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Briefs

Purse-snatching case referred to grand jury

A Jacksonville, Florida, couple are currently being held at the Floyd County Detention Center awaiting trial on charges related to a purse-snatching incident.

Ricky A. Jude, 32, and Dana A. Jude, 23, were arrested by Kentucky State Police Trooper John P. Hunt on November 7 at Highlands Regional Medical Center at approximately 6 p.m. on a charge of theft by unlawful taking.

According to arrest records, Trooper Hunt says that on November 6 at approximately 4 p.m. at the Highlands Regional Medical Center emergency room, that the couple stole a purse belonging to a Mary L. Carroll of Celina, Ohio.

The purse allegedly contained Carroll's credentials, credit cards, checkbooks, \$120 in cash and medications.

The couple appeared in the court of District Judge James R. Allen for a preliminary hearing on November 15.

Judge Allen found cause to refer the cases to a grand jury and set bond at \$10,000 for each of the two.

Two Day Forecast...

Today
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Tomorrow
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Sky Lift or ski lift?



An early-morning snowfall Sunday gave a touch of beauty to Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, as the featured Sky Lift looked more like a ski resort. However, mixed with the beauty was an element of danger, as slick roads claimed at least one life.

photo by Pam Shingler

One killed as early snows cover roads

Times Staff Report

Winter driving conditions have claimed their first life of the year after a one-vehicle wreck at Buckingham killed a Price woman Sunday.

Brian O. Mann of Floyd County was driving his 1991 Geo Storm east on Route 122 around 1:30 Sunday afternoon, when his front passenger-side tire became bogged down in slush on the roadway, according to Kentucky State Police.

Mann lost control of the vehicle, which veered off the road and struck a tree.

Shawna Johnson, 22, was riding in the car along with Mann. She was pronounced dead as a result of her injuries at the scene by Coroner Roger Nelson.

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Murder suspect out of jail

Times Staff Report

A man charged with the shooting death of his first cousin has been released on bond and is back to work in a construction business that is owned by his family.

George Andrew "Andy" Jarrell, 36, of Stone Coal Creek in Garrett was arrested and charged with the murder of his cousin, Bill J. "Buck" Jarrell, 28, of Abbott Road in Prestonsburg, on October 6, shortly following the incident.

The shooting took place on Daniel's Creek Road at Banner at approximately 10:30 a.m. According to witnesses, the two men had reported to work as usual that day at a job site on Daniel's Creek. They had both been contracted to do finishing work on a home that was being con-

(See FREE, page three)

Board makes property offers, hears reports

by PAM SHINGLER
SENIOR EDITOR

The Floyd County Board of Education, meeting in special session Monday night, authorized administrators to make "final" offers on two pieces of property needed for the South Floyd High School athletic com-

plex.

Officials were told to offer \$170,000 for the Harold Newman property at Hi Hat and \$49,000, plus outstanding property taxes, for the Neal property. Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning said yesterday the property tax amounts to less than \$1,000.

The two parcels are what stand in the

way of obtaining bids and starting construction of the football field and track for the Left Beaver school. Because of legislative funding stipulations, work must be started on the SFHS complex before a similar complex at Prestonsburg High School can be completed.

Officials were to meet yesterday after-

noon with attorneys representing the Neal property to make the offer and, if possible, cement the deal.

The board continued hearing reports from individual schools in the system. Representatives of Allen Central High

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No-show attorney cleared, but defendant found in contempt

Times Staff Report

A Pikeville man who was a "no show" in district court on November 21 was found to be held in contempt by Judge James R. Allen on November 27.

John D. Friend, who was arrested on a DUI, showing at the time, a blood-alcohol level of 0.234, was tried in his absence November 21. On that date, Judge Allen fined Friend \$500, plus court costs, and sentenced him to six months in jail. He also issued an order that Friend attend an alcohol driver education program and suspended his license for one year.

In addition, a show cause order was issued to both Friend and his attorney, Robert Wright, of Pikeville, both of whom failed to show up for Friend's trial.

On November 27, at the show cause hearing, Wright produced written documentation from Pike County Circuit Court Judge Eddy Coleman attesting to the fact that Wright was in Judge Coleman's courtroom participating in a trial at the time he was scheduled to appear on the behalf of Friend. Judge Allen ruled to accept this as valid reason for Wright's failure to appear.

However, for Friend's failure to appear on the 21, Judge Allen ruled to hold him in contempt of court and allowed the previous trial and sentence to stand.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Minor injuries, smashed metal and broken glass were the result of a two-car crash that occurred on Route 114 around the noon hour on Tuesday. A Jeep traveling north toward Prestonsburg allegedly ran a red light and collided with a car that was exiting from a nearby ramp. The drivers of the two cars were transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center, where they were treated for minor injuries.

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School, Allen Central Middle School, South Floyd Middle School, and John M. Stumbo Elementary School presented reports on behalf of their site-based decision-making councils (SBDM).

Allen Central High School

After presenting an overview of the school, ACHS principal Patricia Maynard said she was "very unhappy" with the school's showing on

the statewide tests. Students demonstrated major weaknesses in writing and answering open response questions, she said.

In addressing the problem, Maynard said teachers will be reviewing student portfolios after the holiday break and offering more tutoring for students.

She added that, in response to criticisms in the recent scholastic audit, the staff is looking at scheduling alternatives, more timeliness in teaching the core content, and the standards level.

Asked to enumerate what her staff perceives to be the school's needs, Maynard listed an additional teacher, upgraded science and library materials, furniture, textbooks, computer printers, clerical help, more transportation funding, and more professional development days.

District 4 board member Carol Stumbo asked Maynard how many of the "things you need to be doing involve the expenditure of money."

"Most involve time," Maynard admitted.

"Right now, the thing that Allen Central needs to look at," said Carol Stumbo, "is what teachers are teaching."

Board chairman Terry Dotson suggested Maynard approach the school system's technology office about additional printers, and District 3 board member Jeff Stumbo encouraged the ACHS staff to get more parents involved in helping the school.

Allen Central Middle School

Liz Allen made her second appearance for board reports. She was there a few weeks ago to report on Duff Elementary, where she is principal. Monday night, she represented Allen Central Middle School, which shares the Duff facility and of which she was recently made responsible.

She emphasized concern over three critical staff vacancies — sixth and seventh grade science and seventh grade language arts. "We are in dire need, we are in critical need," she said, referring particularly to the shortage of certified science teachers throughout the state.

"I have read and heard about the teacher shortage to come, but in Floyd County, it's here now," the principal said.

She suggested that superintendents and board members address the state teachers standards board

about the shortage.

Allen reported that standardized test scores were up for ACMS, "but not nearly enough."

Although the school has not received the formal report of the recent scholastic audit, Allen said the auditors told staff they "need to focus on a shared vision." She said the comment is explainable, in light of the school's recent transition from being a separate entity to sharing administration with Duff.

Allen also said that in the exit interview, the auditors recommended that the school amend its consolidated plan, because the audit team "didn't think it was doable."

The principal disagreed. "I think we can do it, with minor adjustments," she said. Carol Stumbo commended Allen for her positive attitude.

South Floyd Middle School

Principal Zenith Hall brought the report from South Floyd Middle School. He also expressed concern over the difficulty in getting certified science teachers at the middle school level. Students' low achievement in science on the standardized tests last year, he said, had to do with their having three different teachers in one year.

Teachers at SFMS, he said, are working on improving student scores, particularly in science, practical living and writing. "The staff has high expectations and they are positive thinkers," he said. "The staff all know what needs to be done, but not always how to do it."

Hall said efforts are being made to increase parent involvement, including the installation of a phone program where parents and students can call for information.

Carol Stumbo suggested that parent involvement should focus on academics. "You can bring all kinds of parents in for all kinds of dinners," she said, but the aim should be their support of academics.

"A common thread among all the schools," said Dotson, "is how to get parents involved. It's a nationwide problem. We seem to be in a rut, which someone described as a grave with the ends kicked out. It's apparent we're failing miserably with getting parents involved."

John M. Stumbo Elementary

"We take full responsibility for

the audit report," said Roy Johnson, principal of Stumbo Elementary, as soon as he sat down to give his school's report.

His school is the only one that had already received its final report from scholastic audit teams, which also reviewed SFMS, ACMS and ACHS.

"It's obvious we have to start at the bottom and go up," Johnson said, referring to the audit and to the school's decline in test scores over the past couple of years.

Johnson said school staff and SBDM members "will probably be redoing the consolidated plan." Work has already begun to address some of the problems, including staff assignments, units of study and more staff training.

Relating to the board's recent decision to have the school building enlarged and renovated, District 1 board member Johnnie Ross commented, "(The audit team) said nothing about the facility. What does that say about our focus? ... Did we look at the physical and neglect the intellectual?"

Carol Stumbo insisted the condition of the facilities does affect learning. "I don't think we can ask children to learn in those conditions," she said.

Ross indicated that the auditors were critical of the SBDM. Johnson said the council has new members and they are receiving training.

"I am concerned about this audit," said Jeff Stumbo, speaking to the principal. "What do you expect to happen?"

"First of all, we have hope and concern that test scores increase," Johnson said. "We're looking at the primary on up. We're going to have to change the atmosphere, the whole culture of the school."

"You have a lot of work ahead of you and the whole staff," Carol Stumbo said.

Expressing concern over the SBDM council, Ross introduced a motion that the board have Johnson report back in January on "how it is handling" academic challenges and the recommendations of the audit report.

Carol Stumbo objected, saying the board should wait and "formulate a policy that affects all schools that were audited." The board, however, approved Ross' motion.

The next regular meeting of the board will be moved up a week because of the holiday. It is set for Monday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m., at Prestonsburg Elementary.

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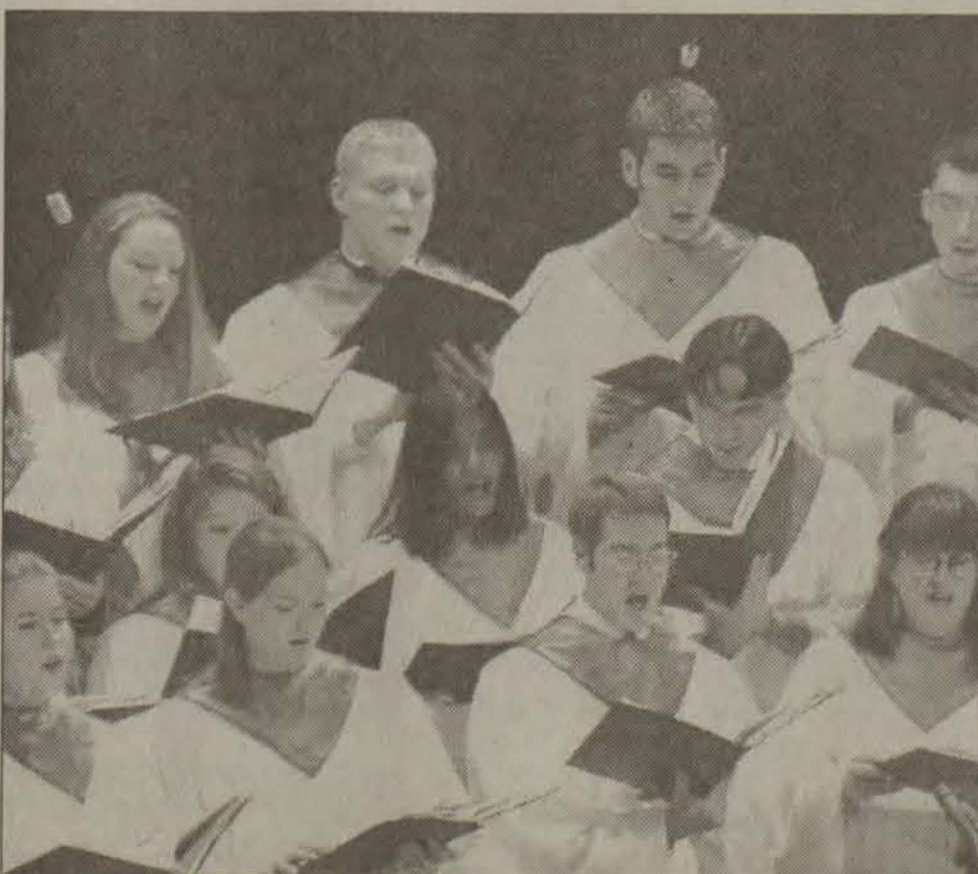
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The city's symbol stands stoically against the frigid winds and icy temperatures that old man winter thrust against the county on Monday morning. Schools were closed throughout the county on Monday and Tuesday as a result of snowfall and a drastic drop in temperature observed over the weekend.

photo by Kathy J. Prater



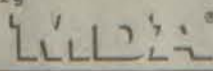
Members of the Pikeville College choir and community choir, and the College's symphonic band provided an evening of holiday music during this year's Christmas concert November 30. Pikeville College and the Pikeville Concert Association sponsored the annual event, which was held in Booth Auditorium. Santa and Mrs. Claus also made a special appearance before the concert to give out goodies and talk with the children.

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MAYO MOMENTS

by LINDA LYON

Soon it will be time for the next semester to begin at Mayo Technical College. As we approach the end of 2000, we also approach the beginning of 2001. New students, new beginnings, and new opportunities mark this spectacular time of year in each of the KCTCS colleges. Mayo Technical College is no exception. We look forward to the influx of new students while planning the December 15 graduation.

December is also the gift-giving season. It is the time we make our lists and check them twice to be sure we have included all of the people who are near and dear to us, whether they have been naughty or nice.

I would like to suggest that you include a donation to a Mayo Scholarship Fund on that list. One scholarship option that is also available is the Mayo Memorial Scholarship Fund. If you would like to make a donation to that fund in memory of someone who has died, a card will be sent to the person of your choice at home or to the funeral home. The gift you give will be a gift that keeps on giving in years to come.

If you are interested in donating to any of our scholarship funds, contact Billy Breeding at 606/789-5321, ext 223, or Mary Wells at 606/789-5321, ext. 229. They will be happy to help you help someone else.

The other side of a scholarship donation is the scholarship recipient. We have several scholarships available for students in January or in August. If you are interested in exploring the available scholarships, contact one of your counselors at ext. 288 or 296. Remember, January is a good time to start. Classes are smaller than the fall, and some find that the pace is a little easier. It's a great time to exercise those New Year's resolutions to get a start on a better life.

Welcome to three new staff members. Cheryl Fannin is the new secretary for Fire and Rescue, Sherri Stambaugh is the new receptionist in building A, and Samuel Welch joins the Truck Driving Training staff.

KDA chemical collections protect environment

More than 25,000 pounds of unwanted pesticides were collected by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Division of Pesticides this week. KDA representatives and employees of LWD, Inc. of Calvert City worked together to load the pesticide waste from two permanent facilities, one at the Bluegrass Army Depot near Lexington and the other at the Department's new Environmental Resources Center in Marshall County.

LWD, Inc. is a waste disposal contractor that incinerates unwanted chemicals at its western Kentucky facility. That facility is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

"This is another example of how the Department of Agriculture is working with farmers, agri-business, and others to ensure a safe environment," said Billy Ray Smith, Kentucky's Commissioner of Agriculture. "Through our education programs over the last several years, Kentucky farmers have learned that there is only one safe, proper way to dispose of unwanted, outdated, banned, and unusable pesticides, and that's through our chemical collection program."

"Our chemical collection program keeps pesticides from being disposed of improperly and possibly ending up in a stream or contaminating a well," said John McCauley, director of the Division of Pesticides.

The two collection facilities, located in opposite ends of the state, are utilized throughout the year by the Department of Agriculture to store unwanted pesticides as they

are collected from hundreds of farms across the Commonwealth. The two containment buildings are EPA-approved and are located at high-security facilities. The Marshall County facility near Benton was opened this past summer.

"We continue to provide a valuable service that's free to Kentucky farmers," said Bill Burnette, executive director of the KDA's Office of Environmental Outreach. "There's no penalty for having outdated or

banned pesticides on your farm; all a farmer has to do is call our department and we will make arrangements to pick up these products."

For more information, call the Division of Pesticides toll-free at (800) 205-6543.

Christmas trees to be donated

Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Billy Ray Smith, on behalf of the Kentucky Christmas Tree Growers Association, will present several Christmas trees to Gov. Paul Patton and the Commonwealth of Kentucky on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 4:30 p.m. in front of the Floral Clock at the State Capitol.

Commissioner Smith will present 26 Kentucky-grown evergreen trees along with two cut trees donated by members of the Kentucky Christmas Tree Growers Association. The trees will be displayed on the Capitol grounds during the holiday season to stress the importance of agriculture and family farms across the Bluegrass State.

The balled and burlapped trees will be decorated with small, white lights during the holidays; afterward, they'll be planted at various state office buildings throughout Frankfort. A 12-foot cut tree will be placed outside the Governor's Mansion, and a 10-foot cut tree will be used

inside the Lieutenant Governor's mansion. "The Christmas tree presentation has become a rich tradition at this special time of year," Commissioner Smith said. "We want to make our fellow Kentuckians aware that they can find beautiful, high-quality Christmas trees right here at home."

"We want to thank Governor Patton and Commissioner Smith for all the work they have done to promote Kentucky-grown Christmas trees as a viable agricultural crop," said Fred Kirchhoff, former president of the Kentucky Christmas Tree Growers Association. "This has been a good year for tree production. Now we ask all Kentuckians to support these family tree farmers by purchasing a Kentucky-grown Christmas tree."

For more information concerning the tree presentation, contact Hope Crain in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture at 500 Mero St., 7th Floor, Frankfort, KY; call (502) 564-4696, or e-mail hope.crain@kyagr.com.

Defendants in Mexican-American drug ring sentenced in federal court

by GRETA FIELDS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

U.S. District Judge Joseph Hood held sentencing all day Monday for people involved in a Mexican-American drug ring in eastern Kentucky.

"It's a monster case," said Roger West, the assistant U.S. attorney who handles prosecutions for the Appalachian drug task force called HIDTA, "High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area."

Judge Hood has been sentencing 16 people, including one Inez councilman, who trafficked in marijuana with the help of three Mexicans.

The operation involved 10,000 pounds of marijuana, which was moved in tractor trailers from Mexico through Texas to eastern Kentucky, West said.

The ring was operating in three counties on the West Virginia line — Martin, Johnson and Lawrence Counties — and into West Virginia.

Two of the Mexicans are from Texas and the other is from Mexico.

The Americans include James L. Wellman, David Neil Wellman, David Ray Evans, James Arthur Horn, William C. Chapman, Mark Anthony Wilson, Rondal Lee Endicott, Ermil Hinkle, Jerry L. Evans, Melvin Fletcher, Thomas Monroe Muncy, Mark Christopher Arbogast and Scott James Watson.

All are charged with marijuana conspiracy. Chapman was also charged with transporting firearms as a felon.

The Wellman brothers were sentenced as the American ringleaders. Judge Hood called James Wellman the "boss dog" of the conspiracy. Wellman was caught with 4,536 kilograms of marijuana and David Wellman with 2,268 kilograms.

James Wellman pleaded for a light sentence, saying he might need a heart transplant in prison.

However Judge Hood gave him six and one-quarter years in prison, and gave his brother five years. Judge Hood pointed out that Wellman's condition did not prevent him from running a criminal

enterprise. "I have to send a message out to the community, the big players get big time. That message has to go out," Hood said.

Hood sentenced David Evans of Inez to 10 months in federal prison and made him forfeit \$45,000.

Evans, who was an Inez city councilman for 11 years, had been selling tomato plants in Inez — along with marijuana. He was caught with 20 pounds of marijuana. The most serious offenses on Evans' criminal record prior to the drug arrest were speeding and ticket scalping, the judge noted, asking Evans why he got involved in drugs.

"I guess I made a bad mistake," Evans said.

Evans' attorney, Larry Webster, called Evans a "taxpaying merchant who screwed up big time."

The judge sentenced another Inez resident, James Arthur Horn, 58, to three years probation.

"Your days of pot smoking are over," Judge Hood said, ordering Horn to enter a program for drug abuse.

Judge Hood also sentenced Jose Guadalupe Trevino, 70 months; Arbogast, 28 months; Wilson, 24 months; Chapman, 24 months; Endicott, 18 months; and Hinkle, three years probation.

Hearings are still pending for other defendants, including a motion hearing for Ricardo Castillo. His lawyer wants to reweigh the dope without its wrappings.

A bench warrant was issued for Miguel Angel Heredia.

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structed for Larry Prater. An argument that escalated into a physical altercation occurred between the two men and ended with George Jarrell leaving the site. Jarrell then reportedly traveled to the home of Ken Jarrell, who was not at home at the time, and seized a "pump gun" that belonged to Ken Jarrell.

He then returned to the construction site and allegedly shot Bill Jarrell twice in the head at close range.

Family members have said that they were completely surprised and perplexed by the incident, as there had been no prior disagreements among the men that could have led to such an occurrence.

Fatality

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Mann was taken to McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital for treatment of his injuries.

KSP Trooper Rob Wood continues to investigate the accident. He was assisted at the scene by Trooper Anthony Taulbee, the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, Left Beaver

Ambulance Service and Left Beaver Fire and Rescue.

Johnson was the daughter of Marlene Collins Johnson and the late Elmer Lee Johnson.

A complete obituary appears on page A8.

Santa Claus is coming to town, and his first stop is First Commonwealth Bank!

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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

One precedent creates another. They soon accumulate and constitute law. What yesterday was fact, today is doctrine.

—The Letters of Junius

Wednesday, December 6, 2000 A4

Editorial

Positive trends needed in more high schools

An average of 53 percent of Kentucky high school graduates go on to college. The national average is about 67 percent. By 2006, it is estimated that eight out of every 10 jobs created will require more than a high school education.

That is a troubling equation for Kentucky's future work force.

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education has been charged with the task of raising the number of those seeking a post-secondary education to the national average by 2020 — from 160,600 students currently to 240,600 in 2020.

"College is for everyone," said Sue Hodges Moore, executive vice president of the council. "Whether that's for a four-year degree, a one-year technical degree or six months of (information technology) training."

To aid in this daunting task, the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center developed a formula to determine what the likely on-to-college rate was at Kentucky public high schools, using factors such as test scores, the education level of the county, the size of enrollment, the number of students eligible for free or reduced lunches, the employment rate of the community and others.

Researchers decided to do interviews with administration, teachers, students and staff at four high schools — one that exceeded its expected on-to-college rate, one that met its predicted rate and two that performed below expectations.

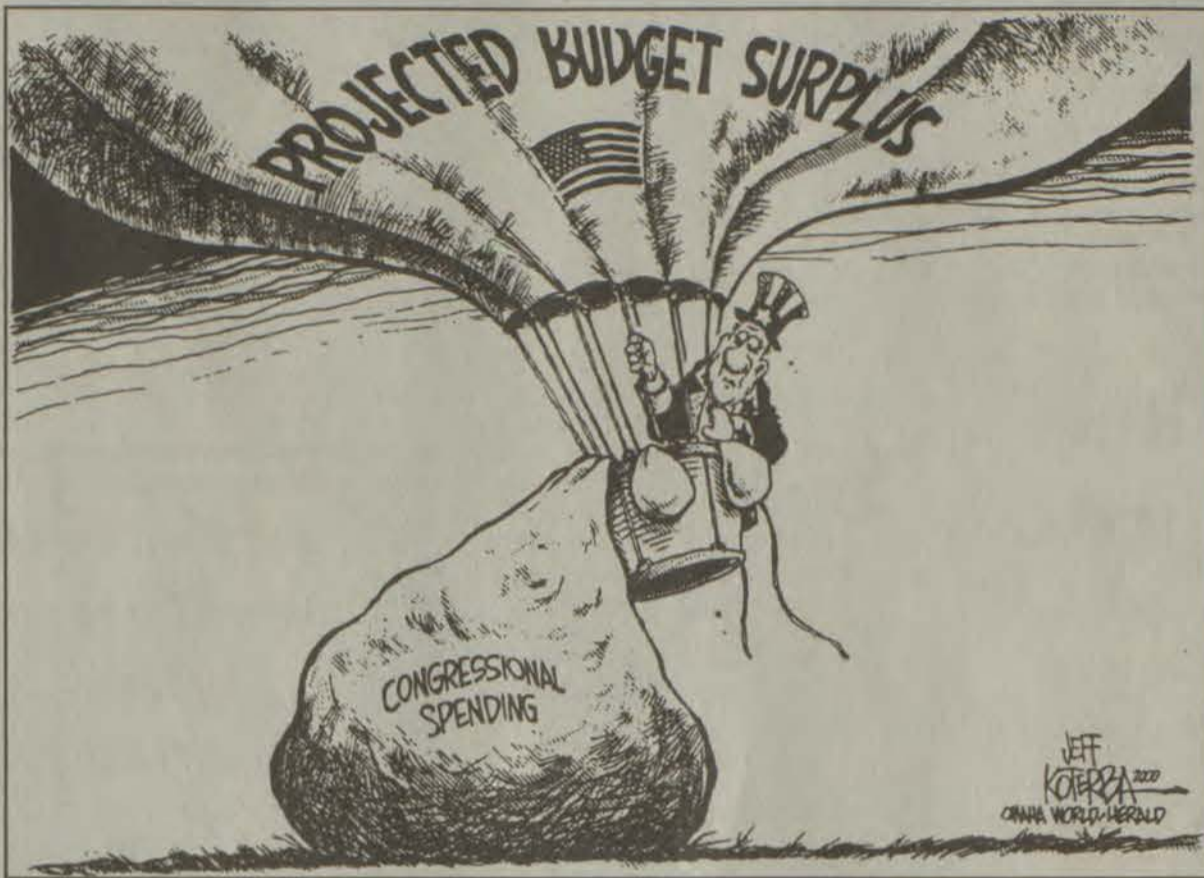
The positive trends that emerged should not be a surprise, but should cause all Kentuckians to wonder why they are not the case everywhere.

