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Layne drops off city council ballot

Paula Martin Layne has withdrawn as a candidate for Prestonsburg City Council. Layne, who serves as deputy circuit clerk, was informed August 18 by the state Attorney General's office that she would be unable to hold her current position and serve as a member of the council.

"Since my first obligation to all of the people of Prestonsburg and Floyd County is to serve as the Floyd County Deputy Circuit Clerk, I do hereby withdraw my candidacy for the Prestonsburg City Council," Layne wrote in a letter to County Clerk Chris Waugh in withdrawing from the race.

Layne's departure leaves 12 candidates seeking eight positions on the council, including Harry A. Adams, Estill Lee Carter, Bill Ray Collins, Gormon Collins Jr., Roy L. Compton, Otis Hansel Cooley, Jimmy J. Derosssett, Daniel Hamilton, Thomas Hereford III, Lon May, Trent Naim and Richard Price.

Two Day Forecast...



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Mullins dies in Pittsburgh hospital

Times Staff Report

A little girl who inspired others to donate time and money to her battle with a deadly heart disease died Tuesday in a Pennsylvania hospital.

Sydney Mullins, 3, died shortly after 1 p.m. Tuesday at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

The cause of death has been listed as complications associated with cardiomyopathy, the disease which had required her to have a heart transplant.

Sydney's plight became the focus of numerous donations and fundraisers by churches, civic groups, local leaders and individuals, as attempts were made to raise the more than \$200,000 needed for the transplant.

Sydney is survived by her parents, Kathy and Terry Mullins.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. Hall Funeral Home of Martin is in charge of arrangements.



Sydney Mullins

There she is...



photo by Willie Elliott

Students from Central Elementary in Johnson County get a ride in this wagon driven by the Tennessee Mule Skinner during Friday's activities leading up to the reenactment of the Battle of Middle Creek.

Governor opens PCC/Mayo campus in Pike

by PAM SHINGLER
SENIOR EDITOR

For more than a decade, students at Prestonsburg Community College's Pikeville branch took classes in sometimes cramped, makeshift buildings that were never meant to be classrooms.

The same was true for students at the Pike County branch of Mayo Technical College.

Monday, the ribbon was cut on the new 68,000+ square foot building in downtown Pikeville that now houses the combined campus of the two institutions.

Gov. Paul Patton was home to lead the ceremony. He announced the building has been named the N. Clayton Little Building, in honor of the former state legislator from Virgie who pushed for improved educational opportunities for mountain people during his 21 years in the state House of Representatives.

The governor noted that when he was first starting out in the coal business in Pike County in the 1960s, he

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photo by Pam Shingler

Cutting the ribbon Monday on the new N. Clayton Little Building at the Pikeville campus of Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College were, from left, Dr. Nancy Johnson, PCC academic dean; Pikeville Mayor Pro Tem Gene Davis; Dr. Michael McCall, president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS); former State Rep. and Mrs. Little; Gov. and Mrs. Paul Patton; Martha Johnson, KCTCS board chair; and Bobby McCool, Mayo interim director.

'Creeker' author gives address in Pikeville

by WILLIE ELLIOTT
STAFF REPORTER

Linda Scott DeRosier, a graduate of Pikeville College and author of the well-received Appalachian book "Creeker: A Woman's Journey," was on hand to speak to faculty, students and community members and receive an honorary Doctor of Letters degree during the school's 112th opening convocation Tuesday.

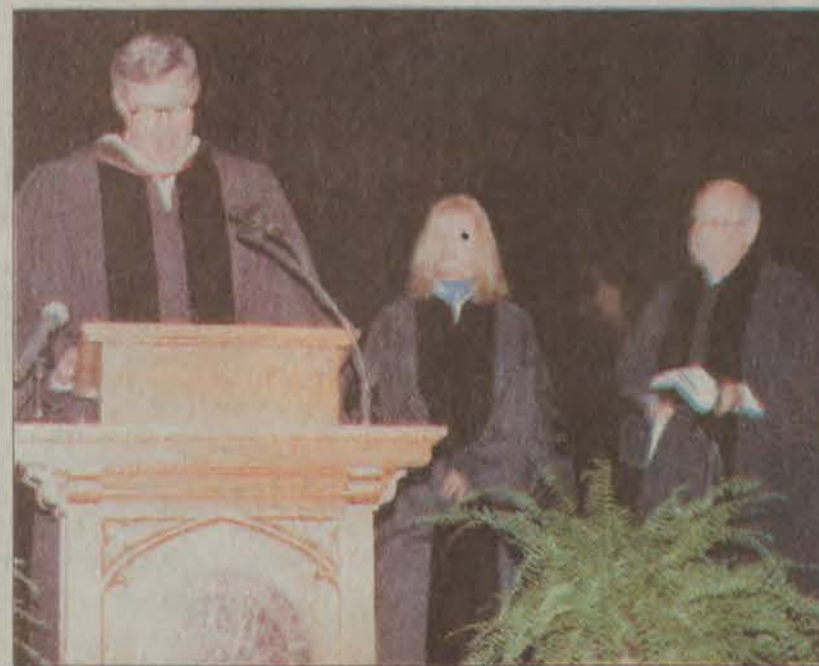
DeRosier, a psychologist and teacher from Billings, Montana, used values she learned as a "creeker" at

Greasy in Johnson County, to advise students.

DeRosier, in her speech entitled "Just Do It," talked about choices and choices that are accidents of fortune that happen to us. She said she chose Pikeville College because it was the closest college to her home, which she didn't want to leave. She said she mostly went to college to find a man and get the Mrs. degree.

DeRosier used the metaphor of a scaffold to explain what happened to

(See DeROSIER, page two)



President Harold H. Smith, left, and chairman of the Board of Trustees Terry L. Dotson confer an honorary degree in Doctor of Letters to Pikeville College alum and "Creeker" author Linda Scott DeRosier.

photo by Willie Elliott

P'burg man snared in drug sweep

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

In what appears to be the first of its kind in the Big Sandy area, Paintsville Police and the Drug Enforcement Branch of the Department for Public Health conducted a drug roundup Monday, targeting suspects who allegedly obtained prescriptions fraudulently.

The drug sweep had netted 17 arrests across four counties on 147 charges of obtaining a controlled substance by deception. One of the arrests included a Prestonsburg man.

Ronald Shortridge, 46, of Corn Fork was arrested and charged with seven counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud. Further details were unavailable as paper-

(See DRUGS, page two)

Girl dies when porch roof falls

Times Staff Report

A Floyd County girl was killed over the weekend after a porch roof collapsed on her.

The incident occurred shortly after 5:30 p.m. Saturday evening at a residence in Elkhorn City in Pike County.

Stephanie L. Osborne, 8, of Banner, a third-grade student at Allen Elementary, was on the porch of the residence when the roof collapsed on her and two others. The girl's father, Greg Osborne, was working on the roof when the accident occurred.

Stephanie Osborne was taken from the residence by Elkhorn City Ambulance to Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She was pronounced dead by physicians upon her arrival at the hospital.

The incident remains under investigation by Kentucky State Police Det. P. Bowersock.

Osborne is survived by her parents, Greg and Sheila Ratliff Osborne of Banner.

A complete obituary appears on page A8.

Pedestrian killed on Mtn. Parkway

Times Staff Report

A Prestonsburg man was killed early Monday morning after being struck by a car along the Route 114 Mountain Parkway extension.

Michael Lynn Shepherd, 24, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson.

Shepherd had apparently been driving along the road when he experienced trouble with his vehicle and pulled to the

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often stopped at Little's store to buy "viennas and crackers" for lunch. He said that Little, who is also an educator, "concentrated on education" during his time in the legislature.

Little said he was "humbled by the honor, but deep within I'm proud." Noting that he has a grandson who attends classes in the new building, the former lawmaker said, "If we build schools, we won't have to build detention centers."

Patton reiterated his commitment to education. "We cannot allow any child to get into adulthood without an education," he said. "For every child who fails to complete high school, it is our failure as a society."

Dr. Michael McCall, president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), said the building is one of the first in the state that houses both a community and a technical college. He said that arrangement is expected to be more prevalent as the system develops.

Pikeville Mayor Pro Tem Gene Davis told the group of students, staff and community members who were assembled in front of the

building that the facility represents the spirit of cooperation that should prevail in the area.

"Let's show people in this county and this state that we can work together," Davis said.

Also participating in the ceremony were Bobby McCool, interim director of Mayo, which has its main office in Paintsville; Dr. Nancy Johnson, academic dean at PCC; and Martha Johnson of Covington, who chairs the KCTCS board.

Students of the two schools led guests on tours of the building, and a buffet lunch was made and served by students at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps in Prestonsburg.

The three-story, brick building,

which was actually open for classes last winter, is on river fill land donated by the city of Pikeville. It was designed by the architectural firm of ArraSmith, Judd, Rapp Inc.

The \$12 million facility has 15 regular classrooms, as well as another dozen classrooms and laboratories for specialized use, such as automotive technology, industrial maintenance and computers.

It also has 19 faculty offices,

used now by 15 full-time, on-site PCC and Mayo faculty, a number of PCC faculty who teach at both Pikeville and Prestonsburg, and several part-time instructors.

Mayo offers degrees and certificates at the Pikeville campus in industrial maintenance, automotive technology, electricity and electronics technology, construction technology, business and office technology, and licensed practical

nursing.

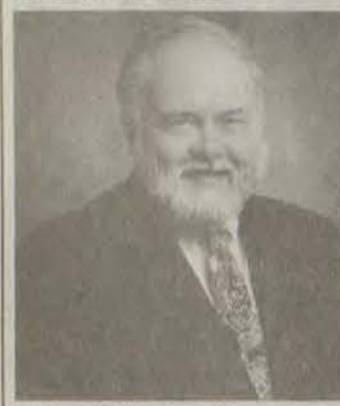
PCC offers Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees for students wishing to transfer to a four-year college or university, as well as Associate of Applied Science degrees in a number of technical fields.

The building also houses adult basic education courses, including GED preparation, and Sullivan University teaches a course there.

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DeRosier

her in her pursuit of an education. She said she couldn't see the top of the wall, much less have a desire to paint the wall. She said this is where a dedicated Pikeville faculty forced to her do things that she didn't want to do, and it has made all the difference in the world. She said the things she resisted the most were the things that turned out to mean the most to her.

She mentioned her art teacher and related how the teacher's voice was with her as she viewed art throughout the world.

"Education, if it takes, changes the inside of our heads," DeRosier said.

DeRosier told students that they had to show up — whether it be classes, sports or life. She said if these things were not done with passion, little would come of them. She suggested that students "fake

it" until it took.

DeRosier said many people waited until they had an omen or sign that signified that they were ready to begin. She said such would not happen and suggested that students start now to "just do it." She told students that they would have to do some things that wouldn't be fun, that they can't be entertained all the time.

"What you do in your classes, does count," she reminded the students and others in attendance. "The key is to start right now."

"Start now and know that every decision counts," she said. She went on to tell those in attendance that the individual is the ultimate score keeper.

DeRosier said one of the saddest things is a student who peaks in high school. She said our lives are made up of "nows." If we don't do

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something about the "nows," we will be like the characters in John Greenleaf Whittier's poem "Maude Muller." The characters mused, "What if," referring to things that they could have done. The poet ends the poem with these famous lines:

"For of all said words of tongue and pen,

The saddest are these: 'It might have been.'"

DeRosier's words would lead one to believe that she would subscribe to Leigh Ann Womack's philosophy: When you get a chance to dance or sit it out, dance.

After her speech, DeRosier was presented her honorary degree by college president Harold H. Smith and chairman of the board of trustees Terry L. Dotson, who is also chairman of the Floyd County Board of Education.

Drugs

work dealing with the arrests was not complete at press time.

While eastern Kentucky has grown accustomed to the image of drug sweeps in connection with marijuana and cocaine, and while those previous efforts also turned up those accused of illegally reselling prescription medicines, Monday's crackdown appears to be the first such raid targeted solely at prescription drug offenses.

But it will likely not be the last, said Paintsville Police Chief Tom Haney, who said prescription drug abuse has reached epidemic proportions.

"It's the biggest drug problem in the nation — legal drugs used illegally," Haney said.

Haney likened the suspects

rounded up Monday to "professional patients" who would go "doctor shopping" — obtaining prescriptions for the same medicines, mostly painkillers, from several different doctors, then resell the pills.

Haney said the pills encountered most frequently included Lortab, Soma, Percodan and Percocet.

Monday's arrests are the result of a four-month investigation by Paintsville Police and the Department of Public Health, who received assistance from Kentucky State Police.

Haney said that eight more arrests on an additional 31 charges are expected during the sweep, which he said was the first phase, hinting of more to come.

In addition to Shortridge, others

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arrested Monday include:

■ Jimmy L. Blair, Paintsville, 17 counts.

■ Mike Castle, Thealka, eight counts.

■ Gary D. Fairchild, Flat Gap, 10 counts.

■ Sheldon L. Goble, Paintsville, five counts.

■ Darrell Hensley, Paintsville, 12 counts.

■ Betty Layne, Boons Camp, six counts.

■ Lisa May, Wittensville, 10 counts.

■ Jerry Meade, Paintsville, 15 counts.

■ Ramona Mills, Thealka, three counts.

■ Tommy Perry, Hager Hill, 11 counts.

■ Michael Ryan, Louisa, six counts.

■ Arnold M. Sexton, River, nine counts.

■ Judith Slone, Wittensville, eight counts.

■ Gordon Stapleton, Sitka, 12 counts.

■ Paul W. Tipton, Paintsville, four counts.

Shepherd

side of the road. According to Kentucky State Police, he was "partially standing in the roadway" when he was struck by a 1999 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Jamie Minix, 24, of Salyersville.

The incident is being investigated by Kentucky State Police Trooper Billy Hall. No charges have been filed as a result of the

accident.

Shepherd was the son of James Shepherd and the late Danese Thornsby Shepherd. He was a coal miner for Excel Mining and was married to Crystal Blair Shepherd. The couple had one son, Michael Lynn Shepherd II.

A complete obituary appears on page A8.

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Bobby Stumbo

**Stumbo named
 Bush chair**

Bobby Stumbo of McDowell, chairman of the Floyd County Republican Party, has been named county chairman of the Bush-Cheney presidential election committee.

The announcement was made August 17 by U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, who announced chairs for all 120 Kentucky counties.

"I'm honored to have these fine local leaders joining the Bush-Cheney team in fighting for Kentucky's working families," McConnell said. "This impressive list illustrates the depth of Kentucky's enthusiasm for George W. Bush. He has support from every corner and county of this state."

In addition to Stumbo, other eastern Kentucky chairs include:

■ Johnson County, County Attorney Scott Preston, Paintsville.

■ Knott County, Kohlman Martin, Littcart.

■ Lawrence County, James Tackett, Louisa.

■ Magoffin County, Mike Lyons, Salyersville.

■ Martin County, Judge-Executive Lon Lafferty, Inez.

■ Pike County, John D. Elliott, Pikeville.

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Schools asked to help Selective Service

Officials of several Kentucky state agencies are calling on local school principals to name a member of their staff to serve as Selective Service Registrar for that school or vocational center.

The position is a volunteer who can help inform young men as early as 17 years of age about how to reg-

ister under the federal requirement.

Kentucky Gov. Paul E. Patton has designated the month of September as "Selective Service Registration Awareness Month" throughout Kentucky. Kentucky has a staff of area Selective Service officers who will work with schools to get the registrars enlisted and

trained.

Federal law requires young men to register with the national Selective Service System within a month after attaining 18 years of age. The requirement covers men between 18 and 25, according to Col. Don Armstrong, Frankfort, state director of selective service for

Kentucky.

The governor's proclamation points out that young men can now register via the Internet at <http://www.sss.gov> in high schools, libraries, or at home. They can still register at post offices by completing a card and mailing it to Selective Service.

Patton's message asks all young men who are required by law to register to do so. He asked all school principals, registrars, parents and others to encourage young men "to do their duty to state and country."

Armstrong reminded young Kentuckians that failure to register as required subjects an individual to loss of certain Federal services and rights. It is also a federal felony not to register, he said.

U.S. Army Reserve: No longer 'for emergency use only'

(NAPSA) — The Army Reserve, whose soldiers and units are engaged in missions around the world every day, begins the 21st century with a new vision, one that ensures tomorrow's Army Reserve remains a trained, ready, relevant and essential force.

Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, Chief of the Army Reserve, stressed that the Army Reserve vision is not in competition with the Army vision: "soldiers on point for the nation, persuasive in peace, invincible in war."

"The Army Reserve supports the Army. So, too, the Army Reserve vision supports the Army vision," Plewes emphasized. "The Army Reserve vision, 'the essential provider for training and support operations, engaged worldwide with ready units and soldiers', is designed to complement and enhance the Army's vision."

"We will make the vision come to life by capitalizing on the strengths and capabilities that Army Reserve citizen-soldiers and units bring with them," Plewes said. "For example, the Army's ability to be a strategic instrument of national policy is challenged by our limited forward presence overseas. The Army Reserve can help overcome this challenge with our power projection capabilities."

Army Reserve power projection units and platforms move Army units from stateside locations,

receive them at their destination, wherever that may be in the world, and then sustain those units as they perform the mission.

New measures are underway to enhance capabilities in this area, using advanced technology and by evolving support organizations to give them a reach-back capability. This will allow logistics and intelligence units to provide support to a deployed unit from home station, thereby reducing the number of people and equipment needed overseas. The Army Reserve will also capitalize on its own forward-stationed forces overseas and strategically station more of its equipment, such as watercraft.

"In all that we do, we will take advantage of the civilian-acquired skills our soldiers bring with them," Plewes said. "Our soldiers and their skills are the foundation the Army Reserve is built upon. With civilian technological innovations taking place at a dramatic pace, our soldiers who are taking part in these innovations in their civilian jobs are ideally placed to benefit the Army."

"Information superiority is a prime example of this benefit," Plewes said. "Those with information skills are in demand everywhere. The Army cannot compete with what the corporate sector can offer; however, the Army Reserve can strike a chord in those who want to serve their country, just not full-time. By attracting those peo-

ple into the Army Reserve, we can then utilize their unique skills and talents not just for our benefit but for the benefit of the Army and the nation."

Army Reserve units and soldiers are ideally placed to assist in another of the Army's fundamental missions, civil support, the defense of our homeland.

"This is an exciting vision for the Army Reserve's future," Plewes said. "What we do today will ensure that the United States Army remains what it is now, the best Army in the world."

Today's Army Reserve is a community-based federal force of men and women, trained and ready to be mobilized whenever and wherever needed. It provides worldwide support expertise in areas such as logistics, medical services and Army training necessary for the operation of our combat forces. Because Army Reservists are uniquely trained in support functions, they also provide local-community, major emergency assistance. Army Reservists make America's Army stronger while improving themselves and their communities.

Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes (center) raises the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) Eagle presented by Brig. Gen. Robert J. Winzinger (left), ROA national vice president, Army, as Army Chief of staff Gen Eric K. Shinseki (right) looks on.

Newest nationwide trend: Buying quality used cars

(NAPS) — If you're shopping for a used car this year, you're not alone. Across the nation, used cars are reported to outsell new cars by four to one. There are a number of reasons for this figure and a number of benefits in shopping for a quality used car.

According to the National Automobile Dealers Association, the difference between the average cost of a new car and the average cost of a quality used car is about \$10,000.

More reasons to buy a used car include the fact that within a few weeks, both that new car smell and a good chunk of the vehicle's resale value vanish with the breeze. Simply put, as soon as you drive off the lot, your new car depreciates immediately. Experts say this makes the legendary new car smell the most expensive fragrance in the world.

Experts at AutoTrader.com, the world largest used car marketplace, point out that average savings con-

sumers get when buying a used car might pay for:

- A full year of study (tuition, fees, room and board) at a public university, which the College Board says costs about \$8,000;
- A minor kitchen remodel (\$8,379) or most of an additional bathroom (\$11,721), according to Remodeling Magazine; or
- An earlier retirement. Depending on your age, ten thousand dollars invested today could allow you to retire earlier and/or in a more comfortable lifestyle tomorrow.

That may be why more and more consumers are discovering the convenience of an online site to select, locate and purchase the right used car for their needs. AutoTrader.com, for example, empowers consumers with information that helps them negotiate better deals. The site is reported to be reinventing the car buying process by aggregating the largest used car inventory in the world—1.5 million listings of used cars. There are also better deals and more choice as thousands of cars come off lease in good condition with low mileage.

AutoTrader.com is a one-stop shop for consumers, complete with information on insurance, warranties and financing. It also has car reviews, safety information, buying and selling tips and reviews from well-known automotive experts. In 1999, more than 40 percent of consumers who bought a car or truck used the Internet to help them shop, according to J.D. Power and Associates.

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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

The American people never carry an umbrella. They prepare to walk in eternal sunshine.

—Al Smith—

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Editorial

An outstanding job

It is a fact of life that the use of illegal drugs and the assortment of complications such abuse brings are problems with which our modern world must contend. What is often overlooked, however, is the same — some would argue worse — devastation caused by the abuse of legal prescription drugs.

Thanks to the bold steps taken this week by one Eastern Kentucky police department, some headway may be made in that arena, as well.

The Paintsville Police Department staged a drug roundup Monday, netting 17 people on 147 charges so far, with at least eight more arrests expected.

What was different this time around is the suspects taken into custody are not accused of growing marijuana or selling cocaine. They're alleged to be what Paintsville Police Chief Tom Haney calls "professional patients" — people who go from doctor to doctor, obtaining the same prescriptions over and over to feed their addictions.

We applaud this action — one which appears to be the first of its kind in our area — and hope that more area police departments follow suit.

The Paintsville Police Department's actions this week send a strong message that prescription abuse is just as wrong as the use of illicit drugs. Hopefully, it also sends the message that it is also just as costly and dangerous.

There's another wrinkle to prescription abuse which doesn't occur in illegal drug use — fraud. Those who engage in such activity contribute to higher taxes, higher insurance premiums and higher health care costs, making everyone, not just the abuser, a victim.

And that is exactly why prescription drug abuse requires as much, if not more, effort from law enforcement agencies as illegal drugs.

The Paintsville Police Department has shown this week that it is willing to lead the way.

— Ralph B. Davis



Letters to the Editor

Something more should be done

Editor:

I was sickened this evening when I saw a report on a local TV station about the death of a horse at Thunder Ridge.

According to the report, the horse died shortly after a beating inflicted on him by his trainer. This trainer, according to the report, is the most successful trainer at the track.

I love animals, but don't consider myself a fanatic. I'm not a vegetarian. I eat meat on a regular basis, but I do feel that all animals, all living creatures, should be treated with decency and respect, no matter whether they are going to end up on our dinner table or as a source of recreation or entertainment, such as racing horses.

I have been around horses and dogs most of my life. Beatings have no place in the training of any

animal. Any trainer who uses these methods is not a trainer. They do not deserve the right to have or train animals.

Whether the beating caused the death of this animal is only part of the issue. The beating in itself should be enough to have this man banned from the racing industry for life. He should also be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

A good indicator of any society's true merit is how it treats its poor and how it treats its animals. As long as this trainer is allowed at Thunder Ridge, we as a community should withhold our support of this facility. Let's let the country know that this kind of senseless cruelty will not be tolerated in eastern Kentucky.

Valerie Scott
Pikeville

Mountain Voices

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer



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The Bert T. Combs Building on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University.

The more things change...

When you take your son or daughter to your alma mater, it is in some ways different from just taking him or her back to college. It is almost like (as Yogi Berra would say) déjà vu all over again with some major changes — some for the better and some for the worse.

I remember riding the bus the first trip to Eastern Kentucky University (it was Eastern Kentucky College when I got there — see how quickly we improved the place).

The first question that comes to mind (and the same one that came to mind exactly one year ago) is this: Can it actually be close to 35 year ago that I was there doing many of the things that will get Ryan into hot water if I find out he is doing them?

You people that try to use those figures to ascertain my age should know that I graduated from high school when I was 10 (and Pat Buchanan is going to be elected President).

Now before you start thinking that Ryan needs us to go with him, perish the thought. What he needs is someone with a truck that will haul all the stuff that he takes — most of which has nothing to do with getting an education.

When I get to campus and see all the youngsters (relatively speaking), I have an urge to leap up on the roof of Martin Hall and yell at them: "Savor your youth, people; it doesn't last long." I don't because they would have the same reaction that I would have had back when. That is, I would have thought, who is that crazy man up there making a fool of himself?

The next thing that I notice is a paradox — how much things are the same and at the same time how much they are different. The students look about the same, but I wonder where all these cars come from? Then a voice tells me, "From people just like you all over the state who think students will not be able to function without an automobile."

Looking across the parking lot of Martin Hall, I can see the Combs Building (named after our own Bert T. Combs) and remember all those English courses that I took in that building and recall some of the people that I had classes with. In my mind they look exactly as they did back then. Then I sigh and say lightly to myself, "We had it made and didn't have the sense to know it." If that

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Guest Column

Economy may offer clues to presidential election results

by REX MARTIN

What do Charles Fairbanks, James Sherman, Thomas Marshall, Charles Dawes, Charles Curtis, and Alben Barkley have in common? Answer: They all served as U.S. vice presidents during the 20th century.

Important political figures in their day, their names don't exactly jump off the page anymore. That is the unhappy fate of vice presidents and also-rans, including one of this year's presidential hopefuls, Al Gore or George W. Bush. Likewise, this year's burning political issues — Social Security, education, taxes, and the economy — may someday have no more relevance than old campaign slogans like "Tippecanoe and Tyler too!"

The economy could be the exception, because it affects everyone. The economy in past election years may even offer clues to the outcome of this year's presidential race. A summary of U.S. economic indicators through the years is available on the Internet. Let's review them, beginning with election year 1940. That will reduce Franklin Roosevelt's election years to two, which is only fair, since the 22nd Amendment now restricts U.S. presidents to two terms in office.

