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Keith Bartley, Floyd County Attorney, is shown with just a few of the 2,904 food items that his office has collected in the past few weeks. Bartley said that his office will continue to accept food donations throughout the holiday season. Bartley has offered to give reduced fines on traffic violations in exchange for canned food donations. The food will be distributed to the various county food pantries to aid in their holiday needs.

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Stumbo audit reveals problems

by PAM SHINGLER
SENIOR EDITOR

Expectations are low, collaboration among teachers is rare, communication is spotty, evaluation is uneven, and the building is inadequately maintained.

Those are among the findings of a team of educators who performed a scholastic audit of John M. Stumbo Elementary

School in October.

Stumbo is one of three Floyd County schools that were required to undergo an audit because of their poor showing in last spring's statewide, standardized exam, known as CATS.

According to Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning, the audit report on South Floyd Middle School will be distributed at Monday night's Floyd County Board of Education

meeting, and the report on Allen Central Middle School is expected to come in next week. An audit was also done on Allen Central High School, which ranked only one level higher on the testing.

Several other schools in the system had scores that were below average, but they did show "significant" progress and, therefore, escaped audit, according to Fanning. The auditing team, picked by the state

Department of Education from outside the district, was at Stumbo from October 16 to 20, interviewing students, teachers, administrators and parents, reviewing documents, and sitting in on classes.

According to the audit summary, the team made 26 classroom observations and conducted formal and informal discussions

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Ky.-W.Va. workers vote to end strike

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

Nearly two months after it began, a bitter battle of wills between union workers and the management of Kentucky West-Virginia Gas Company has ended in what one union representative labeled a "stalemate."

Members of the Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy (PACE) Workers Industrial Union Local 5-512 voted Sunday to end their 56-day walkout and accept a three-year contract with Kentucky West.

The company and the union's negotiating committee reached a tentative agreement at 12 a.m. Friday and it was placed before the union's membership on Sunday. Workers ratified the proposal "by a substantial margin," said PACE spokesperson Lynne Baker.

Employees returned to their jobs at 11 p.m. Sunday. Officials with Kentucky West did not issue a statement concerning the end of the strike, saying the company had no comment at this time.

The agreement contains concessions

(See **STRIKE**, page three)

Fire burning in the night ...



photo courtesy of Ralph Dingus

Firefighters from Martin and five other departments struggled to contain a downtown blaze which consumed two buildings Friday night. The fire which destroyed buildings which housed the Martin Pawn Shop and June's Dress Shop is under investigation as potential arson.

Martin fire destroys 2 downtown buildings

Times Staff Report

A fire broke out within the city limits of Martin on Friday evening. According to Martin Fire Chief William Petry, the blaze began around 9:30 p.m.

The fire originated in the Martin Pawn Shop and spread into a neighboring building that once housed June's Dress Shop, but had been used the past several years for storage purposes.

Chief Petry reported that the fire was not completely extinguished until 1:30 or 2 a.m. He said that firemen remained on the scene with firefighting equipment to monitor hot spots throughout the remainder of

the night and on into the morning of the following day.

"The last truck probably pulled out of there at about 11:30 the next morning," said Petry.

The buildings that housed the Martin Pawn Shop and June's Dress Shop were "a total loss," said Petry. He also added that some neighboring buildings to the rear also suffered smoke damage. These included an apartment building and a private residence.

According to Petry, the exact cause of the fire is yet undetermined, but a possibility of arson exists. An investigation of the

(See **FIRE**, page two)

Council considers subdivision restrictions

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg City Council began laying the groundwork for what it does and does not want residential areas of its mountaintop development project to become.

The council considered an outline of restrictions and covenants for subdivisions in the Prestonsburg Recreational Complex, located at the top of Maggie Mountain Road, more commonly referred to as "the mountaintop project." The subdivisions that will be constructed on the complex will be individually referred to as "Crestwood" and "Ridgewood"

Among the restrictions outlined are that no construction activity of any kind, including excavation or lot clearing, shall begin until the city has given written approval of the construction plans. This includes no building, fence, wall or structure of any kind.

Detailed construction plans showing grade elevation, location of structure, the type and color of exterior material and the driveway must first be approved by the city.

In addition, plans submitted for approval must be on a quarter-inch equal to one foot scale and include a lot plan and driveway location. The required minimum square footage for primary permanent residential structures is 1,900 square feet. No manufactured housing units of any type are permitted.

Exterior building materials are to be a minimum of 50 percent

(See **COUNCIL**, page eight)

Rescue workers hone their skills

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

In spite of the cold temperatures that were exhibited early Tuesday morning, a mock drill was held by the Floyd County Disaster and Emergency Services Department. The drill took place at the Prestonsburg Water Treatment Plant on South Lake Drive and was conducted under the supervision of Lon May, director of emergency services.

The drill began when Assistant Fire Chief Gary Dotson set off several smoke bombs near the chemical building, a building on the water plant site that contains the chlorine used by the water treatment facility.

The white smoke was intended to simulate a chlorine gas leak. Chlorine gas is actually greenish-yellow and exhibits a very pungent odor that, according to Donald Compton, water plant supervisor, is very irritating to the lungs and is lethal when prolonged exposure is suffered.

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James Hager, left, member of the Prestonsburg Fire Department, assists Maxine Coffey and Darrel Sparks, paramedics for Respond Ambulance Service, in administering aid to Tim Goble, who portrayed a victim of chlorine gas fumes during a mock drill Tuesday morning at the Prestonsburg Water Treatment Plant. The drill was conducted by the Floyd County Disaster and Emergency Services Unit under the direction and supervision of Lon May.

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Audit

with 40 teachers, 57 students, 20 parents, as well with the principal, the coordinator of the Family Resource and Youth Services Center, the counselor, and people at the district and state level who work with the school.