One of the first conclusions was that school leadership and good teachers matter. That means leaders who insist on quality and teachers who are caring and compassionate, know their subject matter, focus on student comprehension and do not play favorites.

Here are some of the other conclusions:

- High expectations get results.
 - School culture is critical — an obsessive focus on discipline has a negative effect, causing distrust from students.
 - Linking the need for college to achieving a higher performance in life is a positive. That includes having a college in town, making visits to college campuses and having strong guidance counseling.
 - The presence of mentors from diverse backgrounds has a positive effect.
 - The student perceptions about the affordability and possibility of college effects decisions.
 - Parental/community involvement is a positive.
 - The condition of the local economy has an inverse relationship on college rates.
 - Working 20 to 30 hours a week has a huge negative impact on student performance and decision to go to college.
- If parents do not believe these positive trends are occurring in their child's high school, it is time to demand change. The competition six years from now for the 20 percent of jobs that do not require a post-secondary education will be fierce.

—Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer



Letters to the Editor

Prestonsburg council not concerned with people

Editor:

I've been really concerned lately about everything happening in Prestonsburg. First off, the annexing. Stop it, the city has no intentions on helping what they annex, they just want more money. For the people who do not want their property taxed, there is a simple solution. Talk with your neighbors and incorporate your area. If Auxier can I'm sure Big Branch and Middle Creek can also.

Another thing is this deal with the fire department and the council members. Okay, this is the subject that really ticks me off more than anything. So what, the firefighters weren't behind some of you at this past election, you have unfairly taken away small tools that made our fire department one of the best in the state. I would be ashamed.

Now think about it, if some elderly woman or man, possibly one of the councilmen's mother, father or wife, was to get critically sick and start having a heart attack or stroke, who would get there to help them? As of now, you have practically no one. The major services are all too busy to and too far to get in town

care.

And to beat it all, why do the citizens not have a say in this political nonsense? I believe the babies on the council and some city government officials really need to grow up. Stop what you're doing and worry about what got you into the position and that is the people. Not the people with connections. Worry about the people that can help you at any time; people some council members obviously could never have the pleasure to meet. People like the public works workers, people like firefighters, people that really help and make it easier to live in Prestonsburg.

If all you all can worry about is money, then I would resign, because you're not only hurting the department, you are hurting the community to the extreme. I am not talking about all council members, nor all city officials, but if the shoe fits wear it, and think before proceeding, it may help.

Lastly I would like to say goodbye to the pit. May the memories be good.

Josh Ratliff
Prestonsburg

'Where the sacred meets the secular'

Editor:

One thing is for certain, living always behind stained glass is as difficult as always living outside of it. As a result, I find it helpful in my journey not to draw a thick black line between the sacred and secular, but to somehow allow the sacred to mingle among the secular in the hope that when God speaks, his people will listen. So, as my grandmother would say, here's some fatter for your life.

There is a patron saint of disputed elections and it surprised me to learn that it is none other than St. Chad of Lichfield, England.

This seventh-century Anglican bishop is perhaps best known for not being the Archbishop of York. While Chad was elected and duly installed as Archbishop of York, some bishops objected to his ordination because his consecration had not been "rightly performed."

Unlike his bickering American counterparts today, Chad humbly withdrew in favor of the other candidate, an act to preserve Christian unity. Rather than cause division in the church, Chad is said to have told the Archbishop of Canterbury: "If you decide that I

have not rightly received the Episcopal character, I willingly lay down this office; for I have never thought myself worthy of it, but under the discipline of obedience, I consented to undertake it."

The Archbishop of Canterbury was so impressed with Chad's humility, that he ordained Chad Bishop of Lichfield instead. Chad died on March 2, 672, and he was venerated as a saint soon afterwards. On the Feast of St. Chad of Lichfield, the church suggest the following prayer, a prayer I have used many times in my life.

"Keep us, we pray, from thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to think, and ready at all times to step aside for others, in honor preferring one another, that the cause of Christ may be advanced."

To the victor belongs the spoil, said my high school history teacher, Phil Price. Perhaps Saint Chad would tell us that victory is not everything, but grace is all sufficient. God's way of blending the sacred with the secular.

Pax et Bonum (Peace and All Goodness)

Johnnie E. Ross
Prestonsburg

Finds story 'amazing'

Editor:

In your November 22 edition, you published a photo of Chief Petty Officer Maynard being retired from the Navy after 23 years of service. The incident occurred at Imperial Beach, California, my old 1956-60 stomping ground.

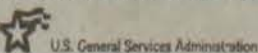
What I find amazing is that here is a man completing a 23-year career, and he did not join the Navy until seven years after I retired. It makes me realize I'm becoming one of those senior citizens, and, yet, my memories of growing up in Floyd County (Dwale) seem like only yesterday.

Thank you for keeping those memories fresh through your excellent newspaper. I look forward to each issue.

Bruce Akers
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What did the voters intend?

by ROBERT LINNELL

Everyone agrees that in our democracy every vote should count. The disagreement is on how to collect and count these votes. Political emotions seem dominant in Florida. Each side cites out-of-context bits of information for support. What are the relevant facts?

Punch cards are 1960 technology. William Rouverol, a designer of the Votomatic punch card voting machine, states that rubber strips wear out. These strips, essential for a clean punch, sit below the voting card; when worn they create "hanging" or "dimpled (pregnant)" chads. In Palm Beach, the problem with dimpled chads "could be worse" because of newer plastic strips.

In sworn testimony Rouverol said, "I do not believe that a voter's inability to punch out chads in one column should have any bearing on their inability to do so in another column. In my opinion, dimpled or pregnant chads, if the only discernible mark for a given race in a given column, should qualify as a vote." His design rejected the controversial butterfly layout because it "complicates the act of voting" because of potential chad buildup.

Former Palm Beach County supervisor of elections Jackie Winchester says that several years ago "inferior" plastic strips replaced the rubber; although replaced, new units also used plastic.

"It is also my considered opinion that this harder plastic material could cause difficulties for voters in punching clean holes, especially in the first column of the punch card. This could easily result in difficulty in punching chads. For this reason, in municipal elections, with fewer offices on the ballot, I did not use the first punch-card column when laying out the ballot," Winchester stated.

Wall Street Journal reporter Lee Gomes tested the claim that chads could be pushed out inadvertently as ballots are repeatedly handled. He secured a typical voting punch card and did the following tests: dropping it 10 times from a height of 7 feet; attaching the ballot to the blade of a room fan and running it 2 minutes; whacking the ballot sharply against the edge of a table 10 times; running it in a clothes drier 10 minutes; placing it in a microwave running for 10 minutes at full power; rolling into a cigar held for one minute, repeating in the opposite direction; likewise rolling lengthwise and finally smoothing it out and driving over it 10 times with an auto. In all these tests the chads remained intact.

He concludes, "An intact chad seems highly unlikely to have come loose unless a voter, or someone else, deliberately poked it out."

Statistics professor Nicholas Hengartner (Yale) analyzed the "under-votes" in 48 Florida counties. Those using optical scans had undervotes of 3 per 1,000, whereas those using punch cards had 15 per 1,000. Hengartner says attributing this five-fold increase to chance alone is less likely than being hit by lightning five times. In Palm Beach County the rate was even higher at 22 per 1,000, essentially a zero chance event.

Another statistics professor (Carnegie Mellon) analyzed Buchanan voting patterns throughout Florida, concluding that in Palm Beach County there were from 2,600 to 2,800 votes for Buchanan that were intended for Gore.

Why were no-votes for president much lower in counties carried by Bush than in those carried by Gore? The answer is that Gore votes came largely from punch card counties whereas more Bush votes came from counties using more accurate voting machines. If undervotes in Gore counties were as low as in Bush counties, Gore would have a clear Florida victory.

In Miami-Dade precincts, where blacks predominate, ballots were thrown out at four times that of white precincts; 90 per 1,000 votes were thrown out in black precincts, a total of 9,904. In exit polls over 93 percent of black votes went for Gore. If these black votes had been counted the same as others in Miami-Dade, a gain of about 7,000 votes for Gore would result.

There are troubling racial issues here.

(See **VOTERS**, page twelve)



Assigned to Morehead post

Mark Brandon Dudleson of Allen, was among the recent graduates of the Kentucky State Police Academy and has been assigned to the KSP Post 8 in Morehead. Dudleson, a US Marine Corps veteran, is among six cadets assigned to Rowan County. The post also covers Morgan, Elliott, Wolfe, Powell and Menifee counties. For eight weeks, the troopers will ride with their field training officers to become familiar with the patrol area and put their academy training to practical application.

Toyota grant helps parent army grow

The Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence has received a second three-year \$60,000 grant from Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky Inc., to support the Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership. This is the third grant the committee has received from TMMK.

"The work we are doing affects the entire state," said Bev Raimondo, director of the Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership. "To date, we have trained 700 parents, and they have reached hundreds of other parents. Our goal is to have an army of well-informed, confident parents in Kentucky working to improve their local schools."

In 1997, the Prichard Committee established the institute, which trains 200 parents each year at seven sites across the state. Institute graduates commit to design and implement projects to improve student achievement and increase parent involvement in their local schools.

Institute graduates form a partnership with their schools aimed at improving student achievement. Graduates study school test data to determine areas of academic strength and weakness and decide what needs to be done.

Working with other parents and teachers, they set goals and objectives focused on meeting the schools' needs, and plan projects based on these goals. All along the way, graduates are coached and encouraged by a Prichard

Committee staff member in their region.

An example of a project that reaches other parents is one in which institute graduates serve as parent liaisons for their local school. Parent liaisons provide information and support for parents, and recruit and train parent volunteers. They may also visit parents in their homes to help them understand school report cards and how to increase their children's academic achievement.

Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky Inc., located in Georgetown, began production in 1988. It is Toyota's largest production plant in North America. More than 7,700 team members build about 500,000 vehicles and nearly 400,000 engines each year. The Toyota Camry, Avalon, and Sienna are made in Kentucky.

Primary support for the Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership comes from The Pew Charitable Trusts, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, and the DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund. Additional support comes from other foundations, Kentucky businesses, and individuals.

The Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence is an independent, nonpartisan group of volunteers dedicated to improving education in Kentucky. For more information, visit the Prichard Committee's Web site at www.prichardcommittee.org.

Heating assistance still available

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program Inc. is continuing its operation of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program through December 14. The program is funded by the Cabinet for Families & Children and the Kentucky Association for Community Action.

Any persons who have not already applied for assistance on their heating fuel may still apply. To be eligible, clients must meet the 110

percent poverty income guidelines, be responsible for home heating costs, and not have liquid resources in excess of \$1,500 (\$4,000 if resources are being used for living expenses due to a catastrophic illness).

Applications are taken in alphabetical order based on the first letter of the head of household's last name. If a family has already missed their day, however, they will be worked in on a different day.

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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

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Conservation meeting

The Floyd County Conservation District will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 19, at 10 a.m., at the District Office. The public is invited to attend. If anyone has any questions, or is interested in attending, call 606/889-9800.

Democratic women to meet

The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club will meet on December 11, at 6 p.m., at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Agenda items will include club bylaws and finalizing plans for the December 14 "Conversation With Paul Blanchard" to focus on the Top

10 Lessons Learned in Election 2000. The meeting is open to the public.

Vet rep available

A Veterans Benefit Field Representative for the Kentucky Department for Veterans Affairs has an office on the third floor of the Floyd County Courthouse. He is there to assist veterans and their dependents in filing for state and federal benefits. This service is free and is provided by the commonwealth. Contact him at 606/886-7920. If there is no answer, leave a message and he will return your call.

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www.stopaddiction.com.

Retired teachers to meet

The Floyd County Retired Teachers' Association will meet in regular session, Thursday, December 7, at May Lodge. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. All Floyd County retired teachers are urged to attend.

Fibromyalgia support group

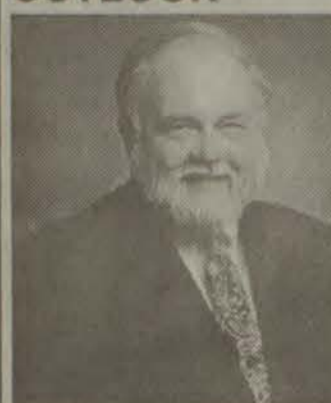
Fibromyalgia support group has monthly meetings in the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens building, the first Tuesday of every month. Contact Sharon, 606/478-5224, or Phyllis, 606/874-2769.

Christmas project underway

Praise Assembly and Good News Ministry is sponsoring Operation Christmas Blessing 2000, an outreach project to help 1000 needy families in the area with a complete Christmas dinner and a gift for every child under the age of 18 in each eligible household. Food and gifts

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KCTCS Regents accept financial audit, approve programs

The Board of Regents of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System on Friday accepted the second consecutive "clean" financial audit of KCTCS.

The regents, meeting at Northern Kentucky Technical College-Edgewood Campus, heard a report from Deloitte & Touche, which conducted the audit of the system's financial processes for the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

"It's a clean, unqualified auditor's report," said Jim Carpenter, a partner in Deloitte & Touche.

The auditor issued a similar report after the 1998-99 fiscal year, the first year that KCTCS was audited. Deloitte & Touche praised the cooperation it received from the KCTCS financial staff.

"We are tickled that we got a clean report, and I am very happy that you found Dr. McCall (KCTCS President Michael B. McCall) and his staff to be so responsive," said Richard Bean, of Louisville, chairman of the Board of Regents' Finance, Administration and Technology Committee.

Also, at the board's regular meeting, the regents approved new associate degree programs that will be offered at four colleges, and certificate programs for five colleges:

- Associate degrees in applied technology (AAT) in automotive technology and radiography at Bowling Green Technical College.

- Associate degree in applied science (AAS) in diesel technology at Cumberland Valley Technical College.

- AAS in law enforcement technology at Laurel Technical College and Somerset Technical College (a joint program).

- Certificate program in Cisco

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- Certificate in Cisco basic networking at Northern Kentucky Technical College.

- Six certificate programs in computer studies at Elizabethtown Community College.

- Six certificates in computer studies at Hazard Community College.

- Certificate in culinary arts at Jefferson Community College.

"This action means that our Board of Regents has approved more than 250 certificate, diploma and degree programs since KCTCS was created three years ago," President McCall said. "The pace at which the system has created new programs is a credit to the efforts of our colleges to serve the needs of their communities."

In other action Friday, the regents:

- Endorsed the creation of 16 districts to improve the operations of the 28 colleges in KCTCS.

- Authorized McCall to develop a proposal for submission to the Council on Postsecondary Education to extend local board governance to the three college districts that include technical colleges but no community colleges — Northern Kentucky, Central Kentucky and Bowling Green.

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Martin County history being published

Orders are being taken for the Martin County Pictorial History, sponsored by the Martin County Historical Society. For information, call Evelyn Cassady at 606/298-7278.

Free smoke detectors available

All fire departments in the county are installing smoke detectors in the home of anyone who wants one, free, regardless of income. The detectors have a 10-year battery, so they are maintenance-free. To receive a free smoke detector, call 886-9193.

MCVFD sets giveaway dates

The Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department will give away clothing and toys to needy families from 7 to 9 p.m. on the following dates: December 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, and 20. The department is located on KY 114, Mountain Parkway extension. Call 606/886-3606 or 886-0017.

Pikeville

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December 11 ABC (After Breast Cancer) Support Group, dinner meeting, 6 p.m.
 December 13—Community CPR, Education Center, 9 a.m.—Noon. 606/218-3525.
 December 18—CCS (Colorectal Cancer Survivors) Support Group, Pikeville United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. 606/218-4992.
 December 28—US TOO! Prostate Cancer Support Group, Pikeville United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. 606/218-4992.

8th graders may be Robinson Scholars

The University of Kentucky Robinson Scholars program is informing 8th grade students in Floyd and surrounding counties that they may be eligible for a fully paid scholarship to UK or an area community college. If the parents of an 8th grade student in these counties do not possess a four-year college degree, the student is eligible to apply for the scholarship. Counselors and principals have nomination forms. Students can self-nominate. Call Brian Campbell at Prestonsburg Community College at 606/886-3863.

Social Security rep to visit Mud Creek clinic

A Social Security representative will visit the Mud Creek Clinic each Tuesday during the month of December. 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. Pick up booklets on Social Security, and get questions answered.

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.

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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.

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The Big Sandy Area Community Action Agency is taking applications for the senior training program. For information, call Tammy Jervis, 606/886-2929. 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.

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Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Edman "Beaver" Barnett were Kokie Dingus, C.K. Dingus II, Roger Barnett, Roger D. Barnette, Stephen Barnette, George Barnette Jr., Delano May, Thomas Kuss, Donald Arnett, Freddie Mullins and Rick Barnett.

Honorary pallbearers were Adrian Rector, Dr. Lowell Martin, Ben J. Spradlin, Glenn Patrick and Bill Woods.

Edman "Beaver" Barnett

Edman "Beaver" Barnett, 70, of Martin, died Saturday, December 2, 2000, in Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

He was born September 18, 1930, in Cumberland, the son of the late G.W. Barnett and Nannie Rhoton. He was a member of the Faith Bible Church, Martin, John W. Hall Masonic Lodge No. 950, a Scottish Rite, 32 degree Mason, and a self-employed businessman.

He is survived by his wife, Theada Barnett.

Other survivors include two sons, Bruce Alan Barnett and James Edman Barnett, both of Martin.

Masonic funeral rites were conducted Tuesday evening, at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 6, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergymen Don Crisp and Ed Taylor officiating.

Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Edna Mae Allen Callison

Edna Mae Allen Callison, 92, of Allen, died Friday, December 1, 2000, at the Riverview Health Care Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

She was born August 17, 1908, in Allen, the daughter of the late Alex L. and Mary A. Allen. She was a member of the Christ United Methodist Church, at Allen, and was a former beautician.

Her husband, Charles T. Callison, preceded her in death.

She is survived by one daughter, Delores Ann Frasure of Mousie.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 5, at 11 a.m., at the Christ United Methodist Church, Allen, with Dr. Kenneth Lemaster officiating.

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

Pallbearers were Delano May, Danny Allen, Tim Allen, Robert Martin, Mike Mays and Frank Fitzpatrick.

Ethel Marie Burchett

Ethel Marie Burchett, 89, of Meeker, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Monday, December 4, at the Marion General Hospital.

Born February 1, 1911, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late John Hurd and Ann Click Hurd. She was of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Merlin Burchett.

Survivors include one son, John Burchett of Morral, Ohio; five daughters, Ruth Burchett of Morral, Ohio, Phyllis Burchett of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, W. Jean Shirea, Wanda Hecker, Amy Thompson, and Gladys Sue Hickman, all of Meeker, Ohio; one brother, Alvin Hurd of Prestonsburg; ten grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and six step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, December 7, at 10 a.m., at the Boyd Funeral Home, Marion, Ohio, with Pastor Floyd D. Barker and Steve Burchett officiating.

Burial will be in the Meeker Cemetery, under the direction of Boyd Funeral Home.

Her grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Glenn Tackett

Glenn Tackett, 68, of Dayton, Ohio, died Saturday, October 14, 2000.

He was the son of the late Marvin and Frances Bentley Tackett, formerly of McDowell. He was a Korean War Veteran, serving with the U.S. Army and was a member of VFW Post No. 431, American Legion Post 200 and Amvets.

His wife, Ivelene, preceded him in death.

He is survived by two daughters, Diana Officer and Kathy Tackett, both of Dayton, Ohio; one brother Delmon Tackett of Phoenix, Arizona; one sister, Bessie Jean Sharp of Miamisburg; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at Newcomer, Barclay Funeral Home, with Rev. Rick Carr officiating.

Burial was in the Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery.

Linda Faye Wallen Harris

Linda Faye Wallen Harris, 49, of Lexington, formerly of Allen, died Saturday, December 2, 2000, at her residence, following an extended illness.

She was born May 7, 1951, at Prestonsburg, the daughter of Billy Dee and Doris Ann Smith Wallen, now of Mount Sterling. She was a Pharmacy Technician at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington.

She is survived by her husband, John Harris.

Other survivors include two sons, Ryan E. Porter and Vernon M. Porter, both of Allen; one daughter, Jessica Stapleton of Prestonsburg; two sisters, Deborah Wright of Owensville and Dave Ann Spangle of Huntington, Indiana; and one grandson.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 6, at 1 p.m., at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with the Rev. Mark Tackett officiating.

Burial will be in the Bingham Family Cemetery on Town Branch, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home.

Natacha Jean Lackey

Natacha Jean Lackey, daughter of Carl Edward Lackey Jr. and Loretta Allen Perkins of Prestonsburg, was stillborn Saturday, December 2, 2000, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Survivors, other than her parents, include her paternal grandparents, Carl Lackey of Lexington, and Aileen Slone Blair of Banner; maternal grandparents, Hatton Allen of Allen, and Dorothy Fletcher Allen of Allen; two brothers, Brandon Perkins and Tony Fletcher, both of Salyersville; two sisters, Latacha Perkins and Daniell Perkins, both of Salyersville.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 5, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Rev. Jackson and Demp Allen officiating.

Burial was in the Webb Cemetery, at Banner, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Shawna Lee Johnson

Shawna Lee Johnson, 22, of Hi Hat, died Sunday, December 3, 2000, on Ky. Rt. 122, Bevinsville, following an automobile accident.

Born on March 6, 1978, in Pikeville, she was the daughter of Marlene Collins Johnson of McDowell, and the late Elmer Lee Johnson.

Survivors, other than her mother, include one son, Brian O'Neil Manns Jr. of Hi Hat; one daughter, Marley Reid Collins of Hi Hat; two brothers, Elmer Lee Johnson Jr. (J.J.) of Wheelwright, Timothy Neil Johnson of Weeksbury; and one sister Crystal Lea Johnson of Weeksbury; maternal grandparents, Addison and Cora Hall Collins of Bypro; paternal grandmother, Mary White Johnson of Hi Hat; step mother, Sue Ellen Johnson of Weeksbury; step-father, buddy Johnson of McDowell.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 6, at noon, at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church at Bypro, with Rev. Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial will be in the Buckingham Cemetery, Bevinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Tim Mullins

Tim Mullins, 55, of Las Vegas Nevada, formerly of McDowell, died Tuesday, November 28, 2000, at University Hospital in Las Vegas, following an extended illness.

Born on January 28, 1945, in Knott County, he was the son of the late Jim Mullins and Nova Slone Mullins. He was a certified welder and a veteran of the United States Army.

Survivors include one daughter, Candina Phillips of Clearfield; five brothers, Selton Mullins of Purcell, Oklahoma, Harry Mullins of McDowell, James Mullins of Indianapolis, Indiana, Mass Mullins of Greenville, Indiana, Alger Mullins of Columbus, Georgia; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 4, at 10 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Paul Grainger and Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial was in the Stumbo Cemetery, at Minnie, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

(See OBITUARIES page nine)

Linda Faye Wallen Harris



Linda Faye Wallen Harris, 49, of 3012 Dale Hollow Drive, Lexington, KY, formerly of Prestonsburg, passed away on Saturday, December 2, 2000, at her home from an extended illness. She was born May 7, 1951 to Doris A. and Billy D. Wallen of Mt. Sterling, KY. She was the wife of John G. Harris of Lexington, KY. Other survivors include one daughter, Jessica L. Stapleton of Prestonsburg, KY. Two sons, Ryan E. Porter and Vernon M. Porter both of Allen, KY. One grandson, Brandon M. Stapleton of Prestonsburg, KY. Two sisters, Dave Ann Spangle of Huntington, IN., Deborah Wright of Owingsville, KY. She also leaves a great many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins, as well as many others who loved her and will greatly miss her. She was preceded in death by her twin sister Brenda Gayle Wallen. She was employed by U.K. Medical Center Pharmacy for 10 years. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2000, at 1:00 p.m., at the Floyd Funeral Home. Visitation on Monday and Tuesday. A Memorial service will be held Thursday, December 7, 2000 at 2:30 p.m., at the U.K. Medical Center Chapel in Lexington, KY.

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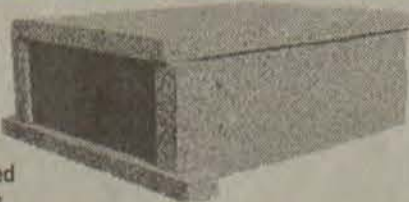
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Judge grants state petition for First Mutual take-over

The Department of Insurance was granted authority on December 1, by Judge William Graham, to supervise the daily operations of the Lexington-based First Mutual Insurance Co., a company that writes home and auto coverage primarily in eastern Kentucky.

The department filed a petition on Tuesday, November 28, in Franklin Circuit Court requesting this authority because DOI has determined the company is financially insolvent.

First Mutual President Buford McIntosh and his legal counsel agreed that the state taking over company operations is in the best interest of the policyholders.

Termination notices were sent out to policyholders by Deputy Liquidator Ernest Dry, informing them that their coverage will end on December 31, 2000, and they will have to seek alternative insurance. DOI will be contacting similar companies to help determine the policy-

holders' options.

First Mutual is a mutual insurance company, owned by the policyholders, and managed by a group called KYWide. The company began writing home and auto coverage in Kentucky in 1997. First Mutual has 8,000 policyholders throughout Kentucky. Of that total, 5,300 are homeowner policies.

The company is authorized to do business throughout the state, but the biggest concentration of its business

is in eastern Kentucky.

DOI has the responsibility of determining whether or not insurance companies doing business in Kentucky are financially sound and statutorily solvent. If a company is in serious financial difficulty, DOI can petition the court to take over the company's operation and either rehabilitate the company (reorganizing the company's structure) or, if

rehabilitation is not possible, proceed with liquidation. In this case, liquidation is the course of action.

Policyholders with questions or concerns may contact DOI's Consumer Protection and Education Division at 800-595-6053 (or, for people with hearing impairment: 800-462-2081). If someone has a claim, he or she should notify the company.