For each of the 15 presidential election years from 1940 through 1996, we will look at the categories of real economic growth, which is the change in gross domestic product over the previous year; unemployment compared to the previous year; inflation compared to the previous year; and the Dow Jones Industrial Average compared to the previous year.

In each category, we will point out the years in which either the Democrats or Republicans were turned out of the White House. Naturally, the remaining years in each category would be those in which the incumbent party held onto the White House. If you're lost already, please shout "Tippecanoe and

Tyler too!" before proceeding to the next paragraph.

Of the 15 presidential election years, the economy either slowed in growth or contracted in just five of them, with Democrats losing the White House in 1952 and 1980, and Republicans in 1960. Of the 10 election years where the economy experienced accelerated growth, the GOP was turned out in 1976 and 1992. The Democrats lost the White House in 1968. Analysis: In the majority of election years with a slowing economy, incumbents lost, while in the majority of election years with an accelerating economy, the incumbent party retained the White House. That comes as no real surprise. Let's move on.

Unemployment was down in eight of the 15 election years, with Democrats losing the White House in 1952 and 1968; Republicans in 1976. Democrats won the White House when unemployment was unchanged in 1960. In the two election years when unemployment was up, Democrats lost the White House in 1980; the GOP in 1992. Analysis: When unemployment goes down, the incumbent party usually retains the White House, but when unemployment goes up, the president definitely gets the boot.

Inflation was down in eight of the 15 election years, but Democrats lost the White House anyway in 1952 and 1980; Republicans in 1960, 1976, and 1992. The GOP held onto the presidency in 1988 when inflation was unchanged. Of the six election years when inflation was up, Democrats lost the White House in 1968. Analysis: Lowered inflation doesn't always give the president a reelection boost, but neither will rising inflation send the incumbent packing. Steady, moderate inflation may be a key to a second presidential term.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down in

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Letters to the Editor

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Health insurance premiums rising rapidly

(NAPSA) — Health insurance premiums are rising rapidly and are expected to increase by 9-12 percent annually over the next three years for most Americans. Those who work in small businesses or buy individual policies will see even greater increases, according to a report by the National Coalition on Health Care.

These premium increases will cause many middle-class working families to become uninsured—either because employers will cut benefits, require workers to pay a larger share of the premiums, or drop health insurance altogether. There are 44 million people who currently do not have health insurance, and that number is increasing by 1 million each year. The rise in the cost of health insurance could add hundreds of thousands to that 1



Reforming the way our health care system operates could be good for America, fiscally as well as physically.

million. Many factors are driving up the cost of health insurance, including: new and expensive medical technology; the rapid escalation in the number, use and price of prescription drugs; poor quality, including the overuse and misuse of medical services; the aging of the population, and consumer demands for broader access to health care.

The groups most affected by high and escalating health insurance premiums are those who can least afford the additional costs—low- and middle-income working families, young adults ages 18-24, minority and migrant populations, the self-employed, those who work part-time, and workers who are in small firms who have to pay a significant share of the costs of their employers' health insurance coverage.

"While a great deal of attention in the past several years has been focused on the problems of quality and the uninsured in health care, cost has been largely ignored because it was assumed by many that managed care had successfully addressed that issue," said Henry E. Simmons, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P., president of the Coalition. "But with premiums rising at four times the rate of general inflation, more people will become uninsured and the already serious quality problem will grow worse. It is time to put rising costs back on the national health care agenda," he added.

Copies of the report are available on the Coalition's web site at www.nchc.org or by calling 202-638-7151.

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The town square moves online, courtesy of Streetmail

(NAPSA) — While some may talk about Wall Street or the White House, what really matters most to many of us may be that dangerous flickering traffic light on Main Street.

That's the idea fueling Streetmail.com, a new Internet service created just for people who live in rural and suburban communities.

Streetmail's free e-mail newsletters bring neighbors together, inviting them to make their voices heard in Internet-based community discussions.

Every Streetmail is written by a

local correspondent who lives and works in the community they cover. Each writer leads this "online town square" where readers can speak out on issues from higher education to nightclub zoning; buy and sell anything from a litter of puppies to acres of farmland in a virtual "Street.Sale;" and learn about the latest exhibit at the local art gallery or the elementary school's fundraiser, all listed in the "Street.Lights" events calendar.

According to CEO Barbara Johnson, Streetmail fills a gap for people who love living in smaller towns and cities. "Until now, there



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just hasn't been a place online where neighbors can find quality news and views, and express their own opinions on them," she said.

Streetmail's team of writers includes a grain farmer in Dodge County, Wisconsin, a humor columnist in western Michigan, and a former mayor in Montrose,

Colorado.

"Our local correspondents are the key to what we do," said Johnson. "They are the eyes and ears of their communities, because they are immersed in the areas they write about. They know what matters to their neighbors, and this is reflected in the fact that they help stimulate such lively online discussions about important local issues."

In 1998, Streetmail launched its first edition in its very own backyard—Massachusetts' Berkshire County. By mid-1999, it began to roll out editions to markets across the country. Today, there are Streetmails in most of the 50 states, with new editions added each week.

Visitors to Streetmail's Web site can sign up to receive any of the newsletters for free. Streetmail is also distributed to subscribers of Internet Service Providers with whom the company has partnerships.

Interested in local news from local voices? Then visit www.Streetmail.com, click on "Find Streetmail Near You" and follow the simple instructions. Keep checking the site Johnson urges. "Before you know it, your hometown Streetmail will be inviting you to discuss how to fix that traffic light."



photo by Willie Elliott

The sign is up, things are in place and the reunion committee awaits McDowell High School alumni and friends on Labor Day weekend.

Guest

four election years and neither party was turned out of the White house. In the 11 election years the Dow was up, Democrats lost the White House in 1952, 1968, and 1980; Republicans in 1976 and 1992. Analysis: Excluding a stock market crash, downturns in the Dow haven't mattered, but this could change now that a majority of Americans own some stock. Meanwhile, a rising Dow gives the incumbent a very slight edge.

This year, economic growth is

up a bit and the unemployment rate is stable. Inflation slowed in the second quarter, close to the 1999 rate. Meanwhile, the Dow remains below its 1999 highs. To sum up, economic growth, stable unemployment, and a steady inflation rate favor Gore over Bush.

Still, voters can be swayed by a variety of other factors, including campaign slogans. Bush's "Compassionate Conservatism" is awfully warm and fuzzy, while Gore's "GoreCorps" sounds like a

boot camp for Democrats. The most memorable campaign slogans tend to rhyme and convey a sense of humor, as in "All the way with L.B.J.," and "I like Ike," or that winner from 1840: "Tippecanoe and Tyler too!"

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is true, then today's students have it made to an even greater extent.

I see the football players and it occurs to me that Coach Roy Kidd was at Eastern when I got there and he is still there. How can that be? Doesn't that make him about... oh well, what does age have to do with anyway? Anyway, that is a lot of football.

I think it would be a good touch to go to the cafeteria in the basement of Martin and have a meal. Other people complained about cafeteria meals — I thought they were pretty good. Ryan tells me that there is a Blimpie there now and the cafeteria has gone the way of the Selectra typewriter. (At one time I would have given my right arm for a Selectra. Now they can't give them away.)

By this time Ryan is getting a little eager for us to leave. He will quip, "Shouldn't you be getting back home?"

"What for?" I ask.
 "You have to get back to your job and make more money to send me to college. In my junior and senior year I will need even more things — costly things."

So Linda and I leave with Linda crying. I ask her what is the matter with her.

"We're leaving our baby here."
 "I know and half the household with him."

"Willie, you don't understand and I don't want to talk about it anymore."

Scott B. Arnett, M.D.
 Family Practice



Dr. Scott Arnett, Family Practice Physician, has opened an office practice in Suite 6 of Highlands Medical Office Building, in Paintsville (by Shoney's).

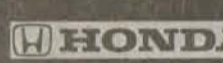
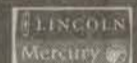
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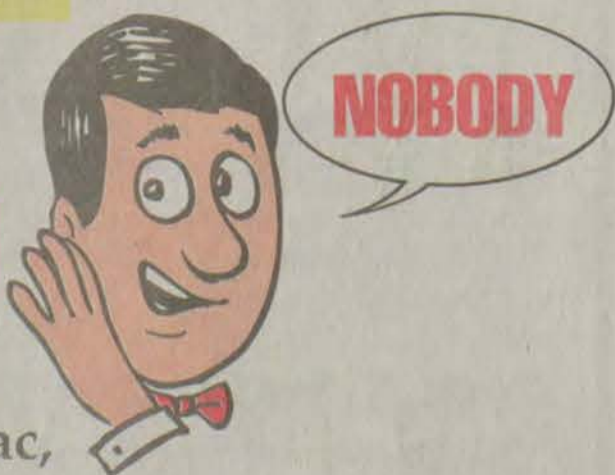
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Back to School shoppers need a reality check

Average shopping spree is \$5,423

Back-to-school shoppers will spend an average of \$5,423 getting ready for the new school year, according to a survey by Myvest.org, a nonprofit financial solutions organization, and Capital One Financial Corporation, a financial services company.

"Back-to-school shoppers need a reality check. Most people don't plan to spend \$5,000, but in reality they might," said Steve Rhode, president and co-founder of Myvest.org.

"Back-to-school shopping is more than just pens and papers," Rhode added. "People need to be

honest with themselves about the full range of expenses, including computers, clothing, transportation, sporting equipment and more."

In addition, back-to-school shoppers were asked if they would make any of their purchases this year via the Internet. Just over half (51.6 percent) of back-to-school shoppers said they will browse the Internet for information about products, while one in four (25.5 percent) said they will make a least one purchase online.

According to Capital One, shopping online with a credit card is not only safe and convenient but it also offers consumers tools for managing their back-to-school purchases. The Internet offers shoppers access to hundreds of sites, making com-

parison-shopping easier and faster than ever. In fact, Greenfield Online's Shopping Index VIII for the first quarter of 2000 reveals that 46 percent of all consumers find the lowest price for items online.

During the Myvest.org/Capital One survey, 1,002 people were asked about back-to-school purchases for themselves, members of their families and/or others. Their average spending for each of seven categories included the following:

- Electronics: \$591 — computers, printers, software, calculators, beepers, and cell phones
- Clothing: \$540 — coats, shoes, uniforms, backpacks and accessories
- Fees: \$2,457 — Application fees, tuition, health assessments and

deposits

- Sporting activities: \$392 — Equipment, jerseys, sporting uniforms and clothing fees

- Dorm room supplies: \$181 — Bedding, towels, toiletries, refrigerators and cooking supplies

- Desk supplies: \$142 — Pens, pencils, notebooks, books and reference materials

- Transportation: \$1,610 — Air, bus and rail travel, car purchase and subway passes

- Total for all back-to-school: \$5,423 — The average of all responses

"On the web or in person, don't let back-to-school expenses sneak up on you, cautioned Rhode. "Two many people will go shopping without thinking of the total cost. Using

a credit card will add convenience and security to the transaction, but people need to be prepared to pay off a bill in a reasonable amount of time or the debts will become unmanageable."

For example, if a shopper puts \$5,423 in school purchases on a credit card with a typical interest rate of 17.99 percent and pays only the minimum each month, it will take 48 year to pay off the debt. Paying just the minimum over that amount of time quadruples the debt

to a total of 420,843.

"There's a big and clear lesson here — pay more than just the minimum payment every month," Rhode urged. "If you get a raise of find a little extra money in your pocket, apply it to your debt."

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Small changes can make a big difference

(NAPS) — Taking control of your finances may be easier than you think, according to a psychologist who specializes in money management.

Kathleen Gurney, Ph.D., president and founder of Financial Psychology Corporation and www.kathleengurney.com, says small changes make all the difference.

"One small change in our financial behavior on a daily basis can mean so much over time," says Dr. Gurney.

Too often, she says, people make financial decisions based on emotions, or they spend money without thinking about it and wind up being unable to pay their bills or save for the future.

As a start, she suggests that people find an easy way to pay their recurring bills each month. Then they can make choices about how to spend the money that is left. This contrasts with the "spend now, worry later" approach.

"That's where the self-regulation

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comes in," says Dr. Gurney. "Arrange to pay your fixed bills with Direct Payment and use Direct Deposit for your pay. That means your most important obligations will always be taken care of."

"Financial management tools like these liberate us," says Dr. Gurney. "Direct Payment gives us the assurance that our bills are being taken care of."

Direct Payment also insures that bills will be paid on time, every time. This is especially good news for the 67 percent of people who forgot to pay at least one bill last year and may have incurred late charges. In addition to saving late fees, consumers can save nearly \$100 a year in postage and the cost of replenishing checks by using Direct Payment.

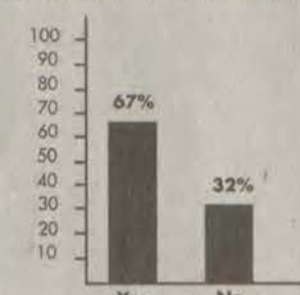
Many people have their insurance, mortgage, utility, cable and other bills paid via Direct Payment

each month. Since the bill is paid directly from an individual's checking account, there is no need for a computer.

Direct Payment is also a great way to invest every month. Many financial advisors encourage people to save or invest by having money automatically transferred from their checking or savings account each month. This method will help people stick with their savings plan.

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Direct Payment helps eliminate forgotten bills or late payments.

In fact, Gurney has used Direct Payment herself for years.

"This system has been around for 25 years," she says. "It is something that consumers should know is tried and true."

To learn more about Direct Deposit or Direct Payment, consumers can visit www.directdeposit.org or www.directpayment.org.

Curbstoning — Don't get cornered!

(NAPSA) — You can protect yourself from the latest trend-in-consumer rip-offs-curbstoning. What is curbstoning? Most states limit the number of cars that one can sell without a dealer's license or only allow the selling of one's personal car. Curbstoners ignore these laws and sell multiple cars that frequently have hidden problems in their past-problems that can affect both the safety and the value of these vehicles.

Before buying any used car, consumers should make sure that they have done their research on both the vehicle and the seller. Used car buyers should be wary of sales conducted from the side of the curb or a vacant lot. Often these vehicles

are sold by con men posing as private individual sellers.

There are ways to guard against curbstoners:

- Don't be shy; ask for the seller's driver's license. If the vehicle is the personal property of the seller, the name that appears on the car's title should match the driver's license.

- Ask the seller for a detailed vehicle history. Ask to see any service records and get a Carfax Vehicle History Report. Carfax reports can reveal any hidden problems in a car's past like salvage history, odometer fraud or flood damage. Log on to www.Carfax.com or call toll free 1-888-4CARFAX (1-888-422-7329) to find out more.

- Take the car to a trusted mechanic. A physical inspection can uncover problems such as weld marks, water spots and uneven tire treads. These problems can indicate a potentially unsafe vehicle.

- Always be leery about a price that seems too good to be true; there is usually a reason. The illegal seller may be trying to make fast money so get the facts and protect yourself.

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Psalms 23

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Kay Frances Bowen

Kay Frances Bowen, 63, of Louisville, formerly of Martin, died Friday, August 18, in the Norton Suburban Hospital, Louisville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wayne and Mae Hagans. She was a retired secretary for Kentucky School Supply, Louisville, and was a member of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

She is survived by her husband, Gayron Bowen.

Other survivors include two daughters, Tamara Lynn Harrelson of Louisville, Robin Hope Rapp of Cummings, Georgia; four sisters, Patricia McCarty of Aurora, Indiana, Wayneoka Worley of Dillsboro, Indiana, Barbara Sue Kelley and Linda L. Thacker, both of Louisville; one brother, Paul Hagans of Langley; and one grandson.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 21, at 10 a.m., in the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Graveside services were conducted Monday, August 21, at 3 p.m., in the Hagans Family Cemetery, at Warco, with Rev. Bob Varney officiating. Graveside services were under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Edward J. Moriarty Jr.

Edward J. Moriarty Jr., 70, of Frankfort, died Monday, August 21, 2000, at his home following a brief illness.

Born in Louisville, he was the son of the late Edward J. and Elizabeth Flickinger Moriarty Sr. He was a retired public affairs officer, supervisor, Kentucky State Police, and while employed there he developed the technique of auto glass etching now used worldwide as an automobile theft prevention technique. He had served as public information officer, Kentucky Department of Public Information, and Health Education Specialist, Kentucky State Department of Health. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, having served with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, and a member of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Marie Hofmann Moriarty.

Other survivors include three daughters, Nancy Howard of Knoxville, Tennessee, Amy Blakeman of Lexington, Polly Jackson of Boca Raton, Florida; and five sons, Daniel Moriarty of Lexington, Rev. John Moriarty of Prestonsburg, Edward Moriarty III of Nicholasville, Gary Moriarty of Frankfort and Mark Moriarty of Prestonsburg; one brother, George H. Moriarty of Shelbyville, Indiana; and five grandchildren.

Funeral mass will be conducted Thursday, August 24, 6 p.m., at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Leestown Road, Frankfort, with James Kendrick Williams, Bishop of Lexington, Celebrant Father John Moriarty, and Co-celebrant Father Michael Ramler presiding.

Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Frankfort, Friday, August 25, under the direction of LeCompte-Johnson-Taylor Funeral Home.

Garlie Slone

Garlie Slone, 64, of Garner, died Monday, August 14, 2000, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born on June 25, 1936, in Garner, he was the son of the late Eshmel and Myrtle Slone. He was a disabled employee of Garner Lumber Company, and was a member of the Hindman United Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Wilma Dean Thacker Slone.

Survivors include his wife, Pearl Hicks Slone of Hueysville; two sons, Randy Slone of Leburn and Riley Slone of Garner; two daughters, Norma Hughes of Garner and Teresa Huff of Mallie; two brothers, Vernon Slone of Larkslane and Phillip Slone of Hindman; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 17, at 1 p.m., at the Hindman United Baptist Church, with Bill Kirby, Ricky Smith, and others officiating.

Burial will be in the Tivis Slone Cemetery, at Garner, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Frank Little

Frank Little, 56, of Melvin, died Monday, August 21, 2000, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born on June 6, 1944, in Floyd County, he was the son of Lonnie Thornsberry Little of Melvin, and the late Wade Little. He was a disabled truck driver.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma Jean Bates Little.

Other survivors include three sons, Teddy Little of Louisville, Jerry Little of Pikeville, Anthony Little of Melvin; one daughter, Billie DeLauder of Pikeville; two sisters, Milda Blair of Atlanta, Georgia, JoAnn Little of Melvin; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, August 24, at 11 a.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Rev. Louis Ferrari and Chester Bates officiating.

Burial will be in the Little Cemetery, at Melvin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Missouri Shannon

Missouri Shannon, 77, of Elkhart, Indiana, died Sunday, August 20, at the Eastlake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, in Elkhart.

Born on February 22, 1923, in Pikeville, she was the daughter of the late Robert Baker and Polly Ann Triplett. She formerly was a member of the International Pentecostal Church of Christ in Paintsville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Noah M. Shannon.

Survivors include three sons, Robert L. Shannon of Columbus, Ohio, Charles D. Shannon and K. Paul Shannon, both of Okeechobee, Florida; four daughters, Phyllis Hall of Paintsville, Katherine Meeks of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Brenda Moore and Emily Hall, both of Elkhart, Indiana, 20 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, August 23, at 10 a.m., at Grace Baptist Church, Bristol, Indiana, with Reverend Michael Quirey officiating.

Interment will be in the Little Pine Cemetery, under the direction of Billings Funeral Home.

Stefanie Leann Osborne

Stefanie Leann Osborne, 8, of Banner, died Saturday, August 19, 2000, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born December 22, 1991, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Greg Osborne and Shelia Ratliff Osborne of Banner. She was a student in the third grade at Allen Elementary School.

Survivors, other than her parents, include her grandmother, Bernice Ratliff of Elkhorn City, and her paternal grandfather, Ellis Osborne of Banner.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, August 23, at 11 a.m., at the Elkhorn City Church of Christ, with Bill Ford officiating.

Burial will be in the Annie E. Young Cemetery, in East Shelbyana, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Fitzpatrick pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Woodrow Fitzpatrick were Chuck Tackett, Kenneth Wells, Kyle Fitzpatrick, Josh Hyden, Johnathan Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Curnutte and Tim Calhoun.

Honorary pallbearers were Jack Hyden, Fred Harris, Garner "Slim" Campbell, R.E. "Dicky" Fitzpatrick, John D. Rice, Harry G. Allen, James D. Adams, Barkley Sturgill, James R. Allen, James Stout, Lawrence Hale, Hoover Goble, Robert Barnett and A.B. Robinson.

Michael L. Shepherd

Michael L. Shepherd, 24, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, August 21, at KY 114, Prestonsburg, following an accident.

Born on October 19, 1975, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of James Shepherd of Prestonsburg, and the late Danese Thornsberry Shepherd. He was a coal miner for Excel Mining, (formerly Pontiki Coal Company).

In addition to his father, he is survived by his step-mother, Bessie Prater Shepherd.

Other survivors include his wife, Crystal Blair Shepherd; one son, Michael Lynn Shepherd II of Prestonsburg; two brothers, Thomas Shepherd and Paul Junior Sizemore, both of Hippos.

Also surviving are his paternal grandmother, Aileen Rowland Shepherd of Hippos; his maternal grandmother, Ida Mae Thornsberry of Hippos; his step-grandparents, James and Ottie Richie Prater of Emmalena; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Billy C. and Shirley Hunter Blair of Prestonsburg.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, August 24, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Michael Caldwell officiating.

Burial will be in the Ashland Shepherd Cemetery, at David, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

In Memory of Carolyn Stumbo (Happy Birthday, August 25th)



*Although I'm gone for you to see,
Look in the sky, in heaven I'll be.
I'll watch you from through the stars,
I want you to know I'm not that far.*

*Remember the memories that we share,
Cherish them, they seem so rare.
I know you miss me and your love for me is true,
Always remember that I love you, too.*

*Here in heaven we are one team,
I'll be waiting for you, but now...
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REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Johnson County

Phyllis M. Delong, 68, died Saturday, August 5, at Fawcett Memorial Hospital, Port Charlotte, Florida. She is survived by her husband, Virgil Delong. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Pike County

Ruth Spradlin, 64, died Sunday, August 13, at UK Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 16, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Pike County

Edgar Wells Jr., 43, died Sunday, August 13, at his Paintsville residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 16, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Pike County

Betty Jean Slone Pinson, 70, of McAndrews, died Friday, August 18, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 21, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Pike County

Georgia Faye Blair, 76, of South Carolina, died Saturday, August 12, at Brian Nursing Center. Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, August 15, under the direction of Nicholson Funeral Home.

Pike County

Hobert E. Potter, 69, of Robinson Creek, died Thursday, August 17, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Joan Blackburn Potter. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 20, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Ruby Mae Staton, 70, of Pikeville, died Thursday, August 17, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 20, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Card Of Thanks
The family of Kate Shepherd wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the Salt Lick Community Church, Clergymen Jerry Manns and Bethel Bolen for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.
THE FAMILY OF KATE SHEPHERD

Card Of Thanks
The family of James Edward Adkins would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to Clergyman Harry Hargis for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.
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MSU offers roster of community classes

Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education is offering several classes, including two courses, for the community this fall.

Hatha yoga and beginning ballet have been added to the list of programs that includes tap dance, horseback riding and aerobics.

The yoga class, taught by Bobbie Caudill, will meet at 11 a.m. on consecutive Tuesdays,

beginning August 29, and concluding November 6. The cost is \$40.

Kirstie Mahoney will teach beginning ballet for nine to 13-year-olds. The one-hour class, which has a \$40 fee, will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, from September 12 until October 31.

Dinah Kelley, a former student and instructor at Al Gilbert Studios in Los Angeles, will teach tap dance for a variety of skill levels

from September 11 to November 3. The class for those with some tap experience will be held on Mondays, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$45.

"Mommy and Me" lessons for four to six-year-olds and their mothers will meet on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. Lessons for beginners will be offered on Wednesday evenings at 5 p.m. for eight to 10-year-olds, and at 6 p.m. for adults. There is a \$40

fee for each of the one-hour classes.

For those interested in learning the basics of horseback riding, Erin Siegel, MSU equestrian coach, will teach two separate sessions on Tuesdays, September 12-October 17, and October 24-November 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$65 for either class.

Siegel also will teach advanced horseback riding lessons on

Thursdays, from September 21 until November 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$85.

Aerobics classes will be taught Monday, August 21-Saturday, December 9, at the University's Wellness Center. There is a \$55 fee to attend an unlimited number of sessions per week, or a \$45 fee to attend two classes per week.

Weekday workouts, which include step aerobics, body sculpt-

ing and circuit training, will meet at 5:30 p.m. Low-impact aerobics and "awesome abs" will be taught at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. A "surprise class" will be held on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

Additional information on the fall offering of classes is available by calling Stephanie Evans, continuing education coordinator, at 606/783-2875.