The audit compares a group of state standards with the situation at the school in three primary categories: Academic performance, learning environment and efficiency.

On the plus side, Stumbo received good marks for the alignment of its curriculum among grades and with the high school it serves as a feeder school.

Auditors found "excellent beginnings in building a challenging middle school mathematics curriculum and in building a transition into high school."

They praised the students for being "well-behaved, respectful and receptive to visitors," and they were pleased with the high percentage of parents — more than 70 percent — who returned surveys.

The audit team had high marks, as well, for the school's consolidated plan, which they called a "comprehensive, well written, and properly aligned document."

To signal alarm, the audit team used red ink to highlight areas in which the school was found wanting. Red ink appears frequently throughout the report.

Academic Performance

In the category of academic performance how the students' performance is evaluated was heavily criticized. Even the choice of student work to display was called into question. The auditors reported that the work they observed on display "reflected a low level of performance."

The report questioned the thoroughness of teachers' assessment of student work, the types of tests used, the lack of collaboration among teachers, and the lack of a clear understanding among parents and teachers of what the primary program (the first four years of school) should be.

In a statement that generated much concern at the December 4 special meeting of the Board of Education, the auditors indicated that some teachers "stated firmly that they did not and would not" adapt their teaching methods based on an evaluation of student performance.

Further, the auditors said they observed an "almost total reliance on textbooks," with little variety in classes and little attention to children's diverse learning styles. They added that "(d)uring most classroom observations some students were observed to be disengaged and even asleep."

The auditors were critical of the absence of a librarian and the fact that the former library is used as a classroom. They highlighted an insufficient number of instructional and "developmentally appropriate" materials, a shortage of textbooks, and "outdated and neglected" computers and software.

The school's site-based decision-making council (SBDM) was criticized for a lack of academic policies.

Learning Environment

The condition of the building itself came under fire by the auditing team. The auditors found that a majority of teachers and staff members thought the building was not well maintained and distractions and interruptions were a problem in the classrooms.

A survey by the team showed that both students and staff have the perception that the "leadership does not support high expectations for all students."

In fact, the auditors found that as many as half of the teachers do not think students can achieve to the expected level. They also found little evidence of recognition for student achievement and "minimal" participation by faculty and staff in decision making.

Communication is also a problem, according to the report. Parents who were interviewed indicated they receive "irregular communication from teachers," and the teachers themselves indicated that their primary communication with parents comes only at the end of a grading period. Some parents told auditors they had been denied access to their children's CATS test results.

The SBDM has no communication policy, says the report, and "(t)here is no student handbook, no school web page, and no public relations plan." Auditors noted, however, that the school had recently begun a newsletter.

Also included under Learning Environment was professional development for teachers. Auditors claimed that almost half the teachers at Stumbo said they had no input in determining what types of continuing education they can receive, and almost 70 percent said there was no follow up locally on what was learned in professional development sessions.

Members of the SBDM also said they did not participate in decisions concerning faculty professional development, but rather approved the principal's recommendation after the fact.

Efficiency

The category of Efficiency covers the standards of leadership, school organization and resources, organizational structure and resources, comprehensive and effective planning.

Comments on leadership indicate that 60 percent of teachers say there is not a "high degree" of cooperation between administration and faculty. Neither is there a "shared mission and vision." A review of SBDM minutes and interviews with teachers and council members, said the report, "reflect the council is not effective in making policies."

Regarding the efficient use of instructional time, the report reveals the observation by members of the audit team that some "soda breaks" for students lasted as long as 35 minutes, although only 10 minutes was allocated. The auditors implied that the schedule needs more and shorter breaks.

Also in regard to time usage, the statement was made that some teach-

Fire

circumstances is still in progress. Mayor Thomasine Robinson said that "Chief Petry, the Martin firemen and all the firemen who helped [battle the blaze] were great. They did an excellent job."

Chief Petry said that his department was assisted by the Allen Fire Department, the Maytown Fire Department, and the Left Beaver Fire Department. He extended his appreciation to each of them.

ers "stated an unwillingness to reteach skills taught but not learned by students."

At the December 4 meeting of the school board, principal Roy Johnson told board members, "We take full responsibility for the audit report."

Johnson, along with several teachers and SBDM members, said they have already begun to address some of the issues raised by the audit. The state Department of Education has assigned

a Highly Skilled Educator (HSE) to work with the school staff. She spoke on behalf of the school at the board meeting.

Representing the highly criticized SBDM, parent member Barnardo Maldonado said at the board meeting that the council has been "working on the problem."

Maldonado assured board members, "We are going to correct our problems."

Drill

Upon being alerted to the disaster, Compton placed a 911 call for assistance and then donned an SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) in order to safely enter the area affected by the leak.