Brenda Kay Garrett Adkins



Brenda Kay Garrett Adkins, of Paintsville, died Friday, December 1, 2000, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington.

Born September 7, 1950, she was the daughter of Effie Mae Garrett of Prestonsburg, and the late Freddie Garrett.

She is survived by her husband, Lon C. Adkins.

Other survivors include six children, Emma Kay Lemaster of Oil Springs, Matthew Adkins, Mark Adkins, and Kathy Hagley, all of Columbus, Ohio, Ruth Adkins O'Daniel of Louisville, and Vanessa Adkins of Paintsville. Also surviving are five grandchildren, several brothers and sisters, and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 4, 11 a.m., at the Eastside Freewill Baptist Church, with Ellis Hamilton and Harry Frisby officiating.

Burial was in the Adkins Cemetery, Paintsville, with arrangements being made by Preston Funeral Home.

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Regional Obituaries

Johnson County

Euldine Jennings, 76, of Williamsport, died Monday, November 13, at Paul B. Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 16, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Leon Eugene "Gene" Holbrook, 71, of Pleasureville, died Tuesday, November 28, at Jewish Hospital in Shelbyville. He is survived by his wife, Mary Prater Holbrook. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of Sholar Funeral Home.

Mark Allen Burchett, 35, died Monday, November 28, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 30, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Pike County

Caleb and Andrew Anderson, infant twins of Eddie and Delphia Lynn Anderson of Shelby Gap, died

Wednesday, November 29, at the Whitesburg Hospital. Graveside services were conducted Thursday, November 30, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Elmer Belcher, 70, of Clay City, died Saturday, December 2, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Ada Belle Brown, 85, of Forest Hills, died Friday, December 1, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 3, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Frances Jean "Angel Toe" Diamond, 21 months old, daughter of Donald Dewayne and Ann Marie Diamond of Phelps, died Monday, November 27, at her home, the result of a fire. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 5, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Victoria Johnson, 89, of

Edgerton, West Virginia, died Wednesday, November 29, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 2, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Louise Kendrick, 75, of Shelbiana, died Thursday, November 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 3, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Virginia "Jane" Silvers, 70, died Tuesday, November 22. She is survived by her husband, Frank "June" Silvers Jr. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 28, under the direction of Mullins Funeral Home, Clintwood, Virginia.

Knott County

Kevin Terry, 22, of Richmond, formerly of Hindman, died Sunday, November 26. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 30, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Robert "Tobe" Combs, 82, of Carrie, died Wednesday, November 29, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 3, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Home.

Aftin Eugene Jacobs, 46, of Garrett, Indiana, formerly of Knott County, died Thursday, November 30, at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 3, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Nola Nunemaker, 89, of Greenville, Indiana, formerly of Knott County, died Friday, December 1, at the Norton Hospital at Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 4, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

James Wilber Baldrige

James Wilber Baldrige, 77, of East Point, died Sunday, December 3, 2000, at his residence.

Born on January 15, 1923, in Bays Branch, Floyd County, he was the son of the late George Baldrige and Lettie Harmon Baldrige. He was a self-employed carpenter and coal miner.

Survivors include one sister, Myrtle B. Burchett of Prestonsburg.



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Virginia Mae DeBord

Virginia Mae DeBord, 77, of Ivel, died Sunday, December 3, 2000, at Mt. Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

Born on August 5, 1923, in Mingo County, West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Ernest and Pearl M. Thompson Hall. She was a member of the Southern Calvary Baptist Church at Betsy Layne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph DeBord.

Survivors include one son, Ralph DeBord of Allen; one daughter, Ernestine DeBord of Ivel; one sister, Mary C. Shepherd of Christiansburg, Virginia; and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 6, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Rev. George Love officiating.

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

Minerva H. Cooley

Minerva H. Cooley, died Sunday, December 3, 2000, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

She was the daughter of the late Walter and Julia Howard Holbrook. She was a retired school teacher and librarian with the Floyd County schools, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Prestonsburg, where she was a Sunday School teacher and training union instructor.

She was also a member of the Floyd County Retired Teacher's Association, Kentucky Education Association, National Teacher's Association, Kiwanians, and a 1997-98 Floyd-Pike Counties Women Bowling Association Hall of Fame inductee.

Her husband, William R. Cooley, preceded her in death.

Survivors include one brother, Woody Holbrook of Ironton, Ohio.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 6, at 11 a.m., at the First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Randy Polk officiating.

Burial will be in the Holbrook Family Cemetery at Middle Creek near Prestonsburg, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers are David Cooley, Ronald Cooley, Caleb Cooley, Hansel Cooley, Larry Howell, Gary Holbrook, Wayne Brown, Kenneth Brown, Rodney Holbrook and James Elkins.

Honorary pallbearers are Orville Cooley, Vincel Cooley, Mike Vance, Billy Ray Collins, Tom O. McGuire, Johnny Burke, Charles Butcher and James William Cooley.

Card Of Thanks

The friends of Thomas C. Boyd wishes to thank all of those who were so kind and considerate during our time of grief. We want to thank those who sent flowers and gifts of love, said prayers or visited to pay their respects. We especially want to thank the pallbearers, special singers, DAV for the military service, and the Sheriff's Department for all your assistance. Very special thanks to Minister Mark Tackett, who offered kind words and prayers. And thanks to Hall Funeral Home for being so kind and considerate. All your kindnesses were greatly appreciated.

THE FRIENDS OF THOMAS C. BOYD

Card Of Thanks

The family of Harry Hall would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to Clergyman Junior Kidd for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient services.

THE FAMILY OF HARRY HALL

Card Of Thanks

The family of Jay Blevins 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 Clergymen Roger Thornsberry and Joe Adkins 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 JAY BLEVINS

Card Of Thanks

The family of Leona Gott Cooley 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 Rev. Wayne Sayre for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF LEONA GOTT COOLEY

Card Of Thanks

The family of James Dempsey "J.D." Clarke wishes to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers or words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to the New Salem Regular Baptist Church, Clergymen John Paul Hamilton, James Branham, Hillard Newsome and Danny Hurley for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient services.

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The Family of Maggie Steele wishes to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family who were there for us at the time of the passing of our mother. We are particularly thankful for the comfort from our Pastor, Brother Tracey Patton, and Assistant Pastor, Brother Tim McCoy. Special thanks to the group, Victory Voices, Sister Karen Crawford and the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church Choir for their beautiful music. We extend our deepest appreciation to Hospice of Big Sandy for all their loving care and medical assistance. We would like to thank Hall Funeral Home for being so kind and helpful at this time. Maggie Steele would have been honored and pleased by the outpouring of love you have shown to her memory and by the kindness you have shown to all of us. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Family of Maggie Steele

Card of Thanks

The family of Nellie Jarvis Dale, would like to express our thanks to friends, relatives, and neighbors, for the beautiful flowers, food, visits, and prayers during the times of our sorrows. A special thanks to Birkey Lewis, who stayed with us, and who took care of the services. Also thanks to Minnie, Sandy, and everyone at the Riverview Nursing Home. Also thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

The Family of Nellie Jarvis Dale

Note of Thanks

We, the Ronald Stewart family, would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who supported us in any way during our time of tragedy and sorrow.

Thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for giving us all the liberty we needed. Thanks to Earnie Casebolt and the staff of Phelps Funeral Services for helping us with our burial selections and the "portrait" obituary cards. Thanks to the Left Beaver Rescue Squad for all who helped at the rescue scene.

Thanks to the Price Community Club for preparing lunch for us. Craig loved all of you and we love you for showing your love for him in your coming to his funeral; for feeding us; for the flowers and cards; kind words and tears; for sharing fond memories of good deeds Craig had done for some of you, that we will always cherish.

Thanks to those who sang. Thanks to Sean Caudill who sang often to him. We extend a special thank you to Pastor Rodney Mosley for his words of solace and his timely message to the youth of our area. Thanks to the young men who carried Craig's body to it's final resting place. We'll never forget you. Gratefully,

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"Feed a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach the man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime."

This old Chinese proverb beautifully sums up the theme for a new chapel which will be constructed for inmates and by inmates who reside at the Frankfort Career Development Center (FCDC), a state-run minimum-security prison.

A groundbreaking ceremony marking the beginning of construction for the new chapel was held on Sunday at FCDC, located at 380 Coffee Tree Road in Frankfort.

FCDC inmates will be trained with new skills while constructing their place of worship. These marketable skills will assist them in

finding gainful employment once they are released from the Department of Corrections' (DOC) custody.

A recent study conducted by Eastern Kentucky University shows that the current rate of recidivism for inmates who participate in institutional work programs such as this one is 13.5 percent. The average recidivism rate is 33 percent.

The idea for the new chapel began in 1997 when inmates at FCDC expressed a need and began praying for an adequate place to hold their worship services. The current place of worship, a multi-purpose building, was thought to be too distracting due to inmate traffic

flow. Fundraising began when FCDC Chaplain Earl Bell contacted area churches and individuals to contribute. The FCDC inmate chapel choir sang in the area churches and then afterwards Chaplain Bell would present the need for the chapel and the people responded.

Twenty-seven area churches and private individuals are providing the financial assistance for the new chapel at the Frankfort minimum-security prison for men. A total of \$73,680 was raised between November 9, 1999, through July 15, 2000.

Two DOC staff members drew the plans and prepared the list of

materials with anticipated costs for the chapel construction.

DOC East Regional Director Carol Williams, FCDC Warden John Sowders, Deputy Warden Wayne Dunn and Chaplain Bell will participate in Sunday's groundbreaking ceremony. Representatives from the 27 churches in the surrounding counties will be honored guests. The public is invited to attend.

The plan is to complete the construction for the new chapel in late spring 2001. The Worship Center will have a seating capacity of 83 and the facility will be used exclusively as a worship and education center.

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Kentucky LifeSmarts program kicks off the 2000-2001 competition year

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division announced that the LifeSmarts 2000-2001 competition year has officially kicked off. LifeSmarts is a consumer education competition that tests teens in grades 9-12 about personal finance, health and safety, the environment, technology, and consumer rights and responsibilities.

Teens from across Kentucky first compete online for a chance to advance to the state finals in Lexington on March 13, 2001. State champions will represent Kentucky at the national LifeSmarts competition to be held April 21-24, 2001 in San Diego, California.

LifeSmarts is described as basic

business, civics, home economics and street smarts all rolled into one.

"Unfortunately, many young students learn life skills too late. With LifeSmarts, teens learn to avoid common consumer scams and pitfalls, navigate government, and

understand credit card and contract jargon before they sign the dotted line," said Attorney General Ben Chandler.

Teachers, 4-H leaders, and other teen group leaders are encouraged to get their teens involved. For more

information, visit www.lifesmarts.org or www.law.state.ky.us/ep.

To take a LifeSmarts quiz visit www.lifesmarts.org/game/index.html.

The Office of the Attorney General coordinates Kentucky's program in partnership with the Better Business Bureaus, the Kentucky Department of Insurance, the Department of Financial Institutions, and the 4-H Cooperative Extension Service.

The national guard's counterdrug efforts

(NAPSA)-After five years of demonstrating about its counterdrug activities for the nation's leaders on Capitol Hill, the National Guard was thanked by congressional leaders who took time out from their legislating duties in appreciation of the citizen soldiers' ongoing effort in the "war on drugs."

"I don't think we have faced a greater threat to our nation than

from illicit drugs," said U.S. Rep John Mica, R-Fla., during opening remarks at National Guard counterdrug displays in the foyer of the House of Representative's Rayburn House Building next to Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

Mica, the National Guard's exhibit sponsor, said the Guard's continuing effort to aid law enforcement while educating children on the dangers of drug abuse is still serious business, citing 52,000 deaths last year from the direct or indirect result of drug use.

Congressional leaders like House Rep Floyd Spence, R-S.C. and chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said they take the National Guard's drug fighting so seriously that the citizen-soldiers should expect to see continued support from the nation's policy makers.

Seniors favor measures to control drug prices



Prescription drugs are a growing expense for many seniors, who want Congress to control the rising costs.

(NAPSA)-According to a new survey conducted by TREA Senior Citizens League (TSCL), an overwhelming majority of seniors favor measures that would control prescription drug prices, in addition to adding prescription drug coverage to Medicare.

The survey also found that the number of seniors without prescription drug insurance might be much higher than the government estimates-nearly 44 percent instead of 33 percent. Meanwhile, 56 percent of all seniors considered a \$24 per month premium and 50 percent copayment too high, even with full government assistance.

"A prescription drug benefit targeted only to low-income seniors would not help many seniors who are still in need," says Michael Zabko, Executive Director of TSCL. "We urge seniors to contact their members of Congress and ask them to add prescription drug coverage to Medicare that would be available to all Medicare-eligible seniors."

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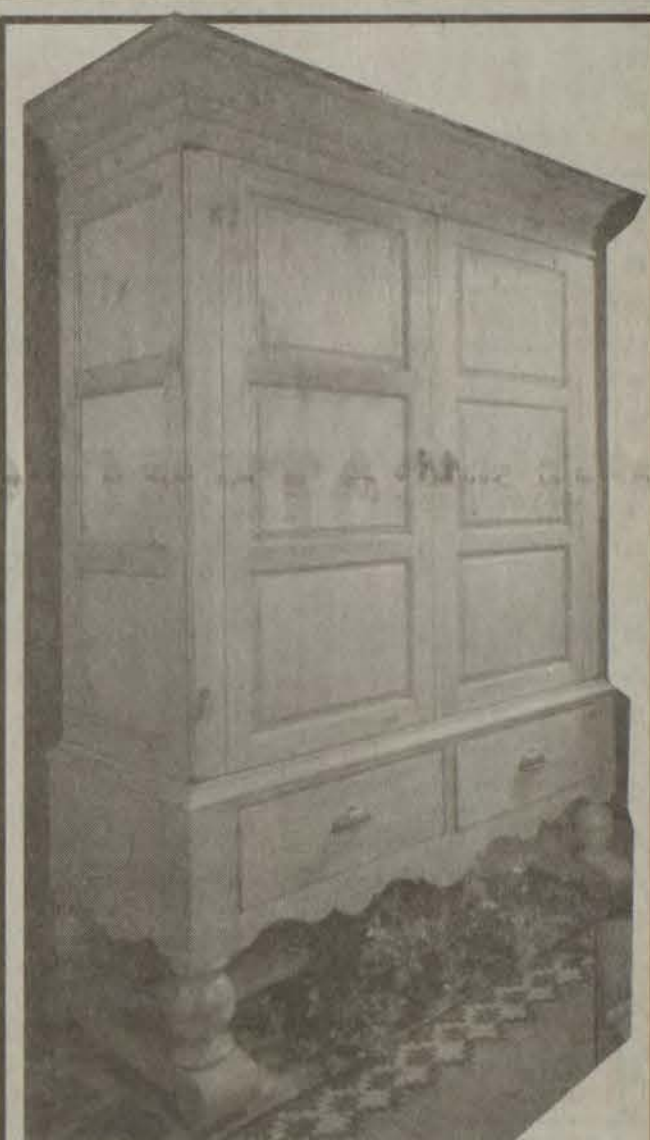
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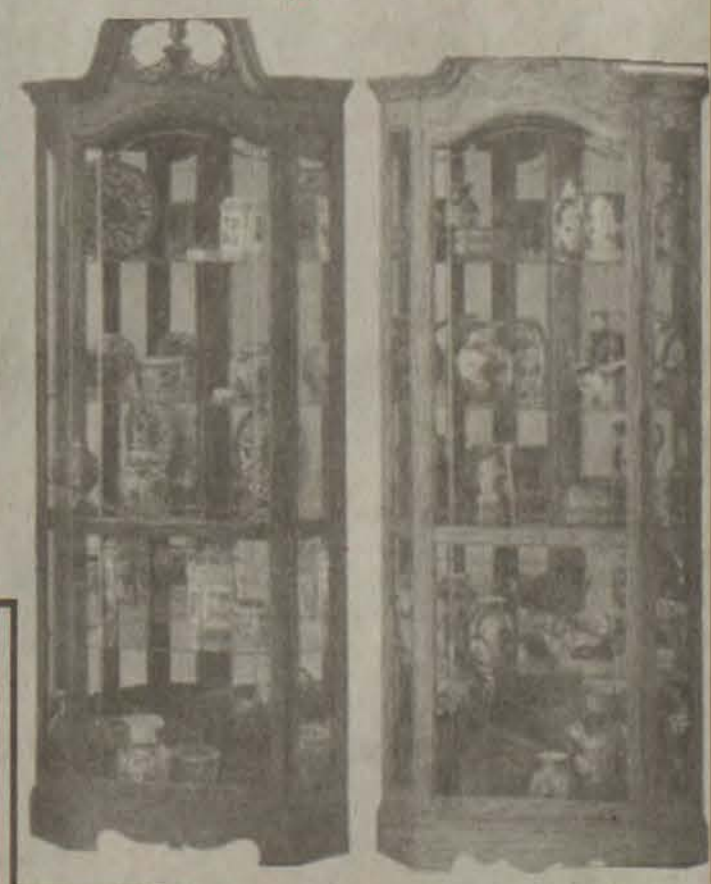
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For the freshest tree, your best choice is to cut one from a local Christmas tree farm.

If you buy one from a tree lot be sure to check the tree for freshness. One way is to bend a green needle between your thumb and forefinger.

Another way is to bump the stump firmly on the ground once or twice. If green needles drop, the tree probably is too dry. It's ok if brown needles fall when you thump the tree because they drop off every year anyway.

Observe how trees are stored and displayed on the tree lot. Are they

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Choosing and maintaining your live Christmas tree

stored in full sun or exposed to wind? Are the stems not in water? These conditions contribute to drying the trees and making them more likely to drop their needles.

Also ask the vendor where the tree came from, and how long ago it was cut. General, the further the distance a tree traveled, the earlier it was cut. A tree cut before it entered winter dormancy is more susceptible to drying out.

You also can use many of these

points to determine the freshness of a balled and burlapped tree. In addition, check the size of the root ball and whether it's damp to the touch. If the ball is dry, the tree likely is suffering from drought conditions.

Again, ask where the tree originated. Local sources are better for freshness and compatible soil types when you replant the tree after the holidays.

Whether you choose a fresh tree or one balled and burlapped, the

species you pick is a matter of personal preference.

Most Christmas trees grown in Kentucky are white pine and Scots pine. The Scots pine has short, stubby branches that will support all kinds of ornaments well. The white pine has fragrant foliage, but its flexible branches will not support heavy ornaments well. Other Christmas trees grown in Kentucky are the Douglas-fir, Colorado blue spruce and Norway spruce.

From a cost standpoint, pine species are less expensive than the firs and spruces. This is because firs and spruces require more time to grow to the same heights as pines.

One consideration is whether you want a cut tree or one that's balled and burlapped. White pines and spruces are your best choices of balled and burlapped trees. You'll have more success planting them outside. Plus, they add more beauty to the home landscape.

Another factor to consider is where you're going to put the tree.

Then measure, don't estimate, the size of the tree you're planning to buy. This will keep you from discovering that you need to reduce the width or height of the tree when you get it home. Drastic trimming often reduces the beauty of the tree.

Voters

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On election day, prior to the contested Florida results, there were hundreds of complaints from blacks who tried but were unable to vote, as well as from voters in Palm Beach who voted incorrectly because of the butterfly ballot.

In Seminole County, Democrats joined Republicans hand counting "uncounted ballots," which gave Bush 98 additional votes, almost one quarter of the final certified Bush lead of 537 votes for the entire state. But Republicans have fought violently to stop hand recounts in Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties.

The reason is apparent. If all chads are counted, and most experts agree pregnant chads should be included, the intent of Florida voters would probably favor Gore by 10,000 or more. This is a slim margin but nearly 20 times the current Bush 537.

We need to complete the more accurate hand recounts to determine the voters' real intent. The courts must then decide if this intent will be honored.

Note: The data presented above has been obtained from various sources, most importantly a New York Times analysis of Florida voting patterns and Boston Globe data. We acknowledge these sources with thanks.

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A Look at Sports

Q95 Shootout will be a big day of roundball



Ed TAYLOR times sports editor

Count them. Eight teams will show up this coming Saturday for the first annual Q95 Floyd County Classic and it promises to be a big day of high school basketball.

Four games are on tap involving eight teams with all four of our county teams playing outside competition.

Millard, Lawrence County, East Carter and Magoffin County will provide the opposition at the Prestonsburg fieldhouse and fans will get a chance to see Tim Summa, 7-footer from Magoffin County, in action. The Hornets will face a very good South Floyd team in the final game of the evening at 7:30 p.m.

Game one features Brent Rose's Betsy Layne Bobcats against Joe Marson's Millard Mustangs. Tip off time is set for 1:30 p.m. Before the opening game, Johnny Ray Turner, former coach at Johnson Central and newly elected state senator, will make a presentation of the game ball to the officials to toss up to start the first game.

"We might even get him to toss up the ball to start

the game," said Rick Hughes, games director. "It is just a way to recognize him as last year's regional tournament champion and new state senator."

Norm Marcum will perform the National Anthem while the Allen Central Jr. ROTC presents the nation's colors.

Betsy Layne will put a quick lineup on the floor against a Millard team that showed a lot of improvement last season. Brock Keathley, Adam Collins, Nathan Tackett, Jeremy Daniels and Brad Daugherty will get the call for the Bobcats.

The second game will match up a surprising Allen Central squad against Lawrence County in a 3:30 p.m. tip off time. Coach Johnny Martin has his team play-

ing their usual game, trapping and pressing all over the court. The Rebels are quick and like the outside game.

Larry Mullins, Jeremy Hayes, Josh Yates, Daniel Sazabo, Z.W. Chaffins and Travis Francis head up the line up for the Rebels.

It is not known when sharp-shooting Shawn Newsome will be permitted to get back on the court. Newsome suffered a shoulder separation during a panorama game. He has been pronounced well enough to play but his father wants him to wear a protective brace before he is allowed to resume playing. A special brace was ordered but as of Friday night, not received.

One would have to think that such a device would

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Johnson Central vs. South Floyd

South Floyd downs Johnson Central, 92-65

Hall scorches nets for 31 in Raider win

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS WRITER

The Johnson Central Golden Eagles (0-1) came into South Floyd's Raider Arena this past Friday night for their first game of the 2000 season and their first game under new head coach Les Trimble.

It was a lot of firsts for the new Golden Eagles coach. Despite seeing his team get bombarded by the three-point shot and seeing the South Floyd Raiders run and gun, his team entered halftime trailing by just 13 points, 43-30. The visiting Golden Eagles came out of the intermission and fell behind early, thanks to a score-happy South Floyd offense. The host Raiders jumped on Johnson Central early in the third quarter and went on to post a 92-65 win.

The Raiders trailed 6-5 briefly in the first quarter before exploding and going on a 17-0 run, fueled by a three-point attack. South Floyd's Michael Hall and Rusty Tackett combined for three treys in the run. Anthony Hall played big coming in off the bench for the Raiders. Hall put in a layup late in the first quarter to push the Raider lead out to a 16-point advantage at 27-11. Johnson Central guard Kyle Jennings drained a three-point field goal just before the end of the first period to make it a 27-14 South Floyd advantage.

The two ball clubs played even in the second quarter, both netting 16 points. The South Floyd pressure left its mark on Johnson Central in the second quarter. Michael Hall drained a three-pointer to begin the quarter and the Raider defense went on to force two straight turnovers, prompting Trimble to call a timeout with 6:12 remaining in the half. South Floyd (2-0) went on their second significant run of the half and held a 43-29 advantage, before Johnson Central freshman Mike Walters went 1-2 from the free-throw line to make it a 43-30 halftime score.

The two squads came out of the intermission and exchanged baskets to begin the third quarter, before South Floyd turned their play up a notch, eventually outscoring their visitors 30-16 in the third quarter.

(See SOUTH FLOYD, page two)

Strong move...



photo by Ed Taylor

ALLEN CENTRAL'S Shannon Sizemore (10) went strong to the basket around Knott Central Franci Chaffins (40). Allen Central and the Lady Patriots met Monday night with Knott Central pulling off a 54-40 win.

Prestonsburg Junior Basketball

JUNIOR VARSITY

BULLS VS SPURS

Mike Crum scored 10 points and Jarrod Willis added nine to lead the Bulls past the Spurs 33-11 in junior basketball play at Adams Middle School Saturday. Josh Rodebaugh added six points while Elizabeth Chaffin and Westley Hall netted four points apiece.

Nathaniel Stephens led the Spurs with six points while Joshua Holbrook totaled four. Whitney Allen scored on point.

The Bulls led 6-2 after the first quar-

ter with Willis scoring four points in the opening period. A 12-0 second quarter gave the Bulls a 18-2 half time lead. Crum scored six points in the second stanza and Chaffin had four.

Stephens scored all six of his points in the final quarter and Holbrook had two points in both the first and fourth quarters.

LAKERS VS JAZZ

Chayse Martin and James Lafferty combined for 21 points to lead the Lakers to a 38-21 win over the Jazz. Martin finished with 11 points while

Lafferty added 10. Carman Maines and Jordan Ochala tossed in five each while Josiah Reno netted four points. Adam Gearheart finished with three.

For the Jazz, Chris Oliver scored eight points and Meaghan Slone had seven to lead Rich Hughes' team. Brittany Collins scored three while Morghan Slone finished with two. Pam Slone had one point.

The Lakers held a 6-4 first quarter lead and went to the locker room nursing

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Knott Central at Allen Central

Allen Central falls 54-40 to Knott Central

Injury-plagued Lady Rebels drop decision to Knott

by ED TAYLOR SPORTS EDITOR

KNOTT CENTRAL (54)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Taylor	5	0	2-1	11
Ratliff	2	0	3-3	7
Combs	5	0	8-3	13
Amburgey	3	1	3-3	12
Slone	1	0	4-1	3
Chaffins	2	0	0-0	4
Johnson	1	0	2-2	4

ALLEN CENTRAL (40)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Howard	2	0	0-0	4
Caudill	0	2	0-0	6
Sizemore	3	0	7-3	9
Isaac	3	1	1-0	9
Brown	0	1	0-0	3
L. Majakey	0	0	3-2	2
Martin	2	0	2-0	4
Mullins	1	0	2-1	3

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 Allen Central.... 5 10 7 18 - 40

Coach Cindy Halbert's Allen Central Lady Rebels basketball team resembled more of a M.A.S.H unit this past Monday night in entertaining the Knott County Central Lady Rebels.