Obituaries

Dave Charles, 90, of Raccoon, died Friday, August 18, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 20, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 19, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Knott County

Della Mae Crabtree, 80, of Forest Hills, died Thursday, August 17, at the South Williamson

Lisa Michelle Dobson, 31, of Cartersville, Georgia, formerly of Knott County, died Thursday,

August 17, at Cartersville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 21, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Gracie Lee Fugate, 82, of Hindman, died Sunday, August 20, at the Vencor Hospital at Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 22, under the

direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Carl Jones, 79, of Rowdy, died Sunday, August 20, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Dema Williams Jones. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, August 23, under the direction of

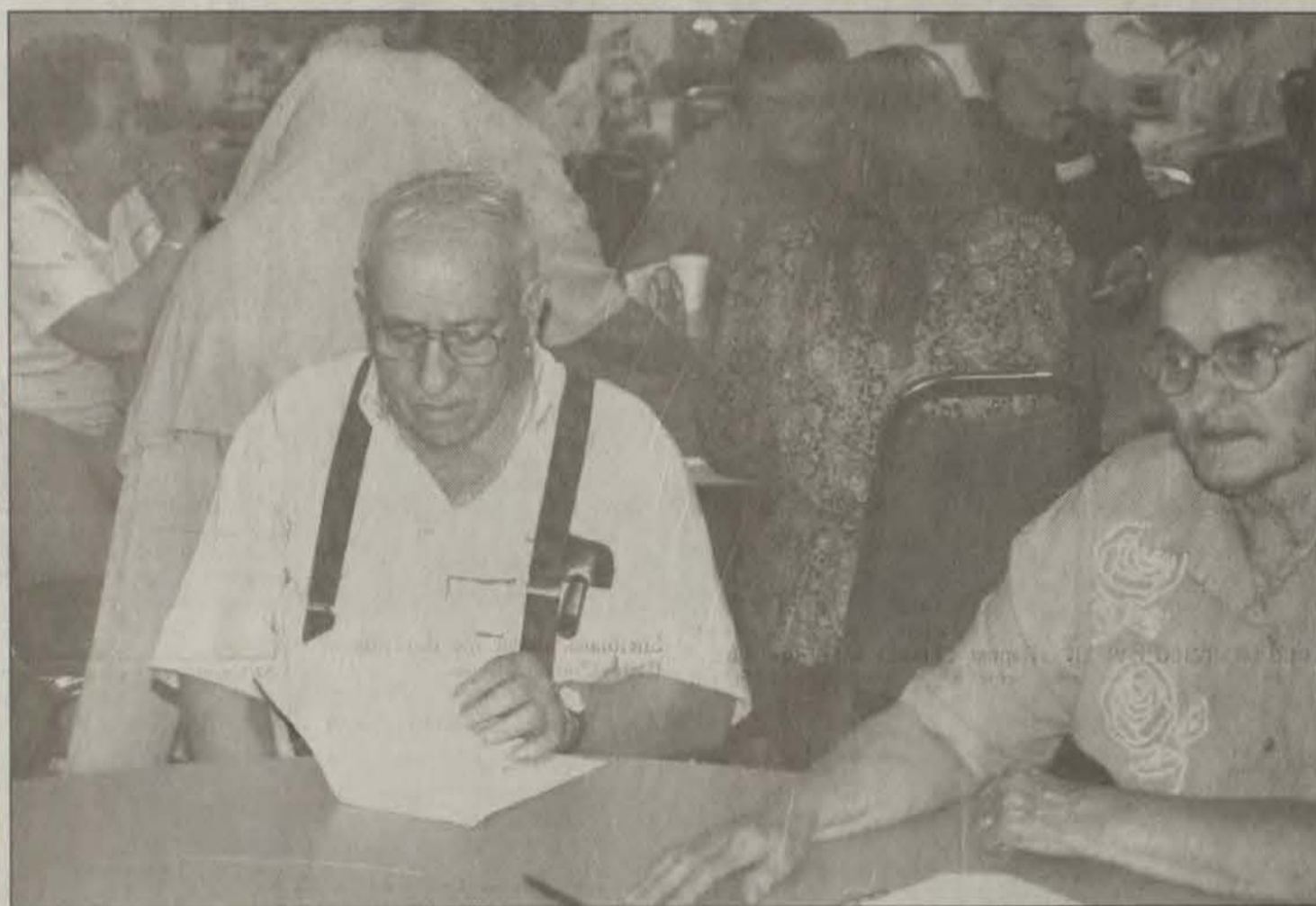
Hindman Funeral Services.

Inez Bowen Pratt Terry, 76, of Redfox, died August 16, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Bethel Terry. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 19, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Samuel Singleton, 86, of Lotts Creek, died Thursday, August 17, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Mattie Gayheart Singleton. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 19, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

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McDowell Senior Citizens Open House



The Minnie/McDowell area senior citizens prepare for a game of bingo. Fellowship and fun are on the schedule every day.



Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn was on hand to say a few words to the seniors and their guests. He was introduced by center director Ellen Brown.



One of the reasons for the open house was to show off the center's new van and another vehicle used to deliver meals. Darrell Youmans, a frequent participant in center activities, checks out the van with Sheriff John K. Blackburn.



The Drift Pentecostal Church Singers — from left, Kathy Stumbo, Sandy Holt, Peggy Pack and Kathy Tackett — sang several gospel songs for those gathered for the McDowell Senior Citizens Open House on Friday, August 18.



PHOTOS BY WILLIE ELLIOTT

High school students receiving KEES award notices

Gov. Paul E. Patton has announced that thousands of Kentucky high school students are now receiving notices of the

Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships (KEES) they have earned to help them pay for college or technical training.

"We are extremely pleased to be notifying these very deserving Kentucky students who are KEES recipients," Gov. Patton said. "KEES awards, along with full funding for Kentucky's need-based programs, are making higher education more affordable for

Kentuckians." Award amounts were calculated by KHEAA from information provided by high schools to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), regarding students' grade point averages and highest composite ACT (or equivalent SAT) scores achieved prior to graduation.

Under the KEES program, students earning at least a 2.5 GPA for school years starting in the 1998-99 academic year are eligible for a KEES base award. Students who are eligible for base awards can qualify for a bonus award if they have an ACT composite score of 15 or higher. (Students who earn an equivalent score on the SAT also qualify for a bonus award). Base awards range from \$125 to \$500, and bonus awards from \$36 to \$500.

The maximum award for which this year's high school seniors can

qualify is \$1,500—\$500 for a junior-year GPA of 4.0 or above, \$500 for a senior-year GPA of 4.0 or above, and \$500 for an ACT score of 28 or higher.

Assuming students maintain their eligibility and full-time enrollment in college, they can apply this amount to each of eight semesters of higher education expenses within a five-year period (or 10 semesters in an approved five-year program of study).

Eligible students who do not receive an award notice prior to September 15 should contact their high school guidance counselor to ensure their student data has been transmitted to KDE.

Students whose information has been provided to KHEAA by KDE can access and view their KEES accounts by visiting KHEAA's Web site at www.kheaa.com. Students should click on "KHEAA Students" beneath the KHEAA Online heading and then click "Your KEES Account."

Next, they should enter their Social Security number and birth date. The information about their account will then be displayed on screen.

"High school students will continue to have the opportunity to earn KEES awards during each academic year, and we encourage each and every one to maintain or improve

their grades and test scores," said Londa L. Wolanin, KHEAA Chief Operating Officer.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers KEES and several other student aid programs—grants, scholarships, work-study, savings, and Federal Family Education Loans—to make higher education more affordable.

For the most-up-to-date information about KEES, visit www.kheaa.com; write to KEES, Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, 1050 US Highway 127 S. Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-4323; call 1-800-928-8926, extension 7397; or e-mail kees@kheaa.com.

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Focus is on women voting

Louisville — August 26, 2000, is the 80th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which extended the vote to women.

The University of Louisville, the Kentucky Commission on Women, the Kentucky Foundation for Women, and other groups are sponsoring an exploration of the woman's suffrage movement in a symposium that day at the University of Louisville. The featured speaker at this

event will be Dr. Rosalyn Terborg-Penn, author of "African American Women in the Struggle for the Vote, 1850-1920."

Dr. Claudia Knott will present a slide show based on her work on the suffrage movement in Kentucky, followed by a panel discussion moderated by State Rep. Mary Lou Marzian, featuring Professor Kathleen Bean, Dr. Catherine Fosl, and Dr. Blaine Hudson.

There will be a suffrage fair featuring an exhibit of Suffrage

Memorabilia from the collection of University of Kentucky Law professor Carolyn S. Bratt, drama, videos, and an exhibit of photos and primary documents from archives around the state.

"Votes for Women: Celebrating 80 Years" will be held at the Ekstrom Library, Lower Level, the University of Louisville, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. The luncheon featuring Dr. Terborg-Penn will be held at the Brandeis School of Law.



Prestonsburg Police Chief Darrell Conley displays the "School's Open" sign, reminding Floyd Countians to be particularly careful now that children are back in school. The local police department participates in the AAA's "School's Open, Drive Carefully" public awareness campaign. The Blue Grass Auto Club Safety Foundation distributes nearly two million pieces of educational material to remind motorists to drive with extra caution this time of year.

Officials encourage seatbelt safety

Unbelted crash victims are twice as likely to be injured or killed than belted victims. Increasing the use of seat belts is still the single most important thing that can be done to save lives and reduce injuries on our roads.

As a result, all Labor Day 2000 travelers should heed their state's call that weekend to "Buckle Up America" by restraining all adult and child passengers every time they get in the car.

To encourage citizens to step up driver and passenger safety, the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) have partnered with local and state law enforcement agencies, community and health groups, safety advocates, legislators and citizens who share a concern for passenger safety.

These groups collectively have announced a statewide enforcement initiative for the Labor Day Weekend, September 1-4.

"Starting September 1, drivers who do not use their seat belts or child safety seats will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," said Troy Ayers, regional administrator for NHTSA. "This is about saving lives and preventing injuries. Hundreds of our city, county and state law enforcement officers will be out in force to ensure proper seat belt usage and child restraint," he added.

Besides aiming to educate the public about seat belt benefits and enforce laws against seat belt offenders, the campaign's goals are to increase national seat belt use to 85 percent and reduce child occupant deaths by 15 percent.

According to NHTSA, failure to

buckle up contributes to more fatalities than any other single traffic safety-related behavior. Furthermore, automobile crashes are the leading cause of death for children, who are unbuckled 70 percent of the time when their driver is not buckled up.

"Increasing restraint use would prevent an estimated 5,536 fatalities and 132,670 injuries. Taking a hard line approach to enforcing seat belt laws is an important step toward

increasing those numbers," Ayers said. "Drivers need to realize that excuses won't be accepted for this offense."

"Buckle Up America" is one of four regional campaigns associated with The Labor Day 2000 Initiative—a campaign with a goal to raise seatbelt use by five percent. This initiative is a nationwide effort of NHTSA and the U.S. DOT, and is supported by local law enforcement agencies and organizations.

Positive drug test results decline

(NAPSA)—According to the semi-annual Drug Testing Index, in 1999 workplace drug use decreased to its lowest level in 11 years.

During 1999, 4.6 percent of the approximately six million workplace drug tests performed during the period were reported positive, down from 4.8 percent for all of 1998. In 1988, when the Drug Testing Index was established, 13.6 percent of all drug tests were reported as positive.

Rates of use for several drugs, including cocaine and opiates, showed declines as a percentage of all positive test results. Cocaine use made up 16 percent of all positive results in 1999, down from 18 percent for 1998. Opiate use declined by almost half, though marijuana use actually increased by four percent, to 63 percent of all positive test results. The change in opiate positivity was most likely due to an increase in the standard cutoff for all opiates.

The most startling increase was in the number of test "cheaters," people who either adulterate or replace their specimens—2.4 percent

of positive results for 1999, compared to just 0.63 percent for 1998. Adulterating agents, such as nitrites, bleach and pyridinium chlorochromate, are used as masking agents in an attempt to defeat the process of detecting drug use.

The Drug Testing Index summarizes the results of workplace drug tests performed in 1999 by Quest Diagnostics laboratories. The Index looks at positivity rates among three major testing populations: federally mandated, safety-sensitive workers; the general workforce; and the combined U.S. workforce.

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Crisp assumes pastorate

The congregation of Parkway Baptist Church, KY 1428 south of Lancer, issued a call to Donald Crisp as their new pastor.

Crisp assumed the pastorate on August 1. He had been used as pulpit supply and for revival meetings and is active in the Independent Ministers Association.

Crisp pastored churches in Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio before accepting the position at Parkway Baptist. "I extend a welcome to everyone who wishes to worship the Lord," he said.

The church meets each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. for Sunday School with morning services begin-



ning at 11 a.m. Sunday evening services are held at 6 p.m. The church conducts mid-week services each Wednesday night at 7 p.m. For transportation, call 285-3385.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Activities benefit Martin fireman

Two benefits are coming up to raise money for Randy Caudill, a Martin volunteer fireman who is in need of a kidney and pancreas transplant. On September 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., a road block, car wash and yard sale are planned at the intersection of KY 80 and KY 122 at Martin. On September 30, a free gospel and country singing, bake sale and games are set for 5-11 p.m. at the stage behind the old IGA in Martin. For information, call 606/785-0129.

FCHD nurses in training

There will be no nursing services offered at the Floyd County Health Department from 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 12, through Friday, September 15, while the nurses are in training. Nursing services will resume on Monday, September 18, at 7:30 a.m.

Support group sets meeting

The Ups of Down Syndrome support group now has a permanent meeting place and time. The group will meet the first Sunday of every month from 2-4 p.m. at the Pikeville YMCA, beside Pikeville Independent School. Call 606/377-

6142 or 478-5099 for more information.

Alice Lloyd College to begin fall semester

It's not too late to begin your pathway to success! Classes for the 2000 fall semester at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, will begin on Wednesday, August 23.

For more information, call 1-888-280-4ALC or come by for a tour.

Housing assistance in Wayland area

HOMES Inc. has opened an office in the Wayland Community Center to assist low income persons in the Right and Left Beaver areas with housing needs. Nelson Hopkins is in the office on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help persons who need repairs on their existing homes or with securing new housing. Area persons may call 358-9473 on Wednesdays to speak with Hopkins or leave a message on other days. Or they may call the HOMES Inc. headquarters in Neon, toll-free, at 1-877-271-1791, ext. 10.

Mayo alums host event

The Mayo Alumni Association will host a picnic for former employees of Mayo Technical College (formerly State Vocational and Technical School) and its extension centers on September 23, beginning at noon, at the Dewey Dam Spillway Shelter #3.

All former employees or families of deceased employees who are interested in attending should contact Ruth Perry at 606/789-5321, ext. 221, by September 1.

program. You must be 55 years old, or older to apply. For further information, call 606/886-2929. Ask for Tammy Jervis.

The program's primary goal is to create employment for those 55 and over. SCSEP helps prepare older workers to compete for jobs by providing minimal training and placing eligible applicants into permanent employment. Training sites are expected to develop the participant's skill and hire or release them.

Social Security rep on Mud Creek

A Social Security Representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic, each Tuesday, during the month of August.

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

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

Domestic violence

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Earn while you learn

The Big Sandy Area Community Action Agency is taking applications for the senior training

Griffith/Griffey Family Reunion

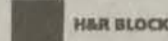
The Griffith/Griffey Family Reunion is scheduled on Sunday, September 3, 2000, at the Archer Park Picnic Shelter in Prestonburg, Kentucky at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come visit with loved ones, renew old acquaintances and, possibly, meet members of your family for the first time!

This reunion is for the descendants of George and Matilda Griffith. Their children are: Lindsay Griffith; Ali Griffey; Zella Burchfield; George Griffith; Johnny Griffith; Wallace Griffith; Ellen Music; Vicie Burchett and Pricie Spears.

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Dalton Frasure, a head start student at McDowell, enjoys a breakfast before starting the day.

PC sees increase in student enrollment

When Pikeville College begins the fall semester August 18, the doors will open to what may be one of the largest student populations in the school's 112-year history.

College administrators anticipate that the number of undergraduate students will top 900. Added to that figure are 240 students enrolled in the college's school of osteopathic medicine.

"This is going to be an exciting year for Pikeville College," said President Hal Smith. "While we recognize there will be challenges, it is also an opportunity and we are confident that our students will continue to receive the same quality education for which Pikeville College is known."

At nearly 300 and counting, Pikeville College's freshmen class is likely to be one of the largest ever.

"We're a year ahead of our expectations," Ron Damron, vice president for enrollment and student services said. "We wanted to

grow and we've had a great year in admissions."

While optimistic about the increase in enrollment, school officials are also realistic about the challenges that the growth will bring. To accommodate the larger enrollment, additional sections of classes have been added. Students are also returning to new and improved residence halls. Derriana Hall was renovated last year, and renovations were completed on Condit Hall this summer. Page and Wickham Halls have also undergone recent improvements.

A small number of students will begin the fall semester housed in alternative accommodations off campus, according to Damron. Although he expects the housing situation to be temporary, college staff and resident assistants will live off campus with the students.

"Pikeville College is an opportunity college and we are committed to our students," said Smith. "We make every effort to enhance our students' experience through

academic programs and other avenues for student activity and development."

Majors in communication and criminal justice and minors in anthropology and Spanish are among the newest offerings at Pikeville College. By mid-September, the college will open its state-of-the-art telemedical learning and resource center, complete with a medical library and telemedicine and telecommunications technology. An expanded athletics program also offers new and exciting opportunities with the addition of bowling, women's golf, and club junior varsity football.

"We are looking forward to the new academic year and the chance to provide educational opportunities for our students," Smith said. "Our faculty, staff, and support personnel are together and there is a real cooperative spirit among co-workers and students. In Kentucky, education pays and that's exciting."

'Kentucky Tonight' teams up with other media to discuss postsecondary education

The Kentucky General Assembly, called into special session by Gov. Paul Patton, passed a package of postsecondary education reforms in 1997. Three years later, education beyond high school continues to be an issue important to citizens of the commonwealth.

As students return to college campuses across the state this month, "Kentucky Tonight," KET's weekly public affairs forum, asks, "Are Kentucky's postsecondary education reforms succeeding?" The program, hosted

by Bill Goodman, airs Monday, August 28, at 8 p.m., on KET.

In addition to the program, KET has teamed up with the Kentucky Center for Public Issues and public radio station WFPL-FM/Louisville to further address the issue of postsecondary education.

The Kentucky Center for Public Issues covers the topic in the August edition of its Kentucky Journal magazine. WFPL's State of Affairs call-in show considers the issue, Thursdays, August 17 through 31.

"Kentucky Tonight," a KET production, produced by Deidre Clark, is closed-captioned for the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

Viewers can find out more about programming on KET by visiting the KET Web site at <http://www.ket.org>, a Kentucky.com affiliate.

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Blood provided injured woman second chance

It took more than 75 people to get Betty Sapp across the stage to receive her diploma at the Owensboro Community College commencement exercises in May. Not because she was a reluctant graduate, but because she is a miracle.

Donors provided 75 units of blood to give Sapp a second chance at life following a horrific car accident on January 24, 1995. Over the past five years, she has used her second chance to achieve many things, including encouraging others to donate blood through Operation Cooperation, a statewide blood drive being organized by the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Sapp is a member of Lewis Lane Baptist Church, Owensboro, and was a member of Fordsville Baptist Church before moving to Owensboro in 1999.

Organizers initially hoped the blood drive, dubbed "Operation Cooperation," would cover 25 sites across Kentucky. So far, more than 60 sites have been organized by local volunteer committees working with blood service professionals in the state's 10 blood service regions. Many of the sites will also hold fun runs and other community events.

Operation Cooperation is slated for September 10-23, although a few drives will be held outside that time frame to accommodate the limited number of blood collection crews and equipment available.

More than 4,000 units of blood have already been pledged.

"I know that today I am alive because people cared, and that God saw a need and purpose for me. I hope my story can encourage others to donate blood, not only in crisis, but regularly," says Sapp.

But blood donors didn't just save Sapp's life; they had a part in transforming it.

"Sometimes a person does not realize how much God can do for them until they look back and see how far God has brought them," says Sapp. "I am one of those people. I know that it is by God's grace that I am here to tell my story."

The story actually starts the summer before the accident, when Sapp went through a devastating divorce. After a lifetime of relying on her spouse to support her, the 48-year-old mother of three grown children found herself both emotionally and financially drained.

Her job at a sewing factory would not keep her afloat, and her younger daughter, April Carwile,

convinced her that she could find a better paying job.

In October, Sapp went to work on the midnight shift for an Owensboro manufacturer. The midnight shift paid more than her sewing factory job, and she could put in overtime to help pay her bills.

But even though her financial situation was beginning to look up, her emotional state was still precarious.

"At this time my emotions and feelings were confused and running wild," says Sapp. "I was working nine to 10 hours a night...and I was sleeping very little."

The fatigue caught up with her as she was driving home from Owensboro to Fordsville one winter morning. Just three miles from home, she was involved in a serious head-on collision with another vehicle.

Her right ankle, left leg, left femur, pelvis, the roof of her mouth, facial bones, right wrist, and all but three ribs were broken. Her diaphragm and spleen ruptured, her lung collapsed, she lost sight in one eye and she suffered internal bleeding.

Within the first three weeks of Sapp's 97 days at Owensboro

Mercy Hospital, she required 75 units of whole blood, plus additional infusions of plasma. The accident occurred during the post-holiday season, a time of the year when blood donations are typically down, so donors had to be called in. A call went out across the community and a total of 267 units were donated through the Western Kentucky Regional Blood Center and mobile units.

It wasn't until weeks later when Sapp was transferred out of the Intensive Care Unit that she learned a passenger in the other vehicles involved in the accident had been killed. She was devastated.

"It was a total shock. I don't know how I would have handled it without my children," she says of daughters April Carwile and Latonya N. Norris and her son, Lee Todd Coppage. "God has taught me that my children love me unconditionally. It makes me think that He loves us unconditionally."

Sapp had the opportunity to return that unconditional love when she was released from the hospital. Not long after she was released, her son, Lee Todd, was hospitalized and diagnosed with a chemical imbalance.

For the next two years, she and her son took care of each other. She learned to walk again and accept her scars while he struggled through bouts with his illness.

Subsisting on monthly disability payments, her self-esteem as bat-

tered as her body. Sapp questioned why God let her live.

"In the midst of this, I knew I could not just sit down, I had to do something," she says. With lots of encouragement from her family, Sapp decided to pursue an associate degree in business management at Owensboro Community College.

She threw herself into her schoolwork and proved to be an outstanding student, earning a 3.5 grade point average. She participated in clubs and organizations, and even gave a persuasive speech in one of her classes encouraging her fellow students to give blood. Her son also went back to school to take welding classes. For a time, everything seemed perfectly on track for Sapp and her family.

Then tragedy struck again. On May 1, 1998, Lee Todd was killed in a single-car accident as he returned from a fishing trip.

"The day my son died was the most tragic thing I have ever gone through," says Sapp. "Since his death, I've had to deal with enormous emotions of grief. I've learned that grief is a natural thing, but a person must not let grief control their life."

She refused to take medication to calm her nerves, insisting that she wanted to remember, feel and experience the grief in order to overcome it.

The loss of Lee Todd did not derail Sapp's education. She completed her associate's degree and

landed a job as an administrative assistant with Asmark Inc. in July of 1999. While she does not rule out the possibility of returning to school to pursue a bachelor's degree, she finds her work with Asmark so fulfilling that she is not planning to go back quite yet.

She now lives in Owensboro and hopes to continue working at Asmark until she is 65 or older.

"As I reflect back over my life I know that God has been with me though each change of my life," she told a group gathered for Owensboro Community College's Honors Night. "Even when I was confused and running wild, he never gave up on me. I have a favorite Bible verse that I use when I start to think I can't do something. In Philippians 4:13 it says: 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me'. For I know He has given me the strength to accomplish all that I have achieved."

For more information on Operation Cooperation, call 502/254-4731 or call toll free in Kentucky at (888) 254-5713. A complete list of Operation Cooperation sites and information is available at www.kybaptist.org/operationcooperation.htm.

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Enrollment begins now for GED on TV

As today's businesses place an ever higher premium on education, people find it difficult under even the best of circumstances to get desirable jobs and provide a comfortable living for themselves and their families. Without the benefit of a high school diploma, reaching these goals is even tougher.

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ON TV series airs regularly on KET and KET2. Each segment repeats at different times during the day and throughout the month, making preparation as convenient as possible.

In addition to the on-air series, for an enrollment fee of \$35, KET offers a complete GED preparation program that provides participants with the tools they need to succeed. Registered students receive a pretest to help determine their readiness for the program; three workbooks that provide practice questions and help participants follow the TV series; a newsletter giving information about studying and taking the GED test; a practice test that helps students determine when they are ready to

take the real test; and access to a special toll-free number to call with questions or concerns.

Participants also receive a test certificate that waives the \$30 GED test fee.

Kentucky residents can find out more about GED ON TV by calling 1-800-538-4433 on weekdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The deadline for enrollment in the fall GED ON TV program is September 29. The series begins October 10. KET offers five enrollment periods throughout the year.

Viewers can find out more about KET programming and services by visiting the KET Web site at <http://www.ket.org>, a Kentucky.com affiliate.

Products, packaging lend a hand to the manually challenged

For those with manual dexterity problems, common tasks such as turning a door key, tying shoelaces or peeling a piece of fruit can be very painful and challenging.

The Arthritis Foundation estimates that nearly 43 million Americans now experience some sort of arthritis-related complication. In the next 20 years, another 20 million baby boomers with arthritis will be added to that list. Now, an ever-expanding line of retail products is aimed at helping people "get a grip" on this problem.

After more than two years of very successful test marketing through e-commerce, QVC and the Home Shopping Network, the Arthritis Correct product line is now being marketed on a national level through traditional drug and food chain retailers.

Arthritis Correct products are part of a growing line of "ease of use" items that have been ergonomically designed to reduce or eliminate the discomfort that is sometimes associated with household and personal tasks.

The line is the brainchild of marketing and product development expert Frank Halstead. The 25-year veteran came up with the idea after seeing his mother suffer through complications of arthritis.

"With products like these," Halstead says, "I hope to make living with arthritis and performing many daily functions far less painful and intimidating."

The Arthritis Correct line is a combination of products personally created by or licensed to Halstead. It currently features more than a dozen practical products ranging from \$2 - \$7, including:

- EZ Key: A patented oversized cross that adds leverage for easy opening of stubborn locks;
- Comfort Clips: Elastic bands to replace shoelaces - turns any pair of shoes into slip-on loafers;
- EZ Handler: A multi-purpose handle that makes gripping items like shopping bags effortless;
- EZ Turner: A unique jar opener for all size jar lids
- EZ Grips: Oversized, easy-to-grasp slip-on covers designed to help turn doorknobs & faucets; and more.

In addition to the uniqueness of product line, the arthritically passive packaging allows an effortless alternative to many hard-to-open vacuum-sealed or shrink-wrapped products.