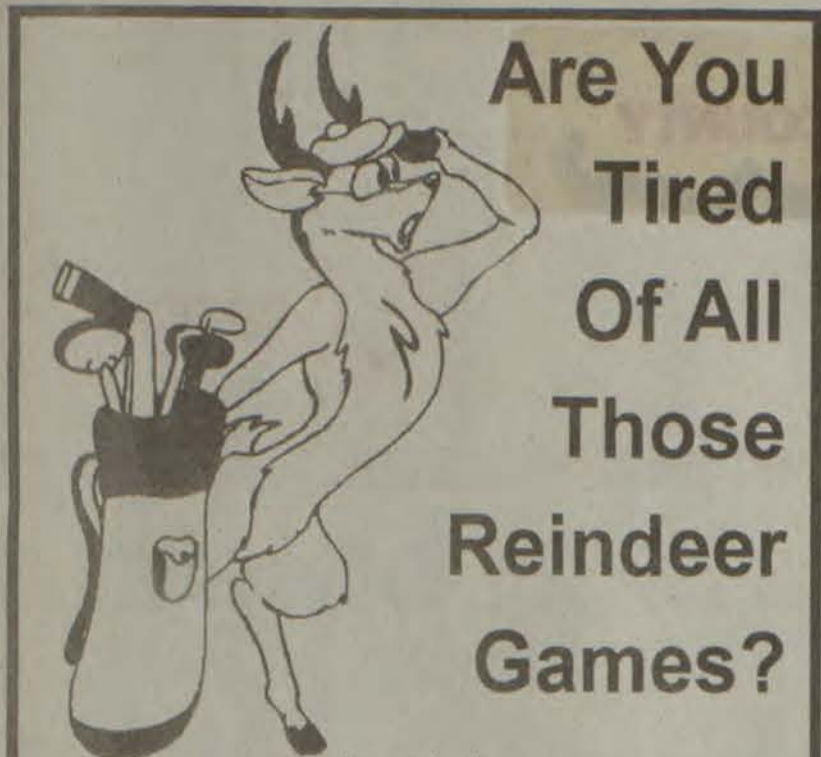
Compton opened the door to the building and was able to see that one of his operators had been overcome by the chlorine gas fumes and was passed out on the floor.

Compton said that in a real emergency, exposure to the fumes in this manner would result in a fairly quick death because "chlorine gas is very heavy and it settles on the floor, so this man would be lying in the most dangerous spot, down on the floor

where the highest concentration of gas would be."

According to OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Association) guidelines, Compton was unable to enter the building to aid the fallen man and therefore had to wait for emergency services assistance. Compton said that this is because

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Drill

OSHA has determined that many times when a worker attempts to rescue or aid a fellow co-worker, both workers end up in trouble. To avoid having two men down instead of one, Compton would be required to wait for professional assistance.

The first emergency services members to appear on the scene were members of the Prestonsburg Fire Department. The men were fully suited and well-protected from the noxious gas and were so able to assist Compton in removing the injured man from the chemical building. Once the operator was safely outside the building, Compton secured the doors in an attempt to contain any remaining fumes.

In a real situation, Compton says that once the building would be secured, he would activate a "scrubber" that would immediately begin to cleanse the building. The chlorine would be sucked out and filtered through a caustic solution and eventually be emitted into the outside atmosphere as a non-harmful vapor.

Next on the scene were members of Respond Ambulance Service. The paramedics began to assess the victim's condition and then began to secure him for transport to Highlands Regional Medical Center.

First, the medics secured the victim's head with cushions, chin

Strike

from both sides, most notably a job security clause for 100 workers until June and for 90 employees for the remainder of the contract. The union workforce at Kentucky West will be reduced by more than a third from its present 148.

The job security agreement settled the primary sticking point between union members and management. Negotiations between the two sides fell apart in September after Kentucky West announced its intention to do away with 110 union positions.

Following that announcement, union officials and supporters accused Kentucky West of trying to do away with the union. That opinion is apparently still held by some in the union.

"The way we feel, they still had a plan to dismantle the union in its entirety," said Ralph Hood, secretary-treasurer of PACE 5-512. "At least we were able to keep it to some degree."

In order to entice workers to voluntarily leave the company, Kentucky West is offering workers an early retirement package for the first 60 to sign up. The package will pay participating employees \$8,500 for each year of service, in addition to health insurance until the workers reach 65 years of age.

Workers have until Monday to decide whether or not to take the retirement package.

Should not enough workers take the early retirement package in order to bring the workforce down to 90, layoffs would occur. But the company is offering a severance package to laidoff workers in exchange for no recall rights. Under the terms of the severance package, laidoff workers would receive a \$56,000 lump-sum cash payment, \$5,000 for additional education, \$5,000 for relocation costs, six months of health insurance and a cash buyout of pension plans.

However, it appears that layoffs may not be necessary. Hood said that as of Tuesday, 30 workers from the Prestonsburg district alone had opted for the retirement package, with the numbers "rising all the time."

Under the contract, some workers will receive a 2-percent raise, but others will see their salaries cut. Hood said that as many as 20 to 30 employees could see their wages fall from \$18 an hour to below \$14.

The contract approved Sunday also includes a successorship clause which requires any new owner of Kentucky West to recognize the union and its existing contract with the company.

Baker said the successorship clause was not an indication that the company would be sold, but merely a clause PACE seeks in all contract negotiations.

Baker said she believes the approved contract has positives for both sides.

"I would say it's a win for both the company and the union," Baker said. "They have enacted a problem-solving approach and come up with a good contract."

Hood, however, had a different outlook.

"The union is looking at it like a stalemate," Hood said. "Both sides suffered economically."

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straps and head straps. Then they securely strapped his body to a back board and hoisted him onto a gurney and placed him into the rear of the ambulance for transport.

In addition to the activity taking place at the water plant, students and faculty at Adams Middle School also took part in the drill. May was on hand to direct the students into the auditorium and to give instruction as to the proper procedures to follow in a real emergency situation.

According to Compton, in case of a real chlorine leak, the entire school would have to be evacuated as well as the neighboring community, and the entire area would have to be secured from entry of other vehicles and persons. He said that the students would very likely be instructed to go to the Pin-Zone Bowling Alley area because the elevation there is higher and the risk to exposure to the chlorine gas would be reduced.