Three, count them, three, of the Lady Rebels starters were in street clothes as they watched a very, very young Lady Reb team take on one of the powerhouses out of the 14th Region, Knott County Central.

Beth Combs scored 13 points to place three players in double figures as the Lady Patriots posted a 54-40 win over Allen Central. Tonya Amburgey added 12 points and Mandy Taylor finished with 11.

Freshman Jessica Isaac and senior Shannon Sizemore led Allen Central's scoring with nine points each. Tabitha Caudill, also a freshman,

(See KNOTT, page three)



photo by Steve LeMaster

SOUTH FLOYD JUNIOR RUSTY TACKETT (20) goes up for what would be two of his 20 points in the Johnson Central game. Teammate Michael Hall led the Raider attack with a game-high 31 points.

Way Osborne goes, so go the LADY REBELS

by ED TAYLOR SPORTS EDITOR

Girls high school basketball continues the climb to the top of high school athletics and the popularity of the game can be credited to the improved play and dedication of kids across the state of Kentucky.

It is no secret, if you are to be a top player, who colleges are drooling over, it takes hard work, a right attitude and a desire to be the best you can.

Allen Central, one of the top programs in Floyd County over the years, will have to look to three seniors who will have to contribute from all aspects of the game, scoring, rebounding and especially leadership.

For Kari Osborne, it has been an up and down past three seasons but she is excited about her senior year where she will be expected to come to the forefront in leader-

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Prestonsburg

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a 19-13 advantage. Oliver kept the Jazz close with eight second quarter points for the Jazz. Maines had a three-point basket in the second and five points. Ochala also drilled a three-point basket in the second. In the third quarter for the Lakers, Martin scored nine points including a three-point basket.

PISTONS VS BULLS

It was the Michael Lackey Show against the Bulls as he pumped in 26 points to lead the Pistons to a 31-23 edging of the Bulls. Lackey had 10 first quarter points and he scored 12 in the third. Amber Whitaker finished with three points and Justin Conn had two.

Mike Crum, who went scoreless in the first half, scored all 10 of his points in the third and fourth quarters. Jarred Willis finished with nine points while Chaffin and Josh Rodebaugh scored two apiece.

It was a 10-2 game at the end of the first period and the Pistons led 11-4 at the half. A 14-8 run by the

Pistons in the third period made it a 25-12 game.

TRAINING LEAGUE

RAPTORS VS HORNETS

The Raptors outscored the Hornets 4-0 in the first quarter and went on to post a 16-5 win behind the seven points of Cody McCoy. Christian Smith added five. Adam West and Tosha Wallen netted two apiece.

Dustin Coleman scored four points to lead the Hornets. Jaden Spurlock had one point.

BULLS VS SONICS

Michael Burchett tossed in a game high 14 points, and Allen Craynon netted eight to lead the Sonics past the Bulls 44-5. Nathan Ousley had eight points for the Sonics. Josh Craynon and Vincent Hayes finished with six while Evan Hayes scored two.

Josh Craynon scored six first

quarter points for the Sonics as they led 8-2 at the first stop. A 14-1 run, led by Burchett's eight points in the second quarter, gave the Sonics a 22-3 half time lead.

KNICKS VS LAKERS

Jody Tackett pumped in 18 points to lead the Lakers to a 28-10 win over the Knicks. Craig Conley finished with four points. Shane Poynter, D.J. Ousley, and Matthew Sword scored two points each.

Matthew Tackett led the Knicks with his eight points. Trent Franiz scored two points.

Tackett scored eight of his points in the first quarter to give the Lakers a 14-4 first quarter lead. The score stood at the half as both teams failed to score in the second period.

HAWKS VS WARRIORS

Five players scored all 10 points for the Hawks but it wasn't enough as they fell 22-10 to the Warriors in training league basketball.

Seth Setser scored 10 points for

the Warriors with Tyler Warrix and Steven Perry scoring four points apiece. Cameron Tischer added three and Julie Compton one.

Issac Bentley, Austin Gearheart, Kyle Gearheart, Nicholas Conn, and Joshua Head all had two points apiece for the Hawks.

Kassidy Frasure scored two points while Ryan Conn and Kain Collins scored finished with one point apiece. Trey Stapleton and Grant Gearheart led the Celtics with one point apiece.

PACERS VS RAPTORS

James Greene scored eight points and Tyler Keens netted six as the Raptors posted a 19-6 win over the Pacers. Tyler Shelton scored three points for the winners with Seaton

Hall netting two.

Kasey Moore had four points to lead the Pacers scoring. Chase Baldrige added two.

JAZZ VS KNICKS

Evan Bays scored a game high six points and Myles Minix added four in a 10-4 win over the Jazz over the Knicks. Austin Newsome scored all four points for the Knicks.

South Floyd

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Jennings began the fourth quarter with a short jumper off a baseline pass. Johnson Central junior Dock Johnson drew a foul from South Floyd senior Rusty Tackett and went 2-2 from the line to make it a 73-50 game.

South Floyd sophomore center Charles Ray and sophomore guard Michael Hall each went to the charity stripe midway through the quarter and drained a pair of free throws.

Leading 83-59, with 2:31 remaining in the game, South Floyd coach Henry Webb called a timeout. The Raiders came out of the timeout and outscored Johnson Central 9-7, to post the win.

"You know when you can beat a team by 27 points, you're doing good," said Webb.

"It's going to be mid season before we are at the point where we need to be. We've got good players and they'll come together with time. Our defense didn't really play

that well, but like everything else, it'll come around."

Johnson Central coach Les Trimble feels his teams can take a lot away from such a big regional loss.

"This is a big morale builder for this team, despite such a big loss," said Trimble. "I thought we played hard and hustled. They (South Floyd) hit the three's and played good defense. This is a good first game for us, even though it's such a big loss."

Michael Hall led South Floyd with a game-high 31 points. Rusty Tackett finished with 20, while John Meade added 15 and Tyler Hall ended the game with 12 points. Starting sophomore center Charles Ray posted six points, while Joe Skeans and Anthony Hall finished with four points apiece, to round out the South Floyd scoring.

Dock Johnson led Johnson Central in scoring for the South Floyd game with 23 points. Senior Kyle Jennings was the only other Johnson Central player to finish in double-figures, finishing with 19. Senior Justin Blanton led the Golden Eagles in bench scoring with six.

GAME NOTES:

■ A good crowd of spectators were in attendance at the South Floyd-Johnson Central game, including former Johnson Central and McDowell coach Johnny Ray Turner.

■ The Raiders have several players who can take over a game. Michael Hall and Rusty Tackett are two such players.

■ The Raiders were back in action last night at Millard High. Results were not available as the newspaper went to print.

■ Johnson Central freshman Mike Walters made the first start of his high school basketball career. Walters was a standout on the middle school level last season. He also played on a very good Martin County AAU team last season.

JOHNSON CENTRAL (65) -

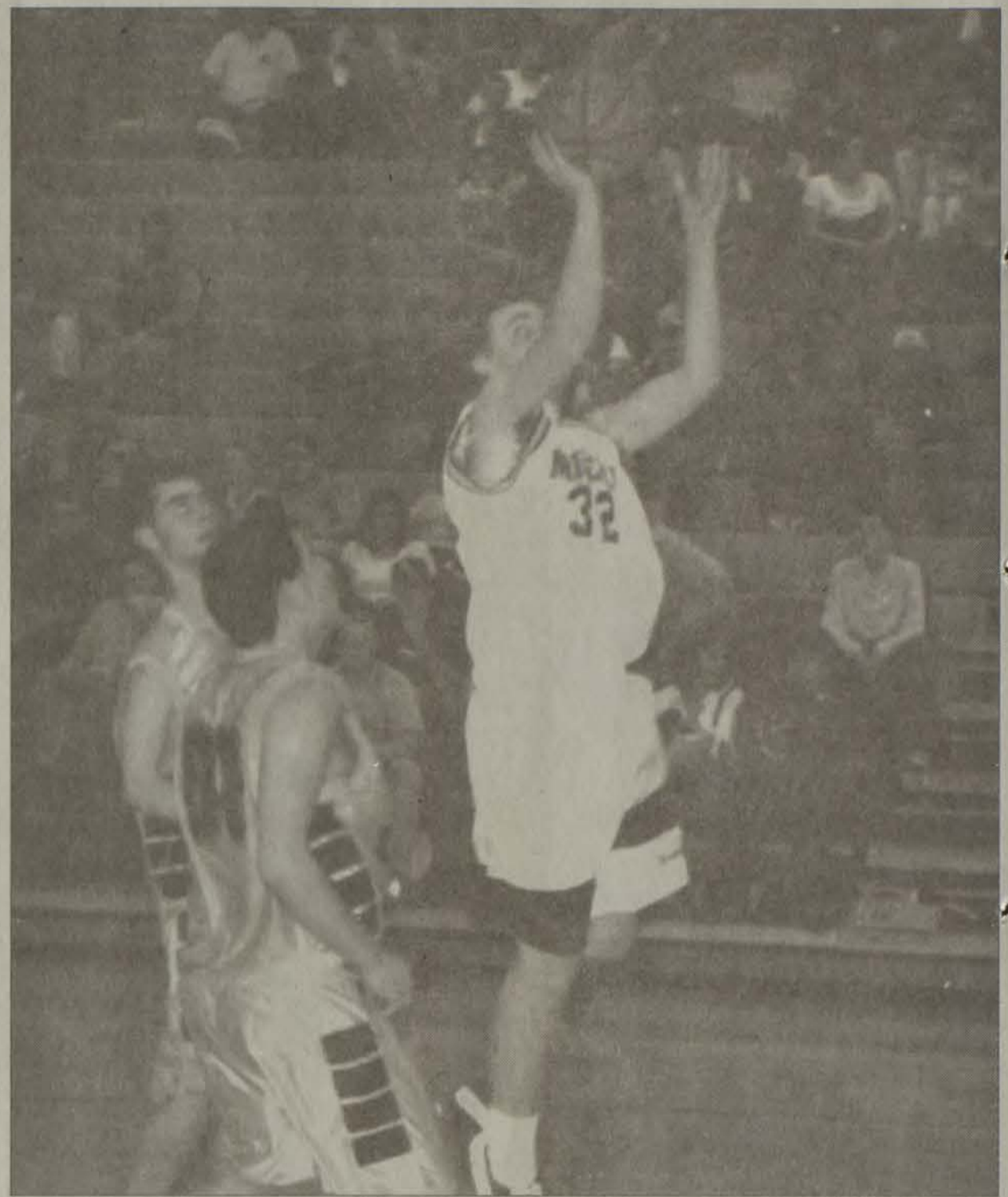
Jennings 19, Johnson 23, Blanton 6, Keaton 4, McKenzie 4, Woods 3, Dials 2, Hurt 2, Walters 1, Montgomery 1.

SOUTH FLOYD (92) -

M. Hall 31, Tackett 20, Meade 15, T. Hall 12, Ray 6, A. Hall 4, Skeans 4.

PEE WEE LEAGUE

BULLS VS CELTICS



TYLER HALL (32) goes up for two, as Johnson Central's Dock Johnson (00) defends. Hall finished with 12 points in South Floyd's 92-65 win over the visiting Golden Eagles. photo by Steve LeMaster

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STEVE'S SIDELINE SHOTS

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

Wanna be a high school football coach?

That's right if you're in the market and you want to be a high school foot-

ball coach, then we just happen to have two openings right here in Floyd County. The first, the Betsy Layne job, has been open since the last week of the season when then-head coach Ted George announced that he was resign-

ing. Then, late last week, Kevin Spurlock announced that he was stepping down as the head gridiron man up at Allen Central High School. This leaves two, count 'em, two job openings for head football coaches here in the county. Both schools have elaborated that they have all intentions of keeping the football programs at their respective schools alive. Now, the search is on for a head coach for each of the two. My only hope is that the two schools will each find a person who is qualified (not saying the previous coaches weren't qualified) to take over the programs. Hopefully, qualified candidates will apply and the two schools will both name new coaches in the very near future.

Hornets take Commodore Four

I was in Lexington this past Saturday. My only regret is that I didn't venture to Lexington Bates Creek High School and take in some of the basketball action.

Coach Danny Adams' Magoffin County Hornets began the Embassy Suites Commodore Four Friday night

with a 61-55 win over Walnut Hills, Ohio. Walnut Hills held Magoffin County big man Tim Summa to just seven points in the game, but three other Hornet seniors, Ryan Montgomery, Brandon Russell and Joey Howard picked up the slack by scoring in double figures and combining for 45 points.

The Hornets advanced to the second day of the four-team tournament to play host Bates Creek, who blasted Harlan 70-59 one night earlier.

Magoffin County came out and beat the host Bates Creek on Saturday. The Hornets are on a roll in the early stages of the 2000-01 high school basketball season. Magoffin's early play leaves many feeling that this might finally be the Hornets year.

Stay tuned.

How Boyle Countians must feel

Can you imagine how folks in Boyle County, more specifically high school football fans, feel right now?

Jubilant, ecstatic, crazy, wild happy.

Both the Danville Admirals and the

Boyle County Rebels claimed state championships in Louisville last Friday.

That would be like any two of our Floyd County teams claiming championships in the same year.

It's a great feat, to say the least. Danville's only loss of the season was a 47-0 beating given to them by Boyle County.

With the win, the Rebels are now on a 30-game win streak as they head into the 2001 high school season.

Pikeville College in a few years?

The Georgetown Tigers are rolling through the NAIA football playoffs. Could the Pikeville Bears under Coach Zak Willis do the same in just a few years? Yes.

Folks, if you didn't get the chance to catch a Pikeville College football game this season, then you need to definitely make it a must-do for next season. The Bears have a very talented team and will be even better next season. Pikeville's only loss of the season was the inaugural game loss to Georgetown. The Bears went on to win seven straight and finished 7-1. Oh, yeah, that Georgetown IV team the Bears lost to also featured some Georgetown varsity players.

It'll be real interesting to see how the Bears stack up to NAIA Mid-South Conference competition next season. Watch out MSC, the Bears have hit the gridiron and will be ready for the real thing come August 2001.

That's all for now, get out and catch a basketball game this week.

Sports

hinder his ability to shoot the basketball. But we are not doctors and do not know how it will all come out. But we do hope he is able to get back real soon.

Coach Jackie Day Crisp and his Prestonsburg Blackcats will take the floor in the third game of the evening and face East Carter in the Blackcat lair. The Blackcats are 0-1 on the season (they play at Magoffin Friday night) and has one of the better big men in the game in Dustin Music. For outside scoring Ricky Powers provides that along with Justin Slone and Ryan Martin. Game time is set for 5:30 p.m.

Perhaps the biggest game of the day will be the South Floyd and Magoffin County game. It will be a big regional match up and display two teams who could very well meet in the championship game of the regional tournament. If you remember last year Magoffin County ended the dream of the Raiders in winning last year's 15th Region tournament. South Floyd lost four starters from that team that faced Coach Danny Adam's Hornets, but he has three marksmen in Michael Hall, Rusty Tackett and John Meade. If you like a team that shoots the treys, you will love the Raiders.

"We are a different team from last year and they are a different team," said South Floyd coach Henry Webb. "Magoffin County is a solid team with good size. They have good athletic ability."

Coach Webb said he would not change anything from the way his team plays.

"We are still going to run the

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ball and press all over the court," he said. "We hope to use our quickness. Danny does a great job over there."

Proceeds from the four games will be evenly split between the eight participating teams. Players from each team will receive tee shirts and a Player of the Game will be named from each team following their respective game.

A three-man officiating crew will be used throughout the day. Fans will be entertained at half time of each contest with a shoot-off for prizes.

Admission for the full day of basketball is only \$5 per person (adult or student) and the fee is good for all four games. However, if you leave the gym and plan to return you will have to pay to reenter.

"We are not going to issue out passes," said Hughes. "If they leave and plan to come back they will have to pay again."

Hughes is hoping the weather is cooperative and he is expecting a large turnout for the day of high school basketball.

"We have a lot in this and hope we don't get any snow," he said. "It's going to be a big, big day."

RISNER AND PRATER

Coach Cindy Halbert, Allen Central, told me that Jennifer Risner and Barb Prater are out for her team with injuries and will miss this week of playing basketball. She is hopeful that both will be able to return next week. We hope that both return real soon.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Osborne

ship.

"I am real excited about my senior season," she said. "We have a new coach and I think we will have a real, real good season this year. We are working real hard in practice and we want to win everything we can."

Everything includes a return as district champions, something that has eluded the Lady Rebels the past two seasons.

While Prestonsburg returns as the two-time defending district champion, still the Lady Blackcats are the choice to repeat. But Allen Central could give Prestonsburg a run for the crown.

"I think we can be a surprise team," said Osborne. "If we continue to work hard in our practices where we have been working on our fundamentals, then we will be a good team."

"There is no doubt that Prestonsburg is the team to beat. But I feel we can win it also."

Allen Central will lack that one "go-to" player they had in Jessica Martin, who graduated last season. Osborne explained the difference in this year's team and last.

"Last year we worked hard but we didn't put everything into it like we should have," she said. "This year it is different. We want to go out and do good and be a winner. Coach (Cindy) Halbert makes us work hard. She is a really good coach. She makes us work hard all the time."

While Osborne wants a district and regional championship, like all players, still she has some unselfish goals in mind.

"Last year we should have won the district tournament," she said. "But this year I just want to go and play as hard as I can and help the team in anyway I can."

Osborne said another area of her game she has been working hard on has been rebounding and staying out of foul trouble.

"I have been working out on blocking out on the boards," she said, "instead of going over the back. We have been working on keeping our hands up instead of reaching on defense. I think I will do better this year because I have learned more under Coach Halbert."

While Osborne has a love for basketball, still she looks forward

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to just resting.

"After practice it is really hard," she said. "I like to just go home and lay down. I work to keep my grades up, too."

Osborne knows that the leadership on this young Allen Central team is going to fall on the shoulders of Risner, Sizemore and herself. She wants to be a force on the floor for the Lady Rebels.

"I just want to help everyone to work hard," she said. "We have Tonya (Howard) and Jackie (Martin) coming up real strong. Terri (Mullins) has a tendency to get down on herself. She gets mad at herself real easy. I want to encourage her to keep her head up when she makes a mistake."

Osborne has those leadership capabilities and if everyone jells on this team, come tournament time, Osborne and Company could very well regain those winning ways they once knew.

Knott

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hit two three-point baskets for six points.

Allen Central handled Knott Central's press and most of the turnovers committed by the Lady Rebels (21) were mental mistakes.

Allen Central also got hurt on the defensive boards allowing the Lady Patriots to pull down 18 offensive rebounds.

"That was a glaring stat," said Coach Halbert of her team's lack of blocking out on the boards. "If they put back half of them, that is 18 points."

One area that has concerned the new Allen Central coach is how healthy her inside players are.

"We have to get our inside players healthy," she said. "Also, this team needs to learn how to play organized high school basketball."

Allen Central trailed by as many as 26 points, 48-22, in the fourth quarter before making a mild come back behind the freshmen corps.

"I thought Terri (Mullins) handled the press well," said Coach Halbert. "I was pleased with the way our freshmen and sophomores played; Tabitha came in and gave us some good minutes."

Isaac scored all nine of her points in the final period, seeing little playing time in the first three quarters because of an injury. In fact, not only did the Lady Rebels have three out for the game, but three also were playing injured. Jessica Martin, who had four points for the game, along with Isaac and Sizemore were having to go as hard as they could for as long as they could.

Knott County rolled out to a 14-5 first quarter lead with the game tied at 2-2 before the Lady Patriots made a run. Allen Central turned the ball over 12 times in the opening period but they were not forced turnovers more than ill-advised passes.

Allen Central scored the first six points of the second quarter to pull

to within three of the Lady Patriots, 14-11. Martin had two baskets with Sizemore sandwiching in a short jumper.

Knott Central went to the offensive boards hard and opened up a 15 point lead, 27-12, on two free throws by Brittany Ratliff and Taylor's rebound basket. Two free throws by Lauren Majakey and one from Sizemore made it a 27-15 game at the half.

"Lauren came in and gave us some good minutes," said Coach Halbert.

Trailing 44-22 entering the final quarter, Allen Central outscored the Lady Patriots 18-10 behind the young players like Caudill and Isaac. Coach Halbert said that Isaac will be a key to this year's team.

"We have to get Jessica healthy and getting her to learn the plays," said the Allen Central coach. "Where she has been hurt she hasn't been to that many practices. I thought Terri did a good job on guarding Combs and to hold a team like Knott County in the 50s is good."

Ronnie Patton and Wes Case are both assistants at Allen Central and Coach Halbert said they are valuable to the team.

"It is good to have two good coaches helping out," she said. "Both of them are going to be assets to this team."

For Allen Central, Tonya Howard finished with four points as did Jackie Martin. Mullins added three and Jackie Brown hit a three-point basket to net three for the game.

Ratliff finished with seven for Knott Central. Franci Chaffins and Keisha Johnson tossed in four points with Tiffany Slone scoring three.

Allen Central (0-2) returns to the hardwood Thursday night on a trip to Inez to face a good Sheldon Clark team.

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NASCAR in Kentucky

By AMANDA VINCENT

Owensboro native Mark Green has become an active player in NASCAR's "silly season." The Busch Series driver has vacated the #63 Exxon Superflo Chevrolet to drive the #55 Ford, formerly driven by Michael Ritch, for Davis and Weight Motorsports. The team has yet to find a sponsor for 2001.

"These guys are a good crew with good equipment," Green said. "And I'm looking forward to working with them to put a winning package together."

Green's best season in the Busch Series came in 1997 with one top-five, five top-10s, and an 11th-place finish in the final points standings. In the years since, Green has been on a sort of downslide, but perhaps the combination of team owner Jerry Davis and Green will prove to be a winning one.

Things have been buzzing at Kentucky Speedway in Sparta. The track has become a popular test venue. Among those testing at the 1.5 mile facility are Winston Cup teams moving to Dodge next season and Busch Series teams prepar-

ing for their first visit to Kentucky.

Among 2001 Busch Series drivers to visit Kentucky last Tuesday were 2000 Craftsman Truck Series Champion Greg Biffle, 2000 Busch Series Champion and Owensboro native Jeff Green, Green's teammate Jason Keller, Jeff's brother and 1994 Busch Series Champion David Green, Tim Fedewa, Marty Houston, Blaise Alexander, Randy LaJoie, and Joe Nemechek.

Jeff Green and Keller were testing Fords with 2001 being the first season for the two in Taurus since changing over from Monte Carlos. Other drivers were preparing for the inaugural "Kentucky 300" on June 16, 2001. The race will be aired live at 8 p.m. ET on FX.

LaJoie was among the drivers giving the track a seal of approval. "Great facility," LaJoie said. "When they built this place they had the competitor and the fans in mind."

The first Busch Series event at Kentucky Speedway will be held as part of a weekend also featuring the NASCAR All-Pro Series and the Goody's Dash Series.

David and Jeff Green are looking forward to coming home to Kentucky for some good Busch

Series competition.

"Jeff and I were talking last night," David said. "We are just so excited to have one of the best racing facilities in the world located right here in Kentucky."

The second annual "Kroger 225" Craftsman Truck Series race will be July 14, 2001.

Kentucky Speedway is particularly popular among Dodge teams; according to people at the Kentucky track, nobody has tested there more than the Dodge teams. They've been there at least five or six times. Three teams representing the five that will pilot Dodges next season underwent engine durability testing last Wednesday in Sparta.

Kentucky Speedway has already made itself a home on the schedules of two of NASCAR's top three divisions. It's time that America's number-one motorsport found its way to the Bluegrass. We welcome it with open arms.

If you have any comments or anything you'd like me to discuss in future columns, e-mail me at bgkyracefan@aol.com. I'm hoping to include reader mail in future columns. I'd like to hear your input.

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MISS TARA JAYNE ORTEGA was crowned football Homecoming Queen 2000 this fall. Tara is a senior and plans on attending Eastern Kentucky University majoring in Occupational Therapy. She is the daughter of Shelia Ortega of Prestonsburg and John Ortega of Tampa, Florida. Ortega was escorted by her brother Ryan Ortega. She is the granddaughter of Jane Clark of Betsy Layne and Thomas Clark of Owensboro.

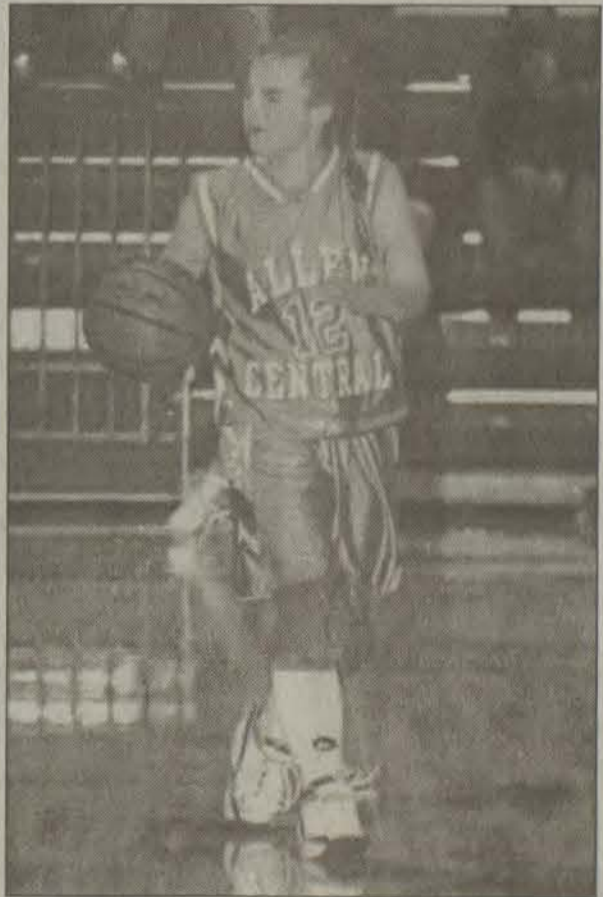


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TERRI MULLINS (12) has been pressed into the thick of things as she plays the point for the Allen Central Lady Rebels. Mullins is just a freshman but has shown a lot of promise at the position.