"Retailers are becoming increasingly aware of the problems that inaccessible packaging presents to those with arthritis," Halstead says.

"Retailers seem to be showing a new sensitivity to the expanding arthritis market."

Over the next several months, a number of new products will be added to the line as well.

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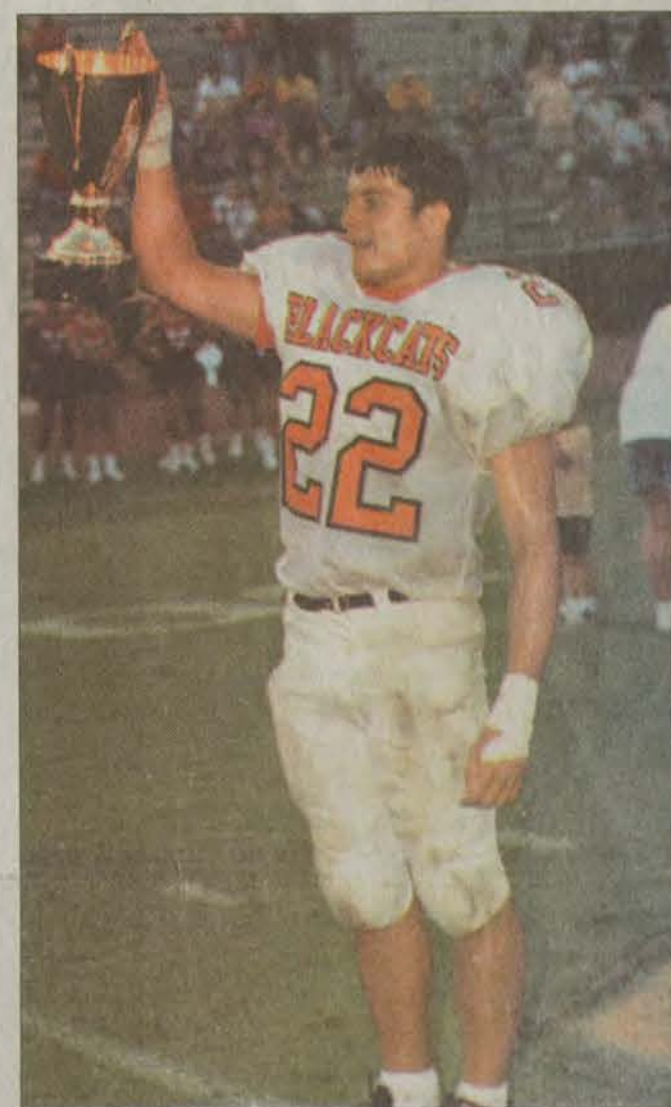
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 Prestonsburg junior Megan Hyden served during action from Monday's game with Paintsville

PERRY CENTRAL VS BLACKCATS



PRESTONSBURG'S MATT SLONE (22) lunged for that extra yard that resulted in a first down for the Blackcats against Perry Central last Saturday evening in the Appalachian Bowl at Clay County. Prestonsburg posted a 45-15 win over the Commodores.

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MATT SLONE DISPLAYED the MVP cup after his team posted a 45-15 win over Perry Central last Saturday.

Slone shreds Commodore's defense

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

If Prestonsburg football fans thought the 2000 season would be a duplicate of the '99 year, those thoughts had to quickly disappear after the Cats opened their season with a convincing 45-15 win over a good Perry Central program.

The two teams met in the first game of Saturday's Appalachian Bowl at Clay County. It was the third win for Prestonsburg in the bowl series. It was their first appearance since the 1993 season, the year the Blackcats reeled off 14 wins to reach the state finals. That same year, the Cats bowled over host Clay County in a romp as well.

It was the ground game for the Blackcats to go with a stingy defense that got them off to a 1-0 start. Coach John Derossett praised his team's running game.

“We are coming along,” he said. “We are young still. I am proud of these kids. We had 330 yards rushing at half time and that is always good to see.”

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Matt Slone led the ground attack for Prestonsburg with 234 yards (unof-

ficially). The Cats finished with 536 yards rushing (unofficially). Kevin Woods scored two touchdowns and a conversion in rushing for 54 yards.

Matt Clay totaled 45 on the ground with a touchdown. Michael Fannin saw some action at fullback had scored the final touchdown of the game. On a good defensive play, Chris Jervis had an interception and returned the ball 47 yards for a touchdown. Quarterback Austin Clark scampered 45 yards for a TD on a keeper.

Prestonsburg carried out their game plan to the letter as they keyed on Perry Central's feature back John Beatty. Beatty had to wonder what it was going to take to escaped the quickness of the Prestonsburg front line.

Beatty finished the game with 47 yards on 19 carries but most of those came in the second half. On his first 10 carries he managed a meager 5-yards on the ground as the Cats defense caught him behind the line of scrimmage thrice. His longest run totaled 13 yards.

Unable to run the ball against the Blackcat defense, Coach Holland went to the air in the second half with his son, Alan Holland, completing 13 of 29 passes for 97 yards. He was intercepted three times, twice by Chris Jervis.

“We knew coming in he was the man to stop,” said Coach Derossett. “I felt like he was a big Division I player.”

“It was like a snake. You cut off the head you kill the snake. We put our game plan around stopping Beatty. We were going to give up a few players

(See BLACKCATS, page three)



PERRY CENTRAL'S Ronnie Combs (31) went up with a Prestonsburg defender to haul in a touchdown pass from quarterback Alan Holland last Saturday.

South Floyd at Betsy Layne

Hobson, Hall lead South Floyd past Betsy Layne

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

A young and inexperienced Betsy Layne Lady Cat volleyball team played hard and well at times but just could not pull out a win as they lost both sets to a good South Floyd team this past Monday evening at Betsy Layne.

A good crowd was on hand for the match between the two county schools, with South Floyd taking game one, 15-1, and winning game two, 15-3.

Coach Jackie McKinney was pleased with her team's effort and said the Lady Raiders are starting to get the fundamentals down.

“We are playing better. The serving was

much better tonight,” she said. “We had about 70 percent serving last Thursday night and I expect our serving improved to 85 percent tonight. Serving is the key. If you don't get over the net, you don't score.”

Helping with the high percentage in serving were Monica Hobson and Stephanie Hall. Hobson led the Lady Raiders in game one while Hall was outstanding in game two.

Hobson served up the final seven points for South Floyd in the opening game. The Lady Raiders led 1-0 on a serve by Minnie Tackett, the lone senior on the club. Hall, after an out-of-bounds ball by Betsy Layne, picked up two nice serves that the Lady Bobcats had trouble handling for a 3-0 advantage.

Denise Jones picked up the Ladycats' first point to make it a 3-1 game. On a nice volley, the Ladycats showed they could handle the ball with a couple of nice digs on returns.

However, Tabatha Berger and Hobson ran the table on the Ladycats on their way to a 15-1 win.

Game two saw Betsy Layne go in front first on a Jones serve and the Ladycats led 2-0 off a serve by Sabrina Hughes. But the lead was short-lived as South Floyd scored the next seven to lead 7-2 on serves by Stephanie Hall.

Betsy Layne, not ready to quit, came back and made it 7-3 on a Hillary Bryant serve. Betsy Layne had problems in handling the game of the Lady Raiders, failing to lock their elbows and getting some off hits.

Berger and Tackett were digging the ball off the court and the setters for the Raiders were setting the ball in near-perfect playing. Coach McKinney believed a team meeting helped solve some difficulties.

(See SOUTH FLOYD, page two)

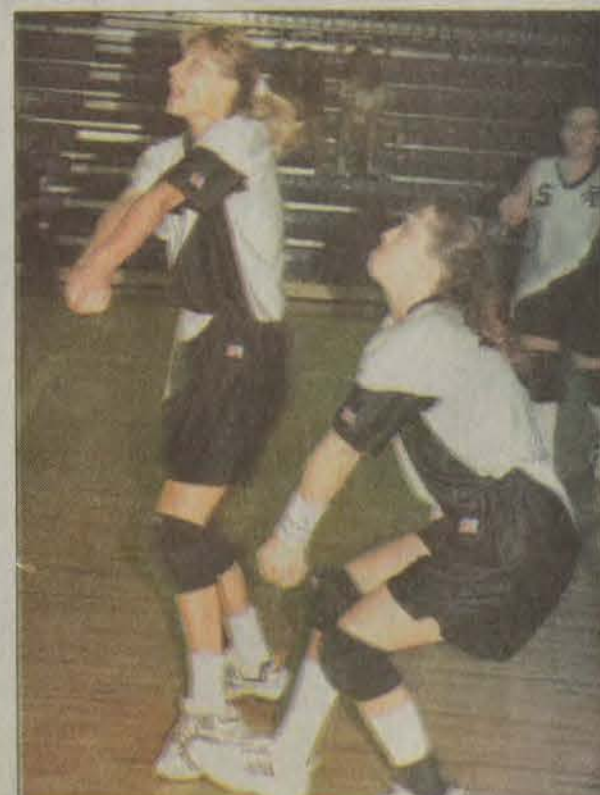


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SOUTH FLOYD got good play Monday night in winning at Betsy Layne in two sets, 15-1, 15-3. The Lady Raiders host Millard this Thursday night.

Paintsville at Prestonsburg

Prestonsburg Volley Cats beat Paintsville in two Senior Brooke Coleman leads the way in game two victory

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The Prestonsburg Volley Cats got started out in the right direction this past Monday evening when their JV squad took two straight from the Paintsville JV squad, with identical scores of 15-4.

Coach Russell Shepherd's JV Volley Cats looked very impressive in their first two games out. Junior Megan Hyden along with sophomores Amanda Webb and Stephanie Webb, all paved the way for the JV

Volley Cats.

The Prestonsburg JV team jumped out to an 8-2 lead in the first set junior varsity match-up en route to the first 15-4 victory. The second match-up wasn't any closer. The 'Cats again jumped out to a big lead and cruised to an easy win over the Paintsville JV.

The varsity action took center-stage in quick fashion. The varsity Volley Cats faced a squad that was somewhat of a rival for them in their brief history of playing high school volleyball.

ing and good play around the net.

Game two was no contest. Prestonsburg jumped out to a 4-0 lead behind the serving of Stephanie Adams. Paintsville then got a score on a Heather Daniel serve.

Following the Paintsville score, it would be all Prestonsburg senior Brooke Coleman. Coleman came on to serve and posted points 5 through 13. Coleman's serving alone was enough to put the Tigers under.

Paintsville did manage to get one more score in game two, before Volley Cat senior Amelia Conley came on to seal the victory with two points of her own.

The final score board told a story of Volley Cats' dominance.

Prestonsburg defeated the Paintsville Tigers 15-4 to win the second game and take the victory. The win gets the Volley Cats off to a good start on the season. The Prestonsburg volleyball team now begins the season at 1-0.

Following the P'burg victory, Volley Cats Coach Russell Shepherd was quite pleased with his team's performance.

"I think the girls played real good tonight," he said. "You've always got a real game when you play Paintsville, but I think the players knew that and they responded to it very well."

The Prestonsburg VolleyCats will be back in action early next week.

South Floyd

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"We discussed some of our problems," said the South Floyd coach. "The girls were quick to get down on themselves because they expect so much of themselves. I told them if you make a bad shot you made a bad shot, to go on."

"They played with a little more ease tonight. We had first game jitters last Thursday night. We should have won that one. We won the second game but we were up 13-6 in the first game and we should have won that. We made some mistakes and I made some mistakes."

Coach McKinney said the key to returning the ball is making sure you are in position. "You make sure your body is squared up and you lock your elbows," she said. "If you are going to make a pass, then your hands shouldn't come up any higher than your chest. You don't swing at the

ball. If you do, it is going to go out of bounds."

The South Floyd coach said it was a complete team effort and all her players played well.

"I can't say anyone played bad," she said. "They all played the net well. One thing we need to work on is they play the ball until the whistle blows. We have a tendency to get a little slow when the ball is coming over."

Betsy Layne, a promising team, showed some character and did not give up.

"We need some more practice," said the Betsy Layne coach. "I didn't get them last week. I am still trying to get a feel for the players. We have a lot of good talent. We are going have to work on some drills. By the end of the season I think we will do well."

In the two game set, Hall had 11 serves with three aces. She was two-for-two in kill attempts. Hobson had seven serve attempts and Tackett served seven times with one ace. Berger had six serves with two aces.

Home Owners CORNER



by Stan Stumbo & Vancel Thacker

GETTING INTO HOT WATER

If you have young children in the house, especially, bear in mind that scalding water injures thousands of people each year. When water heated to 150 degrees Fahrenheit meets the skin, it can produce a third-degree burn in less than two seconds. With this in mind, check your tub and shower water at its hottest setting with a meat thermometer. Then, if necessary, make any needed adjustments at the water heater to keep temperatures below 120 degrees Fahrenheit. In addition, it may make good sense to install a hot-water sensor to a showerhead or tub faucet. This device stops the flow of water until the user adjusts the temperature and presses the reset button.

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A GOOD VIEW did Ryan Barber have at the 20-yard line as he watched the Prestonsburg Blackcats dismantle Perry Central last Saturday night.



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LOOKING FOR ROOM to run was Prestonsburg halfback Matt Slone. Slone rushed for 234 yards in his team's 45-15 win over Perry Central Saturday night.

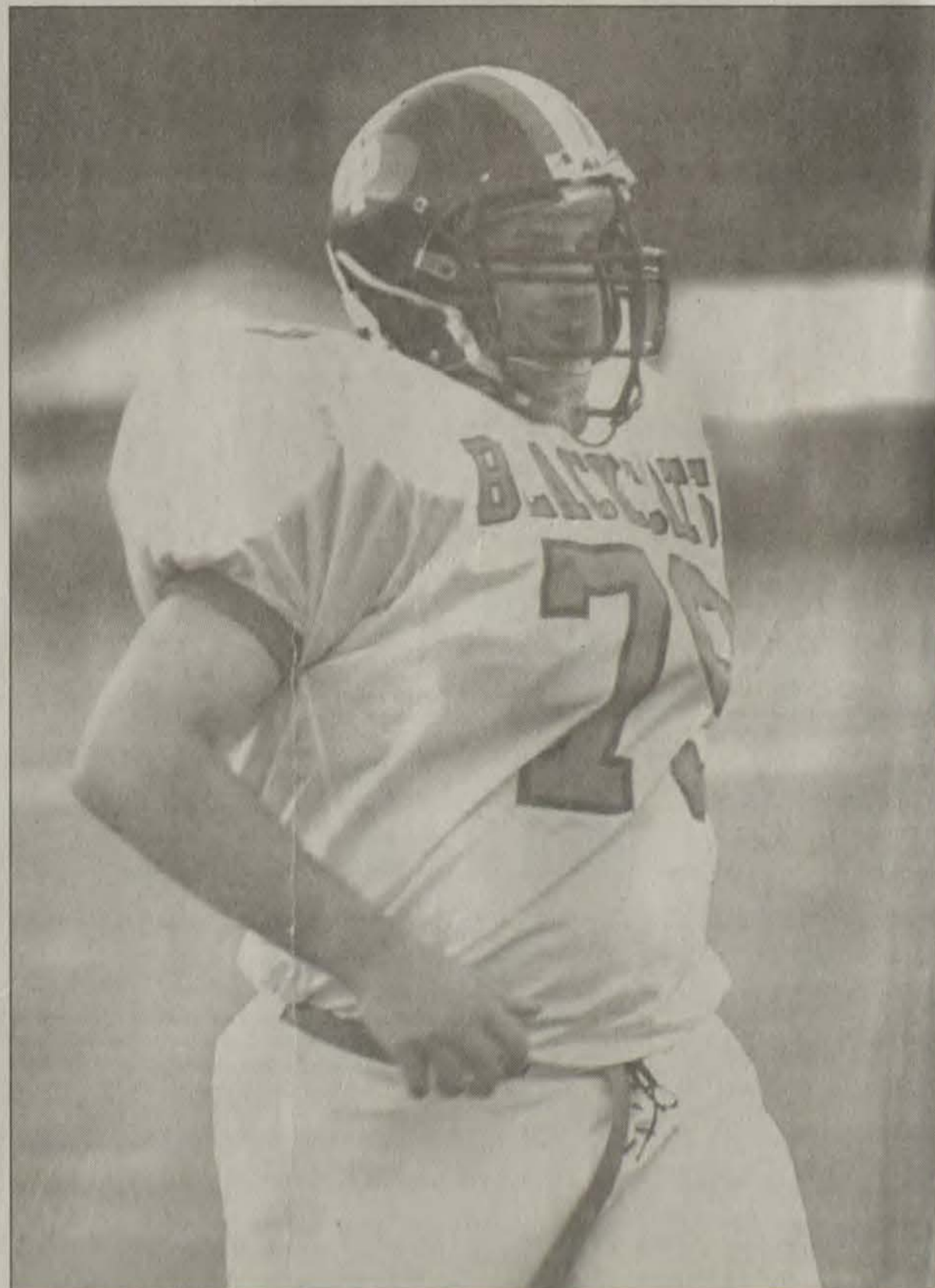


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RUDY PENNINGTON (79) is one of the reasons for the staunch Prestonsburg defense this season. Pennington and the Blackcats routed Perry Central 45-15 last Saturday night.

Blackcats

and it hurt a little bit toward the end of the first half. What a tremendous player he is and when it comes time I am going to vote for him as All-State."

While there were several keys for Prestonsburg one had to be the fact they did not wear down in the late quarters. Something they did not experience last year. Credit the depth at different positions for that.

"You never know about your conditioning," said the Prestonsburg mentor. You run and try to be in shape. You never know until you play in a game situation. Up at Betsy Layne the other night I watch some guys cramp and I watch some have physical fitness problems. We did not have anyone cramping tonight and no one bending over. We felt pretty good about our fitness."

Kevin Woods got the Blackcats

on the scoreboard late in the first quarter, taking a 6-0 lead on a 2-yard run by Woods.

Perry Central nearly pulled off one of the strangest of plays. With a 5-yard delay penalty called against the Commodore's, with actually tenths of seconds left in the quarter, on a second and eight play, Perry Central got excellent field position on a pass play that moved the ball to the Prestonsburg 31 yard line as the quarter ended.

But Prestonsburg's defense held their ground and turned back the Commodore's when Chris Spriggs came up with the football on a fumble.

With 7:59 showing on the scoreboard, Woods struck again, this time on a 18 yard run into the end zone that gave Prestonsburg a 12-0 advantage.

The lead inspired the Blackcats

defensive line as Perry Central was constantly looking for Beatty. On a fourth and one play for the Commodore's, Prestonsburg stopped Beatty at the line of scrimmage and took over the ball on downs at the Perry Central 49.

I took three plays for Matt Clay, on a reverse, to scamper into the end zone for the score with 5:11 left in the half and a 18-0 Prestonsburg lead.

Running players in and out, Prestonsburg allowed the Commodore's excellent field position as Holland and Robbie Couch teamed up. A personal foul called against Prestonsburg helped the Commodore's as they moved to the Blackcat 1-yard line where Chad Cornette plunged into the end zone for a 18-7 game following the PAT.

On the ensuing kickoff, the short kick put Prestonsburg in good posi-

tion and it took only two plays for Austin Clark to score from 49 yards out on a reverse to give Prestonsburg a 24-7 lead at half time.

At the onset of the third quarter each team traded fumbles and very little offense in the early going.

In the fourth period, Prestonsburg struck for a 32-7 advantage on a 5-yard run by Slone and the two-point conversion by Slone.

Things turned worse for Perry Central as Jervis picked off a Holland pass and returned the ball 47 yards for the touchdown and the PAT by Slone made it a 39-7 game.

Perry Central took control of the football with 6:01 left in the game and marched 54 yards on 10 plays when Holland hit Couch with a 14-yard completion and a touchdown. The conversion by Holland made it 39-15.

Prestonsburg would score their

final touchdown with 53 seconds to play when Michael Fannin took a hand off, went around right end for the touchdown and the final 45-15 count.

Mike McDonald led the Prestonsburg defense with 14 tackles. Both Andrew Howell and Woods finished with eight each.

Prestonsburg will entertain a good Pikeville team, a 46-36 winner over Lawrence County last Friday night, this weekend.

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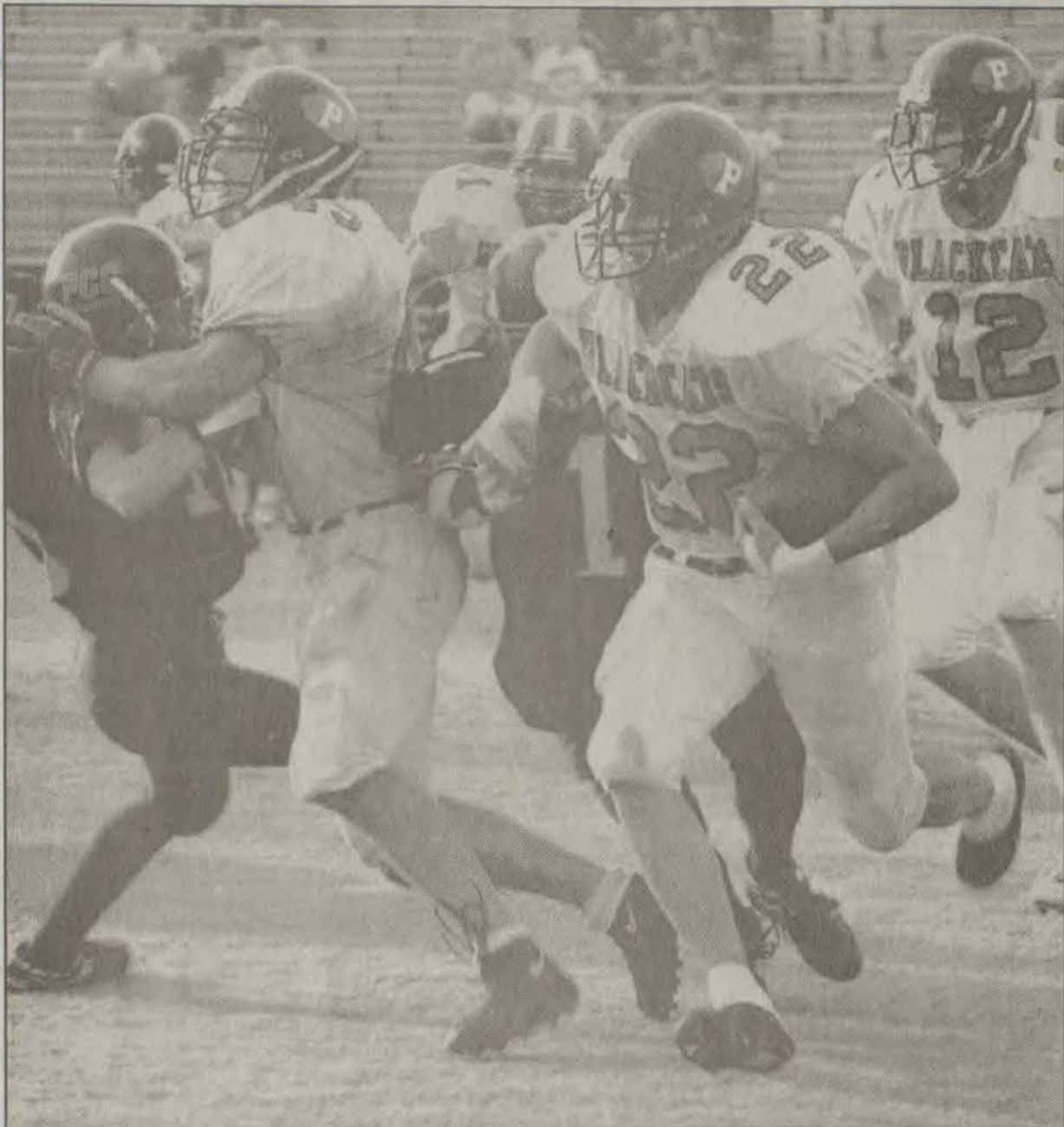


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PRESTONSBURG QUARTERBACK Austin Clark (12) scampered 49 yards for a touchdown against Perry Central. The Cats posted a 45-15 win over the Commodores for their third Appalachian Bowl win.

A Look At Sports

Week one brought some surprises

BELATED BIRTHDAY WISH...

To Prestonsburg's Dusty Scott who celebrated his birthday this past week. Happy birthday, belatedly, Dusty.

WEEK ONE

The first week of the high school football season has come and gone and it also brought some surprises. I suppose the biggest surprise was the outcome of the Lawrence County at Pikeville game as well as Boyle County and Breathitt County.

I knew that Boyle County was going to be extremely tough this year but to blast the Bobcats the way they did, 69-8, well, was completely unexpected.

Coach Chuke Williams lost some quality skill players from last year's team but the Bulldogs were ambushed at Pikeville. Now we can see why Pikeville was so highly regarded in the preseason polls. The Panthers rolled to a 46-36 win over Lawrence County.

I have to admit, the Perry Central Commodores were not the team I thought they would be, or maybe I underestimated the Prestonsburg Blackcats.

The Cats were just awesome at Clay County Saturday night and put on an offensive as well as a defensive show. The Cats romped to a 45-15 win over Perry Central.



Prestonsburg. The future of Prestonsburg football shines brightly once again. With the new stadium in the process of being built, it looks good for Prestonsburg fans.

Mike McDonald played an outstanding defensive game along with Andrew Howell and Kevin Woods.

I want to go on record and say I like Saturday afternoon football. Now you traditionalists can harp all you want to about Friday night football, but I like the last afternoon games on a Saturday.

You would have more fans in the stands. The weather would be better and everyone would get home at a more decent hour.

The Prestonsburg/Perry Central game was played at 5:30 and everyone I talked with liked it.

The folks over at Clay County had a great Appalachian Bowl. The hospitality was great and the food was tremendous. A great big thank you to the good folks over at Clay County.