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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 13, 2000 A4

Editorial

Real leadership required

The Kentucky General Assembly's historic first-shot at annual sessions begins in less than a month, and to hear key lawmakers talk you'd think there isn't much to be done. House Speaker Jody Richards, addressing a few hundred local officials last week at the Kentucky Association of Counties convention in Covington, lowered the already low expectations — telling his audience that the legislative session from January to March isn't likely to rewrite either the state budget or the statute books in any appreciable fashion. In the same speech, he said he stood for not bigger government, but better government. But how can government get better if it isn't about to change? To date, some truly trivial bills have been filed, dealing with such less-than-essential issues as declaring the hammer dulcimer the state musical instrument. We like the hammer dulcimer just fine. It makes beautiful music. We don't object to it being the state musical instrument, although an eloquent case might be made instead for lawmakers' lips, which are adept at whistling past the graveyard where they bury important bills. Buried last time, for example, was a bottle bill. It might be exhumed in 2001, but don't count on it. In Frankfort, the assumption is that the cans and bottles littering roadsides and hillsides will just grow legs and walk to the dump on their own.

The list of neglected issues goes on. Tobacco farmers face a future without a crop to sell. The need for long-term agricultural strategies is urgent. The fate of hundreds of small, rural communities whose economies depend on the growing and selling of burley is at stake. Everyone knows that pilot projects involving shrimp ponds or cabbage patches aren't the answer. What is? The 2001 General Assembly should be answering that question. We've all heard the clamor for cutting the car tax. But don't be fooled. It's a feel-good tax cut that won't even feel that good. It only cuts the state portion of the tax. Were it cut — and by the way, it probably won't be — it would leave the local taxes in place. So when you head to the courthouse to renew your registration, you still would face a tax bill on top of your registration fee.

Yet a car tax bill has been filed in the House, which Democrats control, and another in the Senate, which Republicans control. Whether or not it passes, the car tax is going to get talked about a lot in the 2001 General Assembly. But real tax reform won't get a whisper, even though our current taxing structure is ineffective at taxing the new economy. And speaking of the new economy, a recent conference in Covington at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center examined whether Kentucky is fully participating. The answer, of course, is no. There is much work to be done. Voters on Nov. 7 gave the General Assembly the right to meet every year rather than every other year. Lawmakers, jealous that their role be that of a co-equal branch of government, had long wanted annual sessions. Now that they have them, the great threat is that the same preeminence of partisan interest that has thrown the presiden-

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Letters to the Editor

Daughter of Appalachia in distress

Editor:

Ethel Tipton, formerly of Harold, is very sick in Chicago. She is over 80 years old, living under very poor conditions, is a leg amputee and has lost most of her family (mother Martha Collins, husband Kermit, daughter Brenda and son Phil).

Although she left in the late 1950s with her family when coal mining slowed down, her heart has always

been here in east Kentucky. "Word from home" would certainly help ease her suffering.

Please send a holiday card or note to this lady at: Mrs. Ethel Tipton, 2449 W. Taylor St., Chicago, Illinois 60612.

Thank all of you so much.
Darryl G. Wagner (nephew)
Lexington

Advocates vegetarianism

Editor:

The recent recall of ground beef from American Foods Group Inc. due to probable E.coli contamination should serve as a wake-up call to those who still consume unhealthy, bacteria-laden meat products.

How many more children have to die, and adults be made violently ill, before society kicks the meat habit? According to the Centers for Disease Control, there are more than 20,000 E.coli infections from tainted meat every year in the United States. Government guidelines for the "safe handling" of beef read like instructions for disposing of toxic

waste.

There is simply no such thing as "safe" meat. In addition to E.coli and other food-borne contaminants, animal products contribute to heart attacks, strokes, high cholesterol, obesity, high blood pressure, and a slew of other diseases. So throw the beef in the garbage and contact People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals at 1-888-VEG-FOOD for safe, healthy and delicious vegetarian recipes.

Heather Moore
Correspondent
PETA

Repeal the 17th Amendment

by SHELDON RICHMAN

In the heat of the electoral controversy — the worst possible time to make constitutional decisions — many people, such as Senator-elect Hillary Rodham Clinton, are calling for an end to the Electoral College. Big mistake.

Someone once said, "Don't knock down a wall merely because you cannot immediately see what it's good for." The same can be said for the Electoral College. We should keep in mind that the Founding Fathers were of somewhat better caliber than the politician you are likely to see on television, including those with presidential ambitions. The Electoral College was not an idea floating in isolation from the rest of the constitutional order bequeathed to us. It is an integral piece of a unified structure. The Founders seemed to have anticipated the architect Louis Sullivan's motto, "Form follows function."

What was the function of the Constitution? To restrain the central government. The document is a device for dispersing power, because concentrated power is inimical to freedom. A related purpose was to thwart majorities that would trample individual freedom. There is an invisible line between democracy and mob rule. The main method the Founders hit on to contain central power and mob rule was federalism — The maintenance of the states as sovereign entities.

Although the Constitution begins with the words, "We the People" (to Patrick Henry's consternation), in the late eighteenth century the union was seen as a confederation of states. "The United States" once took a plural verb. The Bill of Rights concludes with the Tenth Amendment, which says in no uncertain terms that powers not delegated to the central government were "reserved to the States respective-

ly, or to the people." That view prevailed until President Lincoln issued his bloody military dissent in 1861.

The Electoral College kept presidential elections consistent with the sovereignty of the states. Another part of the constitutional blueprint was the selection of the members of the U.S. Senate by the state legislatures. That was changed with the Seventeenth Amendment in 1913, under the delusion that anything labeled "democratic" was good. It was a case of pulling down a wall without asking what function it served.

What could be objectionable about having direct election of senators? A lot — if you bear in mind that the Founders' rationale was to prevent the flow of power to the center. If the state legislatures picked the senators, the states would have representatives in one house of Congress. Those senators would tend to be more protective of state (fragmented) power than direct representatives of "the people" would be. History seems to bear this out. By the way, it is untrue that under the old system "the people" had no say in who their senators would be. Candidates for state legislatures usually declared whom they favored for the U.S. Senate.

The powers reserved to the states became known as "states' rights." This is an unfortunate term, a metaphor actually. States don't have rights. Only individuals do. The term simply refers to the powers that the states have against the central government. Thus states' rights in principle are protections of individual rights.