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Sports In Kentucky

by Bob Watkins

Did kid named Hawkins help UK find its wings in Chapel Hill?

Maybe. Could be, Tubby Smith's team started to un-caterpillar itself at Chapel Hill last week. Unfurl its butterfly wings and catch a warm breeze. Maybe Kentucky began to change its basketball personality from being five dudes dressed in the same clothes with NBA plum dreams dancing in their heads, to being a collective that commands accolades accorded Mercer and Mashburn and a long list of the distinguished. Maybe these kids with grown-up bodies are realizing that hard work, determination, pride, hustle, enthusiasm isn't just hokum Tubby speech. Maybe they will get

busy, make a mark after all on the winningest basketball program this side of the Harlem Globe Trotters.

Last year it was Dayton, this year Penn State. Maybe the Chapel Hill shot seen round the basketball world on CBS is a beginning. Could be it begins with a kid named Cliff.

And maybe Cliff's beginning started at the end of the St. John's game when the wet-behind-the-ears kid was entrusted with the final possession, raced up-court and made a turnover.

Maybe Cliff Hawkins will come to be special as he was in Chapel Hill the other day. A wispy little guy from Alexandria, Va., "celebrates his 19th birthday Christmas Eve" who stepped up for the wobbly

Wildcats and drove into the heart of powder blue lanes and made his team get busy.

Hawkins put some (point) G into UK's gyroscope and some gas into its transition-game tank. It wasn't only his slick team-best five assists and 5-for-9 shooting (11 points), it was Hawkins audacious pluck in the face of marquee names (Forte, Haywood and Dean Dome). Penetration that stirred a toe-tapping rhythm that got feet moving, in particular those of Tayshaun Prince who stopped whining and got busy getting open instead of being a 6-foot-9 beggar pleading for the basketball at 19-feet-9 inches.

Hawkins' 18 minutes playing time seemed to ignite Saul Smith as

well. A hard-working, well-intentioned little man who has an almost-tragic proclivity for bonehead plays - a push-off offensive foul, then defensive foul near the end of the half that seemed disastrous at the time.

Yet, Saul, perhaps energized by Hawkins' play, came back in the second half and swished a pair of hugely important 3-pointers and four free throws.

Suddenly Saturday Tubby Smith's Wildcats were up on their toes like a boxer with an eighth round second wind, moving, dancing, looking, being aggressive, being confident.

In the end the team assist column was 24, turnovers a dozen, and win

margin 17.

Cliff Hawkins ... a butterfly.

Notes from a contest experts said UNC would win by seven.

Where does the 17-point win in Chapel Hill rank on Kentucky's illustrious all-time big wins list? Because of the game site and UK's 1-3 start, a number of long-time fans place it among UK's top five road wins. Among those mentioned by Internet friends: This win over UNC rates with... the 1998 NCAA Region win over Duke; the 31-point comeback at LSU in 1994; and 1974 win over UNC in Louisville.

Cliff Hawkins wouldn't be the first new face to put gristle into a Kentucky's backbone. Kyle Macy did it 23 winters ago; then Dirk Minniefield; then Ed Davender, then Travis Ford; and Wayne Turner.

Marquis Estill's remarks to reporters after UK's win over North Carolina struck at the heart of why Kentucky fans have been grumbling.

"(This win) lets our fans know that we can play with anybody if we work hard."

Kentucky fans recognize rewards of hard work, hustle, intelligent play and pride more than coaches, players and some media

like to acknowledge.

BITS 'N PEOPLE

Eight (at least) Div.-1 prospects played football at old Cardinal Stadium last Saturday. Only one is committed so far to playing college football in-state. Ben Scott of Highlands will attend UK.

Is Fort Thomas Highlands the best high school football team in Kentucky history? The Bluebirds finished 14-1 after beating Owensboro in the Class 3-A title game Saturday. It is Highlands, 15th football championship. Fort Thomas Highlands has not lost to a team in Kentucky since 1997.

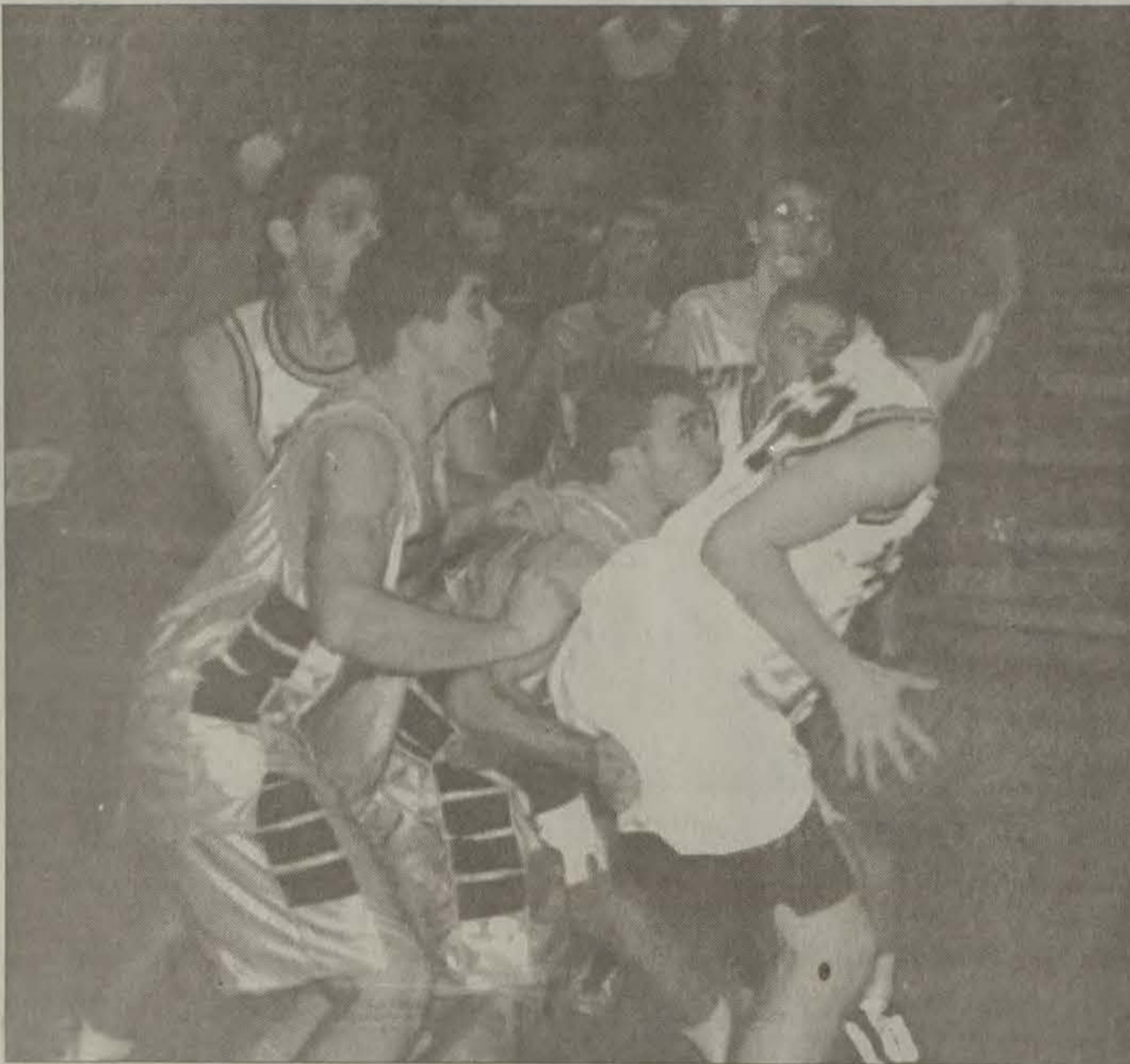
During the DePaul-Florida game Saturday ESPN's Dick Vitale went off the deep end. Or so it seemed when the mouth that continues to roar went on a tirade about his son-in-law surgeon making only \$38,000 a year. Did you care?

How long will ESPN allow

(See KENTUCKY, page six)

photo by Steve LeMaster

SURROUNDED!!! South Floyd's Tyler Hall (32) was surrounded by a host of Johnson Central defenders as he attempted to power his way up for a shot.



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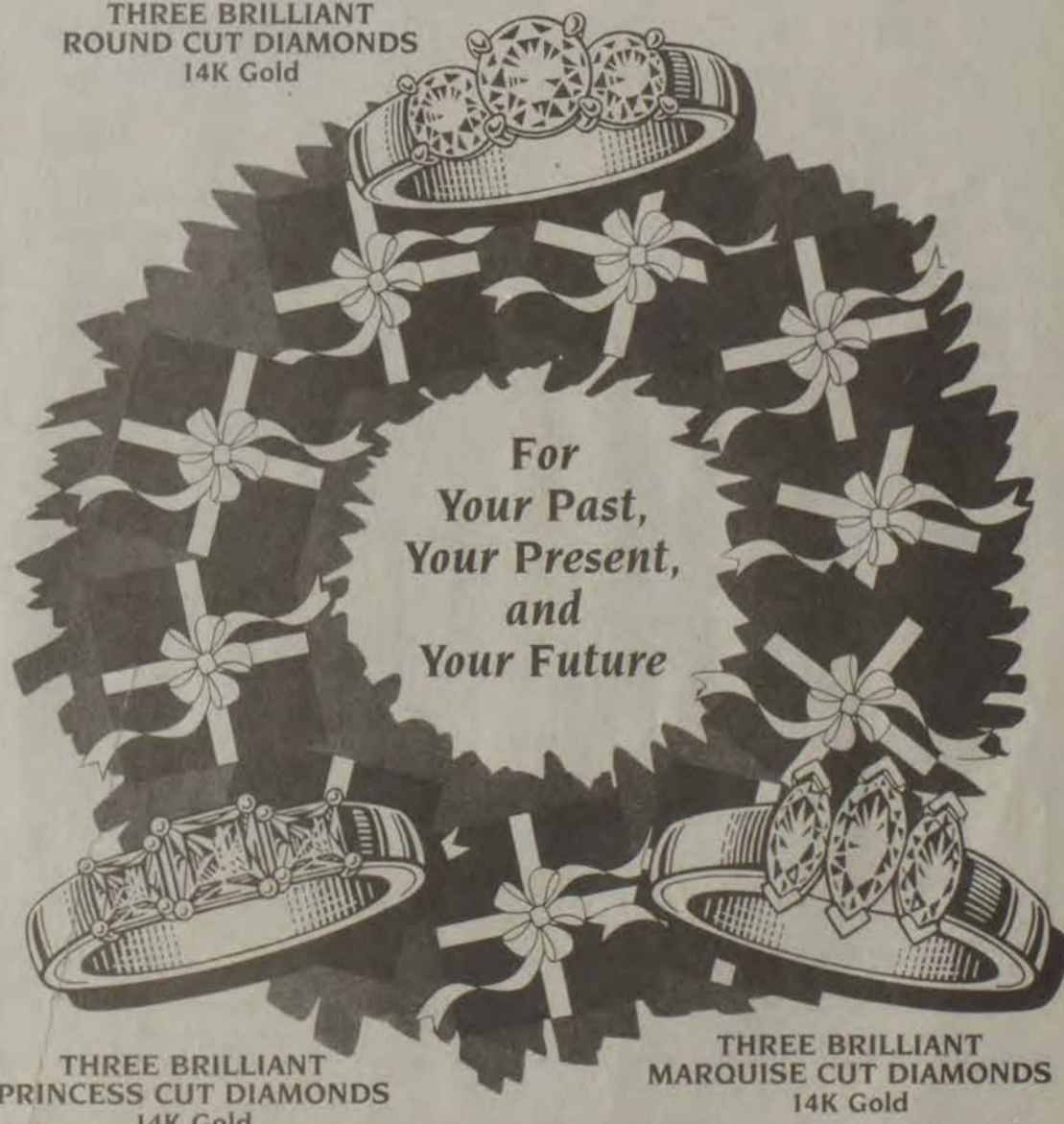
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Kentucky Sportsline

by TOM LEACH

Many Big Blue fans were accurate in their predictions of a blowout last Saturday at Chapel Hill—it's just the winning team they got wrong.

Granted, it's an incredibly weak year for the college game if North Carolina was currently the sixth best team in the country, but there's no denying how impressive Kentucky's performance was.

More than anything else, the Wildcats' passion was noteworthy and perhaps we should have seen it coming.

There is not a nicer gentleman in sports than Tubby Smith. That's why his mood in almost all of his previous news conferences was so noticeable. Smith was curt in responses and seemed to be almost looking to pick a fight with the media. But last Friday, prior to the trip to the Dean Dome, Smith was

his usual self-deprecating, jovial, smiling self. Perhaps this was a coach that had finally seen his team grasp what he was trying to get his players to understand about physical play, aggression, etc.

Last year, Smith could threaten team leaders like Tayshaun Prince with the loss of playing time but the lack of depth on the bench made the threat a hollow one. Now, however, the Wildcats have the weapons to make a change and not sacrifice a chance at victory. There's nothing the potential loss of minutes to get a player's attention.

CAT BASHING

Wildcat fans were bailing out of the proverbial canoe in droves after UK's homecourt loss to Penn State, but routing North Carolina in Chapel Hill even had coach Smith talking about the bright upside for this very inexperienced team.

The good vibes are welcome, no doubt, but junior guard J. P. Blevins says the players don't have much direct contact with any negative comments when the team hits a valley in its season.

"I'm sure guys watch the news. I don't know of anyone who gets on the web and looks at chat rooms or anything like that. I don't of any of the guys that would listen to a call-in talk show. I know I don't," said Blevins. "I'm sure guys are going to pick up the sports page (out of the newspaper)."

Blevins, however, does acknowledge that panic in the land of BigBlue fans does find its way to the team.

"You just have to have a positive outlook on things and not let things like that affect you. You have to really make a conscious effort," he said.



Charlie Ousley, 11, son of Greg and Janie Ousley of Martin killed this eight point buck and doe on opening weekend, November 11-12 in Scott County. The buck was his first since he began hunting.

Kentucky

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Vitale to rant and annoy viewers?

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An open letter to: Colin Comacho, high school point guard at Lyon County High School ... Brandon Tolliver at Cawood High School ... Chase Gibson at Pikeville High, and other quietly talented high school student-athletes in Kentucky who labor in relative obscurity. Find a computer with Internet access, go to collegerecruiting.com and register your resume.

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NCAA ERRED ON LASEGE

Florida officials could have recounted all the ballots five times in the space it took the NCAA to make its ruling on UofL's

Muhammad Lasege. If Lasege is and has been an honor student for the last year and a half as UofL officials claim, then emphatically yes, the NCAA dropped this one. In its maddeningly uneven effort to keep college sports in the amateur column (stop laughing), the NCAA made a terrible mistake.

While college athletic departments rake in millions in shoe company money, and considering a college student-athlete convicted of DUI and/or sundry other criminal mischief gets a second chance, and a swarm of current college players are under game suspensions for "receiving extra benefits," a young person who demonstrates a serious commitment to academics no matter what his history, ought to be made eligible to attend classes and play sports.

JUST WONDERING DEPT

Georgetown College, 13-0 heads into the NAIA championship game this week against NW Oklahoma St. in Savannah, Tennessee, with a 13-0 record. Just wondering ... could quarterback Eddie Eviston

be the next Phil Simms, a Louisville Southern High School graduate who was too small and too slow to be offered a major college scholarship and went off to Morehead State ... on his way to the NFL New York Giants and a Super Bowl ring.

And so it goes.

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Wets versus Drys

Alcohol, religion and temperance in 19th century Prestonsburg

Part Two of a two-part series

by ROBERT PERRY
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Public drunkenness and rowdy behavior continued to be a problem in Prestonsburg for the rest of the 19th century and well into the 20th century. Newspaper clippings from the 1880s show that the problem was in full flower during that decade.

On August 3, 1882, the Ashland Independent published this report from its Prestonsburg correspondent:

"Occasionally a spirit of pure rascality manifests itself in certain individuals, as was the case recently with a young man by the name of Brown, who went into the meeting grounds on Abbott Creek a few days ago, with pistol in hand, and disturbed and partially broke up the meeting. Such chaps need heroic treatment."



■ Frank and Mary Lou Layne

In 1885, a Prestonsburg merchant by the name of Morgan Lackey, appalled by the drunkenness that was poisoning the town's moral atmosphere, led a temperance crusade to stop the sale of alcohol and drive the saloon-keepers out of town. William Ely says that "by marshaling the forces of temperance, law and order, every

grog shop was driven from the town, where the poisonous fluid had for sixty-five years held one continuous carnival of death."

By 1887, as a result of Lackey's efforts, "not a drop of liquor was sold in the county."

On June 14, 1883, the Ashland Independent ran this news report from its Prestonsburg correspondent:

"The Messrs. Greer, assistants of Marshall Heflin, are again installed at the Bonanza Hotel. We say Godspeed you in your good work. Leave not an illicit still in the bounds of your work or anyone contemptible enough to use one, and we do hope that those having charge of Licensed Stills may become so disgusted with the fruits of their labor that they will abandon the work. It has been arranged to take a vote on the local option in ten of the thirteen precincts in this county."

In the spring of 1880, Dr. W.C. Condit, pastor of a Presbyterian church in Ashland, toured the Sandy Valley

(See **VERSUS**, page two)



Celebrating a century

John Wesley Hall of Martin, will celebrate his 100th birthday on December 10, 2000, with a reception given by area Masonic lodges from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn. A 33-degree Scottish Rite Mason, Hall is past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F & AM. The public event is sponsored by Zebulon Lodge 273, John W. Hall Lodge 950, Wheelwright Lodge 889, and James W. Alley Lodge 869.

REALITY Check



"Oh, no!" exclaims Heather Stumbo, far left, as the fortune teller (AKA Rita Brock) tells her she's got to cough up \$5 for an unexpected emergency during Friday's Reality Store. She and other Floyd County high school sophomores got a glimpse of what it's like to manage personal finances.

Students get a look at where the money goes

STORY AND PHOTOS
 by PAM SHINGLER

Heather Stumbo's eyebrows went up and she allowed a wide grin to cross her face when she saw what her salary as a veterinarian was.

But as soon as she made the first mandatory stop at the tax table, the grin turned to a grimace and the eyebrows registered shock. Ronnie Burke, volunteering as Uncle Sam, took more than \$1,200 out of Stumbo's paycheck.

Right off, Stumbo, a sophomore at South Floyd High School, understood why they called it the Reality Store.

She was among an estimated 600 sophomores from Floyd County's public and private high schools who participated in the Reality Store last Friday at the

(See **REALITY**, page two)



Stumbo has to think long and hard over a mandatory purchase as she watches her fairly generous paycheck dwindle at the Reality Store. The South Floyd High School student was among about 600 students from across the county who got a taste of financial reality.



It was almost a time for tears as Stumbo stopped at the "Uncle Sam" table at the Reality Store. She learned the government took a whopping \$1,200 from her pretend-veterinarian's pay.

Poison

by Clyde Pack

A perfect snow

Sometime late Saturday night or early Sunday morning, we were treated to our first snowfall of the season. Depending upon the part of the region in which you live, I suppose the amount varied. But at our house, about an inch of the white stuff had covered our cars, driveway and lawn.

By two o'clock Sunday afternoon, the sun was shining and, except those parts of the hills that never get direct sunlight, the snow was gone.

As an adult, I felt it was the perfect snow; not heavy enough to interfere with anything nor cause any inconvenience. But when I was eight or 10 years old, especially after checking daily for its arrival, a snow like this would have been a big disappointment and would have created pure havoc with little brother Joe and me. This was definitely not a coal-camp kid's type of snowfall.

First of all, there was no way we could have made a snowman. It wasn't wet enough and there simply wasn't enough of it. But, we would have tried, providing Mom would have let us go outside. Since it wasn't too cold, she probably would have.

However, we'd likely have ended up with something much less than a snowman — maybe a mud midget.

Secondly, there wasn't enough snow for us to ride our sled. Well, not sled, really, since we didn't own a sled. But sled riding is what we called it when we'd tear up a big pasteboard box and slide down the hill in front of our house. A snow like we had last weekend, though, would have afforded us no opportunity to do that, but we'd have tried.

We'd also have tried a snowball or two, but since it was so powdery, that wouldn't have worked, either. Depending upon how much pent-up aggression we needed to vent, the frustration over having no snow for snowballs could have led to our throwing rocks, which could have led to one of us being injured, which could have led to incurring the wrath of Mom.

And, a snow of this nature would also have denied us the opportunity to enjoy a delicious helping of snow cream. Of course, neither of us knew how to make it, but older sister Mary Jean did and sometimes would. I loved it, but it always gave me a tremendous headache when, usually on the very first taste, I'd freeze the roof of my mouth.

"Take smaller bites," Mary Jean would say ... after it was too late.

Anyway, it's fun to remember those days when all the responsibilities of adulthood rested upon the shoulders of our parents, and all we had to do was romp and stomp in a new-fallen snow.

But to tell the truth, I wouldn't want to go back. I'm perfectly happy now to awaken to a fresh new blanket of white and discover that while it is indeed beautiful and tends to conjure up a few childhood memories, it's not enough to hurt anything.

Beetle Mania

I never did like strange creatures and insects invading my personal space which I consider my house to be. We're just not very compatible, and I figure they have the whole outdoors to wander around in, forage for food and raise their families.

If I even suspect a mouse is trying to take up residence under the kitchen sink, I lose no time in running out to buy a dozen traps. I search to find the most tempting bait and work diligently to catch the offending invader.

I have enough fly swats to furnish one to each room, even though they're usually all on one hook. But if a fly, a wasp or mosquito makes its way through a door or crack, I don't mind dropping any chore to express my disdain. I've been known to break a glass or light fixture as I take aim and swat hard enough to eradicate any insect and discourage others from wanting to come inside.

But some time ago I started seeing these little bugs here

and there on a window sill, and sometimes they wandered down on the cabinets and counter tops. They never attempted to bite or sting me, and someone even suggested they were some kind of exotic beetles that were supposed to be good for the environment.

I would give them a questionable look and decide to take some time to figure what to do about them. They weren't very big and they didn't scare me the way a mouse does. Besides they were fairly cute little things, some a soft gold color and others a pleasant red. Maybe their color indicates whether they're male or female. I sure can't tell, but I tried to work out an understanding with

them that, if they'd stay out of my hair and eyes—and especially my food—I would try to abide their presence.

So far, it's working out pretty well, though sometimes one gets so close I pick it up in a tissue and take it to a door and tell it to go out there with all those birds and bees and crickets. It should feel more welcome in that environment anyway. I have an idea that each of these I escort out remembers how it got inside in the first place and makes its way back. No matter how many I take out, there never seems to be any

I have become fairly accustomed to having them around. The house is big, and they're very small; but they're not always content to just stay out of my way. One night I was sitting at the kitchen bar addressing Christmas cards and one fell

from the ceiling and hit right on my signature as I signed the card. Maybe it wanted to be included.

Another time I invited my pastor to lunch and, as he, my husband and I sat at the bar eating a sandwich and chips, I saw one of these little invaders prowling around on the day's newspaper that lay nearby. I scooted the napkin holder over a little, hoping he wouldn't see it, but I have an idea he did. If I invite him back and he declines, I guess I can be pretty sure about it.

Get well—again

Last week I sent get-well wishes to a minister friend, Russell Jacobs, who is recuperating from open heart surgery and was giving his address for anyone who would like to send him a card. I'll try again: it's P.O. Box 293, Stanville, KY 41659.

A few times lately, the last line of my column was deleted. Those computerized presses have a mind of their own and I don't always conform to the required length. Anyway, I wish this kind man a speedy recovery and hope he hears from many friends.

SMALL WORLD

by Aileen Hall



Versus

looking for a place to establish a college. He was shocked to discover that there was not a single church standing within the town limits of Prestonsburg. He decided that the best place to establish a Presbyterian college was Pikeville, where the moral atmosphere was more to his liking.

In 1883, the Methodists established Prestonsburg's first permanent church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Founding members were Mary A. Davidson, Josie D. Harkins, E.A. Hopkins, Alice G. Hopkins, H.H. Fitzpatrick, Sallie Fitzpatrick, Walter S. Harkins, J.N. Schmucker, Annie M. Schmucker, John W. Mayo Sr., and Thomas J. May.

A modest brick building with a steeple, it stood on Court Street in downtown Prestonsburg on the lot later occupied by the B.F. Casuals Store.

The May Memorial United Methodist Church at Langley was established in 1868 by three brothers, George A. May, John May and Jack May. They named the new church Reuben May Chapel, in memory of their father, Reuben May, brother of Samuel May, the builder of the Samuel May House in Prestonsburg.

On June 7, 1883, the Ashland Independent reported in its Prestonsburg column that "Mr. James M. Lackey is getting the temperance movement under good headway (Praise the Lord!)."

James Morgan Lackey (1812-1889) is buried in the May Cemetery above Mays Branch. His grave is located several hundred feet above the old Bascom May House, now occupied by Hager White, widow of Rainley "Snow" White.