The South Floyd Raiders took it on the chin this past Friday night at Evarts, 42-18. Who would have thought it? But give the Raiders time, they will be a team to contend with in their district.

Coach Ted George and the Betsy Layne Bobcats are still rejoicing over their big win against Allen Central Friday night. The Bobcats snapped a 17-game losing streak.

Week two of the high school season continues this Friday night with a big game on the Prestonsburg schedule as Pikeville rolls into town with a big offensive machine. Matt Branham and company will challenge a good Prestonsburg defense.

South Floyd takes the week off and Betsy Layne travels to Powell County.

This about the Cats' defense. They looked so quick and they gave John Beatty (outstanding running back for Perry Central) all he could handle.

Mark it down. James Prater will be one of the better backs to come out of Allen Central. This kid can play the game. He is quick and can find the holes.

One thing you don't want to do is to try and run up the gut of the Allen Central line. They are big.

Week two should be very exciting.

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Sports In Kentucky

by Bob Watkins

Highlands is No. 1 and Grover should be Mr. Football favorite

Only way to improve on Ft. Thomas Highlands-Louisville Trinity clash in the 53rd annual Rec Bowl at Mt. Sterling last week, would be another meeting at season's end.

Won't happen of course since Highlands is defending Class 3-A champion and Trinity is, or should be, favored to win Class 4-A.

For now, if there's a better high school team in Kentucky than Highlands it's news, somebody call me or e-mail.

Coach Dale Mueller's Bluebirds are no one-man or even four-man band either. The four lime-lighters are quarterback Gino Guidugli, tackle Ben Scott, receiver/defensive back Brett Hamblen and line-backer/tight end Brent Grover.

But they are platoon leaders for what looks to be a solid team.

Speaking a mouthful ... "This could be the best Highlands team ever," says John Bankemper, an all-state running back on a Bluebirds team that finished 15-0 in 1983. "This team is phenomenal. Really just a bunch of special kids."

Special? Yes. Certainly Guidugli is. A quarterback whose poise and

field presence drew comparisons to Tim Couch from pressbox veterans. Perhaps more special is Grover. Already a sturdy 6-foot-4 230-pounder who finds the football (coaches will know) with uncommon regularity, he is a gem.

The presumption has already been published in Lexington that Male High's Montrell Jones or Bryan Station's Eric Shelton are the only serious contenders to win Kentucky's 15th annual Mr. Football title.

There ought to be a swift revision for voting media.

For Grover is as much a prize to football here as Rex Chapman and Darrell Griffith were to hoops. Home boys so skilled, so popular and revered and ultimately so successful, they are recalled as Rex and Griff.

Alas, there is a good chance Grover may become to our state what Paul Hornung and more recently Shaun Alexander did. Sterling talents of Heisman caliber who went away depriving football-starved Kentuckians of seeing the very best in action.

An exemplary student with a stratospheric grade point average, Grover wants to be a physician like his surgeon father. Where most high school stars shop for college wanting to know about playing time and carries per game, Grover asks about University of Michigan's medical school, same at Penn State. He has visited Notre Dame already.

All things considered, — on-field skills and in-classroom accomplishment — ought to put Grover's name atop every Mr. Football candidate list as well as a Triple A priority "let us baby-sit you 'til February signing day" recruiting list at UK.

30 YEARS OF MEMORIES

Last week, marking 30 years in this business I shared tidbits from personalities I've interviewed in years gone by. This week Part II.

■ Referee Don Rutledge (in his hotel room at the Lexington-Radisson): "No doubt about it,

Kentucky fans are like no others. Some are convinced, unless all the calls, I mean alllll the calls go their way, you're against 'em. Got it in for 'em. No ifs, ands or buts, you're cheatin' 'em. Some can get real ugly."

■ Kevin Grevey (at a summer basketball camp): "Best time of my life. Absolutely the best time. College ball."

■ Frank Selvy (on scoring 100 points for Furman against Newberry): "A night like no other. My teammates just kept getting me the ball and the shots just kept going in. It was unbelievable."

■ Rick Pitino: "I understand your job and I will not get upset by anything that's written about me. As long as you're fair, honest and believe what you're doing is right, you'll have no problem with me."

■ UK director of athletics Cliff Hagan: "Why should we play Louisville? What do we have to gain by playing them?"

■ Counterpart Bill Olsen, More prophetically, "Why shouldn't the two schools compete in basketball and football if it's what the fans want."

■ Eddie Sutton (in his office), "No, no, we didn't do anything wrong. Nothing. There is absolutely nothing to any of this."

Other memorables...

■ Most enjoyable interviews: Yankee pitcher Steve Hamilton, ex-Celtic Frank Ramsey, Western coach John Oldham, WKU's Harry Todd, UK's Tim Couch, UK's Bill Curry, Murray State's Popeye Jones, NBC's Al McGuire, ABC's Dick Vitale, Van Vance, Cawood Ledford and UK's Rick Pitino.

One shot interviews...

■ Bear Bryant. "Yes, I've changed a few things in our offense, but I sure as hell ain't gonna tell you."

■ Jerry Claiborne. After trying two quarterbacks in the first half of a game in early 1988, I asked if he liked one over the other? "I can't believe you'd ask me a question like that. I can't believe it. Next question."

Others...

■ Tim Couch. "Whether I decide

to leave (UK) after this (junior) year or not, I realize this time right now is a time of life I'll always remember as the best."

■ Dwane Casey, ex-UK assistant coach and one-time friend denying wrongdoing in the \$1,000 package to recruit Chris Mills and asking, "Have you talked to (fellow assistant) James (Dickey) about any of this?"

■ Interviews with the Beards ... Frank, Ralph and Butch. Respectively, about the Senior Golf Tour; about the best backcourt players ever; and how Peck Hickman "hid him out" from UK's Harry Lancaster and signed him for UofL.

The lists go on of course and lots of favorites involve high school coaches, and media too — newspaper, radio and television personalities.

Thanks for the memories.

RECRUITING SCUTTLE-BUTT

■ Good for David Lee. Tiring of the recruiting hoopla, the 6-8 prospect from St. Louis said recently: "It's too early in my recruiting process to name a leader. I want to take some visits in the fall and then make my decision."

Lee's list: Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, North Carolina, Duke and Florida.

■ Ed Nelson is a new name on the UK recruiting screen. A 6-7 250-pounder at Ft. Lauderdale, St. Aquinas says he is considering Miami, Fla. and UK.

IN-STATE PROSPECTS

Basketball players to watch: Three sophomores earned "high potential" labels after play in the Blue Chip summer camps at

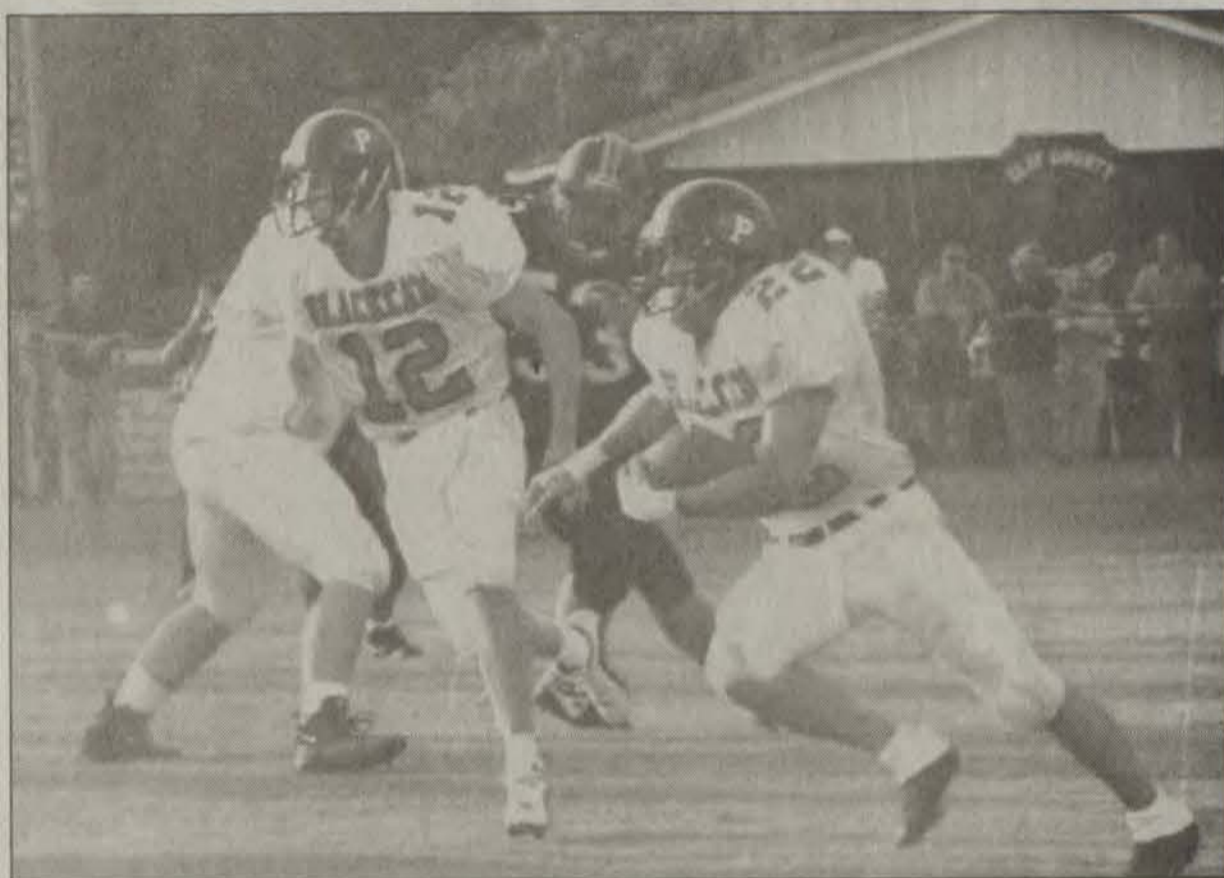
Georgetown College.

Johnny Hammons, a 6-3 soph at Corbin, and teammate 6-8 Isiah Mills were among the Top 12 campers, according to veteran analyst Rick Bolus. Ross Neltner, a 6-7 sophomore at Ft. Thomas Highlands might be the best underclassman in Kentucky.

Andre Woodson, a 6-7 sophomore at North Hardin High was listed among Bolus's second dozen prospects.

CORRECTION

Last week in this space I mentioned a KET feature is coming on the Carr Creek Indians of basketball lore. In fact, the KET project is a focus on several small schools around the Commonwealth and their sports histories. According to Carr Creek native and author Don Miller, the project may not air until 2002.



Pike County Bowl

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville senior quarterback Matt Branham threw for three touchdowns and ran for two more as the Panthers held off Lawrence County, 46-36, Saturday night in the nightcap of the 2000 Pike County Bowl.

In the opener Belfry, the Bulldogs' next foe, beat Bourbon County, 35-26.

The win snapped Pikeville's four-game losing streak in the 16th annual season opener. Prior to last night, Pikeville's most recent win was a 59-20 win over Paris in 1995.

In addition to his scoring, Branham put his name in the Panther record book. His first pass, a 22-yarder to Nick King, enabled him to become the school's leader in career passing yards.

For the game, Branham was 9-of-19 for 171 yards and one interception.

With the win, Chris McNamee became the first person to win a Pike County Bowl game as both a player and coach. McNamee, a former PHS player, took over as the head coach after last season's opener.

After Lawrence turned the ball over on downs on the opening possession, Pikeville needed only five plays to cover 92 yards for the first score of the season.

Penalties on the first two plays pushed the ball out to the 26 before Branham hit King for 22 yards. He then hit Barrett Rogers for a 30-yard gain before King hauled in a 16-yard touchdown pass.

The kick failed, but with 8:36 left in the quarter, Pikeville led 6-0.

"We saw some things we thought we could do," said McNamee. "They play what they call 'Confusion' defense, and if you can break a play, it's gonna go big."

The Panthers added another score in the first period, but this time they let the ground attack do the damage. Rogers had gains of 27 and 21 on the first two plays to get to the Lawrence 29. After an incomplete pass, Branham gained 20, and one play later, he scored from five yards out.

Again, the conversion failed,

leaving Pikeville on top 12-0 with 1:44 to play.

"(Lawrence County) was worried about the passing game, with Gibson and King. But we've got two of the finest running backs around in Rogers and (Jarrod) Frasure, and our line did a good job blocking," said McNamee.

Lawrence County (0-1) wasted little time in getting back in the

game, as junior Tristan Cordle took the handoff on the opening play of the ensuing drive and dashed 54 yards for the score. The Bulldogs' conversion failed, but the touchdown cut the deficit to 12-6.

The Bulldogs recovered an onside kick, but nine plays later, turned the ball over on downs.

(See PIKE, page five)

SPORTS CALENDAR

BASKETBALL

Johnson County Buddy Basketball holding fund-raisers

The Johnson County Buddy Basketball League is currently selling tickets on a \$500 Christmas shopping spree from Wal-Mart of Paintsville. Tickets for the shopping spree are \$1 each. The Johnson County Buddy Basketball League is also planning a soapbox derby for later this fall. For more information contact league vice-president William Fraley at (606) 789-1929.

YMCA Men's 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

The Pikeville YMCA will hold a double-elimination 3-on-3 men's basketball tournament Aug. 26. Entry fee is \$50 per team, and teams must be registered by Aug. 25. For more information, call the YMCA at (606) 433-9622.

CYCLING

Appalachian Bike Tour 2000

The Appalachian Bike Tour 2000 will be held on Saturday, September 30. The starting point for the bike tour will be Yatesville Lake Marina in Lawrence County. Registration for the event is set for 8 a.m. The fee is \$10, or \$7 with pre-registration. For more information call Mark Jackson, (606) 638-3234.

Multi Sports Jenny Wiley Mountain Bike Festival

Pro-Fitness Sports of Prestonsburg would like to announce the Jenny Wiley Mountain Bike Festival. The races will be held at the Jenny Wiley Mountain Bike Trails (formerly the horse trails). The course is 1.9 miles of fast single and double track. Beginners course is one mile out and back, easy grade. For more information contact Don Fields at (606) 886-8604.

GOLF

1st Annual Elite Golf Tournament

The 1st Annual Elite Golf Tournament will be held August 19 at the Jenny Wiley State Park Golf Course. A shot gun start is set for 8 a.m. Cash prizes are \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second, and \$200 for third. A hole-in-one will win some lucky golfer a 2000 Ford Mustang. Prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin will also be awarded. Entry fee into the tournament is \$200 per four-man team. The event is sponsored by the ASC National Champion Dance Etc. Junior Elite dance team. For more information call (606) 886-6557.

SOFTBALL

South Floyd Booster Club to hold softball tournament

The South Floyd Boys' Basketball Booster Club will be having a softball tournament Aug. 26-27 at Drift. Entry fee is \$75 per team. Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place. For more information call (606) 452-4591, or (606) 587-2119.

BASS FISHING

Pike County Chamber of Commerce and Pepsi Cola Bass Tournament

The Pike County Chamber of Commerce along with Pepsi Cola are sponsoring a bass fishing tournament Saturday September 2-3 at Fishtrap Lake. First place prize in the tournament is \$2,000. Second and third place prizes of \$1,000 and \$750 will also be awarded.

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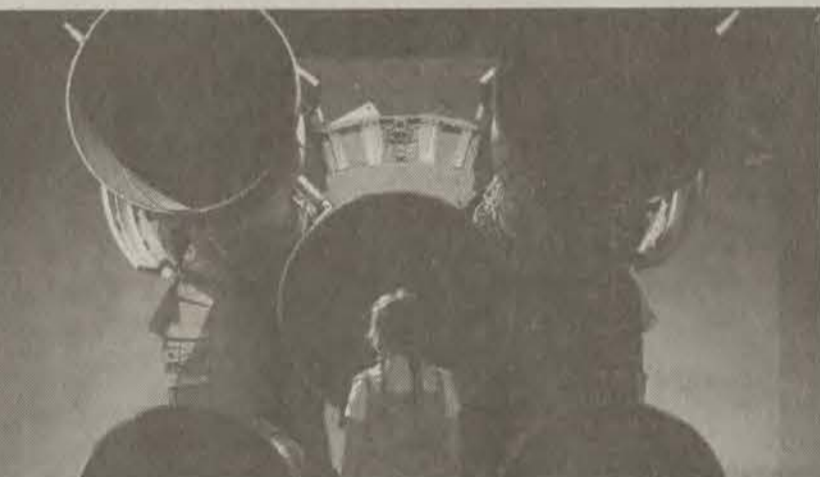
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Pike

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Pikeville took over on the 11, and needed 10 plays to move the ball 89 yards for its third score of the half.

Rogers got the drive started with a 24-yard run, but four plays later, it appeared Pikeville had been stopped. Junior Don Paul Branham dropped back to punt, but when the snap rolled to him, he tucked it and ran 58 yards to the Bulldog five.

"Lincoln Sowards, most of the time, is gonna make a great snap," the coach said. "But the snap was low. It wasn't planned by any means, but Don Paul did a great job of picking up the ball and running. They were trying to set up a wall to the other side, and that gave him some daylight."

After two plays for losses pushed the ball back, Rogers scored on a 10-yard run with 5:23 left in the half. Again the conversion failed but Pikeville had an 18-6 advantage.

The Bulldog defense got it back in the game to start the second half, junior Michael West picked off a pass and sprinted 53 yards for the score. He then ran for the conversion, pulling Lawrence County within 18-14, with 7:00 left in the third period.

The play served as a wake-up call for Pikeville. A seven-play, 77-yard drive ended when Branham kept for a 20-yard scoring run. He then tossed to Chase Gibson for the conversion and a 26-14 lead with 4:11 remaining in the period.

Gibson then came up big on defense for the Panthers, as he hit West in the backfield for a three-yard loss on fourth-and-10 to give Pikeville the ball at its own 47.

After a penalty, Rogers took a shuffle pass from Branham and scampered 42 yards for a touchdown, on the first play of the fourth period, and a 32-14 lead.

The Bulldogs didn't keep the ball long, as West fumbled on the second play of the drive with Pikeville recovering. On the first play, Branham hit Gibson for a 32-yard touchdown pass, giving Pikeville a 38-14 lead with 10:46 to play.

Lawrence County didn't quit as Cordle took the handoff on the

first play of the ensuing drive and rambled 85 yards for the score. The Bulldogs had pulled within 38-22 with 10:30 left in the game.

The Panthers punted, and on the only play of the next drive, West scrambled 80 yards for the score. The conversion failed, keeping Pikeville in front 38-28 with 8:58 to play.

But Pikeville took 3:20 off the clock on its next drive, using seven plays to cover 60 yards for the TD, which came on a 12-yard run by Rogers. Branham kept for the conversion, making the lead 46-28 with 5:38 to play.

Lawrence County capped off the wild 42-point fourth quarter when West scored on a three-yard run. His conversion run set the final score.

West, the Lawrence County MVP, finished the game with 225 yards rushing on 23 carries. He scored two touchdowns. Cordle ran the ball 25 times for 138 yards, and scored twice.

"We are still young, but I did see some character tonight," said Lawrence County Coach Chuke Williams. "We are going to get better."

"Pikeville has a very good

offense and I really thought our defense played better this week than last week. It is just going to take a little time."

Rogers, Pikeville's junior tailback, had 145 yards on 17 carries. He scored three times, two on runs and one in the air.

Lawrence County ran the ball for 382 yards, while Pikeville gained 289 on the ground. In the air, however, Branham's 171 passing yards overshadowed the Bulldog total only 28.

In the opener, Belfry senior running back Curtis Childress ran for 97 yards and scored three

touchdowns to lead the Pirates to a 35-26 victory over Bourbon County.

The Pirates (1-0) jumped out to a 20-6 lead as Childress ran for a one-yard run TD and hauled in two scoring passes (10 and 11 yards) from quarterback Casey Lequire.

Childress also added a two-point conversion run for the big advantage.

Childress, the Pirates' MVP, finished the game with 17 carries from 97 yards.

Belfry added a single touchdown in the third and fourth peri-

ods. Jeff Thompson hauled in a 30-yard pass from Lequire with 10:26 left in the third and Daniel Wright caught an eight-yard pass from Lequire in the final period.

Bourbon County (0-1) made it close in the fourth quarter by scoring twice, but couldn't overcome the big deficit.

Belfry will entertain Montgomery County Friday night while after having this week off. Lawrence County will host Belfry in its next contest (Sept. 1). Pikeville will visit Prestonsburg this Friday.

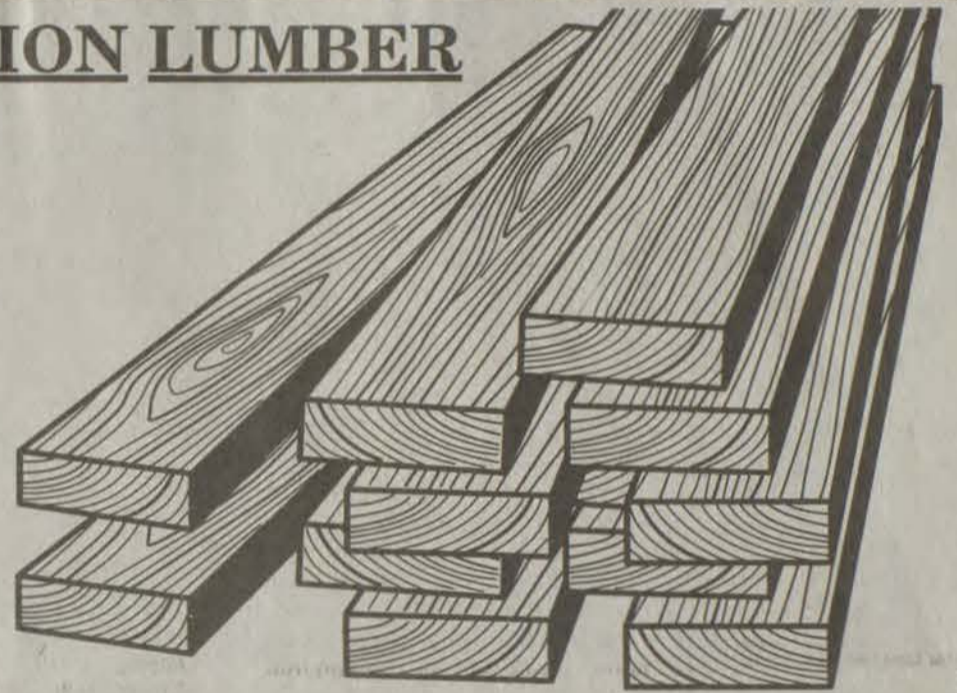
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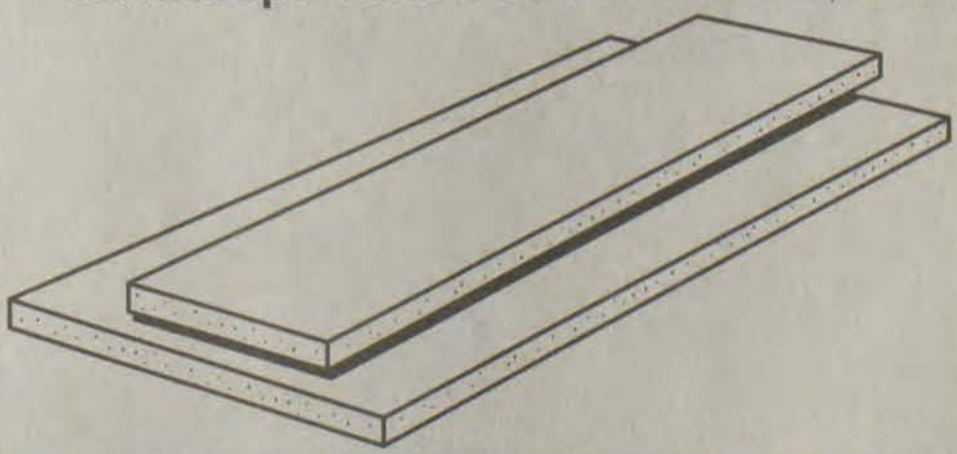
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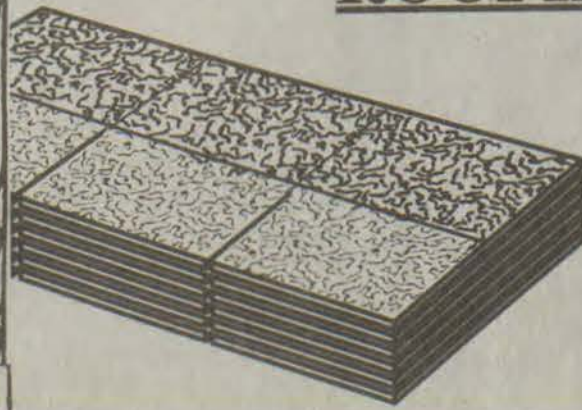


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Addis captures two features at Riverside

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

A good number of karts were on hand this past Friday night at the Riverside Raceway in Dwale.

The big winner for the evening was Dustin Addis, who took home two first-place finishes in two feature races.

Racing will continue this Friday night in a points race plus 100 percent payback.

Addis crossed the finish line ahead of Benji Huff in winning the stock light feature. With Huff finishing second, Chris Gray placed third.

Addis drove his kart to the winner's circle in his second feature win, capturing the Briggs Jr. James Hale coasted in second, followed by Chris Hall.

In the sportsman class, Josh Bolen took the checkered flag ahead of Seth Setser.

Jason Cantrell was the first across the line and at victory lane ahead of Anthony Combs in winning the stock limited feature. Third place went to Mickey Setser.

Kevin Huff motored his way around the rest of the field in winning the stock heavy class. Anthony Huff placed second with Shawn Campbell crossing the finish line in third place.

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Steve's Sideline Shots...

High school football season offers football and time for fellowship

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

Did everyone get out to a high school football game this past Friday or Saturday? If not, you sure missed out on

some good football, and some good fellowship with players, coaches and fellow fans. But don't worry, you've got the next 12 or 13 weeks to catch a game.

