blackcats. The Raiders own a double overtime win at their place but fell to the Blackcats in the Cat's den. The Raiders match up sizewise with Prestonsburg but does not have the outside game

Prestonsburg possesses. The Prestonsburg defense could be a problem for the Raiders as they force 22 turnovers a game. Prestonsburg must stay focused on the trip up Left Beaver. They have to put away the memory of losing there earlier and play their game. Hitting the boards against one of the better rebounding teams in the region, is a must. This should be one of the real good first round district games in the region.



PRESTONSBURG'S John Ortega would like to end his high school career with a fifth consecutive district championship. (photo by Ed Taylor)



BETSY LAYNE HAS ONE OF THE TALLER GIRLS' TEAMS and Sheena Akers (41) has had a strong season on the boards for the Lady Cats. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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