Lackey settled in Prestonsburg in the spring of 1839 and engaged in stock driving and selling goods in partnership with John Preston

Martin. He was the son of Floyd County Pioneer Alexander Lackey, who owned a farm at the forks of Beaver Creek.

Up to this point, I haven't said anything about the Baptists. However, I want to make it clear that they, too, were actively proselytizing during the county's early period. The man who spearheaded this work was William "Elder Bill" Salisbury (1793-1871), who owned a farm on Left Beaver, near Drift. He is buried on a point near the old Salisbury homeplace at Hunter.

In 1812, the Baptists established the New Salem Old Regular Baptist Church at Harold. This church organization, which is still in existence today, served as the mother church for all the Old Regular Baptist churches in Floyd and surrounding counties.

Another Old Regular Baptist Church is the Stone Coal Baptist Church at Garrett, which was also founded in the early 1800s.

The First Baptist Church of Prestonsburg was organized in 1907, under the leadership of Rev. Charles Martin of Paintsville. Founding members included Surilda Hughes, Emery Hale, Eliza Hale, David Perry, Alice Perry, Saul Perry, Tenn Sammons, and William Dingus.

The group was held together by Rev. Martin and William Dingus until 1908, when Rev. W.H. Sledge held a three-week revival in Prestonsburg. This formed the foundation on which the church was built.

The First Presbyterian Church of Prestonsburg was organized on December 31, 1899, in the home of John Witten Layne, owner of the Bonanza Hotel in downtown Prestonsburg.

Earliest members included John Witten Layne and his wife, Angeline Auxier Layne; William H.

Layne and wife, Elizabeth Hopkins Layne; John E. Layne and wife, Emily Bolling Layne, and their daughter, Annie, who married Joe M. Davidson. John and Angeline Layne were the parents of William H. Layne and the grandparents of Frank Layne, founder of the Prestonsburg Chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Frank Layne (1907-1983) was educated at Prestonsburg Elementary and Prestonsburg High School. During his senior year, he was elected captain of the school's first football team. In the 1930s and 1940s, during the period when the town was legally wet, he owned and operated the Club Rustique, a nightclub in north Prestonsburg. In later years, he owned and operated the Layne and Layne Insurance Agency.

In 1949, Frank founded the Prestonsburg Chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous. Early members were Wesley Howard, Ray Howard, and Clayborne Stephens. Through the missionary work of these men, the Prestonsburg chapter became the founding chapter of all the AA chapters in the Big Sandy Valley.

On November 11, 1977, Frank was honored by the Kentucky Alcohol Forum with the Minette Cup Award, the highest honor given by that organization. A recovering alcoholic himself, Frank devoted 34 years of his life to helping men afflicted with the disease.

"To achieve the ability to live a life of total abstinence is not easy," Layne told a reporter in 1977, "but it can be done, and the difference it makes in a person's life and the lives of those who are close to him is well worth the effort."

The Prestonsburg Alcoholics Anonymous meets weekly in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church on North Lake Drive. Meetings are held every Saturday at 8 p.m.

Our Yesterdays

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

**Ten Years Ago
(December 5 & 7, 1990)**

The storm clouds which have been forming for some time over a proposal to relocate Prestonsburg High School could break open in January when a shift is likely in the balance of power on the Floyd County Board of Education...Gov. Wallace Wilkinson presented Floyd County Judge-Executive John M. Stumbo with a check for \$46,013.34 during the Capitol to the Counties program held in Pikeville recently...The drivers of two vehicles were transported to a local hospital for treatment of injuries suffered in a three-vehicle accident Tuesday morning on North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg...A two-vehicle collision Wednesday afternoon involving a coal truck and a passenger car on KY 979 at Teaberry resulted in the death of a Floyd County man...Work on the county's 911 emergency telephone system is progressing daily but it will still be some time before the system will be operational...The Prestonsburg WinterFest Mall will open Monday to kick off the Christmas shopping season in Prestonsburg...There died: Betty Jo Boleyn Potter, 85, of Phoenix, Arizona, formerly of Floyd County, Sunday, at the John C. Lincoln Hospital in Phoenix; Cephus Ousley, 77, of Martin, Thursday, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; John P. Branham, 85, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, December 2, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington; Andy Lee Tackett, 71, of Lorain, Ohio, formerly of Beaver, Wednesday, November 28, at the Lorain Community Hospital; Arizilia Prater, 75, of Wawaka, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, Sunday, December 2, at LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange, Indiana; Cordelia Fouts Johnson, 87, of Kite, Friday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Martha Jane Polly, 83, of North Vernon, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, Thursday, at Bartholomen County Hospital; Sammy Keith Conn, 30, of Martin, Thursday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Mildred Roberts Stockbridge, 56, of San Ramo, California, formerly of Floyd County, Friday, at Kaiser Hospital in the Hospice Unit at Hayward, California; Jay B. (Buster) Burchett, 69, of Rochester Hills, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County; Minnie A. Justice, 75, of Stratton Branch, Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at her residence; Lizzie Newman, 72, of Hagerhill, Ohio, formerly of Melvin, Tuesday, at her residence; Glidden Stumbo, 73, of Belmont, California, formerly of McDowell, Tuesday, at his home; Troy Moore, 90, of Marion, Ohio, formerly of Wayland, Wednesday, at the Community Hospital in Marion, Ohio; Sterling (Bud) Hamilton, 32, of Teaberry, Wednesday, on KY 979 at Teaberry, victim of an automobile accident; Jacqueline (Jackie) Richardson, 58, of Betsy Layne, Monday, December 3, at the Methodist Hospital in Pikeville; Jordan Brooke McKinney, five-day-old daughter of Henry and Melissa Joseph McKinney of Salyersville.

**Twenty Years Ago
(December 10, 1980)**

The Rev. Paul Stoneking, former pastor of the First Methodist Church here, is now pastor of the Louisa and Busseyville Methodist churches. It's his pastorate of the Busseyville church that makes news. For the usual congregation there is composed of two elderly women...In the language of federal bureaucracy, it is a "congregate feeding program." For many of the nation's older citizens, it is both their one decent daily meal and a valued opportunity to be with friends...If space can be found for it on the grounds of the to-be-built Betsy Layne High School, and if its installation will in no way interfere with regular school activities, the Floyd County Board of Education will make available to the State Vocational Division a site for a proposed mock coal mine to serve mining technology students in this and surrounding counties...There died: Maggie Fitzpatrick, 91, of Middle Creek Road, Sunday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Clara B. Triplett, 80, of Willard, Ohio, formerly of Wayland, Tuesday at Fisher Titus Memorial Hospital; Butler Horn, 72, of Auxier, Sunday, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Myra E. Amburgey, 69, of Betsy Layne, November 17 at Methodist Hospital in Pikeville; Emma Conley, 69, of Catlettsburg, formerly of this county, Friday at King's Daughters Hospital in Ashland; Lucrecia Hopper, 80, of Bypro, Tuesday at her home; Margie Holt, 86, of Wheelwright, Thursday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mayme Patrick, 82, of Leander, Wednesday, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Angeline B. DeRossett, 65, of Hager Hill, November 26 at the Highlands Regional Medical Center.

**Thirty Years Ago
(December 10, 1970)**

The Floyd County Board of Education plans the construction of a 10-room classroom building at McDowell next year to replace a 40-year-old structure which has serious defects in its walls...A \$1,550 check was presented to community leaders in Auxier, Monday, for purchase of a site on which to build a fire department...Formal awarding last week of a contract on construction of three sectors of new US 23 between Stanville and the Pike-

Floyd line concluded arrangements for the road building, but there remains to be settled a \$4 million damage suit filed in the long controversy over bidding on the route...The birth rate in Floyd County over the past year was twice the death rate, according to Floyd County Health Department statistics; yet the population continues to decline...There died: Zettie Hooks, 71, of Hall, Nov. 23 at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Walter R. Akers, 73, native Floyd County and mayor of Scottdale, Penn., Nov. 18; Elbert Cole, 81, of Melvin, Saturday of Portsmouth, Ohio; Carmilous Scutchfield, 79, formerly of Water Gap, Nov. 30 in Meredith, Mich.; Willie Melton, 67, of Prestonsburg, Thursday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Dan E. Bingham, 33, formerly of Prestonsburg, Sunday at Ann Arbor, Mich.; William Dewey Osborne, 28, of Melvin, Sunday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; John Curtis Ray, 44, of Abbott Creek, Thursday at Mountain Manor Nursing Home here; James B. Smith, 58, of Handshoe, Sunday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; James Ratliff, 77, of Wayland, Sunday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Alvannie Moore, 71, of McDowell, Friday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Elder Joe Burke, 72, Friday at his home at Halo; Lora Carver, 59, of Wayland, Nov. 18, McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

**Forty Years Ago
(December 8, 1960)**

The Census Bureau reports that the population of this county is down to 41,642 and Prestonsburg's to 3,133...Fire, last Saturday destroyed eight homes in the county—seven of them at Lackey, the eighth on Middle Creek...Gov. Bert Combs announced Wednesday that a 35-room lodge and 10 vacation cottages will be built at Jenny Wiley State Park...Dr. Henry Martin, native of this county, has been named dean of students at Eastern Kentucky State College, Richmond...H. B. Ranier, head of the H. B. Ranier Construction Co., whose office building was destroyed by fire Nov. 25, announced this week his new headquarters will be located on a 14-acre tract on US 23, near Sugar Loaf...There died: Wilson Lee Bogle, 20, of Emma, Sunday of injuries suffered Oct. 4, in an auto accident; Mary Francis Leslie, Prestonsburg native, Friday at Richmond, Va.; Flossie Hall, 67, of Dry Creek, Friday; Walter Allen, 44, Nov. 29 at Miners' Memorial Medical Center, South Williamson, Ky.; James Monroe Moore, 56, of a heart attack while at work at Wheelwright; S/Sgt. Marvin D. Walters, of Betsy Layne, Oct. 24 at English Hospital; Donna S. Shepherd, 68, of David, Sunday at the McDowell Hospital.

**Fifty Years Ago
(December 7, 1950)**

The Dewey reservoir was put to its first actual use this week as a unit in the Ohio Valley flood control system as snow-fed waters of the Ohio rose to the danger point...Bert T. Combs, Prestonsburg attorney, who was named last week by Gov. Lawrence Wetherby as Commonwealth's Attorney of the 31st (Floyd County) judicial district to succeed John Chris Cornett, took the oath of office Monday morning...The months-long search made by the Floyd County Tuberculosis Association for a nurse to devote her full time to the work of fighting tuberculosis has ended, it was announced Monday, in the employment of Mrs. J. D. Mayo for the post...Doc Ferrell, the former University of Kentucky line stalwart who in two seasons led the Prestonsburg High School football team from mediocrity to this year's 10-victory record, has been voted by coaches and sports writers, Kentucky's 1950 "Coach of the Year"...There died: Andy J. Blankenship, 50, of McDowell, Wednesday at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Thomas Shell, 44, of Bonanza, Nov. 26, at the Paintsville Hospital.

**Sixty Years Ago
(December 5, 1940)**

The "all clear" signal for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company's proposed 10-mile branch line from West Prestonsburg up Middle Creek to the proposed mining operations on Left Fork of the stream was given last week by the Interstate Commerce Commission...Steps were taken Thursday, last week, by the Floyd Fiscal Court to link the proposed mine operations on Lick Fork of Middle Creek with the Mayo Trail, Prestonsburg, and other points, by a surfaced highway...Two Floyd County men died last Thursday in separate slatefalls. Thomas Spears was killed in the Eastern Kentucky Coal Company mines on Pond Creek, and Johnny W. Woods, 40, in a country coal "bank" on Cow Creek...There died: H. C. Francis, 63, Prestonsburg merchant, Monday in Ashland; Simpson Hall, 72, of Drift, Friday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

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School happenings...

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center
■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or later by appointment. 886-9812.

Allen Central High School
■ 12/11: Deadline for parents to nominate themselves or another parent for the SBDM Council. 3:15 p.m., school office.
■ 12/18: Special election of parent member to SBDM Council, 6 p.m., library. Nominees must have a child enrolled at the school during term on council; must not be an employee at ACHS; and must not be a relative of an ACHS employee, board of education member or spouse of board member. Any parent of an ACHS student may vote in the election.

Clark FRC
After school child care, 3-5:30 p.m., school days, openings avail-

able.
Nurse is in the center on Fridays. Appointments for sixth grade physicals now being scheduled. 886-0815.

McDowell FRC
■ Floyd County Health Department nurse is at the Center each Monday to see patients. Call to schedule physical appointment for your 5th grader. Call 377-2678.

■ A counselor from Mountain Comprehensive Care is at the center one day a week to see students in need of counseling. Parents are encouraged to stop by the center if they think their child can benefit.

■ GED classes, free, Mondays, 8 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Instructor, Linda Bailey of The David School.

■ Child Care, from school dismissal -5 p.m., \$20 per week/per child. For possible fee assistance, call East Kentucky Child Care Coalition, 886-1280.

Prestonsburg Elementary PTA
■ 12/8: Christmas Dance and Business in a Basket Auction, K-3 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; 4-5 grades from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

■ 12/12: PTA regular meeting, 7 p.m., followed by performance by third grade classes.

■ PTA Dairy Queen Punch Cards for sale; \$10 for 18 uses between now and July 2001; buy one item, get the next free. Good at Prestonsburg, Martin and Pikeville Dairy Queens.

South Floyd Youth Services Center
■ 12/6: Presentations on alcohol prevention.

■ 12/8: Presentation on smokeless tobacco

Walking track open to public. One stop career station satellite and adult education available. 452-9600 or 9607, ext. 243 or 242.

Reality

Perkins Job Corps Center.

The exercise asked students to pretend they were 25 years old and in a job suited to their interests and abilities. At tables around the room, students learned how quickly what seemed like an adequate paycheck disappeared.

Stumbo, for instance, was better set than most. As a veterinarian, which is what she's determined to be, she was assigned a salary of \$4,375 a month. But she also became the instant parent of three children, 8 and under.

She was commendably generous, pledging two percent of her salary to charity at the beginning, but Stumbo was anything but a spendthrift.

She chose a very modest — perhaps unrealistic — house with a monthly mortgage payment of under \$200 a month. She had to deduct \$120 for utilities, another \$95 for phone and cable TV, and \$187 for furniture.

She was a little more indulgent when she chose a vehicle, although the Toyota Tacoma she selected would certainly be used in her work. The monthly payment came to \$355.

Stumbo was not happy when she found out that car insurance and medical insurance for the kids added up to more than \$360 a month. She found out, too, that even with insurance, she would still probably be out an average of \$65 a month for medical treatments.

She gasped when she stopped at the table marked "Groceries" and learned that she had to pay close to \$400 a month for food.

"I'm not having any kids," she announced when \$720 was deducted for child care and \$450 for clothing.

But it wasn't over yet. She had property taxes to pay, and, though she protested the \$70 under "Health and Beauty," she was reminded that the children, if not she, would need Band-Aids, cough medicine, toothpaste,

soap and the like.

The situation seemed bleak, so some entertainment was in order. Like the other students who had to stop at the "Entertainment" table, Stumbo found out that a simple evening out with movie and dinners for four cost \$75.

Before she had stopped at every table, as each student was required to do, Stumbo's professional-level paycheck was gone, and she opted to take a part-time job at a department store.

"I'm in shock," she said. "I've got two jobs and I still have so little left."

She and classmates gathered around when the exercise was over to compare the financial sheets they had to have signed at each stop. "Look how much I made and I had to get an extra job," she told them, her voice full of frustration.

The Reality Store was sponsored by the Floyd County 4-H Council, Floyd County Schools and Youth Service Centers, Chamber of Commerce and County Extension Council.

"The program allows students to learn through hands-on experiences about costs of living on their own, about making decisions and about evaluating the consequences of their decisions," said Chuck Stamper, who is in charge of 4-H and youth development programs for the local Extension Office.

Volunteers manned the "reality stations," including a fortune teller, played by Rita Brock, who illustrated the role of chance. Students had to draw "lots" from a fish bowl, giving them unexpected expenses or income. They ranged from a \$5,000 inheritance to having to buy a new set of tires.

"This was really good," said Stumbo. "People can see how much they'll have to spend."

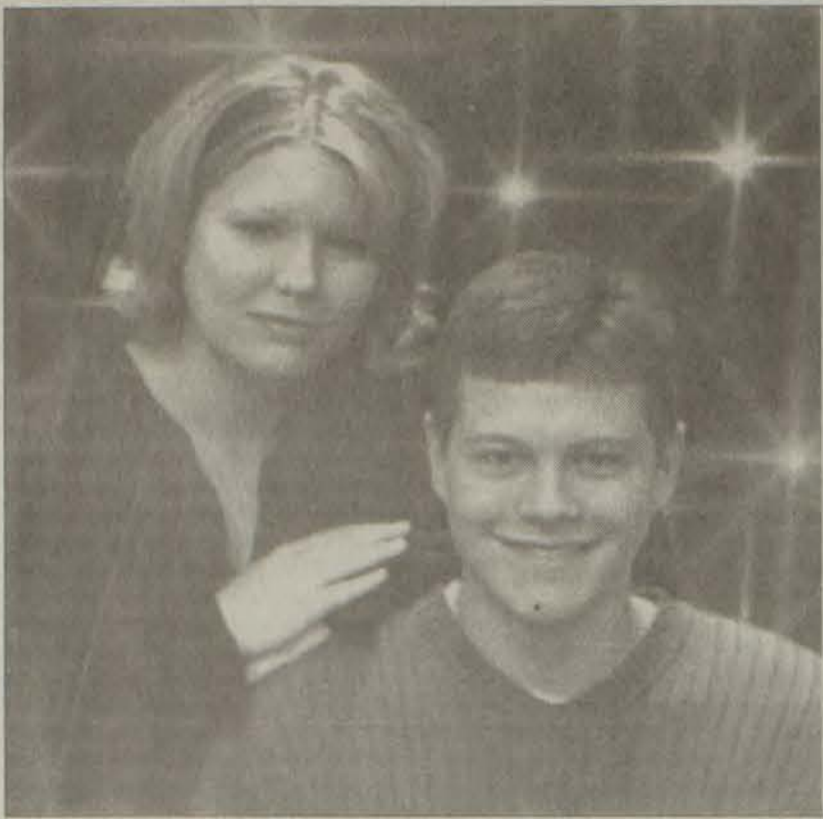
Asked what she will do the next time her family tells her they don't have the money for something she wants, Stumbo replied, "I'm not going to say anything."



Sighs and gasps punctuated the day as Heather Stumbo and her fellow students learned just how expensive life's necessities are and how fast the money goes.

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WEDDINGS/ ENGAGEMENTS



Click-Conn

Chandra Lee Click of Banner and Jonathan Rand Conn of Harold announce their engagement and forthcoming wedding, which is set for Sunday, December 17, 2000, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Allen. A reception will follow at the Holiday Inn in Prestonsburg. The bride-elect is the daughter of Tina Horn of Banner and the maternal granddaughter of Harrison Horn of Banner and the late Linda Horn. The prospective groom is the son of Randy and Karen Conn of Harold. He is the paternal grandson of Crit and Eula Conn of Dana and the maternal grandson of Hillard and Sylvania Newman of Grethel. The couple will reside in Richmond.



Damron-Reed

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Allen Coleman announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Patrese Danielle Damron, and Mark Estill Reed, son of Estill Jr. and Trelvia Reed of Betsy Layne. The bride-elect is the daughter of Linda Coleman of Pikeville, and Danny Damron of Sookeys Creek. She attended Pikeville College and is to be graduated from Samford University School of Pharmacy in Alabama, in May. Her maternal grandparents are Hatler and Gail Slone of Zebulon, and her paternal grandparents are Don and Patty June Coleman of Venters, and the late Oscar Jr. and Nellie Joyce Damron. The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Pikeville College and is a third-year student at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. His maternal grandparents are Margaret Nunemaker of Pikeville, and the late Carl Nunemaker, and his paternal grandparents are Emogene Reed of Betsy Layne and the late Estill "Butch" Reed Sr. The wedding is to take place at 4 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2000, at the Westin Maui Prince Resort in Maui, Hawaii.



Webb-Halliday

Mecca Carol Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude J. Webb I, of Langley, and Mark Halliday, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Halliday of Glasgow, Scotland, plan to be married on December 9, 2000. The marriage is to take place at the Maytown First Baptist Church, Langley, at 2 p.m. The custom of an open church will be observed. A reception will follow the ceremony at the church.

Pitts Fork School, 1944



Grace Flanery of Martin, shares this photograph, from 1944, of students at the Pitts Fork School on the Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek. First row: Pearlie Mae Pitts, Dora Mae Pitts, Burnice Pitts, Willis Hager Justice, Mary Alice Pitts, Magdalene Hughes, Patty Sue Crisp, Donna Lou Bradley, Pearlie Mae Justice, Jean Derossett, and Hubert Stephens Jr. Second row: Inas Ousley, Easter Pitts, E.G. Pitts, Sam Naman Derossett, Arminda Miller, Dewey Ousley, Hager Stephens, J.E. Miller, R.S. Pitts, Willis Bradley, Bill Pitts, Russell Pitts, Adron Bradley, Ernest "Butch" Hughes, and unidentified. Third row: missionary, Laurany Pitts, and missionary lady.

BIRTHDAYS



Twins turn one

Lauren Alexis and Logan Alexander Dotson celebrated their first birthdays on November 18, 2000, with a Blues Clues party at their home with sisters, Kayla and Brittany, and brother, Devin, and many friends and family members. They are the twins of Bill J. and Michelle Dotson. Their grandparents are Pam Allen of Prestonsburg and Willie J. and Mary Dotson of Prestonsburg. Great-grandparents are Willis and Vonnice Ousley and Minty Crider, also of Prestonsburg.



Celebrates first year

Corey Ashton McKinney celebrated his first birthday on November 10, 2000, with a Blues Clues party at the Family Inn in Garrett. He is the son of Larry and Regina McKinney and the grandson of Phyllis McKinney of Martin and Jeanetta Moore of Garrett. Helping him celebrate were his brother, Zach, his sister, Summer, and other relatives.



Turns 11

Zachary Allen McKinney celebrated his 11th birthday on November 20, 2000, at the home of his grandmother, Phyllis McKinney, in Martin. He is the son of Larry and Regina McKinney, and also the grandson of Jeanetta Moore of Garrett.

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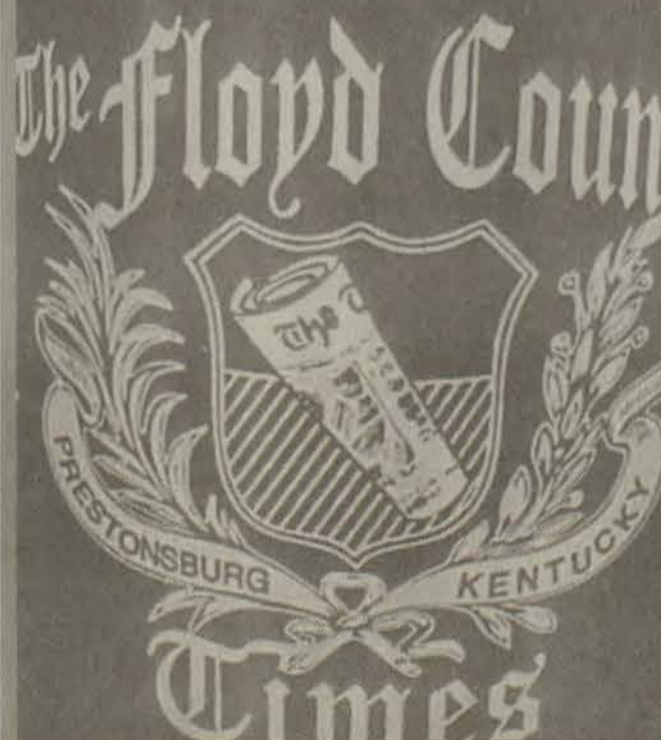
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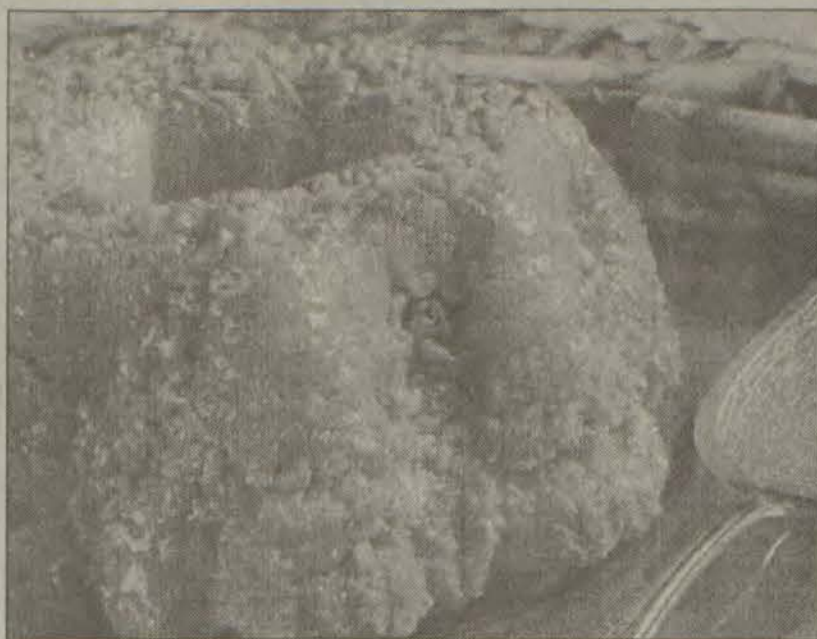
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Holiday Breads



ing mix. Knead 7 to 10 times. Divide into about 32 balls or pieces. Roll each ball in reserved dry pudding mix to coat. Place about 16 balls in prepared pan. Sprinkle with remaining nuts. In small bowl, stir together butter and brown sugar; drizzle half over balls in pan. Repeat with remaining balls and butter mixture. Bake at 400° for 24 to 28 minutes or until golden brown. Immediately invert onto serving platter and serve. Makes 1 coffeecake (12 to 16 servings).