Since the Allen Central-Betsy Layne

game was the only game in town, I had the chance to take in the Big Sandy Bowl at Johnson Central. Both Johnson Central and Paintsville played good football, but as with most season openers both teams could have played better. The opposition in the form of Fleming County for Paintsville, and Leslie County for Johnson Central will definitely be contending for this year's playoffs.

Covering the 14th annual Big Sandy Bowl allowed me the chance to talk with my former high school coach, Bill Musick, along with many others. Coach Musick met me halfway with an extended hand and a pat on the back.

Playing for coach Musick was a great experience. Before the Leslie County-Johnson Central game I ventured over the hill to take in Musick's pre-game talk. I was not surprised to find that his pre-game talks are just as motivating as ever.

The Eagles will be contending for a district title again this season. Senior signal-caller Casey Music is back behind center, hoping to lead Central on a playoff run.

Remember the name Chet Griffith. Griffith is a sophomore running back who carried the ball for over 100 yards this past Friday night. The sophomore also had a 67-yard touchdown run in the Johnson Central win.

Coach David Lemaster has a very aggressive group of players on his Paintsville Tiger squad. Lemaster is in his sixth year as Coach of the Tigers since taking over for the retiring Walter Brugh.

Coach Lemaster is a quality person. I feel the need to get to know him more. My dad and coach Lemaster were best friends as children growing up in downtown Paintsville.

Look out for the Tigers this year they have the type of players that like to come up and hit you.

BASKETBALL SEASON TIPS OFF IN NOVEMBER, NOT NEXT WEEK!

Something that really surprised me this weekend was the number of people who came up to me and asked me how good I thought so-and-so would be in basketball this season. After about the fourth person, it was clear to me that everyone still has basketball fever, a fever I thought might have cooled down since football season got started.

Let's face it, we've got a football season to play, and we've got some very talented teams across the area, so let's get behind them and support them. We'll get into basketball when the weather turns colder. Right now, let's enjoy the high school football season.

By the way, all Floyd County high school basketball teams should hold their own in the 15th Region this season. One school just might be favored to win the region.

HOW ABOUT A FLOYD COUNTY BOWL?

New high school football facilities are in the works at a few county high schools, while others are adding to and improving the facilities they currently offer.

So, here's my question. Why doesn't some county high school step forward and host a Floyd County Bowl? After all we have four high schools who play KHSAA football. If you don't want to call it the Floyd County Bowl, then call it something else. Point is, a bowl to begin the high school football is good for the schools, players and the coaches.

The ones benefiting the most from a big high school bowl event to usher in a new season would be Floyd County itself. Tourism would get a boost from

teams coming in to participate in the bowl.

Play it on a two-day format like some other bowls, or play all four games on a Saturday. Either way would be suitable. Teams would come in for the bowl, simply because schools like bowl games. Coaches like bowl games. Everybody likes bowl games!

Hey, it's an idea at least worth consideration.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COACH GEORGE AND BETSY LAYNE

Congratulation have to go out to Coach Ted George and his Betsy Layne Bobcat football team. The Bobcats defeated the Allen Central Rebels 18-

12, breaking a winless streak that stretched over the past two seasons.

Don't look for the Allen Central Rebels to stay down long. The Rebels roll into Paintsville's Memorial Field this Friday to play the host Paintsville Tigers.

I still say if the Rebels are on their game, they can play with any team on their schedule. Sophomore James Prater can run with the best of them, and I do mean the best of them.

That's all for now. See you at the games.



MSU offers motorcycles classes

Classes in motorcycle riding are being offered this fall by Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education, in conjunction with the Kentucky Motorcycle Program.

Basic and advanced courses will be taught on the main campus and at MSU-Ashland. There is a \$70 fee for each three-day basic, or riding and street skills class. The cost of the one-day advanced, or experienced rider course is \$45.

Instructors, approved by the Kentucky Motorcycle Program and certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, will teach the sessions.

The basic course will be held on three weekends on the campus: September 15-17; October 6-8; and November 10-12. The class will meet on Fridays, from 6 to 10 p.m. in Waterfield Hall, conference room three, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In Ashland, the riding and street skills class will meet in room 204 at MSU Ashland, 1401 Winchester Ave., on August 25-27; September 29-October 1; October 27-29; and November 17-19. The times are the same as the sessions on the main campus.

The experienced rider course will meet Saturday, November 4, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in Waterfield Hall, conference room three, on the main campus. At MSU Ashland, the class will be taught in room 204 on Saturday, October 14, also 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hands-on training, which including maneuvering and controlling a motorcycle, will be included in the basic class. After successful completion of the course, participants will receive a waiver for the skills test needed to obtain a motorcycle license.

Classroom instruction for the advanced course will cover mental strategies that may be needed when operating a motorcycle. On-cycle maneuvers will be practiced in a controlled, offstreet environment.

Riders will need several items for the basic course: eye protection, over-the-ankle boots or shoes; long, sturdy slacks; long-sleeved shirt or jacket; and full-fingered gloves. A motorcycle and helmet will be provided.

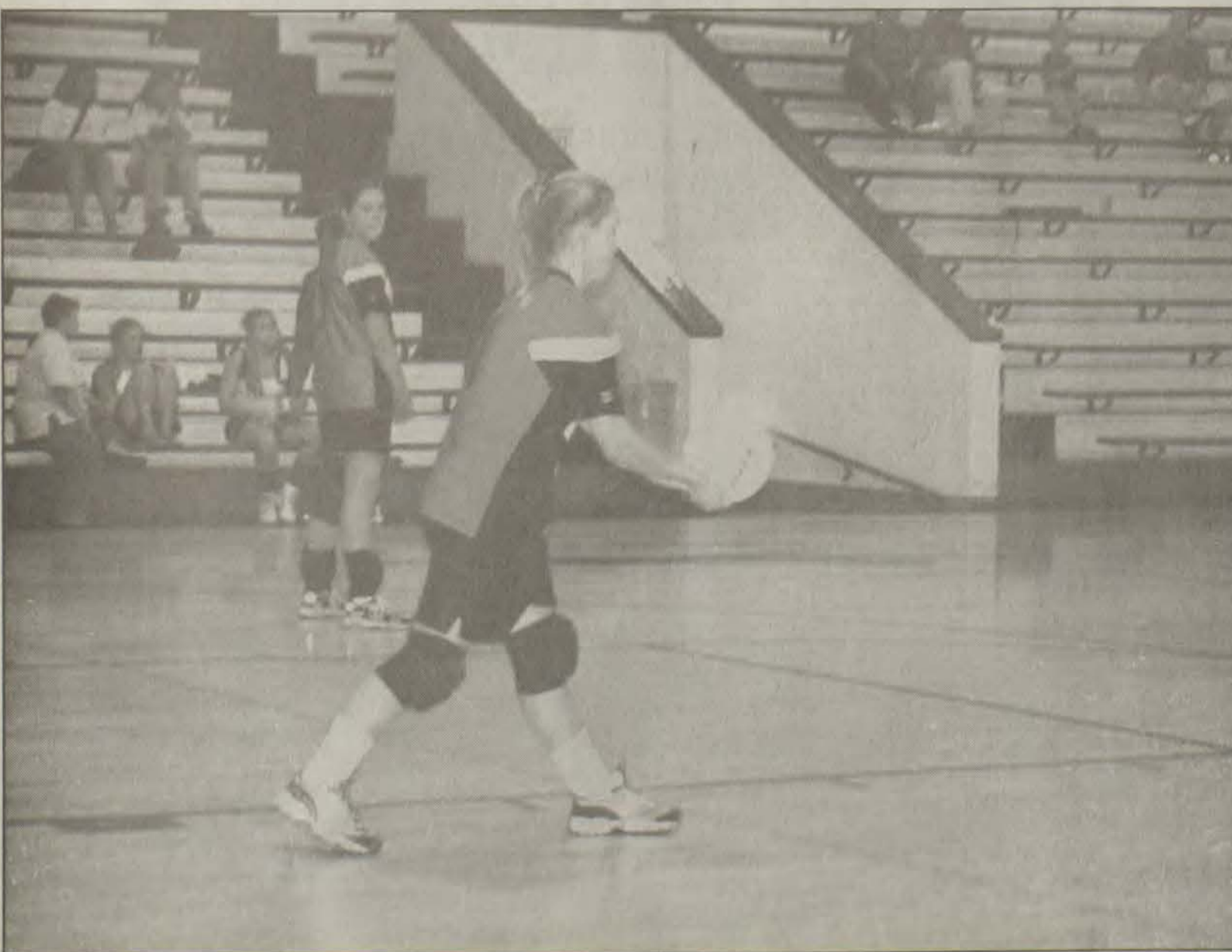
Advanced course participants will need the same riding gear as for the basic course, as well as a street-legal motorcycle and a helmet as approved by the Department of Transportation.

Participants must be at least 16 years old to take the classes. Anyone under the age of 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian. Those who complete either class may be eligible for a discount when purchasing motorcycle insurance. Liability waivers are required for all participants.

Class sizes are limited, so advanced registration is encouraged. Additional information and registration is available by calling Stephanie Evans, continuing education coordinator, at 606/783-2875.



All Bowl Team



Prestonsburg junior Megan Hyden served during action from Monday's game with Paintsville.

photo by Steve LeMaster

Steve Lucas wins Sizzling 50 series at Thunder Ridge

It was another perfect night for racing at Thunder Ridge this past Saturday night as the last night of the Summer Sizzling 50 series final race was on tap, paying \$5,000 to the winner of the late model feature and a \$500 bonus for the winner of the two-week series, as well as \$1,000 to the winner of the modified feature and a regular show for bombers, four-cylinder, and road hog divisions.

Qualifying started the evening off in the late model division and it was the local driver 10 Paul Harris setting the pace with a time of 17.77 and pocketing an extra \$100 for the top qualifier and the 5L of Steve Lucas pocketed an extra \$50 dollars for posting the second fastest time of 17.78.

Modified qualifying had the 911 of Kurt Hofsess setting quick time with a time of 21.00. The other three classes drew for their starting position in their respective heat races.

Bomber heat was first out and the 77 of Randy Fannin drew the pole position with the 35 of Daryl Sexton alongside. But when the checkers flew, it was the 46 of Dennis DeBoard making an early statement, coming from next to last to take the heat win.

Late model heat one had the 10 of Paul Harris and the 11 of Joe Meadows on the front row and at the checkers it was the 10 of Harris backing up his top qualifying run with a heat win.

Late model heat two had the 5L of Steve Lucas and the 4B of Jackie Boggs on the front row and at the end of the 10-lap heat it was the 5 of Steve Lucas taking the heat win and outside pole for the feature.

Modified heat one had the 911 of Kurt Hofsess and the 38 of Marty Meade on the front row and at the checkers it was the 911 of Kurt Hofsess backing up the top qualifying position with a heat win.

Heat two had the 10c of Gary Combs and the 12 of Rick Clark on the front row and at the checkers the 10c of Gary Combs the winner and outside pole for the feature.

Four-cylinder heat was next out with the 18k of John D.I. Henson and the 230 of Mike Strickland on the front row but at the checkers it was the X-Rated of John Allen taking the win.

Road hog heat had the 128 of Keith Branham and the 50 of Bucky Collins on the front row but at the checkers it was the 12 of Thomas Blakeman taking the win.

Bomber feature rolled out next with the 46 of Dennis DeBoard and the 31 of Albie Howell on the front row. As has been the case all year the bombers put on a whale of a show with close racing throughout the feature for the lead. DeBoard jumped out to the early lead but Howell fought back to lead lap two and would lead until the 10th lap when DeBoard was able to work back around to lead the next lap. Then on lap 11 Howell took the lead back and would lead the next two laps. But DeBoard would not go away and took the lead back on the 13th lap and would lead the next three laps to pick up a hard fought victory.

Second was the 31 of Albie Howell, third was the 2x of Tandy Spurlock, fourth was the MC3 of Randy McEmore, and fifth was the 77 of Randy Fannin.

After a break to give track officials time to water the track, the late models took to the track for the \$5,000 to win 50-lap feature. On the pole it was the 10 of Paul Harris and alongside was the 5L of Steve Lucas.

At the drop of the green flag it was Harris that got the point as they finished the first lap. Harris would lead the first three laps until Lucas was able

to find the line around Harris to take the lead.

Lucas and Harris would then proceed to pull away from the field trying to put as much distance between themselves and the rest of the field where there was a lot of close racing for positions. Harris and Lucas were very evenly matched as Harris stayed on the back bumper of Lucas the entire race just looking for the opportunity to take the lead back. But Lucas was very steady smfprotected his line well.

Lucas would lead the rest of the way to pick up the victory in the feature and a \$5,000 payday. After figuring the points after the race, Lucas also won the series bonus by accumulating the most points over the two-week period picking up a extra \$500 dollars.

Lucas moved from third in the points to first in the points after this weekend's racing for the series championship.

Second was the 10 of Paul Harris, third was the 39 of Henry Homsby who really put on a show moving up from dead last on the field. Fourth was the 4B of Jackie Boggs who was able to recover from an earlier spin top salvage a fourth place finish. Fifth was the 9 of Billy Drake.

The modified feature rolled out next with the 911 of Kurt Hofsess and the 10c of Gary Combs leading one of the largest fields this year to the line with a total of 19 cars on the starting grid. Hofsess jumped out to the early lead with Combs following in line in second.

In a caution-filled race, the cars stayed close together the entire race and one of the cautions was the second-place car of Combs which sent him to the tail giving second to the 12 of Rick Clark.

Combs would have a hard time mounting a run to the front with all the cautions holding him back and so much traffic to contend with.

Meanwhile up front Hofsess would hold the lead the rest of the way but Clark would make it an interesting finish as he tried to get a run on Hofsess near the end. But Hofsess would hold him off and take the win. Second was the 12 of Rick Clark, third was the 1 of Jason Johnson, fourth was the 82 of Randy Fouts, and fifth was the 4 of Victor Lee.

The four-cylinder feature had the X-Rated of John Allen and the 230 of Mike Strickland on the front row at the drop of the green. Allen was able to take the checkers to win the feature with the 230 of Mike Strickland taking second. Third was the 00 of Patrick Morris, fourth was the 98 of Kenny Jones, and fifth was the 18k of John D.I. Henson.

The road hog feature had the 12 of Thomas Blakeman and the 128 of Keith Branham on the front row and at the checkers it was the same running order with the 12 of Thomas Blakeman taking the win and the 128 of Keith Branham in second. Third was the 18k of John D.I. Henson, fourth was the R7 of Ryan Risner, and fifth was the 926 of Joe Stanley.

All in all it was a good night of racing with 17 late models in the pits and 19 modifieds, along with the regular crew of bombers, four-cylinders, and road hogs.

Thunder Ridge will be idle the next few weeks to allow all the Ridge regulars to attend all the big races coming up in the region. But Thunder Ridge will continue its season after the big races are over. Also be looking for a major announcement from the Thunder Ridge about a race to be added to the schedule. Nothing is confirmed as of yet, but as soon as it is the announcement will be made.



Battle scenes

The weather was to order for last weekend's Battle of Middle Creek re-enactment, both for re-enactors and viewers. The balmy and breezy temperatures were a far cry from the original battle, which took place in January, 1862. Civil War buffs from several states gathered on the campus of Prestonsburg Community College and the Samuel May House from Friday to Sunday. A goodly distance from reality, Confederate soldiers and sympathizers far outnumbered Unionists, but everyone, whether wearing the blue or the gray, seemed to be having fun.

You should have been there. — Pam Shingler

Ted Frasure and his son Trent, both of Prestonsburg, were working for the Confederacy on Sunday. The father is helping the son load a pistol from the Civil War era.



Though vastly outnumbered, this group of Union soldiers apparently had no cares on Sunday afternoon shortly before the big battle. The day was simply too beautiful to think about war.



Folsom FOAK by Clyde Pack

Political sins and wild disclosures nothing new

A friend passed along a book a while back called "American Eccentrics" by Carl Sifakis. The cover proclaimed that it contained "140 of the greatest human interest stories ever told." I can't speak for all 140 of them, but at least two of them really piqued my interest.

The first was about a fellow named John Symmes, who in 1818 petitioned the Congress of the United States to help fund an expedition. Now this in itself was not all that unusual, except this particular expedition was to begin by digging a hole from Siberia to the center of the earth, where Symmes expected to find a warm, rich land filled with vegetables and animals...if not humans.

As would be expected, Symmes' theory gained little interest and after a few years of his touring the country, and the world, seeking support, his theory was eventually dropped and forgotten.

However, even as goofy as they were, his appeals did not fall entirely on deaf ears, and one of his strongest supporters in Congress was one Richard M. Johnson, a Kentucky congressman, who would later become Martin Van Buren's vice president.

Apparently believing that one good nut deserves another, Sifakis devoted the next chapter to Johnson, and if his reports are true, Johnson was some character.

"The sins and wild disclosures about present-day political Washington pale when compared to (Richard M.) Johnson," Sifakis wrote.

Some of Johnson's critics worried about his being vice president and felt he'd be better suited for a prison cell or a lunatic asylum than he would have been for the White House.

Other than the "hollow-earth theory," they were also very put out with his womanizing. He was known to have flings with the wives of at least four senators and congressmen, and was suspected of being involved with three more.

And if that weren't enough, he openly had a love affair with a slave woman he'd inherited from his father.

But when Van Buren was renominated to run against Whig candidate William Henry Harrison, he dropped Johnson. So, Johnson, being the old Indian fighter that he was, ran for president on his own as an Independent.

While Harrison's famous slogan, "Tippecanoe and Tyler Too," rang throughout the land, Johnson, who claimed to have personally killed the famous Indian chief Tecumsh in 1813, countered with a slogan of his own: Rumpsey Dumpsey, Rumpsey Dumpsey, Colonel Johnson Killed Tecumsey."

Of course, Van Buren and Johnson both lost, but in 1841, Johnson was again elected to congress.

Folks around here might be interested in knowing that he was the same Richard M. Johnson for whom Johnson County, Kentucky, was named.



Henry and Kathy Smith of Jackson County felt right at home in their tent on the PCC campus last weekend. They travel to re-enactments throughout the year, in part, paying homage to their Union ancestors.



Julia Jayne of Flat Gap was into the moment. She wears a dress and modest apron, typical of farm girls in the mid-19th century. She goes with her family to many re-enactments.



Re-enactors with a Rebel unit line up for review by Confederate States of America President Jefferson Davis and his wife Varina, played by Cliff and Joan Howard. The Howards most often portray USA President Abraham Lincoln and First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln.

The purchase

Rick Conn serves with the Kentucky State Police, working out of Post 9 at Pikeville, and lives at Ivel with his pretty wife, Tracy, and their two children, Andrew and Madison.

One evening recently, Rick was nearing the end of a shift and thinking how good it would be to get home when he got a call from his commander. They had just had a complaint called in and were assigning him to check it out.

"Like what?" he asked.

"It's a report about a tomato theft," he was told.

Rick said, "You've got to be kidding," but all the time he was taking directions to an area he wasn't too familiar with. He turned his cruiser and headed out to find

SMALL WORLD by Aileen Hall



these people in Podunk Hollow (not the real name). When he knocked and the man came to the door, he asked, "Did you file a complaint?" And, of course, the man had. "The woman that lives in that mobile home out from us has been stealing my 'maters. I

watched her gather them up in her shirt tail, so I know it was her." "Do you want to prosecute her?" Rick asked, and the man said, "No." "Then why did you send for me?" he inquired. "What do you want me to do?" "I just want to make sure," he was told, "that she stays away from my peppers and cabbage."

Rick made his way to the woman's door and, when she answered his knock, he asked, "Ma'am, have you been stealing your neighbor's 'maters?"

"Has he called again?" she exclaimed, and Rick said, "That's why I'm here."

"I'll tell you the truth," she told him. "He said my dog urinated on his 'mater vine, so I paid him for the vine. I figured, then, that 'maters on that vine belonged to me, so I gathered them."

That sounded reasonable enough, but then he asked, "Do you have a bit of sale for that vine?"

The lady hesitated, but admitted, "No, I don't have."

"Then tell me you'll stay out of that man's 'mater patch!"

I guess she realized his was the voice of the law and she agreed to comply.

Case closed

Rick called the dispatcher at Post 9 to say he had checked out the complaint about the tomato theft. "And what is your report?" he was asked.

He told about the dog, the vine and the purchase, and how the lady failed to get a bill of sale. "So now she'll be getting her 'maters somewhere else."

"And you want me to put that in the log?" she asked him.

"I was sent on this call," he told her, "and by all means, I want it recorded."

Thanks!

A special hello and thanks to Herma Lee Roberts Skeens of Huntington, West Virginia. She's kind enough to read these bits of nothing and to send a nice little note once in a while. That always makes my day.

ATLA Consumer News

Dietary Supplements — Do You Know What You're Taking?

by FREDERICK M. BARON &
PENNY GOLD

In December 1999, 26-year-old Lisa Peterson made a cup of tea. While she prepared her drink, her left coronary artery's interior wall separated and collapsed, blocking her body's blood flow. Lisa died.

According to an article in The Houston Chronicle, her parents think the dietary supplement she was taking to control her weight—ephedra—killed her.

However, the medical examiner investigating the case could not say with certainty that ephedra was responsible. And ephedra manufacturers defend their product, saying that the natural 'remedy' is safe when taken according to directions.

But the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has linked the botanical supplement, which acts as a stimulant, to irregular heart beats, chest pain, tremor, and death.

The news that a natural supplement such as ephedra can cause physical harm surprises many. And the fact that powerful natural botanicals like ephedra are so loosely regulated by the government surprises even more.

But the fact is that many natural dietary supplements can have the same powerful effects that prescription and even illegal drugs have—but are not regulated as drugs by the FDA or prohibited by law.

FDA rules for approving drugs are stringent. The process begins when a chemical that a company or researcher believes to have medicinal value is tested in a laboratory and then on animals.

If the drug seems to have a future as a medicine, it will be tested—in a highly regulated manner—on humans. If this phase is successful, it will be tested on patients who have the disease the drug is meant to alleviate.

Then, the drug will be tested on even larger groups. After this, the FDA—with input from the drug's developers—review the data col-

lected on the drug, and determine whether it is 'safe and effective'—the standard the FDA must find before approving the drug for use.

But dietary supplements don't have to go through this process. The 1994 Dietary Supplement Health Education Act largely took away the FDA's power to regulate botanical dietary supplements.

Perhaps even more disturbing is the fact that pharmacists and other sellers of these products have little way of knowing if the product amounts listed on labels properly reflect what is in the bottles.

A May 2000 article in the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy examined the ephedra alkaloid content of 20 ephedra-containing products. The article showed that the actual amounts of ephedra alkaloid found in the products varied significantly from the amounts the labels promised. In one product, no ephedra alkaloid was found, in another, the amount of ephedra

varied drastically from lot to lot.

An editorial accompanying the article noted that "[t]he resultant danger to consumers is insidious, because many assume that all health-related products sold in the United States are labeled accurately and that dietary supplements, in particular, are safe. The peril is also widespread, because poor quality in dietary supplements extends well beyond those containing ephedra."

So be careful about the dietary supplements you take. Be sure to keep your family safe.

For more health and safety information and tips, visit ATLA's "Keep Our Families Safe" Web site at <http://familysafety.atla.org>.

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Penny Gold is the executive director of the Kentucky Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Appalshop seeking entries for exhibit

Images From the Mountains, a traveling exhibit of Appalachian artists, is seeking entries for its upcoming show.

Sponsored by Appalshop, this 15th annual exhibit is a juried exhibition of original paintings and works on paper. It is an opportunity for both established and emerging artists from the Appalachian counties of Kentucky and Virginia to exhibit their work at different locations in the year 2001.

The exhibit is open to any artist currently residing in eastern Kentucky and southwestern Virginia. Artists may submit up to three entries, for which there is no entry fee. Entries must be post-marked by October 6.

The show will open at Appalshop, in Whitesburg, on November 5, and then tour in Kentucky and possibly Virginia, through December 2001.

For more information, to request an entry form, or to become an exhibitor of the Images From the Mountains art show, contact Barbara Church Blair at 606/633-0108 or 606/633-8909; e-mail: bchurch@appalshop.org; Web site: www.appalshop.org; Fax: 606/633-1009.

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10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago (August 22 & 24, 1990)

Members of the U.S. State Department confirmed this week that they had spoken to local physician Syed Bader who was trapped August 2 in Kuwait, along with his wife and children. "The State Department told us that they got a cable from their post in Kuwait." Richard Lewis, press aide for Congressman Chris Perkins, said Monday...The State Department of Education will take no action at this time to resolve the teachers strike in Floyd County, according to State Superintendent of Public Instruction John Brock...No agreement was reached between striking Floyd County school teachers and the Floyd County Board of Education after representatives from both sides met yesterday at the Floyd County Library in Prestonsburg, to discuss how to end the walkout. Floyd County superintendent, Ron Hager, met with Floyd County Education Association representatives Bud Reynolds, Janice Allen and Carol Stumbo to negotiate an acceptable agreement to get teachers and students back in the classrooms as soon as possible...Getting students back into the classroom and trying to understand the position of the striking teachers has brought some differing opinions from four Floyd County Board of Education members...There died: Russell Preston, 60, of Craynor, at his residence; John W. "Soupman" Hardin, 50, of Inez, enroute to Humana Hospital, Louisa, from an apparent heart attack; James Robert Fife, 18, of East Point, as a result of an automobile accident; Webble Francisco Blevins, 78, of Langley, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; William Jesse Shepherd, 81, of West Prestonsburg, at his residence; Willa M. Hall, 76, of McDowell at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Matthew "Matt" Lewis Baldrige, 17, of East Point, as the result of an automobile accident; Eugene Donald Powell, 63, of Ivel, at University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington; Oneita Hall Johnson, 51, of Weeksbury, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington; Avanelle Cooley Wells, 78, of Wabasso, Florida, formerly of Wayland; in the Humana Hospital in Sebastian, Florida; Jack Nelson Jr., 22, of Dixie Heights, Prestonsburg.