To be sure, states have abused their powers and violated individual rights. They continue to do so to

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Leave the Electoral College alone

by LLOYD "BLUE" GOBLE

I take very strong exception to the guest column, "Let the people win the election" by Dean Baker and Mark Weisbrot (Sunday, December 3, Floyd County Times). Apparently, the two writers are part of a Washington D.C. "think-tank" or paid lobbying group to sway public opinion toward whatever axe they have to grind.

To cure our voting problems, they want first to do away with the Electoral College. They want to do this under the vague suggestion that we are a democracy and the people should elect the president by "popular vote."

I would correct this misconception first. We are not now a democracy, nor have we been a democracy since July 4, 1776. We are a republic, and thank God that our founding fathers were intelligent enough to know that a democracy has within itself the seeds of its own destruction. Other than small tribes, the Greeks were the only nation ever to have a true democracy.

The Electoral College was created precisely to prevent the direct and popular vote election of the president. No doubt the signers of our Constitution understood the concept of mass hysteria, or induced mass emotion, and further understood how each could be manipulated. At different times in our history, our people could have easily elected, by popular vote, such individuals as Benedict Arnold, Aaron Burr, Al Capone, Elvis Presley or the Beatles had they been citizens. Each of these individuals, or the group, had the transit fame, glory and popularity to be elected president by the popular vote. Again, this is precisely what the Electoral College was created to prevent.

Further, since we are a confederation of states, the Electoral College prevents one or two densely populated states from electing our president. Were Benedict Arnold alive today, he could be easily elected by popular vote using saturation advertising in California and New York. As our Constitution now stands, Kentucky, West Virginia, Rhode Island and such other states as New Mexico have a voice in the selection of our national president.

Our nation, under its present Constitution, has survived civil wars, world wars, financial depressions and just about any other calamity known to man and society. It has done so for more than two centuries. Let's keep it that way.

In conclusion, the Bible admonishes us to hold on to a good thing. The Electoral College is obviously a good thing. Let us hold on to it.

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With the holiday season just around the corner, thousands of Americans are fine-tuning their "wish-lists" so family members won't have to guess at the perfect gift. While you're letting your family in on your heart's desires, don't forget to let them know your wishes about becoming an organ donor.

As part of its annual Holiday Resolution Campaign, the National Kidney Foundation of Kentucky is encouraging all Americans to donate life by signing a donor card and discussing their wishes with family members.

"The holiday season is about giving and spending time with family. It's also a perfect time to discuss organ and tissue donation, since family consent is needed at the time of donations," says Victoria Moore, development director of the National Kidney Foundation of Kentucky. "Making a decision to donate life is a generous, selfless act, which reflects the true spirit of the season."

More than 71,000 Americans are currently awaiting life-saving organ transplants, nearly 10 percent of whom are young people under 18 years of age. Every day, 16 to 17 of these people die while waiting for a vital organ. In Kentucky alone, more than 600 are waiting for a life-saving transplant.

If more people donated organs, those in need would spend less time on the waiting list and more lives would be saved. An estimated 10,000 to 14,000 people who die each year meet the criteria for organ donation, but less than half of that number become actual organ donors.

The National Kidney Foundation of Kentucky is dedicated to increasing the number of organs available for transplantation and enhancing the lives of donor families and transplant recipients. For more information and a free organ donor card, call the National Kidney Foundation of Kentucky at 502/585-5433 or (800) 737-5433.

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deadlock the General Assembly. Annual sessions are a gift of time, attention and money from voters to their elected lawmakers.

Yet instead of standing on this new stage and leading the state into the 21st century with bold ideas, legislators fret over what might help whom in the next Senate race or the next governor's race.

Those who want the car tax cut, for example, don't want it axed as good policy. They just figure it would be easier to run for office if they could write ads extolling themselves as tax trimmers.

Let's imagine another way of conducting the history-making 2001 General Assembly. It would be a session in which the only partisanship would be bipartisanship. And when the gavels come down on Jan. 2, calling the Senate and House into session, the question would be only this: What can be done right now to improve the state and better position it for tomorrow?

—The Kentucky Post

HRMC sponsors drive

Highlands Regional Medical Center and the Central Kentucky Blood Center are sponsoring a blood drive on Thursday, December 21, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The drive will take place in Conference Room A of the medical center.

The holiday season is a good time to give the perfect gift — blood. It will last a lifetime and won't cost the donor a cent. In fact, all donors will receive a gift for volunteering.

For information, call Dawn Wheeler at 606/432-4979.

Repeal

this day. (Try carrying a gun or becoming a barber without your state's permission.)

But the central government also violates rights and has done so with increasing ferocity over the decades. The preference for states' rights is merely a recognition of a tradeoff: decentralized power rather than centralized power. If government becomes intolerably oppressive, it is easier to change states than to change countries. Voting with the feet should be kept as cheap as possible.

That the Framers were men of wealth and property is no valid objection to their handiwork. Private property is indispensable to freedom and prosperity — even, or especially, for those who own

little. Envious mobs are too easily whipped up by opportunistic politicians to keep property safe in a democracy. That's one reason the Framers devised the Electoral College — it was to be a buffer between unruly majorities and the rights of the smallest minority, the individual.

So let us not knock down another wall — the Electoral College. Instead, let's restore an old wall by repealing the Seventeenth Amendment!

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation in Fairfax, Va. (www.fff.org), and editor of Ideas on Liberty magazine.



Hall-Bentley

Ashley Laine Hall, daughter of Phyllis Cooley Hall of Eastern, and Rodney Bentley, son of Ricky Bentley of Garrett and Gina Caudill of Prestonsburg, plan to be married December 16, 2000, at 2:30 p.m., at the Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church at Garrett. The custom of open church will be observed, with a reception to follow at the church.