Cinnamon-Orange Happy Bread

Your family and friends will enjoy this sweet orange coffeecake with a hint of cinnamon—a variation on the original Happy Bread.

4 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoon grated orange peel (optional)
1 cup heavy (whipping) cream
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, melted

In large bowl, stir together biscuit and baking mix, 1/4 cup sugar, orange peel, cream and milk to make a soft dough. Turn out onto surface dusted with additional biscuit and baking mix. Knead 7 to 10 times. Divide into about 30 balls. In small bowl, combine 1/2 cup sugar and cinnamon. Roll each ball in cinnamon-sugar. Place in a bundt cake pan or tube pan that has been generously coated with cooking spray. Sprinkle any remaining cinnamon-sugar over balls. Drizzle butter over top. Bake at 400° for 24 to 28 minutes or until golden brown. Immediately invert onto serving platter and serve. Makes 1 coffeecake (12 to 16 servings).

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Happy Bread

This holiday-rich coffeecake tastes so good that it's sure to make everyone happy.

1 package (5.3 oz.) cook and serve butterscotch pudding and pie filling mix (dry, divided)
1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts (divided)
4 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 1/2 cups light cream (half-and-half) or milk
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, melted
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar

Generously coat inside of bundt cake pan with cooking spray. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons pudding mix and 1/4 cup nuts. Place remaining pudding mix in shallow pan; set aside. In large bowl, stir together biscuit and baking mix, sugar and cream to make a soft dough. Turn out onto surface dusted with additional biscuit and bak-

Holiday food bread

The smell of something sweet baking in the oven is one of life's simple pleasures, enjoyed especially at holiday time. In between decorating, shopping, and card writing, though, how do you find the time to do scratch baking too? The answer: make quick and easy sweet breads. Surprise your friends and family this season with a new coffee cake or sweet quick bread inspired by the popular "monkey bread." This version uses ingredients most people have on hand, and you'll love the delicious taste. Happy Bread is the perfect bread to serve at any holiday breakfast, brunch or afternoon tea. The name alone will set the tone for your gathering and put people in a happy mood!

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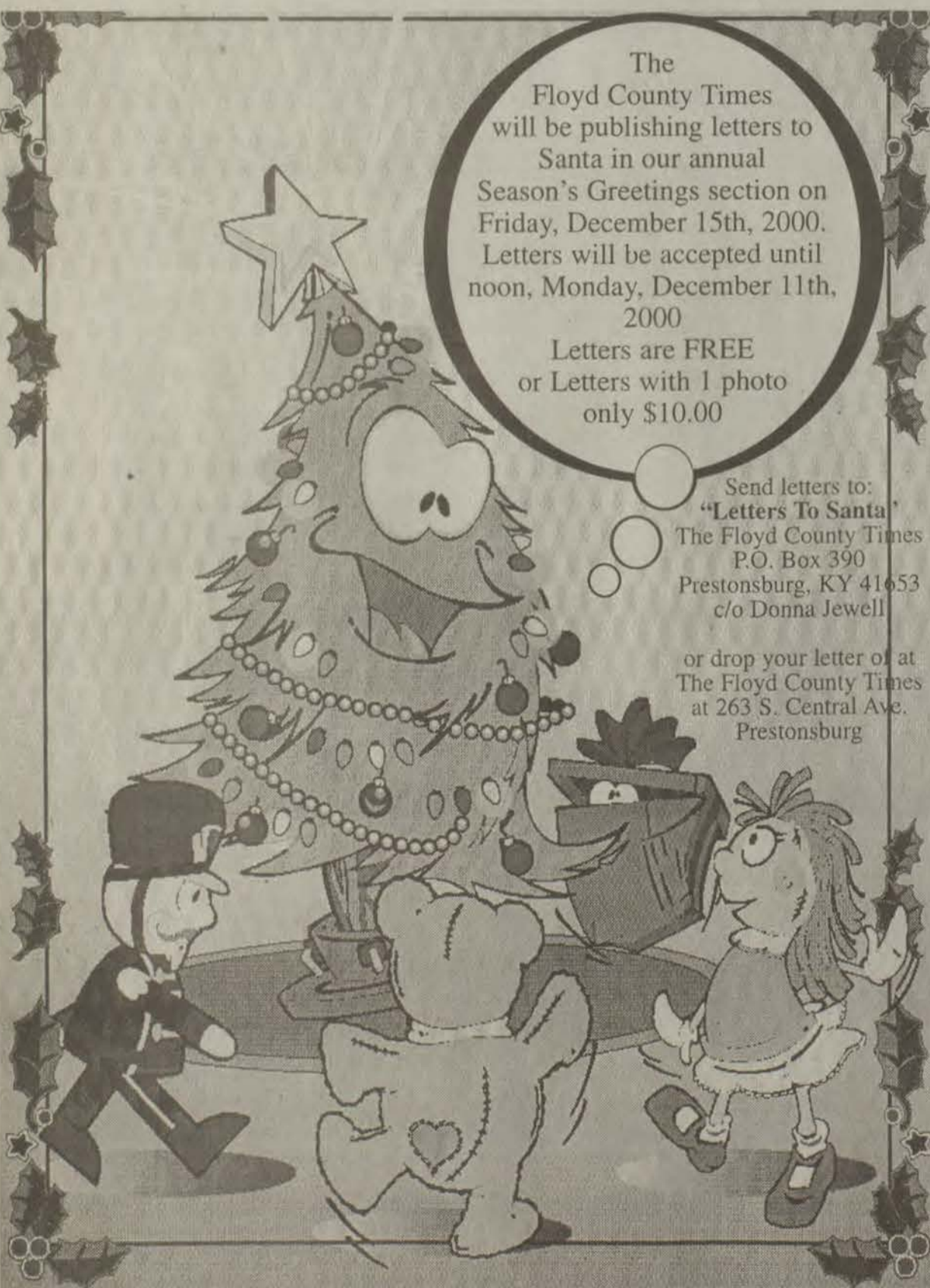
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Letters to Santa

The Floyd County Times will be publishing letters to Santa in our annual Season's Greetings section on Friday, December 15th, 2000. Letters will be accepted until noon, Monday, December 11th, 2000. Letters are FREE or Letters with 1 photo only \$10.00

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Cooking and holiday wellness

The modern holiday season can bring an abundance of food, a whirlwind of social obligation and less time to reflect on what is really important to us. Consider how you can make cooking and eating during the holidays more meaningful and nourishing for yourself, your family and your community.

Cook, Eat, and Be Merry: Holidays are a good time to show young friends and family members how to cook traditional foods. Teaching someone how to make foods for festive occasions is a gift that will last a lifetime. Share family recipes by writing them on decorative cards. These make thoughtful enclosures for cards, greetings and gifts to family and friends.

Many of the smells and tastes associated with holiday memories come from familiar herbs and species. Cooking and garnishing with herbs and spices during the holidays add aromas and a special touch to entertaining in your home and gifts from your kitchen. Here are some seasonings for the season.

- Bay leaves—add a woody flavor to soups, sauces and roasts; use them for garnishing serving dishes and to make small wreaths for gifts.
- Peppercorns—black, green, white or pink can add a wide range of spice and color.
- Nutmeg—adds spicy sweetness to custards, sweet potatoes, squash dishes and hot beverages.
- Mint—gives a fresh finish to pork, ham, green beans, spinach dishes and desserts.
- Vanilla—keep both extract and beans on hand for holiday cooking to use in desserts, baked goods and hot beverages.
- Cloves—add extraordinary

spiciness to breads, pies and cookies.

■ Sage—for an earthy touch in stuffings, dressings and baked goods.

■ Rosemary—perfect on roasted potatoes and in egg dishes.

■ Cinnamon—in sauces, pies, cobblers, cookies and on fruit; keep sticks on hand to use in hot tea.

Look for locally grown herbs or try growing some of your own. Homegrown dried herbs are great for cooking and to share with others during the holidays. Try making some herbed oils or vinegars to give with recipe cards as a gift from your kitchen.

Act Like a Kid: During the holiday season, even though the weather is cooler, take time to enjoy the great outdoors. Each season, nature brings new things for us to enjoy. So take a walk or a hike with family and friends to appreciate the beauty of Kentucky. After a meal on a holiday afternoon, take the time to visit a local park. Treat the family pet to a walk around the neighborhood. Go to a local tree farm and walk the fields to pick your favorite tree. Gather holly, greenery and natural materials to make homemade holiday decorations.

Even grown-up activities can provide a workout. Cleaning and decorating or walking at the mall to buy gifts are good ways to fulfill your obligations and stay active. Try planning some holiday tunes for your dancing and listening pleasures. If the weather permits, working in the garden is guaranteed to energize your winter outlook.

Take Time to Be Well: The holidays are the perfect time to think about how to do less, better. If an activity does not offer meaning or add enjoyment to your celebration, consider eliminating it from your schedule. Be sure to consider the feelings of family and friends and be willing to compromise as you evaluate which holiday activities are most important. Try to create your own vision of how the holidays should be celebrated. Aim for a new and happy season each year.

According to psychologists, the holiday season may trigger feelings of loneliness, regret or failure for many people. In today's world, we

all have too many things to do and not enough time to do them. Shifting our approach to the holidays into one of ease, togetherness and giving from the heart will provide new meaning and focus for the season.

Behaving and talking as if you feel optimistic, outgoing and self-confident will often trigger those happy emotions. Research shows that achieving a state of mind in a task that engages and challenges your skills, without overwhelming them, increases quality of life.

Handmade gifts can be very rewarding to make and receive. Taking the time to listen to some holiday music while making gifts may become a new holiday tradition. Try these ideas for taking time to be well during the holidays:

- Deliver a homemade meal to a friend's house.
- Host a potluck instead of trying to cook the entire feast by yourself.
- Create your own rituals to instill more meaning into the season.
- Make a donation of food, time or other resources to a local charity.
- Encourage your civic organizations to adopt a family for the holidays, providing food and gifts.
- Be willing to give up perfection to focus on what you value.

Remember, you can't do everything. So, do what you enjoy and do it well. Your holiday season will be healthier, happier and more joyous.

Birthdays...

Put your little one in the news. Let the Times help you celebrate your child or grandchild's birthday. We'll print the youngster's picture and birthday information — free. Stop by 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; send to PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or email ftimes@eastky.net.

Family reunion?

Share your family news. If your family has had a reunion within the last six months, the Times will publish a picture or two and basic information about the gathering. Stop by 263 S. Central Avenue; send to PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or email ftimes@eastky.net.

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Elliott honored

Dr. Andy Elliott of Martin, was awarded Fellowship in the American College of Dentists on October 13, during the annual meeting and convocation in Chicago.



Dr. Andy Elliott

Elliott is chairman of the board of Mountain Christian Academy, and is in his third term as chairman of the Kentucky Dental Association's executive board. He is also a member of First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg. Elliott is in private practice in Martin and has part time faculty appointments at both the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry and the Prestonsburg Community College dental hygiene program.

and professionalism in dentistry. Fellowship in the college is by invitation and based on demonstrated leadership and contributions to the dental profession and society. About 3.5 percent of dentists are Fellows of the American College of Dentists.

Bramco, LLC wins Governor's Gold Quality Award

Bramco, LLC, along with its subsidiary, Brandeis Machinery and Supply Company, has announced it is one of only two companies in Kentucky to be awarded the Governor's Gold Quality Award for its commitment to excellence and "world-class" quality standards.

Created by Gov. Paul Patton in 1997, the quality award models the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, a country-wide recognition program established by Congress in 1987 to enhance competitiveness, promote quality awareness and recognize companies who blend these qualities in superior performance.

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The company, founded in 1908, is headquartered in Louisville, with 14 locations and total employment of about 450 people.

Tobacco Trust announces payment rates for fund

The Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Trust Corporation, chaired by Gov. Paul Patton, has announced the payment rates for the 2000 distribution of the National Tobacco Growers Settlement Trust. Otherwise known as Phase II of the tobacco settlement, the Trust compensates tobacco quota owners, growers and tenants for income losses they incur as the tobacco industry changes.

Patton and the General Assembly agreed during the 2000 regular legislative session to supplement this year's Trust fund payment with up to \$40 million of Kentucky's larger tobacco settlement revenue.

The total distribution this year represents the second-lowest projected payment to Kentucky tobacco producers over the 12-year life of the Trust Fund.

In addition, producers will receive their share of funds left unclaimed in last year's Trust Fund distribution and funds left unclaimed in the federal Tobacco Loss Assistance Program. This supplement will mean that tobacco farm families in Kentucky will receive about the same level of financial assistance as they did last year from the Trust fund.

"This help comes at a critical time for our tobacco farm families," said Gov. Patton. "I'm pleased that we were able to negotiate this trust fund on behalf of our tobacco growers."

Kentucky's tobacco farm families will share a total of \$114 million. The Trust will distribute \$79,703,462.63, a total that includes the 2000 Trust payment and the residual funds from the 1999 Trust distribution and the May 2000 Tobacco Loss Assistance Program payment. The Phase I supplement will total \$34,296,537.37.

The Commonwealth has to date this year incurred \$738,727.01 in administrative expenses related to processing applications for compensation and providing toll-free help line assistance for applicants. Administrative costs are also offset by the Trust Fund.

Compensation is provided equally for three factors of tobacco production: quota, land and labor. Quota compensation is based on crop year 1999 basic quota. Land and labor compensation is based on an average of crop year 1999 effective quota and 1999 actual marketings. This average is referred to as payment pounds.

The payment rate from the National Trust is 8.59 cents per basic quota pound and 6.76 cents per payment pound for both the land and labor categories. The payment rate for the Phase I supplemental payment is 3.70 cents per basic quota pound and 2.91 cents per payment pound. The total rate of compensation will be 12.29 cents per basic quota pound and 9.67 cents per payment pound for growing farms and tenants.

The latter rate is a combined total that includes funds from the National Trust and the Phase I supplement.

Trust fund beneficiaries should note that payment will be made in two separate checks coming from two different banks. The National Trustee, the Chase Manhattan Bank, will issue checks from the National Trust on December 29. The Phase I supplemental checks will be issued on January 2, by First Union National Bank of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Farmers National Bank in Kentucky.

UK names one of its own as agriculture dean

M. Scott Smith will be the new dean of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture on January 1, pending Board of Trustees approval. Chancellor Elisabeth Zinser has announced.

Selected following a competitive national search that yielded a large pool and four outstanding finalists, Smith succeeds C. Oran Little, who is retiring as dean of the college after serving UK for 27 years, the last 13 as agriculture dean.

"Dr. Smith is a talented academic leader," Zinser said. "He possesses knowledge of and commitment to a wide range of goals for agriculture and the further development of our economy and communities. His vision, ideas and understanding of Kentucky, bode well for the future in building upon the college's achievements while developing new directions aligned with emerging opportunities and challenges."

In addition to being the chief administrative officer of the college, Smith will direct the Kentucky Agriculture Experiment Station and the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, both statewide entities with links to national networks.

Smith has been with UK since 1978, the year he received his doctorate from Michigan State University. He is associate dean for research, associate director of the Agriculture Experiment Station, and professor of agronomy.

Smith, 51, started his career as professor of soil microbiology. His research on nitrogen fertilizer in soil and water has had agricultural and environmental significance. In 1989 he became chairman of the Department of Agronomy, a large and diverse area.

"The UK College of Agriculture has a tradition of excellence in teaching, research and cooperative extension," Smith said. "Now we must build upon that strength while responding to the pressing needs of farm families and communities throughout Kentucky. This decade will bring daunting challenges as well as great opportunities in agriculture and natural resources. We will fully commit our energy and abilities to addressing these issues."

The UK Board of Trustees is expected to approve Smith's appointment at its December 12 meeting.

Scholarships available for workshops

Partial scholarships are available for representatives of non-profit organizations to attend three days of grant writing workshops, set for January, in Lexington.

The workshops will be presented by Zoeklein and Associates at the Best Western Regency Inn in Lexington.

The workshops and dates are: Beginning Grant Writing, Wednesday, January 10; Intermediate Grant Writing, Thursday, January 11; and Advanced Grant Writing, Friday, January 12. Sessions run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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by REGINA BECKNELL
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The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce would like to spotlight a new member to our organization: Williams Printing Co., 222 University Dr., PO Box 276, Prestonsburg; 606/886-8222; HYPERLINK mailto:rpublisher@aol.com HYPERLINK http://www.reformationpublishers.com.

Williams Printing Company can provide black and white copies, color copies, binding, collating, folding, digital printing, printing on demand, imprinting, video and audio reproduction and direct mailings. Pastor Steven Williams is the owner. Store hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bro. Williams is the pastor of the Church of God on University Drive, as well as president and publisher of Reformation Publishers, founded in 1991, to reprint Gospel Trumpet Company/Warner Press Books now out-of-print. The mission of Reformation Publishers is to preserve the Church of God heritage.

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce welcomes Williams Printing Company to our organization. We hope that you will visit this business and allow Pastor Williams an opportunity to share his wealth of experience.

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce would like to remind everyone to attend the "Old-Fashioned Christmas," hosted by the Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center in Hindman on Friday, December 8.

Numerous crafters will have their work on display, and there will be vegetable soup to keep the cold at bay. The event will start at 10 a.m. and last until 8 p.m. For information, call Carla Coburn at 606/785-9855.

If you are a member of the Chamber, we would like to remind you of our Newcomer Relocation Service. Every month the Chamber sends relocation packets to citizens and businesses relocating to the Floyd County area. As a member you can receive this list for \$25 per year. If you are looking for an opportunity to get your information out to new clients, this is the place to start.

Contact the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce at 606/886-0364 or HYPERLINK mailto:floydchamber@setel.com, if you have any questions or are interested in any of our many services.

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Ag board announces application process, farmland preservation effort

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board recently took significant steps toward the development of a new farm economy for the Commonwealth.

The board has approved the initial version of its Near-Term Plan for Kentucky Agricultural Development. The board also voted to utilize the Rural Development Bond Fund to support farmland preservation efforts across the Commonwealth.

The board was created during the 2000 legislative session to oversee the use of half of Kentucky's receipts from the tobacco settlement for the purpose of agricultural development.

More than \$180 million was set aside in the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund for investment in various programs and projects

designed to further diversify and develop Kentucky's tobacco-dependent farm economy.

More than \$50 million is earmarked to individual counties on the basis of their tobacco dependence. The state board will have discretion on the use of about \$70 million over the course of the biennium.

In recent action, the board approved the initial version of its plan for using these resources. The plan included the board's initial priority areas for investment and a request for proposals to address those priority areas.

The application packet was also approved and will be made available through the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy beginning December 6 at www.kyagpolicy.com. Application packets will also be made available

to the County Agricultural Development Councils who are charged with overseeing the use of funds set aside for counties.

The board's other significant action was its approval of a plan to invest \$25 million from the Rural Development Bond Fund in statewide and local farmland preservation efforts.

A total of \$10 million was set aside for use by the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Board to continue their statewide purchases of conservation easements. These easements pay farmland owners the difference between the agricultural value and the development value of their lands in exchange for an easement keeping the land in agricultural production into perpetuity.

A total of \$15 million was set aside for Fayette

County's Purchase of Development Rights program, a locally run effort designed to preserve farmland in the same methods as the PACE program.

The Fayette County decision accomplished two critically important tasks. First, the investment will supplement \$25 million from the Fayette County government to provide an adequate foundation for an effective farmland preservation program. Secondly, the Fayette County plan represents a viable model for locally administered farmland preservation programs that could be applied to any county in the state with prime farmland under threat from development.

The Agricultural Development Board will meet again on December 15 in the Kentucky History Center.



Former Floyd County resident Anita Meade Branham was recently named Kentucky Department of Parks Region 5 (Western Kentucky) Employee of the Year. She has been an employee of Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park since March of 1998, working as a reservation/front desk clerk. She was an employee of Dr. Anita Hale-Allen in Prestonsburg before that. She and her husband, Kevin Branham, moved to western Kentucky when he was appointed to the position of fiscal manager at Kentucky Dam Village. She is the daughter of Dorothy Meade of Beaver and the late James Meade. The honoree is described as "a very dedicated employee who has been very instrumental in organizing the Front Desk operation and building an information handbook for employees at the Front Desk of Kentucky Dam Village to use when answering guest questions about the park and surrounding area." Along with a framed certificate and her name engraved on a plaque that will hang in the lobby of the park lodge for one year, she received two nights lodging and meals for two at a Kentucky resort park of her choice, plus a gift certificate.

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Business After Hours



The Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service hosted Business After Hours on Thursday, November 30, at the offices on South Lake Drive. Members of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce had the opportunity to meet with extension service staff members and to look at displays of some of the activities they sponsor. Refreshments for the event were prepared and served by students in the culinary arts program at the Perkins Job Corps Center.

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Holiday Cooking Tips...

Tennessee Christmas

Childhood Christmases in Tennessee are the subject of a popular holiday song by Amy Grant. No matter where we grew up, at this time of year we fondly recall Christmases gone by. As we remember wonderful family gatherings, it's the sweet smell of baked goods that, more than anything else, always seem to say "It's Christmas."

"Growing up in Tennessee, I was surrounded by family at Christmastime," says Belinda Ellis, home economist for White Lily. "Each year, my mother would make candied orange pecans as a holiday treat. It was those sweet and crunchy orange-flavored pecans that inspired this new cake."

Velvety-moist Tennessee Christmas Cake is perfect for special holiday celebrations like family gatherings and open houses, or to put on the buffet table. And it's easy to make.

"For the lightest, most tender cakes, use 100 percent soft wheat flour (such as White Lily)," says Ms. Ellis. Measure all the ingredients carefully, since incorrect measurements can make big differences in the results."

"We recommend topping this beautiful bundt cake with warm honey-orange glaze. Just drizzle it over the cake," says Ms. Ellis. Once you bite into this rich cake, you'll be adding it to your family's list of favorite recipes—to be enjoyed at Christmas or any time of the year!

Tennessee Christmas Cake

This indulgent Christmas cake makes every day a holiday. Orange peel and toasted pecans are a tempting combination.

3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
2 2/3 cups granulated sugar
5 large eggs, room temperature
2 tablespoons orange juice
1 teaspoon almond extract
2 1/2 cups White Lily All-Purpose Flour
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup sour cream
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
1 cup chopped pecans, toasted*

Preheat oven to 325°. Generously coat a 10-inch tube pan or 12-cup bundt cake pan with cooking spray. Dust inside of pan with flour. In large mixer bowl, beat butter about 30 seconds or until creamy. Gradually add sugar; beat 5 to 7 minutes. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add orange juice and almond extract. In medium bowl, stir together flour and baking soda; add alternately with sour cream.

Beat on low speed after each addition, just until combined. Do not overmix. Fold in orange peel and pecans. Spoon batter into prepared pan. Bake at 325° for 75 to 90 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Drizzle with Honey Orange Glaze while still warm. Cool completely on wire rack.

*To toast pecans, place in a microwave-safe dish and microwave on High for 2 to 4 minutes, stirring every minute. The quantity of nuts being toasted and the wattage of the microwave oven determine the length of time needed.

Honey-Orange Glaze

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup clover honey
1 teaspoon grated orange peel
In 1-cup glass measure, microwave butter on High for 1 minute or until melted. Stir in brown sugar, honey and orange peel. Microwave on High for 1 minute. Drizzle over cake.

Make a double batch of glaze and serve some with each piece of cake, if you like.

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Gingerbread Pudding Cake

(Old-fashioned pudding cake makes a comeback as gingerbread)
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1 1/4 teaspoons ground ginger
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup sugar
1 egg
1 cup molasses
1 cup water
3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1 1/2 cups hot water
1/3 cup butter, melted
Heat oven to 350°. Combine flour, baking soda, ginger, cinnamon, salt, allspice and nutmeg in medium bowl. Set aside.

Combine 1/2 cup butter and sugar in large mixer bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until creamy (1 to 2 minutes). Add egg; continue beating until well mixed. Reduce speed to low. Gradually add flour mixture alternately with molasses and 1 cup water, beating well after each addition (1 to 2 minutes).

Pour batter into 13 x 9-inch ungreased baking pan. Sprinkle with brown sugar.

Combine 1 1/2 cups hot water and 1/3 cup melted butter in medium bowl. Carefully pour over top of batter (do not mix). Bake for 40 to 55 minutes or until gingerbread is cracked on top and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Serve warm with ice cream, if desired.

****Pumpkin ice cream is wonderful served with this cake. It is easily made by stirring 1/3 cup brown sugar, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg and 1 cup cooked pumpkin into 1 quart softened vanilla ice cream. Free until firm.

Michelle Parker, Prestonsburg

Oatmeal Batter Bread

(No kneading is needed for this type of yeast bread)
3 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup old-fashioned oats
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 (1/4-ounce) package active dry yeast
1 cup milk
1/4 cup butter
2 eggs beaten
Combine 1 1/2 cups flour, oats, sugar, salt and yeast in large mixer bowl.

Combine milk and butter in 1-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat stirring occasionally, until mixture reaches 120° to 130°F (2 to 4 minutes). Add milk mixture and eggs to flour mixture. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until well mixed (about 3 minutes). Stir in remaining flour by hand; beat until smooth (about 50 strokes). Cover and let rise in warm place until double in size (about 1 to 1 1/2 hours).

Stir batter down (25 strokes). Spread into greased 9 x 5-inch loaf pan. Cover; let rise in warm place until double in size (40 to 50 minutes).

Heat oven to 375°. Bake for 25 minutes or until loaf sounds hollow when tapped. Remove from pan; cool completely on wire rack.

****Bread dough should rise in warm, draft free place. To ensure that your dough has doubled in size, press 2 fingers lightly and quickly into dough. The indentions should remain.