Twenty Years Ago (August 20, 1980)

More room is needed in the Floyd County School System for kindergartners. The system received funding for 440 at the end of last year, but 543 have been enrolled...Local officials filed complaints against the census bureau this week that the population count was in error...Mayor Larry D. Hall of Martin threatened to file suit against the water commission to win control over it...Seven families of Jarrell Fork lodged a complaint with Congressman Perkins saying "personal prejudice" may have been used in deciding whom the new water line on Bull Creek would serve. Presently 17 miles of pipeline is schedule to serve 210 families...A recent ADD board resolution asked the attorney-general to monitor all transfer of oil and gas rights here and advises citizens to consult an attorney before concluding any oil or gas transactions...The victim of injuries apparently received when he was struck by an auto as he lay unconscious on a bridge on Tinker Fork of Mud Creek, Carson Tackett, 25, of Beaver, was pronounced dead on arrival at McDowell ARH where he was taken by the driver of the car shortly after 1 a.m. Tuesday...There died: Hiland Nelson, 78, of Town Branch, Sunday at HRMC; Nellie B.H. Reid, 75, of Prestonsburg, Monday at HRMC; Everett Pigman, 63, of Dema, Sunday at Our Lady of the Way; Eugene Akers, 48, of Toler Creek, Friday, Aug. 8 at his home; George Hill, 63, of Winchester area near Prestonsburg, Thursday at the VA Hospital in Lexington; Chadie F. Cochran, 64, of Bellfontaine, Ohio, formerly of Hunter, Friday; William Waugh, 83, of Kendallville, Ind., formerly of Wayland, Tuesday, August 12; Stella O. Hall, 62, of Marion, Ohio, formerly of McDowell, Saturday, August 9.

Thirty Years Ago (August 20, 1970)

Two of four men who last Sunday morning slugged John Burchett, 60-year-old turnkey, and fled the county jail remained at large Tuesday noon, despite one of the most intensive manhunts ever staged in the county...The Floyd County Board of Education went on the offensive last week in the long standing battle which developed after it moved to build a consolidated high school at Eastern, on Right Beaver Creek...A petition signed by 122 residents of Caney Fork of Middle Creek and vicinity, last Wednesday asked the Floyd Fiscal Court to set a load limit on KY 1210 (the Caney Fork road to Stephens Branch) "in order to stop the haulage by overweight trucks which have destroyed the road"...The beginning of work on the local flood protection project at Martin and vicinity has, with the appropriation by the Senate Committee on Appropriations last week of \$300,000 for the work, been assured in a matter of months...There died: Edmund Russell Burke, 72, Prestonsburg businessman, last Thursday in Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas; Mimia C. Conley, 77, of Garrett, Sunday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Grace D. Ford, 86, of Prestonsburg, last Tuesday at Berea; Elder Matt Moore, 68, of Price, Saturday at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Jim Manuel, 73, of Manton, Friday at OLWH; Rosie Conley Skeens, 63, of Hunter, last Tuesday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Lorraine Robinson Patton, 83, of Martin, Saturday at OLWH; Alice Stephens, 84, of Risner, Sunday at OLWH.

Forty Years Ago (August 25, 1960)

The towns of Prestonsburg and Paintsville prepared this week to join in a common fight against a proposed increase in the wholesale charge for gas by the Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company...Two of the county's nine high schools will open Monday with their principals having assistants...Dewey Lake, now in the fishing doldrums, may in a year or two become a greatly improved spot for anglers with a recent fish population study indicating a healthy population of white bass...Beginning next Monday, Prestonsburg will begin a community-wide clean-up effort, with the city government adding manpower and equipment to the efforts of citizens...There died: George W. Sizemore, 62, of Prestonsburg, Monday at Huntington, W. Va.; Alex Vernon Allen, 38, Sunday at the home at Allen; W.J. "Will" Barnett, 64, Thursday, at Our Lady of the Way; Coley Martin, 48, of Hueysville, Wednesday morning while at work at Glo; George Robinson, 46, of Water Gap, August 14 at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; Cora S. McHone, 59, of Prestonsburg, Friday at Wheelwright; Isaac Gunnell, 53, of Garrett, Friday at his home; Belle Kidd, 61, of Harold, Monday at home.

Fifty Years Ago (August 22, 1950)

The Floyd Fiscal Court was called together in special meeting today (Thursday) to enter an order which is necessary to bring to a vote at the regular November election the matter of a \$360,000 bond issue to pay for the county's part of the proposed \$1,200,000 county hospital...An earnest attempt will be made this year to place local taxation on the basis of full value assessment of property, with the tax rate adjusted only to realize the funds actually necessary for successful operation of the city government. Mayor Curtis Clark said this week...One Floyd Countian missing in Korea and three wounded were listed in recent casualty reports released by the Department of Defense in

(See YESTERDAYS, page three)

NEW ARRIVALS

Highlands Regional Medical Center

July 18: A son, Jacob C. Howell, to John and Lisa Howell of Raven.

July 20: A daughter, Madison Paige, to Tammy and Jeremy Marsillett of Meally.

July 21: A daughter, Alexis Paige, to Patty and Andy Lyons of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Mergan Preslee, to Carey and Robert Davis of Langley.

July 22: A daughter, Taylor Grace, to Vanessa and Tommy Jenkins of Salyersville.

July 25: A son, Berlin Kyle Joseph, to Ronnie and Gina Lisa Johnson of McDowell; a daughter, Destinee Hope, to Daniel and Lisa Lowe of Pilgrim.

July 26: A daughter, Amanda Nicole, to Bobby Lee Jr. and Mary Jane McCoy of Martin.

July 27: A son, Bill Lewis, to Jacqueline and Effort Thomsberry of Kite; a son, Jacob Matthew, to Christy and Tony Burns of Nippa.

July 28: A daughter, Emilee LeReu Little, to Anna Lee Mitchell of Eastern.

July 29: A daughter, Rhiana Lauryn, to Casey Renee and Randy Allen Hall of Flat Gap.

July 31: A son, Hayden Wesley, to Amy Elizabeth and Wesley Ferrell Halbert, of Martin; a son, Bobby Wayne, to Mary Jane and Wendell Ray LeMaster of Salyersville; a son, Dalton Trey, to Amber Richmond of Paintsville.

August 1: A daughter, Evelyn Ruth, to Linford and Rachel Weaver of Keaton; Floyd Michael Millie Walter, to Vernie and Floyd Michael Cantrell of Sitka.

August 2: A son, Bradley Don, to Ethel Mae and Donnie Jarrell of Prestonsburg.

August 3: A son, Isaac Quincy, to Vicki Lynette and James Walter Owens of East Point; a daughter, Raneem Sabbaq, to Mazen Sabbaq of Hindman.

August 4: A son, Drake Clavie, to Travis and Jennifer Conn of Martin.

August 5: A daughter, Mahayla Breighann, to Terry and Jennifer Caudill of Salyersville.

August 6: A son, James Hunter, to Sherri and James Russell of Salyersville; a daughter, Heather Marie, to Crystal and James Stamper of Leander.

August 8: A daughter, Madison Brook, to Andrea Blair, of Staffordsville.

August 9: A son, Aaron Donovan Spears, to Wenda Bryan of Boons Camp.

August 10: A daughter, Alyssa Nicole, to Kanawha Ray and Patricia Ann Slone of Topmost.

August 11: A son, David Dalton, to David and Chasity Godsey of Bonnyman; a son, Camron Michael Ryan Barnett, to Heather New of Martin.

August 12: A daughter, Shannor Reana, to Jeannie and Clayton Howard of Gunlock; a son, Michael Tyler, to Dwayne and Jodie Shortridge of Prestonsburg.

August 13: A daughter, Kenya Bra Shell, to Shelly and Kenneth Collins of Pinetop; a son, Samuel Lee Monroe, to Cletis and Delilia Robinson of Pilgrim; a daughter, Allie Marie, to Charles David and Denise Trusty of Salyersville.

August 13: A son, Jeremy Wade Hunter, to Debbie K. Collins of Topnot.

August 14: A daughter, Brooke Sierra, to Gina E. and Kirk Savage of Keaton; a son, Owen Casey, to Pamela and James Woodward of Van Lear.

Magoffin Princess to be selected

Girls ages four-10 throughout the area may enter the Little Miss Magoffin County Princess Pageant, to be held Saturday, August 26, at 2 p.m., at the old post office building in Salyersville.

The pageant is a preliminary to the Little Miss Kentucky Pageant and is sponsored by the Miss Magoffin County Scholarship Pageant. Two winners will be crowned.

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WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS



Hurd-Moore

Jeanette Hurd of Hippo and Orville Moore of Prestonsburg were united in marriage on August 5, 2000, at 2 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. The bride is the daughter of Tildon and Jeannie Howard and the granddaughter of Willis and Ethel Howard, all of Hippo. The groom is the son of John Moore of Mousie and Bobby Sue Moore of Prestonsburg.



Newsome-Mabry

Bridget Leigh Newsom and Dr. Tim Mabry were united in marriage at the Sanders Chapel at Lexington Theological Seminary on June 17, 2000. Dr. Stephen Besson officiated. The bride is the daughter of Doug and Wanda Newsom of Prestonsburg. She is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School and Eastern Kentucky University and is employed by Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital. The groom is the son of George and Hedia Mabry of Melber. He is a graduate of Murray State University and the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry and the College of Medicine. He is employed by the UK Chandler Medical Center. The couple reside in Lexington.



Rose-Spurlock

Susan Leslie Rose and Burl Wells "Beau" Spurlock II plan to be united in marriage on Saturday, August 26, 2000, at 5:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg. The Rev. Wayne A. Sayre is to officiate, and a reception is to follow at the Paintsville Country Club. The prospective bride is the daughter of Darrell and Bonita Rose of Pikeville and the granddaughter of Bill Rose of Pikeville. She is a graduate of Pikeville High School and of the University of Kentucky, where she earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She is a clinical pharmacist with the JFK Medical Center in Atlantis, Florida. The groom-elect is the son of Burl Wells and Jeanne Spurlock of Prestonsburg and the grandson of Davis and Lorraine Stapleton of Paintsville and Jack C. Castle of Flat Gap. He is a graduate of Paintsville High School and earned a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture from UK. He is a landscape architect with Kilday and Associates in West Palm Beach, Florida. The wedding ceremony will be open.

Yesterdays

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Washington...With more than four months remaining, this year's 4244 passenger car licenses issued at the office of County Clerk DuRan Moore have already passed last year's figure of 4200 according to computations which included registrations of Wednesday, August 16...There died: Thomas Amburga, 77, of Johns Creek, Sunday at the home here of a daughter; Stella May Conn, 38, of Arkansas Creek, Sunday at her home; Nettie DeRossett Jarrell, 64, of Bull Creek, Monday at her home.

Sixty Years Ago (August 22, 1940)

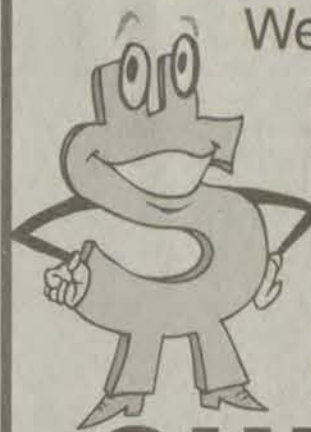
Committees of businessmen, representing different sections of Floyd County, met last Friday evening at the Beaver Valley Country Club, Allen, in a movement to procure better roads...The rumor persisting here that the foundation of the new grade school building is faulty was branded this week as "wholly untrue" by O.T. Stephens, chairman of the

City Board of Education...A 16-year-old boy, fleeing the scene of a revolver duel at Tram late Saturday afternoon, was shot and killed as the two principals in the fight fell dying...Preparatory to beginning the construction of a 28-mile pipe line from White Oak on Buffalo Creek, this county, to Middle Fork, Martin County, the Warfield Natural Gas Company has already begun right-of-way clearance and road construction for the project which is expected to cost around \$250,000...Floyd Countians are still talking about the big fish fry put on by the Floyd County Fish and Game Club Sunday in the Graham Porter Bottom here...There died: Buck Bush, 19, last Thursday of electrical shock suffered as he worked to repair a trolley wire for the Ligon Coal Company; Herbert Frazier, 21, Sunday at his home at Myrtle; Fannie B. Ratliff, 37, Friday at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Maude Hall, 17, Monday at the home of her parents on Mud Creek following a fall from a truck; Nancy Ratliff, Monday at her home at Risner; Josh Laferty, 67, Thursday night at his home on Brush Creek.

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Reunions

• Childers family reunion, Saturday, August 26, Dewey Dam, Picnic Hollow, Shelter House No. 3, beginning at 11 a.m. Bring a covered dish and cold drinks. Descendants of Abraham and Elizabeth Preston Childers, who settled in what is now Lawrence County in early 1800s. Contact Donna Cox, 1720 Phillip St., Ironton, Ohio 45638; 740/532-6301, or e-mail coxd@zoomnet.net.

• Shepherd family reunion, Saturday, August 26, noon, Shelter No. 4, Dewey Lake. Bring a covered dish and new towel, wash cloth or dish towel. Call 606/377-0519.

• Miller reunion, descendants of James Wilse and Sam Jr., Sunday, August 27, Shelter No. 2, Spillway, Dewey Lake, JWSRP. Bring covered dish, copies of old and new photos of family members and brief family tree. Call Carol Sherman, 606/859-748-5460; e-mail, csherman@sear-net.com.

• Scott family reunion, September 2 and 3, The Pines, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Bring covered dish and dessert; meat is furnished. Call Burette Scott Moore at 606/358-4107, or Ralph Scott, 606/358-4267.

• Wells family reunion, descendants of Revolutionary War soldier Richard Wells (1760-1838) and Susannah Hutchison Wells, September 2-3, Johnson Central High School, Paintsville. Tour of cemetery at 3 p.m., and genealogical workshop at 6 p.m., Saturday; bring favorite food for dinner on Sunday, and bring pictures and genealogical materials. Call Bobby Wells, 606/886-2101, email qwells@eastky.net, or John Wells III, 606/789-1940 or email doredad@foothills.net.

• Dwale Homecoming, 10th annual, September 1-2, Dwale Shelter; beginning Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturday at 11 a.m. Bring a covered dish. Contact Lou Ellen Goble, 606/874-0041, or Phyllis Fields, 874-2769.

• Maytown Community Reunion, Labor Day Weekend, September 1-3. Contact Libby Ree Flanery, 606/285-3413.

• McDowell High School Homecoming, September 1-4, McDowell Elementary Campus. Call 606/377-2678.

• Wayland Homecoming 2000, September 1-3, sponsored by Wayland Historical Society. Call 358-9471.

• Garrett School Reunion, September 2, Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, JWSRP. For information, write Garrett Reunion, PO Box 170, Eastern, KY 41622.

• Auxier Homecoming 2000, September 1-3; registration, \$25/couple, \$15/stag. PO Box 65, Auxier, KY 41602.

• Paintsville High School All-Alumni Weekend, September 1-4, Paintsville High School. Call J.C. Blevins, 606/789-3126.

• Howard family reunion, descendants of James, John, John E., and Brack Howard, Sunday, September 3, at the Willard, Ohio, City Park. Call Dr. Richard D. Howard in Winchester, 859/744-3752.

• Griffith family reunion, descendants of George and

Matilda Griffith and their children, Sunday, September 3, Archer Park Picnic Shelter, Prestonsburg, 11 a.m. The Griffiths' children were Lindsay Griffith, George Griffith, Ellen Music, Ali Griffey, Johnny Griffith, Vicie Burchett, Zella Burchfield, Wallace Griffith, and Pricie Spears. Call Mary Jane Murphy, 606/886-6954.

• Ousley family reunion, descendants of Perry and Millie Crager Ousley and Dockie and Thelma Hale Ousley, Sunday, September 3, Archer Park, Shelter beside softball field. Bring a covered dish. Call Dennis Ousley, 606/285-3335, or Jimmie Ousley, 285-3337.

• Layne family reunion, Sunday, September 3, Tom's Creek Baptist Church, Ivel, 1-4 p.m. Bring covered dish. Call 606/874-2821.

• Parsons family reunion, Sunday, September 3, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Isaac Parsons Cemetery on Parsons Branch, off KY 979, Big Mud. Covered dish dinner begins at 1 p.m. Call E.J. Parsons, 865/426-7585, or Amos Carroll, 606/478-2338.

• Blankenship-Hatfield family reunion, Saturday, September 9, beginning at noon, Thelma Community Center (Johnson County). Family and friends of Richard and Jettie Hatfield Blankenship, Nancy and Wilbur Blankenship and Joseph and Pricy Hatfield. Catered picnic at 2 p.m.; auction at 3 p.m. Call Sue Blankenship-Fairchild, 606/789-6866.

• Collins-Spears family reunion, descendants of Rhesa (Rece) and Mary Collins and Thomas and Rutha (Spears) Spears, Sunday, September 10, Picnic Hollow, Dewey Dam, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Bring favorite food for dinner at noon. Call Pat Womack, 606/473-7192; Bill "Wendell" Stafford, 740/532-4926, or Wanda Collins, 606/836-8297.

(** New to list)
The Reunion Calendar is a free service. Send reunion announcements to Pam Shingler, Floyd County Times, PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; fax 606/886-3603; e-mail fctimes@eastky.net.



ANNIVERSARIES



Celebrate 50 years

Thelma and Billy R. Pruitt of Abbott Road in Prestonsburg were honored with a 50th wedding anniversary celebration on July 15, 2000, at May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. They were married on July 19, 1950, at the Methodist Church in Salyersville. Family and friends gathered for a luncheon buffet given by their daughters, Pat Hackworth and Rose Risner, and reminisced with stories of the couple's 50 years of marriage. Their granddaughter, Renee Stone, and grandson-in-law, Chuck Stone, wrote a poem in honor of their grandparents and read it at the gathering. It follows.

50 years ago neither of us knew
That every precious vow would be true.
When I took your hand,
Only God knew what the future planned.
Over the years, closer we grew
Like seedlings planted in the dirt,
Just enough love and tenderness,
Withered whenever apart,
Leaning on each other in darkness and hurt.
Our strong roots never broken, occasionally they may bend.
You are my lover, my shoulder, especially my best friend.
For 18,250 days growing beside you... my permanent address.

50 years, I have worn this band
Since July 19, 1950, when you took my hand.
Wonderful children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren,
Living so close we can't get rid of them.
Through old photographs,
We can look back and laugh.
Today we sit engulfed by gold,
Surrounded by friends, smiles and stories of old.
Our love will continue to last
Like today, as in the future, strong as the past.

50 years where have they gone?
I could not have ever made this journey alone.

Hall family has reunion

by CELIA WARD LITTLE

The 18th annual reunion of the descendants of Hen and Amy Johnson Hall was held on August 12, at the homeplace of Harve Hall on Sand Lick, near Whitesburg in Letcher County.

Prayer was led by Jonah Hall of Topmost, and silent prayer was observed for all deceased members. Those attending enjoyed good food and fellowship.

A prize was given for the oldest member present — Hargis Hall of McDowell. The ones traveling the farthest were Hattie Ernestine Anderson and her husband, Wesley, of Buena Park, California.

The youngest family member was Gregory Gene Kincer. The Harve Hall family had the most members present. Jonah and Emma Hall were recognized for being married the longest.

All children under 16 were given gold dollars as prizes, and pictures were taken of the different families.

Attending were Celia Ward

Little of Minnie; Milton and Alice Little of Winchester; Anna L. South and her husband of Williamsburg, Ohio; Jonah and Emma Hall of Topmost; Alberta and Paul Triplett of Gallion, Ohio; Tivis and Loretta Meade of Rittman, Ohio; Jeff and Marie Hall of McDowell; Jeff Hall of Lexington; Johnny Harve and Melessia Mounts of Lexington; J.D. and Janet Hall Jones and daughters Callie and Cara of Nicholasville; Polly Anne Mounts Stone and husband Bill of Nicholasville.

Also, Judge Sam T. Wright III, Sammy IV, and Alex Wright of Whitesburg; Seldom Wright Price of Whitesburg; Henry and Retheal Meade of Bevinville; Alpha Meade Bates of Whitesburg; Hattie Ernestine and Wesley Anderson of Buena Park, California; Shirley Lupo of New Bohem, Michigan; Harriet Berman of Royal Oak, Michigan; Jessie Ainsworth of Tucson, Arizona; Ernest Mullins of Indianapolis, Indiana; Glennis and Rosemary Hall of Wheelwright; Laura Hall

Nelson and son, Wesley, of Concord, New Hampshire.

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Guests included I.M. (Mike) Caudill, Joy Caudill, Panata and Claude Ond and Lois Baker, all of Whitesburg.

Sixth armored division association to hold conference in Louisville

The 6th Armored Division will host its 53rd annual National Convention, September 12-17, at the Galt House in Louisville.

This conference is expected to be the final reunion for the Sixth Armored Division making its expected attendance the largest in its history. More than 900 delegates from the U.S. and five foreign countries are

expected to attend. The Sixth Armored Division came into existence 35 miles south of Louisville at Fort Knox on February 15, 1942. Its first reunion was held at the Seelbach Hotel in July of 1948.

For more information, contact Edward F. Reed, 502/451-9822.

728th railway operating battalion to meet in Louisville on Sept. 14-16

The World War II 728th Railway Operating Battalion's (R.O.B.) 55th annual reunion will be held September 14-16, at the Galt House in Louisville. The 55th annual convention is expected to draw nearly 50 delegates.

The 728th R.O.B. was formed during World War II by the Louisville and Nashville Railroad with Col. Carl D. Love, Commander, and consisting of mostly railroad employees, from the L&N and other railroads. They served in Europe from December 1943 to

December 1945, operating supply, hospital and other trains in France and Germany.

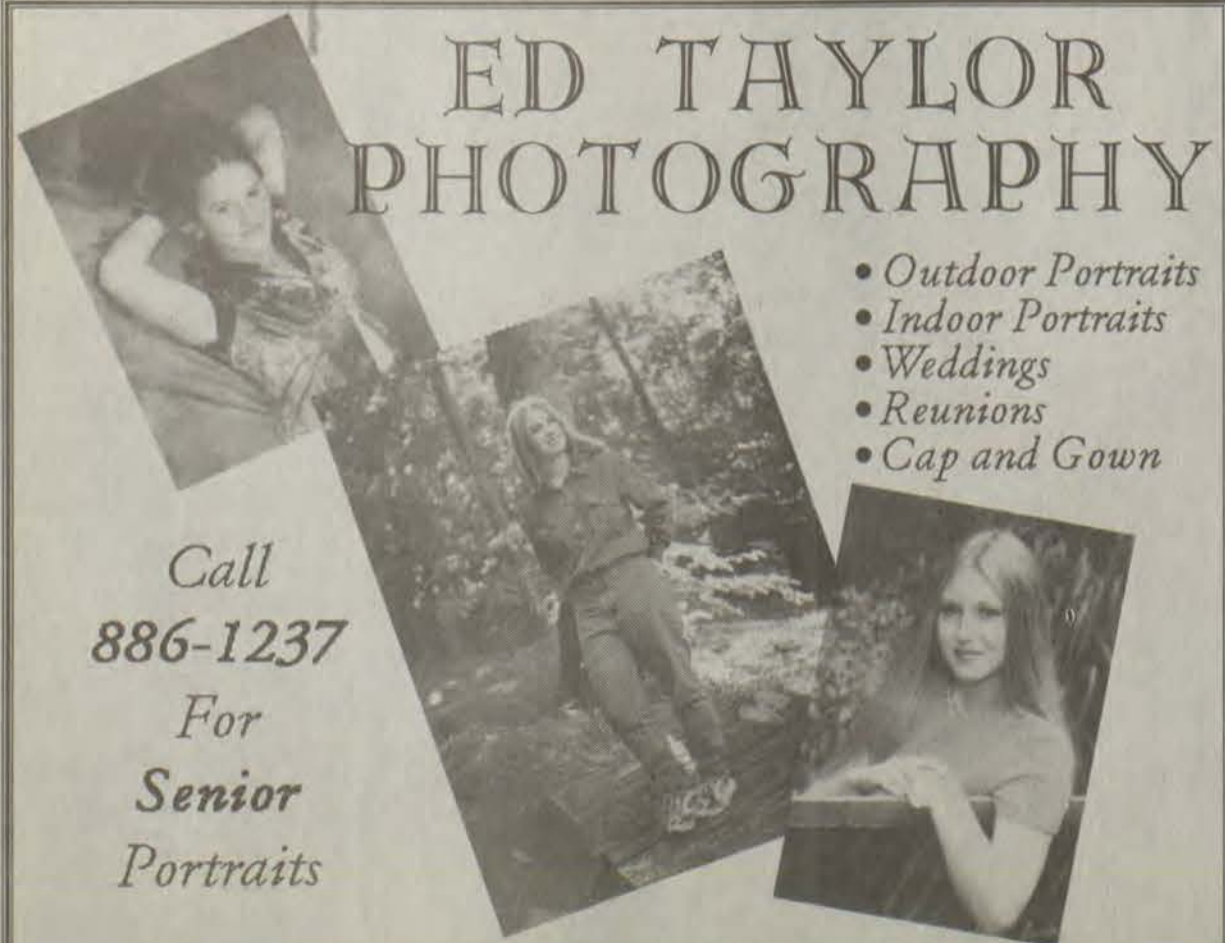
During World War II there were 50 Railway Battalions under the Military Railway Service and U.S. Army Transportation Corps. The 728th Battalion's last reunion in Louisville was at the Galt House in 1993.

For more information, contact Richard Fenzel, Host-member, 502/895-4893.

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Building upon the success of entrepreneurship clubs (E-clubs) in Jackson, Rockcastle, Lincoln and Owsley counties, Forward in the Fifth is offering financial and technical assistance to other schools that would like to begin these clubs as an extra-curricular activity.