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Obituaries

Orion "Pepsi" Calhoun

Orion "Pepsi" Calhoun, 78, of Leburn, died Sunday, December 10, 2000, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born on July 8, 1922, in Knott County, he was the son of the late Lewis and Elizabeth Dyer Calhoun. He was a disabled farmer.

Survivors include one brother, Louis Calhoun of Tennessee.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 13, at 11 a.m., at the New Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Leburn, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

Betty Jane Patton

Betty Jane Patton, 73, of Auxier, died Friday, December 8, 2000, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born August 19, 1927, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Bosier H. Wells and Bessie Emily Burchett Wells. She was a retired employee of the family grocery store.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold L. Patton.

Survivors include two daughters, Suzanne Spencer of Auxier and Pamela Amette of Salyersville; one sister, Audrey Josephine Nichols of Waverly, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 11, at the Auxier United Methodist Church with Bob Wireman officiating.

Burial was in the Patton Family Cemetery, at Auxier, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville.

Ethel Branham Hamilton

Ethel Branham Hamilton, 91, of Grethel, died Monday, December 13, 2000, following an accident.

Born on January 22, 1909, in Grethel, she was the daughter of the late James and Anzie Sword Branham. He was a retired postmaster at Grethel, and a member of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernie Hamilton.

Survivors include one grandson, Darrell Hamilton of Grethel; one great-granddaughter, one great-grandson and two step-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 13, at 11 a.m., at the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Grethel, with ministers of Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

Clouie Lewis

Clouie Lewis, 88, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Banner, died Monday, December 11, 2000, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following a brief illness.

She was born March 17, 1912, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Samuel Tauble Lewis and Julie Crum Lewis. She was the step-daughter of Zina Lewis of Stanville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gram Lewis.

Survivors, other than her step-mother, include four sons, Willis Lewis and Dewey Lewis, both of Prestonsburg, Thurman Lewis of Banner, William Bruce Lewis of Des Plaines, Illinois; three daughters, Susie Lewis of Pyramid, Eleanor Goble and Rebecca Goble, both of Prestonsburg; one step-brother, Eddie Dean Lewis of Westville, Indiana; three brothers, Roscoe Lewis and Monroe Lewis, both of Morgan County, Marvin Lewis of Tram; four sisters, Meathie Harmon of Tennessee, Doris Jean Hunt and Della Faye Martin, both of Stanville, Elma Hunt of Tram, 19 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, December 14, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergyman, Jennings West, officiating.

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

Fred Sweeney

Fred Sweeney, 65, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, December 8, 2000, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

Born on May 13, 1935, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Starlin Sweeney and Mary Goodman Sweeney.

He was a disabled veteran of the United States Army, and a member of the DAV at Auxier. He was a member of the Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Russell Sweeney of North Carolina, and Fred Sweeney Jr.; three daughters, Lakena Hammond of Smyrna, Delaware, Mary Devine of Delaware, Susan Sweeney; one brother, Frank Sweeney of Plant City, Florida; two sisters, Maggie Allen, and Julia Sweeney, both of Prestonsburg; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 11, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Manford Fannin officiating.

Burial was in the West Prestonsburg Cemetery, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Karen Sue Reynolds

Karen Sue Reynolds, 41, of Printer, died Friday, December 8, 2000, at Wolfe County Care Center, Campton, following an extended illness.

Born on November 16, 1959, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Marietta Halbert Reynolds of Printer, and the late Thomas Reynolds. She was an office worker for Landmart Inn in Pensacola, Florida and was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include one son, Jason Ryan Reynolds of Printer; three brothers, Stephen Terry Reynolds of Oregon City, Oregon, Wayne Edward Reynolds of Printer, Ronald Neal Reynolds of Allen; three sisters, Sharon Kaye Mayo of Printer, Donna Gay Davlantis of Springfield, Illinois, and Maria Lynn Reynolds of Martin.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 12, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Renee Thomsberry officiating.

Burial was in the Halbert Cemetery, Printer, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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Card of Thanks

The Family of Frank Goble would like to thank the following for the care and prayers expressed during his stay in the hospital, and upon his death:

Highlands Regional Medical Center, doctors, nurses, respiratory, lab.; you all were wonderful. Your caring staff made it easier for the family to bear.

Thanks to the Floyd Funeral Home staff; Bennie Blankenship and singers from the Prestonsburg Church of Christ. Also thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, or visits, or just spoke kind words. A special thanks to all the pallbearers.

The Children of Frank Goble

Card Of Thanks

The family of Max Cornett would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, class peers, teachers and loved ones who were so kind and considerate during our time of sorrow.

We especially want to thank the First Christian Church, Minister Jim Sherman, Brother Kevin Jett; Church of Christ, East Point, Minister Dave Flannery; Hueysville Church of Christ, Minister Chester Ray; Little Point Church of God; and Praise Assembly Church of God. All your prayers and words of spiritual encouragement were greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank the staff of Highlands Regional Medical Center for their efficient service and kindness shown to our loved one, and to each of us. A special thanks to Carter Funeral Home for their professional service and respect shown to our beloved Max.

THE FAMILY OF MAX CORNETT

Card of Thanks

The Family of Cleburn McDaniels 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. A special thanks to the clergyman, Nathan Lafferty, 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 Cleburn McDaniels

With Deep Appreciation

We, the family of the late Edna Mae Callison, want to thank each and everyone who helped in so many different ways during Mom's illness and passing. There were so many people who brought food and helped us thru this difficult time. We are very thankful for the beautiful floral pieces that were delivered to the funeral home in honor of Mother. With very much love, we thank Dr. Ken Lemaster for the wonderful sermon and to all those church members at Christ United Methodist Church, and for the many prayers that were spoken for Mother and us. Thanks to the representative from the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for escorting us safely to the church and then to the cemetery. We thank Dr. Jurich and staff for the wonderful care and the Riverview Health Care Staff, and a special thanks to Johnny, Tommy and staff at Hall Funeral Home for the continuing care and professional service. To anyone we failed to mention, we thank you and may God bless each and everyone.