Michelle Parker, Prestonsburg

Spinach Casserole

(I came up with this recipe a few years ago, now its a favorite at all of our family dinners. Be sure to use the grated parmesan in the bag, or grate your own. I have tried the powdery parmesan in the can, it doesn't turn out half as good)

2 10 oz. packages frozen chopped spinach
1 small onion minced
1/3 cup heavy cream
1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese
1/3 cup melted butter
1/2 cup soft bread crumbs (2 to 3 slices)
Cook spinach in very small amount of water and drain well.

Combine spinach with onion, cream, cheese and 4 tablespoons of the melted butter. Place in greased casserole. Cover with bread crumbs that have been tossed with remaining butter. Top with more cheese. Bake at 400° for 15-20 minutes.

Michelle Parker, Prestonsburg

Beer Cheese

(The fresh garlic gives this great flavor, I always use about 4 cloves.)

1 12 oz. can of beer (at room temperature)
2 lb. sharp cheddar cheese (cubed and at room temperature)
1/2 medium onion (finely minced)
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper sauce
1 teaspoon ground horseradish

Combine cheese and garlic in food processor, blending well. Incorporate remaining ingredients except beer. Gradually add the beer blending well until mixture is thinned down and smooth. Chill overnight. Serve with crackers.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The bid packages being considered at this time are the Rebid of Bid Package #2 - includes furnishing and installing chain link fencing and gates and Bid Package #9 - includes furnishing and installing a PA System and other miscellaneous electrical items. Bids were received on November 16th, 2000, for other areas of work.

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Submission of a bid shall be construed as confirmation that the bidder has visited the site and satisfied himself as to the extent of work required. No changes to the contract will be considered based on misunderstandings could have been addressed by a site visit.

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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 bond release on Permit No. 836-0216 which was last issued on July 14, 2000. The application covers an area of approximately 1054.61 acres located 3.79 miles northeast of Ivel in Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 3.79 miles northeast of U.S. 23's junction with Ivy Creek County Road and located 0.95 miles north of Ivy Creek. The latitude is 37°36'18". The longitude is 82°37'35". The Bond now in effect is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$2,204,900.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$2,204,900.00 is included in the application for Phase I 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 spring, 2000.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 18, 2001, at

9:00 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 January 17, 2001.

Written comments, objections or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Service, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 17, 2001.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5337, Amendment No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.23 miles Northwest of Hunter in Floyd County. The amendment will add 1.65 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie and additional 1268.80 acres, making a total area of 2892.03 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.36 miles southwest from KY 122's junction with KY 2030 and is located 0.57 miles Southwest of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37-31-18 and the longitude is 82-45-45.

The proposed amendment is located on the Martin and Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minutes quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by this amendment is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The amendment will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Thomas E. Martin, Sheridan Martin, Martin Heirs, Ralph Moore, and Floyd County Solid Waste.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3410 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.



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NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

DIVISION NO. 1 CIVIL ACTION NO. 00-CI-413

ASSOCIATES MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF VS:

EUGENE ROSE; SHEILA ROSE; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF

FLOYD, BY AND ON BEHALF OF SARA JANE SCHAFF, SECRETARY OF REVENUE, DEFENDANTS

BY VIRTUE OF Amended In Rem Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 31st day of

October, 2000, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled cause, in the principal sum of \$39,122.78, plus interest at the Note rate of 12.07% until paid, plus accrued interest, for any late charges which have accrued; and for costs expended, plus attorney fees which are not included in the Judgment, but will be determined at a subsequent hearing, 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 December, 2000, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, together with any and all improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, commonly known as 250 Pinhook, Harold, Kentucky 41635, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING AT A STAKE ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF A 30 FEET STREET THAT LEAVES THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF SAID 30 FEET STREET RUNNING S 63 20 E 173.32 FEET TO A STAKE ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF 20 FEET STREET; THENCE RUNNING WITH THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF 20 FEET STREET N 17 05 E 101.42 FEET TO A STAKE AT THE END OF SAID 20 FEET STREET; THENCE LEAVING THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF THE 20 FEET STREET AND RUNNING N 63 20 W 205.16 FEET TO A STAKE ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF A 15 FEET ALLEY; THENCE RUNNING WITH THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF THE SAID 15 FEET ALLEY S 55 33 W 57.10 FEET TO A STAKE AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE SAID 30 FEET STREET; THENCE LEAVING THE SAID 15 FEET ALLEY AND RUNNING WITH THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF THE SAID 30 FEET STREET 90 FEET MORE OR LESS BACK TO THE BEGINNING SO AS TO INCLUDE ALL OF LOTS 2 AND 3 IN BLOCK E AS SHOWN ON MAPS FILED.

Being the same property conveyed to Eugene Rose and Sheila Rose, his wife, by deed dated February 6, 1974, of record in Deed Book

215, Page 302, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Tax Map Reference: 095-10-19-023.02

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 debts owed the Plaintiff, interest, costs, attorney fees, and Floyd County Ad Valorem taxes owed by the defendants, Eugene Rose and Sheila Rose.

The liens herein adjudged shall attach to the proceeds of said sale of the real estate in priority as follows:

The Plaintiff, Associates Mortgage Company, is adjudged to have a first and superior mortgage lien, (being subject only to any appropriate liens of Floyd County, Kentucky, and sale costs) 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 10% of the purchase 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 Floyd County real property taxes for the year 2000, and all subsequent years which are 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 take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

THIS THE 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 15th day of November, 2000 to:

Hon. William H.B. Rich Andrews and Associates 333 West Vine St., 16th Fl. P.O. Box 1179 Lexington, KY 40588-1179

Hon. Keith Bartley Floyd County Attorney P.O. Box 1000 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Eugene Rose 250 Pinhook Harold, KY 41635

Sheila Rose 250 Pinhook Harold, KY 41635

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY JOHNSON CIRCUIT COURT C. A. NO. 99-CI-00245 DIVISION NO. 1

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 31, 1996, SERIES 1996-B, PLAINTIFF -versus- FRED A SPENCER; CLIFFORD SPENCER; BANK ONE, PIKEVILLE NA; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF JOHNSON; AND COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF FLOYD, DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Default Judgment, Judgment on the Pleadings and Order of Sale of the Johnson Circuit Court rendered on March 17, 2000, in the above styled action for the sum of THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS FIFTY-FIVE CENTS (\$35,965.55), plus interest on the principal portion thereof at the rate of 12.50% per annum from May 30, 1999, until paid, plus any applicable late charges, attorney's fees, court costs, other collection costs, any costs of preserving the subject real property and any other costs, charges and expenses recoverable pursuant to the terms of the Note and mortgage attached to the Plaintiff's Complaint as Exhibits "A" and "B", respectively, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse in Paintsville, Kentucky, to the highest Bidder, at public auction on Thursday, December 7, 2000, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., the following described property, lying and being in Johnson and Floyd County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Being the same property conveyed to Clifford Spencer and Freda Spencer by deed from Bruce Spencer and Dessie Spencer, dated August 28, 1989, of record in Deed Book 279, Page 316, in the office of the Johnson County Clerk and also Deed Book 334, Page

634, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk and being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd and Johnson County, Kentucky, on Lick Branch of Jenny's Creek, East Point, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at upper side of road at culvert on Route 1750 North side of branch of Still House Hollow; thence N 89 w 188 feet to a double black oak on bluff about 40 feet right of branch; thence N 60 W 193 feet to a small white oak on bluff of branch; thence N 58 W 30 a distance of about 375 feet to a stone set in the ground marked "K" thence up the hill a northerly direction on the left hand side of the drain to a stone set in the ground marked "A", by a small black oak; thence a straight line on up the hill to a marked stone at the Shird Robinson line; thence back down the hill with Shird Robinson line to a rock set in the ground marked "X", following the left hand drain coming down the hollow to a mulberry tree which is approximately 1640 feet; thence from the mulberry tree 440 feet to a straight line around the base of the hill a stake, a short distance on opposite side of road from the beginning point.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or make a cash deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price, with the balance on credit for 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 upon which execution may issue, if not paid at maturity; and a lien shall be retained upon the real property above described as additional security.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Johnson County Court Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all real property taxes or assessments upon the property for the fiscal year 2000, and all subsequent years.

EUGENE C. RICE MASTER COMMISSIONER JOHNSON CIRCUIT COURT

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Commissioner's Sale has been mailed on this the 15th day of November, 2000, to the following:

HON. JOHN A. COMBS Morgan & Pottinger 133 West Short St. Lexington, KY 40507

MR. CLIFFORD

SPENCER & MS. FRED A SPENCER 3287 KY Rt. 1750 East Point, KY 41216

HON. MARY L. CHANDLER 324 Main St. P. O. Box 1053 Paintsville, KY 41240

HON. J. SCOTT PRESTON Johnson County Attorney P. O. Box 1361 Paintsville, KY 41240

HON. STEVEN D. COMBS Combs & Combs P. O. Drawer 31 Pikeville, KY 41502

HON. KEITH BARTLEY Floyd County Attorney P. O. Box 1000 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Eugene C. Rice Master Commissioner Johnson Circuit Court

NOTICE OF INTENT TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5371, Major Revision #3

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for a major revision to an existing underground mining operation located 0.25 miles northwest of Beaver in Floyd County. The major revision will add .05 acres of surface disturbance making a total of 567.60 acres within the revised permit area.

The operation is approximately .25 miles Northwest from Tackett Fork Road's junction with KY 979 and located .20 miles West of Mud Creek. The Latitude is 37 degrees, 23 minutes, 55 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 39 minutes, 32 seconds.

The operation is located on the McDowell 7 1/2 minute quadrangles maps. The surface area affected by the revision is owned by The Elkhorn Coal Corp. and Clifford Reynolds. The major revision underlies land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corp., Noah Vance, Willie Tackett, Timothy Reynolds, Samuel Hamilton, Walker and Ella Hall, Crit and Daisy Mitchell, and Carl Mitchell.

The major revision proposes facing up and mining th Elkhorn #2 seam by underground mining.

This 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 requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application No. 836-5137, Amendment No. 3

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Maple Ridge Mining Corporation, P.O. Box 219, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation

located approximately 1.70 miles northwest of Grethel in Floyd County. The amendment will underlie an additional 450.00 acres making a total area of 1,171.47 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.30 miles southeast from Morgan Fork Road's junction with Little Mud Creek Road and located on the Left Fork of Morgan Fork of Little Mud Creek.

The proposed amendment area is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment area will underlie land owned by Tommy Burke, Dennis Huff, John Huff, Wallen Heirs, Emmitt Lawson, Vannie Kidd, Ella Martin, and Dorothy Martin.

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

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT C.A. NO. 00-CI-00065 DIVISION NO. 1

LONNIE KIRBY and VERL KIRBY, her husband, PLAINTIFFS VS:

MARY HILL, single; CHARLES HUFF, single; RONALD HUFF, husband and wife; SUE CAROL MULLETT and PERRY MULLETT, husband and wife; ANNA JEAN BENTLEY and DANNY BENTLEY, husband and wife; RAY HUFF, single; KENNETH HUFF, single; ESBA SLONE and GAIL SLONE, husband and wife; JESSE JAMES SLONE, single; SYLVIA ORR and LOUIS ORR, husband and wife; and BETTY GIBBS and CHESTER GIBBS, her husband

BY VIRTUE OF Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 11th day of October, 2000, in the above styled cause, for reason of indivisibility of real estate, 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 December, 2000, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, together with any and all improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, located and lying in Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land in FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY, on the

map of Wayland, File 5-K-1, and being the same land conveyed to Jesse and Virgie Slone, by deed bearing date, April 1, 1967, and recorded in Deed Book 192, page 590, in the office of the clerk of the Floyd County Court, containing 0.10 acres more or less. Reference is also made to Affidavits of Descent of Jesse Slone and Virgie Slone of record at Deed Book 443, page 334 and page 332 respectively.

Beginning at a point on North edge of concrete walk on a line midway between House No. 1141-1142 and House No. 1143-1144, witnessed S 61:30 W 18.02 feet to the Northeast corner of House No. 1141-1142 and S 51:10 E 18:02 feet to the Northwest corner of House No. 1143-1144; thence with the line midway between House No. 1141-1142 and House No. 1143-1144, S 5:10 W 76 feet to a stake; thence N 84:50 W 58 feet to a stake on a line midway between House No. 1139-1140 and House No. 1141-1142; thence with line midway between 1139-1140 and House No. 1141-1142, N 5:10 E 76 feet to a point on North edge of concrete walk S 84:50 E 58 feet to the beginning and containing 0.10 acres more or less.

The property hereinabove described will be sold by the Master Commissioner as a whole and the proceeds therefrom shall be distributed as set out hereinbelow.

The property hereinabove described shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth in order to satisfy:

- (1) Floyd County, Kentucky and City of Wayland, Kentucky, Ad Valorem taxes owed on the property;
- (2) sale costs and fees;
- (3) attorney fees; and
- (4) Commissioners' fees.

After payment of the above, the balance of the sale proceeds shall

then be distributed to the parties hereto according to their ownership interest as indicated in paragraph 7 of the

Judgment and Order of Sale on Partition.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or 10% of the purchase 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 Floyd County, Kentucky, and City of Wayland, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2000, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Wayland real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the successful bidder is one of the parties hereto, then in that event, said party shall be entitled to a credit as to their ownership interest against the bid price and shall be required to post bond. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

THIS THE 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 16th day of

November, 2000, to:

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Mr. Rondal Huff General Delivery Mousie, KY 41839

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Mrs. Anna Jean Bentley 9250 Ketch Road Plain City, OH 43064

Mr. Ray Huff 10850 Walnut Dowler Rd. Logan, OH 43138

Mr. Charles Huff 1000 Ketch Road Plain City, OH 43064

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Mr. Perry Mullett 1000 Ketch Road Plain City, OH 43064

Mr. Danny Bentley 9250 Ketch Road Plain City, OH 43064

Mr. Kenneth Huff 1000 Ketch Road Plain City, OH 43064

Mr. Esba Slone 933 E. Main St. Hindman, KY 41822

Mr. Jesse James Slone Garner, KY 41817

Mr. Louis Orr P. O. Box 55903 North Pole, Alaska 99705

Mr. Chester Gibbs P. O. Box 279 Frenchburg, KY 40322

Hon. James A. Combs 199 North Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653

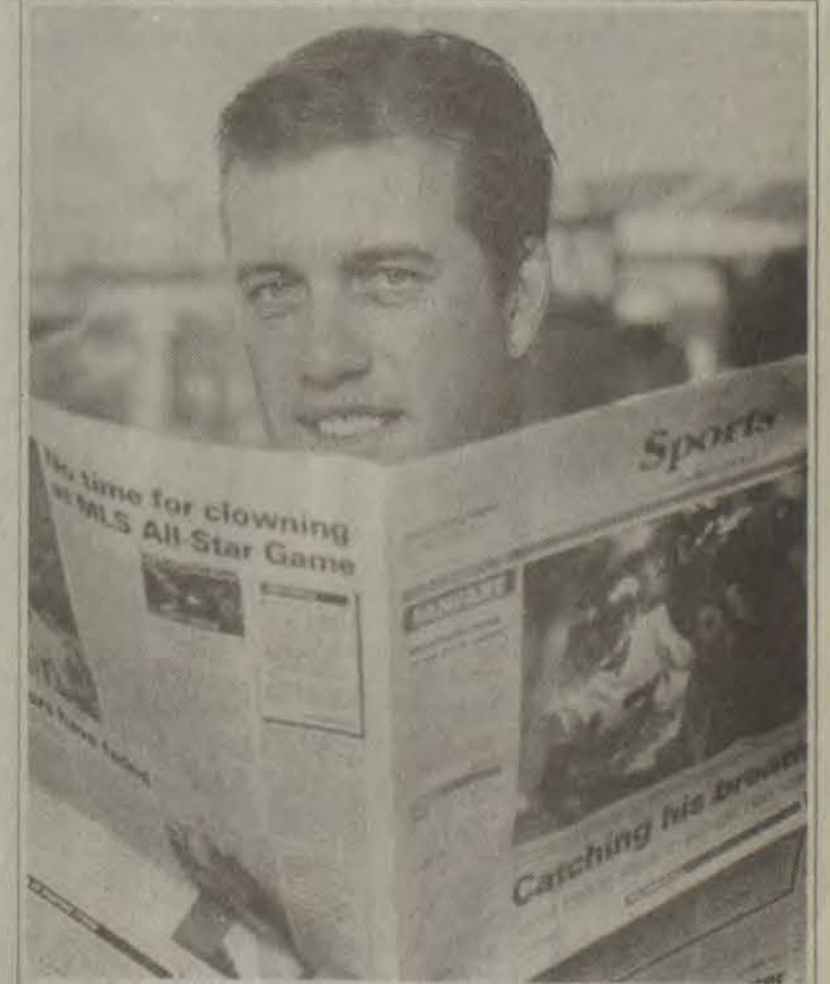
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Ms. Sylvia Orr P. O; Box 55903 North Pole, Alaska 99705

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WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner



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NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 CIVIL ACTION NO. 99-CI-00221

WILLIAM R. WELLS, PLAINTIFF VS;

REGINA SETSER, TINA MARIE MILLER, YVONNE WELLS, BRET JOHNSON, NORMA SUE WELLS REYNOLDS, DONALD J. WELLS, DREMA WELLS, WILLIAM M. WELLS, and VICKIE WELLS, DEFENDANTS

BY VIRTUE OF Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 12th day of October, 2000, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled cause, for reason of indivisibility of real estate, 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 December, 2000, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, together with any and all improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Tract #1: Beginning at drain at the Bert Calhoun line; thence running up the river bank to a Wild Cherry Tree; thence a

straight line across the road to a marked elm; thence a straight line to the top of the ridge to Abe Green line; thence around the ridge to Emery Clark line; thence with his line back to the beginning.

Being the same land conveyed to Rina Mae Wells and W.R. Wells, from William Martin Wells by deed dated the 14th day of November, 1980 and recorded in Deed Book #358, Page #294, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

The Grantors having acquired their interest in the above property as the heirs- of Rina Mae Wells by virtue of her last will and testament contained in Will Book # of the Floyd County Clerk's office.

Tract #2: Beginning at Bert Calhoun's line and Rina Mae Wells line and running with said Calhoun line to the river; thence down and with the river to Anderson Lafferty line; thence with Anderson Lafferty line to a chimney rock; thence with his line to the top of ridge to the Abe Green line; thence around the ridge to the line of Rina Mae Wells and her husband; thence with the line back to the beginning.

Being the same land conveyed to Rina Mae Wells and W.R. Wells, from Herbert Baldrige and Nannie Goodman Baldrige by deed dated the 20th day of August, 1960, and recorded in Deed Book #175, Page #101, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

The Grantors having acquired their interest in the above property

as the heirs of Rina Mae Wells by virtue of her last will and testament contained in Will Book # of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Tract #3: Beginning at a chimney rock at the corner of Ned Horn; thence straight line to a stake at low water mark; thence down the river with its meanders so as to make and acre in width; thence straight line one acre in length; thence a straight line up the river to a stake; thence to the beginning. Beginning at a stake opposite the chimney rock on line of Isadore Horn; thence up the bank to two cedars; thence a straight line up the hill to a stake; thence to the top of the ridge to a straight line of Isadore Horn line; thence down the hill a straight line with Isador Horn's line to the river, the place of beginning.

Being the same land conveyed to Rina Mae Wells and W.R. Wells from Charlie Lafferty and Mornor Lafferty by deed dated the 16th day of October, 1969 and recorded in Deed Book #201, Page #298, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Being the same land conveyed to Rina Mae Wells and W.R. Wells from George C. Perry and Julia Ann Perry; Freddie Williams and Lois Mae Williams by deed dated the 2nd day of November, 1978, and recorded in Deed Book #237, Page #88, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. The Grantors having

acquired their interest in the above property as the heirs of Rina Mae Wells by virtue of her last will and testament contained in Will Book # of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

There is hereby excepted in the portions as applicable in Tracts 1,2 and 3 that property conveyed by William R. Wells and the deceased Rina Mae Wells by deed dated November 2, 1987 to Clidcon Ray Ash and Bruce Robert Ash. A description of property being contained in Deed Book # 314 page # 356, of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

The property hereinabove described will be sold by the Master Commissioner of the Court both separately and as a whole (whichever brings the greatest sum of money) and the proceeds therefrom shall be distributed as set out hereinbelow.

The property hereinabove described shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth in order to satisfy: 1) Floyd County Ad Valorem taxes owed on the property, (2) sale costs and fees, and(3) attorney fees. The Master Commissioner shall pay the balance of the proceeds of the sale, after payment of any delinquent taxes, sale costs and fees and attorney fees, directly to the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk pending further orders of the court as to distribution of the remainder of the proceeds.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful

bidder shall either pay cash or 20% of the purchase 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 Floyd Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2000, and all subsequent years which are 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 take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

THIS THE 15th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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 15th day of November, 2000 to:

Hon. Jimmy C. Webb 252 East Court Street Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Ms. Regina Setser Box 339 Auxier, KY 41602

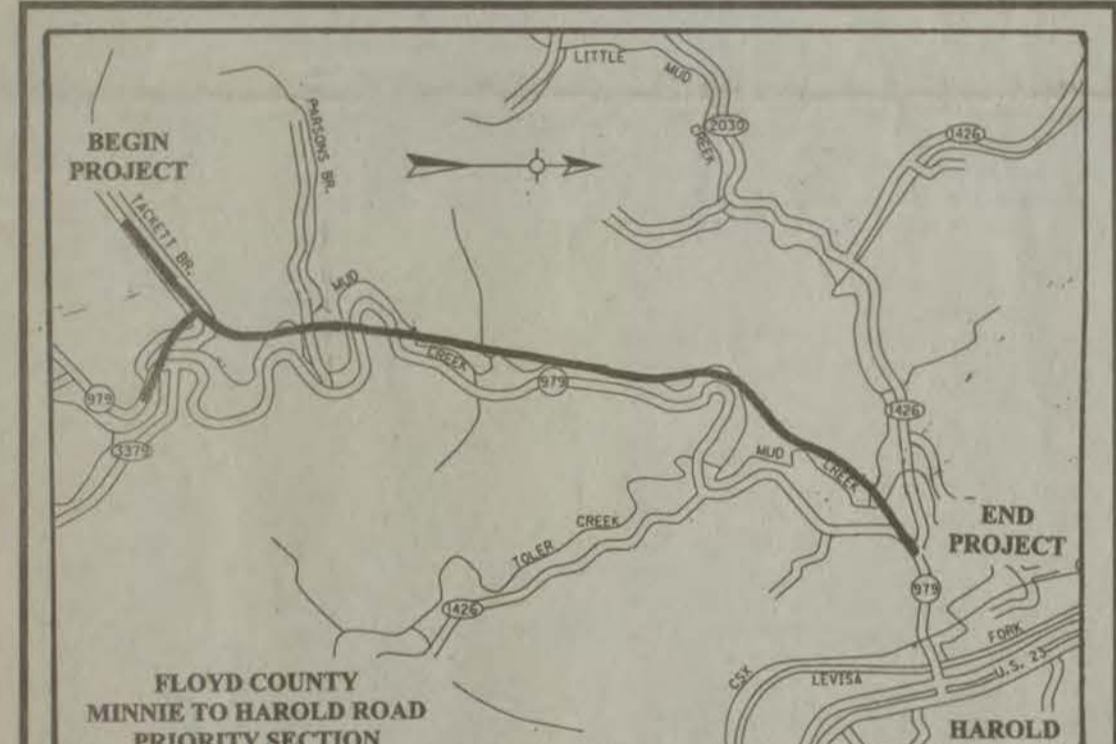
Hon. James A. Combs 199 North Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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Ms. Yvonne Wells Box 275 Auxier, KY 41602

Mr. William R. Wells Box 174 Auxier, KY 41602

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner



LEGAL NOTICE FOR A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
 Floyd County, Item Number 12-301
 1100 D625 12 FD04 C036 6376501D
 MINNIE TO HAROLD ROAD, PRIORITY SECTION

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways has scheduled a Public Information Meeting for Thursday, December 14, 2000, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in the cafeteria/gym of the John M. Stumbo Elementary School. This Public Meeting is being scheduled to allow the viewing of the Right of Way Plans for the project.

This project is the proposed relocation / reconstruction of approximately 4.7 miles of KY 979 beginning near KY 3379, Branhams Creek Road, and proceeding to KY 1426, Prater Creek Road near Harold.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this Public Meeting, which will be conducted in an "Open House" format. There will be no formal presentations at this informal type meeting and interested persons may come and go any time between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Attendees are welcome to review plans, discuss the project and express their views concerning the social, economic, historical and environmental effects of the project, as proposed, will have upon individuals, businesses, cultural resources and other organizations in the area. Representatives of the Transportation Cabinet, the Roadway Design Consultant and Right of Way Personnel involved in the details of the project will be present to answer questions, address comments and assist the public with any information made available.

Handouts will be available at the meeting describing the objective of the Public Meeting. Also, displays of plans, maps, and other pertinent data will be available for review. Information concerning Right of Way acquisition and relocation assistance procedures will also be available. Both oral and written statements may be submitted during the Meeting, as well as at the Pikeville District Office, 109 Lorraine Street, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, and shall be made part of the official Meeting record. For convenience, a comment sheet will be provided with the handouts for soliciting written comments and a recorder will be made available for those who desire to make oral statements.

Statements will be accepted and project information made accessible for review from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., prevailing local time, Monday through Friday at the Pikeville District Office up to fifteen (15) days after the Public Meeting.

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

In accordance with "Americans with Disabilities Act," if you have a disability, for which the Transportation Cabinet needs to provide accommodations, please notify Ms. Berita Castle, Pikeville District Office at (606) 433-7791, by December 11, 2000. This request does not have to be in writing.

Linda Wagner-Justice, P.E.
 Chief District Engineer
 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
 District # 12, Department of Highways
 P. O. Box 2468
 Pikeville, Kentucky 41502

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