"We want to help young people

and their schools explore new opportunities for homegrown economic development," said Ginny Eager, Forward in the Fifth's executive director. "We want to help young people see that there is a possibility of starting their own business and that there are specific skills needed to make that a reality."

With the \$15,000 grant from the Coleman Foundation, Forward in the Fifth will be able to provide training to adult sponsors of new E-clubs, establish a revolving loan fund to provide start-up capital to

student E-Club members and develop plans for sharing information about E-Clubs with others across Kentucky.

Forward in the Fifth has been sponsoring E-Clubs since 1994, when it established a Student Entrepreneurship Center. Students have established a number of businesses, selling items such as snow cones, candles, jewelry and food. There have also been service businesses, such as babysitting and pet information.

Forward in the Fifth is a private

nonprofit local education fund that serves 55 public schools systems in 41 eastern and southern Kentucky counties.

It was organized in 1986 to address the fact that Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District (as it was prior to 1991) had the highest percentage of adults without a high school education in the nation. Today, Forward in the Fifth works to bring communities and schools together to ensure all children have the educational opportunities necessary to live full and productive lives.

What will the duties of your executor be?

by J.R. BLACKBURN

When you write a will, you name an executor (or a personal representative) to carry out the distribution and management of your estate after your death. Legally, anyone other than a minor or incompetent individual may be your executor. You may choose your spouse, relative, friend, attorney or professional fiduciary. At the time you name the executor, it's also a good idea to

name a contingent executor to take over in case your primary executor cannot serve at the time of your death.

What will your executor do? After your death, your executor's typical duties depend upon your will and may include:

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* Managing and investing estate assets, if necessary,

* Selling assets, if necessary, to pay estate taxes and expenses.

* Keeping detailed records and submitting them to your beneficiaries and/or the probate court for approval,

* Distributing your estate's assets to your beneficiaries, and

* Hiring an attorney or tax specialist to prepare and file all the required federal and state tax returns and handle other tax-related requirements in order to close the estate.

Because of the responsibility that being an executor entails, be sure to consult the proposed execu-

tor and the contingent executors you wish to name before meeting with your legal advisor to put it in writing.

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J.R. Blackburn is associate vice president at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in Pikeville; 606/432-5888.



Beth Mullins of Martin gets into her new 2001 Grand Am, which she won as an independent sales director of Mary Kay Cosmetics. Mullins, who directs 45 beauty consultants, also won a car in 1999. Her goal, she said, is to win one of the company's legendary pink Cadillacs. Mullins has been working with Mary Kay for four years. She oversees consultants in Floyd, Johnson and Pike counties, as well as several other counties. She has her own web site, www.bmullins@itiseasy.

Promotions? New hires? Relocations? Renovations? Change of hours?

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Prestonsburg tourism director Fred James makes a point during the Center for Rural Development's strategy meeting on tourism on August 17. Among others participating were, from left, Regina Becknell of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce; Barbara Stacey of the Morgan County judge-executive's office; and Misha Curnutte of Prestonsburg Tourism.

Group looks at improving tourism industry in area

STORY AND PHOTOS
by **PAM SHINGLER**
BUSINESS EDITOR

What stands in the way of tourism being a viable economic boon in this region? How can we make the tourism industry grow?

Those were some of the questions considered last Thursday when representatives of the Center for Rural Development met with local people to discuss the future of tourism in eastern and central Kentucky.

The center is committed to coming up with a tourism development plan for its 40-county territory, according to center director Hilda Legg.

However, Legg promised this "will not be another plan that goes on the shelf."

She said, "We need to put together a strategy, take it to Congressman (Hal) Rogers and say here's how much money we need."

With the help of consultants John Whiteman and Debbie Geiger, participants listed the major barriers, or "hurdles," to growth of tourism in the state's Appalachian region.

A lack of coordination among those involved in tourism was at the top of the list, along with the lack of adequate funding.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin said the city has access to thousands of historical artifacts, relating to coal mining, logging and culture in the area that could be displayed in a local museum, but it lacks the money for a building to house them.

The image of eastern Kentucky as a backward place, full of ignorant and feuding people, is another major barrier to tourism success, the group agreed.

Despite vast improvements to area highways, access to tourist attractions, such as the Loretta Lynn

homeplace, and to some potential attractions, such as coal camp communities, remains a problem.

Some cited the problem of sustaining citizen involvement and interest in tourism sites as an ongoing

James was the first to mention the need for coordination of tourism activities throughout the region. "We need a regional picture," he said. "We need a coordinator of marketing."

Legg said that is the goal of the strategy meetings throughout the Somerset-based center's region. The local meeting at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park was the last of nine meetings around eastern and southern Kentucky.

Brainstorming led to a list of roles for a regional tourism office. Such an office could put together the "catalog of resources," envisioned by James. Information could be available both on paper and over the Internet.

A regional tourism office could also coordinate a revolving loan program for private investors interested in developing tourism-related businesses, such as shops and charter tour packages.

Participants had several ideas for tourism development, including a museum to spotlight country music's roots in the area and the reconstruction of a coal camp.

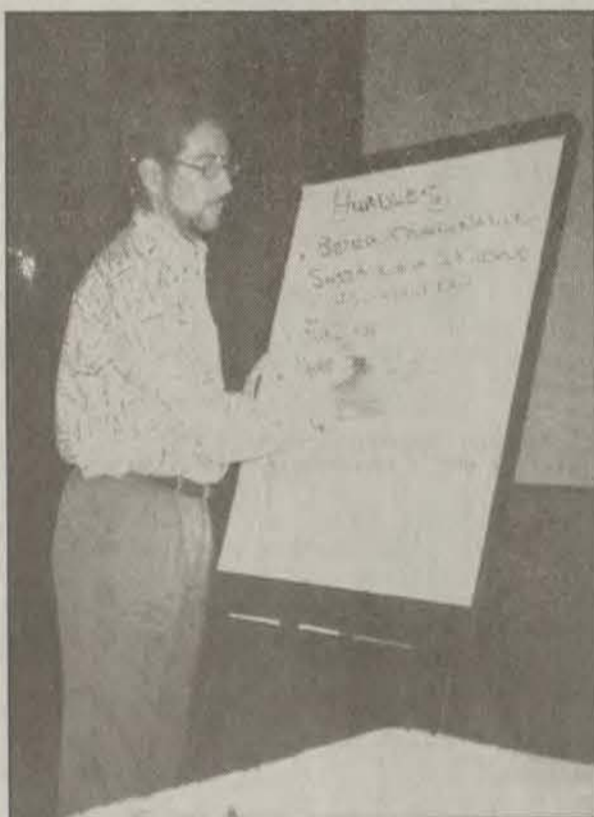
James offered an idea for the development of a living history of the area, starting with a recreation of an early heritage village with settlers cabins and Native American teepees, with a continuum through the Civil War and the evolution of the logging and mining industries in the area.

James also said more effort needs to be put into "marketing all of US 23" from Michigan to Florida.

Asked what characteristics should stand out in promoting the region, the meeting participants came up with the mountains, friendly people, folk culture, water, recreation, "down home atmosphere," arts and crafts, authenticity, "Mayberry-esque" qualities.

"There are many things here to draw people," said consultant Geiger.

Legg said that the ideas coming from this and other area meetings will be analyzed by the consultants and center staff and a report will be issued in late September.



Consultant John Whiteman keeps track of the hurdles to tourism development in the region. He conducted the Thursday session at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, the ninth such session throughout the region that week.

ing barrier to success, and another barrier, one participant contended, is a lack of vision among area leaders.

What the region does have to attract tourists is largely unknown to its own residents, another participant said. Several people agreed that leaders need to do more to educate area residents about what is already here. The lack of a "cross-county" newspaper contributes to the problem, one said.

Fred James, director of tourism for the city of Prestonsburg, said the region needs a "catalog of products" that will show people what is available in the area.

What is the Chamber of Commerce?

by **REGINA BECKNELL**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FLOYD COUNTY CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

Chamber Notes

What is the Chamber of Commerce? If you were asked to tell someone what the Chamber of Commerce is, what would you say?

To get a general view of what people are familiar with regarding the Chamber of Commerce, my husband, Darrell Becknell, playing the roving reporter, asked five people, "What is the Chamber of Commerce?"

The results showed three out five were not sure. These were business and public people unacquainted with the many benefits the chamber has to offer.

According to the New World Dictionary, the Chamber of Commerce is an association established to further the business interests of its community — in more layman terms, an association designed to voice the needs of the area businesses in their respective communities.

small portion of the many duties the Chamber of Commerce performs each day.

Not many people are aware that the Chamber of Commerce can help you locate lodgings and restaurants and information on regional events, sells the county map, maintains economic statistics, gives out relocation information for new families and promotes your county throughout the state of Kentucky. All of this is in addition to supporting the businesses of Floyd County.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase I and II bond release on Permit No. 836-0273, Increment No. 1, which was last issued on May 8, 1998. The application covers an area of approximately 34.06 acres located 3.2 miles south of Blue Moon in Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 2.5 miles south from KY 2030's junction with Little Mud Creek Road and located at the head of Little Mud Creek and Upper Wolfpen Branch. The latitude is 37°27'56". The longitude is 82°42'08".

The Bond now in effect is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$46,700.00. Approximately 85% of the original bond amount of \$46,700.00 is included in the application for Phase I and II Bond Release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes: backfilling and grading; soil sampling and testing; fertilizing, seeding, mulching, and the establishment of initial growth of vegetation completed Fall, 1993.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for October 2, 2000, at 10:00 a.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 September 22, 2000.

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In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 25 Tollage Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for a Phase II & III bond release on Increment's No. 2 & 3 of permit number 836-0208 which was last issued on January 27, 1999. The application covers an area of approximately 57.6 acres located 1 mile west of Tram, KY, in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 3 miles southeast from State Route 1426's junction with U.S. 23 and located 1/4 mile west of Stratton Branch. The latitude is 37°34'34". The longitude is 82°40'55".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 2 of permit number 836-0208 is a surety bond in the amount of fifty one thousand two hundred dollars (\$51,200.00). Approximately one hundred percent (100%) of the original bond amount is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 3 of permit number 836-0208 is a surety bond in the amount of sixteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$16,500.00). Approximately one hundred percent (100%) of the original bond amount is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching completed in the Spring of 1990. The establishment of the approved post-mine land use has been achieved.

This is the final advertisement of the application. 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 September 22, 2000.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for September 25, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office located at 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 September 22, 2000.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for a phase I, II & III bond release on Increment's No. 1, 8 & 11 and a phase I bond release on Increment's No. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 & 14 of permit number 836-0261, which was last issued on September 15, 1999. The application covers an area of approximately 869.28 acres located 0.75 miles north of Prestonsburg in Floyd County.

The permit 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°41'00". The longitude is 82°45'13".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 1 of Permit number 836-0261 is a surety bond in the amount of sixteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$16,600.00). Approximately one hundred percent (100%) of the original bond amount of sixteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$16,600.00) is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 3 of Permit number 836-0261 is a surety bond in the amount of five hundred thirty six thousand eight hundred dollars (\$536,800.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of five hundred thirty six thousand eight hundred dollars (\$536,800.00) is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 4 of Permit number 836-0261 is a surety bond in the amount of three hundred twenty thousand five hundred dollars (\$320,500.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of three hundred twenty thousand five hundred dollars (\$320,500.00) is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 5 of Permit number 836-0261 is a surety bond in the amount of twenty five thousand four hundred dollars (\$25,400.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of twenty five thousand four hundred dollars (\$25,400.00) is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 6 of Permit number 836-0261 is a surety bond in the amount of two hundred fifty one thousand two hundred dollars (\$251,200.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of two hundred fifty one thousand two hundred dollars (\$251,200.00) is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 7 of Permit number 836-0261 is a

surety bond in the amount of three hundred three thousand five hundred dollars (\$303,500.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of three hundred three thousand five hundred dollars (\$303,500.00) is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 8 of Permit number 836-0261 is a surety bond in the amount of seven hundred eight thousand dollars (\$708,000.00). Approximately one hundred percent (100%) of the original bond amount of seven hundred eight thousand dollars (\$708,000.00) is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 11 of Permit number 836-0261 is a surety bond in the amount of twenty three thousand two hundred dollars (\$23,200.00). Approximately one hundred percent (100%) of the original bond amount of twenty three thousand two hundred dollars (\$23,200.00) is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for increment No. 12 of Permit number 836-0261 is a surety bond in the amount of twenty three thousand five hundred dollars (\$23,500.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of twenty three thousand five hundred dollars (\$23,500.00) is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for increment No. 13 of Permit 836-0261 is a surety bond in the amount of one hundred forty nine thousand two hundred dollars (\$149,200.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of one hundred forty nine thousand two hundred dollars (\$149,200.00) is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for increment No. 14 of Permit number 836-0261 is a surety bond in the amount of eighty five thousand seven hundred dollars (\$85,700.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of eighty five thousand seven hundred dollars (\$85,700.00) is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in February of 2000. The establishment of the approved post-mine land use has been achieved.

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NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 CIVIL ACTION NO.00-CI-00264

CONSECO FINANCIAL SERVICING CORP. F/K/A GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERVICING CORP., PLAINTIFF VS: RICKY DALE McDANIELS and SHARON KAY McDANIELS, DEFENDANTS

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 5th day of June, 2000, in the above styled cause, for the principal sum of \$99,925.32 as of May 15, 2000, and attorneys fees in the amount of \$1,933.98 together with interest at the rate of 7.71% per annum from the entry of judgment herein and court costs of \$284.00, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 7th day of September, 2000, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, said real estate being located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being Lot 19 of the Eagle Creek Subdivision as shown on plat recorded in File #980, containing 0/44 acres, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office. The above described lot is shown on the map or plat of Eagle Trace Subdivision prepared by Fitch Land Surveying Co., dated August 10, 1997, and recorded in Map No. 980, Floyd County Clerk's records, and said lot is subject to those certain reservations, restrictions, and easements which are by reference made part of this deed and which have been filed with the above reference Subdivision map and the Declaration recorded in Miscellaneous Book 5, Page 713, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's records. A copy of said Declaration has been given to Grantee herein, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

Being the same property conveyed to Ricky D. McDaniels and Sharon K. McDaniels, husband and wife, by deed of even date as mortgage and recorded simultaneously herewith. For source of title see Deed Book 417, page 42.

1998 Cavalier Homes, Pacesetter 28' x 60' mobile home, Serial No. ALCA0897568S2998 9AB.

The property hereinabove described is indivisible and cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and the value of the Defendants' interest therein, and will be sold as a whole. The liens herein adjudged shall attach

to the proceeds of said sale of the real estate in priority as follows: The Plaintiff, Conseco Finance Servicing Corp., f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corp., is adjudged to have a first and superior mortgage lien (subject only to any appropriate liens of Floyd County, Kentucky).

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The Plaintiff, Conseco Finance Servicing Corp., f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corp., is adjudged to have a first and superior mortgage lien (subject only to any appropriate liens of Floyd County, Kentucky).

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of the bid price down, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and shall be sold with the improvements thereon, "as is", and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay Floyd County real property taxes for the fiscal year 2000, and all subsequent years not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein. THIS THE 17th DAY OF AUGUST, 2000.

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the original was forwarded to Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, with true and correct copies of the foregoing duly mailed, postage prepaid, this the 17th day of August 2000, to:

Hon. Christopher M. Hill P. O. Box 4989 Frankfort, KY 40604-4989

Hon. Phillip D. Damron P. O. Box 117 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Ricky Dale McDaniels Sharon Kay McDaniels 574 Eagle Tract Blvd. Harold, KY 41635

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on September 7, 2000 at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the offices of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY for the purpose of an Examination By The Public Service Commission Of The Application Of The Fuel Adjustment Clause Of American Electric Power Company From November 1, 1999 through April 30, 2000.

Errol K. Wagner Director of Regulatory Affairs Kentucky Power Company d/b/a American Electric Power

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION NO. I
CIVIL ACTION
NO. 99-CI-00609

CONTIMORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF
VS:
TIANN BRANHAM, GEORGE BRANHAM, and FLOYD COUNTY URBAN RENEWAL and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, DEFENDANTS

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 12th day of July, 2000 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled cause, for judgment against the primary Defendant, Tiann Branham, in the total sum of \$40,884.42, together with interest at the rate of 10.91 per diem from November 26, 1998, until paid plus costs herein and any sums expended by plaintiff for insurance, ad valorem taxes or for preservation of the real estate until date of sale, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 7th day of September, 2000, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, said real estate being located and lying at 56 Branham Hollow, Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky 41669, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NO. 55 AS DELINEATED ON THE SUBDIVISION PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY RICHARD E. MARTIN AND FILED IN MAP DRAWER 348A IN THE OFFICE OF THE FLOYD COUNTY COURT CLFRK. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO GEORGE BRANHAM AND TIANN BRANHAM, HUSBAND AND WIFE, BY DEED DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 1982, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 270, PAGE 228 OF THE FLOYD COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS. The property hereinabove described is indivisible and cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and the value of the Plaintiff's lien thereon, and will be sold as a whole.

The property hereinabove described shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth in order to satisfy the debt owed the Plaintiff by the Defendants, attorney fees, and Floyd County Ad Valorem taxes owed by the Defendants.

The liens herein adjudged shall attach to the proceeds of said sale of the real estate in priority as follows:
The Plaintiff, Contimortgage Corporation is adjudged to have a first and superior mortgage lien (subject only to any appropriate liens of Floyd County, Kentucky).

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall

either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of the bid price down, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all and any Floyd County real property taxes for the fiscal year 2000, and all subsequent years not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

THIS THE 17th DAY OF AUGUST, 2000.

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Kentucky 41653
(606) 886-2812

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Hon. Shawn R. Ryan
Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss
120 East Fourth Street
8th Floor
Cincinnati, OH
45202-4007

Tiann Branham
56 Branham Hollow
Wheelwright, KY
41669

Hon. Tom Moak
P.O. Box 511
Prestonsburg, KY
41653

George Branham
56 Branham Hollow
Wheelwright, KY

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK
Master Commissioner

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION NO. II
CIVIL ACTION NO. 99-CI-615

CONTIMORTGAGE, PLAINTIFF
VS:
JACKY SLONE, DEBBIE SLONE, COUNTY OF FLOYD, and COMMONWEALTH OF KEN-

TUCKY, DEFENDANTS

BY VIRTUE OF Agreed Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 29th day of December, 1999, in Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled cause, against the primary Defendants, jointly and severally, upon the promissory note as set forth in the Complaint for the following sums:

Principal \$ 14,968.80
Interest from 1/27/99 \$ 2,043.64
Advancement for the protection of the property, including taxes and insurance. (negative escrow) \$ 2,431.75
Attorney fees (KRS 411.195) \$ 950.00
Total \$ 20,394.19

together with interest at the rate of \$7.38 per diem from the above date until paid plus costs herein and any sums expended by Plaintiff for insurance, ad valorem taxes or for preservation of the real estate until date of sale.

I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 7th day of September, 2000, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, together with any and all improvements, appurtenances and/or fixtures located thereon, lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING AT ESTILL LITTLE'S PROPERTY AT THE ROAD; THENCE RUNNING TO THE TOP OF THE HILL WITH ESTILL LITTLE'S LINE AND JIM BOB ELSWICK'S LINB; THENCE RUNNING AROUND THE RIDGE TO ISLAND CREEK COAL LINE AND CONTINUING WITH ISLAND CREEK COAL LINE BACK DOWN THE HILL TO THE HIGHWAY (RT. #122); THENCE BACK DOWN THE HIGHWAY TO THE BEGINNING POINT, THE ESTILL LITTLE PROPERTY. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JAKIE SLONE AND DEBBIE SLONE, HIS WIFE, BY DEED DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 1984, OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 287, PAGE 444, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY.

The property hereinabove described cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and the value of the plaintiff's lien thereon and therefore will be sold as a whole by the Master Commissioner of the Court with the proceeds therefrom distributed to the parties as set out hereinbelow.

The property hereinabove described shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth in order to satisfy the debt owed the Plaintiff, interest, costs, attorney fees, and Floyd County Ad Valorem taxes owed by the primary defendants, jointly and severally. The liens herein

adjudged shall attach to the proceeds of said sale of the real estate in priority as follows:

The Plaintiff, Contimortgage is adjudged to have a first and superior mortgage lien (subject only to any appropriate liens of Floyd County, Kentucky) upon the hereinabove described real property.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 down, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

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120 East Fourth St.,
8th F1.
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Jacky Slone
Debbie Slone
Box 150, Highway
122
Hi Hat, KY 41636

Hon. Keith Bartley
Floyd County
Attorney
P. O. Box 1000
Prestonsburg, KY
41653

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK
Master Commissioner

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
The following item will be offered at public sale on August 25, 2000, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 7/1/98.

1998 Pontiac Sunfire Convertible.
All items are sold "as

is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.
Call Mike Haney for location,
606-886-2321.
First Commonwealth Bank
311 N. Arnold Ave.
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
The following item will be offered at public sale on August 25, 2000, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 04/27/98.

1996 Toyota X-Cab.
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1998 Toyota X-Cab 4x4.
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO MINE
Pursuant to Application No. 836-5346 RN
In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for renewal of permit for an underground coal mining operation located 1.15 miles southwest of Blue Moon in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 17.71 acres, and will underlie 518.00 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 535.71 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.4 miles northwest of the junction of KY 2030's junction with the Gunstock Branch Road, and is located on Gunstock Branch. The proposed operation is located on the Harold USGS 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface owners are Lowell Thomas Carroll, Raymond & Billie Hunter, Marion Roberts, estate, Donald & Lois Adkins, Edgar & Lucinda Kidd, Charles & Dorothy Meade, heirs,

Eddie L. Kidd, Robert Anthony & Dale Kidd, Reavis & Kathy Hamilton, Vick & Gladys McCoo, Kenny & Janet Greer, Steve & Phyllis Hall, Harry & Phyllis Lawson, Clyde Greer, Elmer & Phebe Case, Beverly Wright, Michael & Rita Hancock, John & Ethel Elliott, Dwayne & Sue Carrol, Ivan & Ethel Carrol, Johnny & Sally Meade, heirs, Norman Jean Mature, Martha Yates, Cecil & Martha Hunter, Douglas Gene & Wanda Akers, Anna May Perkins, Brigham & Emalene Roberts, Oscar & Opal June McKinney, Del Wayne McKinney, Ronald Spurlock, Ray & Geraldine Spurlock, and Ted Meade, estate, Clayburn Bailey heirs, Ida Mae Newsome, Wesley & David Lee Meade, Vernedith Mead, Charles & Shirley McKinney, Estill & Connie Mullins, Leon & Edna Greer, Bobbie & Lavonna Greer, Violet & Roy Spurlock, Huber Lawson, A.B. & Shirley Hall, Terry & Brenda Hall, Walker & Ruby Gayheart, Marion Roberts, estate, Frank & Ida Conn, Able & Barbara Parsons, Albert Lackie Stephens, Joe & Ruth Roberts, The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Ola B. & Bee Halbert, James Wilson McKinney, Earl Lee & Catherine Hall, Matteson Meade, and Kathy Lee Allen. The Mineral is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, K.F. Martin, estate, and Noah Martin.

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, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or request for a permit conference must be filed with the director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or request for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that L.A. Associates, Rt. 2, Box 43-B, Davisville, WV 26142, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a 60' x 200' steel building. The property is located on the North side of Rt. 1428, 1.85 Mile West of it's Junction with U.S. 23 on Beaver Creek. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

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Notice is hereby given that Praise Assembly of God, 2218 Watergap Road, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a bridge across Bull Creek. The project site is located on Route 3 near the community of Watergap, approximately 0.1 miles north of the intersection of Route 80 and Route 23. The latitude is 37°38'16"; the longitude is 82°44'47". Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to The Kentucky division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone (502) 564-3410.

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The permit is approximately 4.2 miles southwest from Pike 1289's junction with KY Route 1426 and located 1.1 miles south of Island Creek. The latitude is 37°25'04". The longitude is 82°36'17". The bond now in effect for Increment #1 is a surety bond in the amount of sixteen thousand four hundred dollars (\$16,400.00). Approximately fifteen percent (15%) of the original bond amount of sixteen thousand four hundred dollars (\$16,400.00) is included in his application for release.

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The bond now in effect for Increment #2 is a surety bond in the amount of thirteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$13,600.00). Approximately one hundred percent (100%) of the original bond amount of thirteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$13,600.00) is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment #4 is a surety bond in the amount of two

hundred two thousand four hundred dollars (\$202,400.00). Approximately one hundred percent (100%) of the original bond amount of two hundred two thousand four hundred dollars (\$202,400.00) is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment #8 is a surety bond in the amount of forty two thousand seven hundred dollars (\$42,700.00). Approximately one hundred percent (100%) of the original bond amount of forty two thousand seven hundred dollars (\$42,700.00) is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in the fall of 1991 and summer of 1998. The establishment of the approved postmine land use has been achieved for this permit.

This is the final advertisement of the application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by September 22, 2000.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for September 25, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville regional Office located at 109 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by September 22, 2000.

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LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with chapter 65 and 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the Floyd County Conservation District does hereby give public notice that the financial records of the District may be examined by the general public at our office, located at 18 Mayo Branch Brandykeg, Prestonsburg, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 1999, TO JUNE 30, 2000

Beginning Cash on Hand, July 19, 2000	\$68,540.07
Receipts	
Fiscal Court	\$73,143.04
State Aid	\$24,437.75
Contributions & Reimbursements	\$ 338.18
Other	\$75,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$174,378.18
Expenditures	
Salaries	\$58,276.92
Office Operations	\$98,280.25
Education & Promotion	\$31,158.90
Supervisors Expense	\$ 6,122.97
Miscellaneous	\$28,850.57
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$222,689.61
Ending Balance, June 30, 2000	\$20,192.64