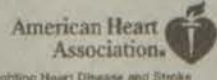
The Edna Mae Callison Family

Note of Thanks

The Family of Edman "Beaver" Barnett would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: thanks to those who sent food, flowers or just spoke comforting words. A special thanks to Our Lady of the Way Hospital T.C.U. Nursing Staff, Dr. Lowell Martin and Dr. Eugene Trout, Nora Scarberry for the beautiful songs and all her support, John W. Hall, Masonic Lodge of Martin. Special friends, Delano May, Peggy and Adrian Rector, Faye and Daniel Crum for all their help and comfort received during this most difficult time. We also want to thank Clergymen Don Crisp, Ed Taylor, for their comforting words, the Faith Bible Church Choir, the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control, and to Johnny, Tommy, and Kathryn Hall and staff for their continued friendship and courteous service.

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Wiley G. Burke

Wiley G. Burke, 97, of Halo, Kentucky, died Saturday, December 9, 2000, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born on August 9, 1903, in Halo, he was the son of the late Scott and Rhoda Johnson Burke. He was a retired coal miner, a member of the U.M.W.A. Local No. 5899 at Wheelwright.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Flotilla Childers Burke.

Two sons survive: Wiley Burke Jr. of Columbus, Ohio, Boone Burke of Fallsburg; seven sons deceased: Woodrow Burke, Urice Burke, Roy Burke, Ted Burke, Shirley Burke, Howard Burke and Olden Burke.

Four daughters survive: Tennessee Plakus of Detroit, Michigan, Missouri Bentley of Bevensville, Opal Bentley of McDowell, Oma Dawson of Hi Hat.

Six brothers deceased: Dave Burke, B. C. Burke, Bailey Burke, Burchfield Burke, Joe Burke and Boone Burke.

Five sisters deceased: Alice Hall, Vina Tackett, Susanna Anderson, Leanna Johnson and Tennessee Burke.

Also surviving are 34 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 12, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Burke Cemetery, at Halo, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Active pallbearers were Ricky, Jody, Grady, Stoncy, Ronnie, Wiley Ray and Shawn.

Paid Obituary

Regional Obituaries

Knott County

Zena M. Patrick Thacker, 63, of Chillhowie, Virginia, formerly of Knott County, died Saturday, December 2. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 6, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Shirley Reedy Fugate, 72, of Ary, died Monday, December 4, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, James Tony Fugate. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 7, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Minnie Evelyn Martin, 62, of Munfordville, died Monday,

December 4, at the Jewish Hospital at Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 7, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Owen Frank Wilkins, 81, of Sassafras, died Thursday, December 7. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 8, at the Whitesburg Church of Nazarene, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Cody Jacobs, 88, of Pippa Passes, died Thursday, December 7, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Allie Huff Jacobs. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 10, under the direction of Hindman Funeral

Services Chapel.

Lee Click, 89, of Hindman, died Friday, December 8, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Flora Caudill Click. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 10, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Johnson County

James Leon Rice, 59, of Nippa, died Monday, December 4, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Brewer Rice. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 7, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Willie Earl (Deak) Conley, 96, of Allegan, Michigan, formerly of Johnson County, died Monday, December 4, at his home. Arrangements were under the direction of Avink Funeral Home.

Aaron Jackson Meek, 67, died Monday, December 4, at his Thelma residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 7, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Alvin Jay Stambaugh, 60, died Monday, December 4. Funeral services were under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Luther Tennyson Lemaster, 70, of London, Ohio, formerly of Johnson County, died Wednesday,

November 29, at Madison County Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Laudra Gayheart Lemaster. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 1, under the direction of Rader-Lynch and Dodds Funeral Home.

Tracy Darnell Williams Dale, 31, died Tuesday, December 5, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Larry Dale. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 8, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Augusta Elizabeth "Gusta" Wheeler Sublett, 89, died Tuesday, December 5, at Oakmont Manor, Flatwoods. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 9, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Pike County

Creda Blackburn Chaney, 85, of Lower Pompey Road, died Friday, December 8. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 10, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Larry Adias Childers, 24, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, December 6, the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 9, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

James Collins, six-month-old son of Robbie and Teresa Smith of Neon, died Thursday, December 7, at her home. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

McArthur "Mack" Davis, 56, of Hurley, Virginia, died

Thursday, December 7, at Buchanan General Hospital in Grundy, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Brenda "Bunny" King Davis. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 10, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

John McCarty, 52, of Ashcamp, died Thursday, December 7, at Jenkins Community Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Katherine Belcher McCarty. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 10, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Don Roger Ratliff, 68, of Lexington, formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, November 30. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 3, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Herb Sloan, 68, of Cookeville, Tennessee, formerly of Elkhorn City, died Thursday, December 7. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette Damron Sloan. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 10, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Betty Lou Sullivan, 65, of Grundy, Virginia, died Thursday, December 7. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 10, under the direction of Shortridge-Ramey Funeral Home.

Bertha Bartley Tackett, 83, of Lancaster, Ohio, formerly of Shelbyville, died Thursday, December 7, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 11, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

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Clifford Reynolds

Clifford Reynolds, 85, of Stanville, died Saturday, December 9, 2000, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville.

Born March 31, 1915 at Beaver, he was the son of the late Joseph and Frances Henson Reynolds. He was a retired businessman and member of the Regular Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Draxie M. Reynolds.

Survivors include two sons, Herbert Ray and Clifford E. Reynolds, both of Stanville; four daughters, Clara Stamper of Pikeville, Irene Fields of Stanville, Lucille Bush of Harold, Dorsie Puckett of Winchester; one brother, Joe Reynolds Jr. of Allen; two sisters, Catherine Tackett of Beaver, Belle Conn of Allen, 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 11, at Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, with Jerry Manns and Belmont Johnson officiating.

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

Serving as pallbearers were Hagan Bush, John Bush, Jeremy Puckett, Tyler Puckett, Logan Reynolds, Danny Stamper, Jason Stamper and Kent Thompson.

Homer Sparkman

Homer Sparkman, 78, of Plymouth, Ohio, died Monday, November 27, 2000, at St. Vincent Hospital in Toledo.

He was born May 6, 1922, in Hueysville, where he worked in coal mines. He moved to the Willard area where he lived most of his life. He was formerly employed by Buurma Farms and retired from Plymouth Locomotive.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette Gearheart Sparkman. Other survivors include one son, Mike Sparkman of Plymouth; three daughters, Charlene Maye, and Sheila Urie, both of New Haven, and Sandy Harmon of Carolina Beach, North Carolina; one brother, Johnny Sparkman of Kentucky; 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 29, at the Secor Funeral Home of Willard.

Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, New Haven.

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Council

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brick or stone veneer. All retaining walls extending beyond the exterior walls of the residential structure are to be the same material as the exterior walls of the residential structure. Exposed concrete block will not be permitted.

Permanent structures such as pools, fences, gazebos, storage facilities, tennis courts and basketball goals will not be permitted without prior written approval from the city.

Each house is required to have a two-car attached or basement garage. On lots over 100-foot

wide, the garages shall have rear or side entries. Garages are to be constructed of the same materials as the main residential structure.

No above-ground pools will be permitted.

Air conditioning and utility equipment and utility meters are required to be completely screened from public view.

All mailboxes and newspaper boxes shall be of uniform architectural design as determined by the city.

No large satellite dishes, television towers, receiving towers or radio towers may be erected or

placed on any lot. Miniature satellite dishes will be allowed.

No outside clotheslines, signs, temporary buildings or unapproved exterior lighting may be erected or placed on any lot.

Various restrictions also apply to landscaping, utilities, drainage, easements and vehicles. Specifically, all vehicles, including trailers, campers, commercial vehicles and boats, must be housed in a garage or basement. Major car repairs will not be permitted on the properties.

Further restrictions shall also apply to waste disposal, firewood

stockpiling, animals, upkeep of the properties, golf course lots and other general restrictions.

All lots in the subdivisions shall be zoned for single-family residential purposes only.

All restrictions and covenants will apply for a period of 30 years from the date of recorded documents, after which time they will be automatically renewed for successive periods of ten (10) years.

In other news, Mayor Jerry Fannin recognized Ralph Little and the Prestonsburg Woman's Club for the "excellent" work they had done in decorating Archer Park for the holidays. The mayor extended his personal thanks and appreciation to all those who worked on the project.

In other news, the first reading of Ordinance No. 14-2000 was conducted by Robert Allen, II. This ordinance proposes to annex certain real property at Mutton Fork of Bull Creek.

Fannin also recognized outgoing council members with "Golden Key" plaques as a thank-you for serving on the council. He acknowledged their long hours of service, and the hours spent away from family during evening hours and in out-of-town functions.

Council member Bill Ray Collins added that he feels "privileged to have worked with these kind of people" and added that they will be missed.

Fannin also announced that Robert Herrick would be replacing Ted Nairn on the Prestonsburg Properties Corporation Committee. The mayor said that he appreciated the work that Nairn had done in his service on the committee and that he also looked forward to working with Herrick.

After the council voted to adjourn, former city firefighter Michael Moore attempted to again address the council in connection with questions he had submitted to the city at an earlier date concerning the ambulance service, the North Floyd fire district, the Big Branch of Abbott Creek, the Prestonsburg High School football field and the city limit bridge sign.

Moore continues to attest that the city council is in violation of several open records laws.

Also present and in attendance were Mayor Jerry Fannin, Bill R. Collins, Ralph Davis, Robert Allen II, Trent Nairn, Danny Hamilton, Hansel Cooley, Gorman Collins Jr. and Estill L. Carter.

City Attorney David Neeley was present at the meeting on Monday in order to discuss litigation issues and to observe the conduct of the meeting.

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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 submitted in writing to The Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication, or 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

Cheerleaders say Thanks

The Girls' Varsity Cheerleaders of the Prestonsburg High School would like to sincerely thank the people of their community, for their support, for the cruise give-away. The winner was Paula Heineman of Ashland. A special thanks to Cruise Planners for making this possible.

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Heating assistance available

Applications for heating assistance are still being accepted through Thursday, December 14. If you have missed your day and want to apply, call the Big Sandy Area Community Action, Prestonsburg, 606/886-2929 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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.

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

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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 will be distributed on Saturday, December 23, at the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart Parking Lot.

Applications are now being accepted at the church, located at the Junction of U.S. 23 and KY 80 on Water Gap Road, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. All appli-

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The Family of Linda Faye Wallen Harris

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The family of Karen Reynolds wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the ministers for their comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

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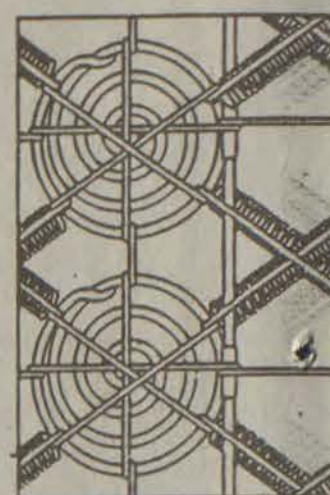
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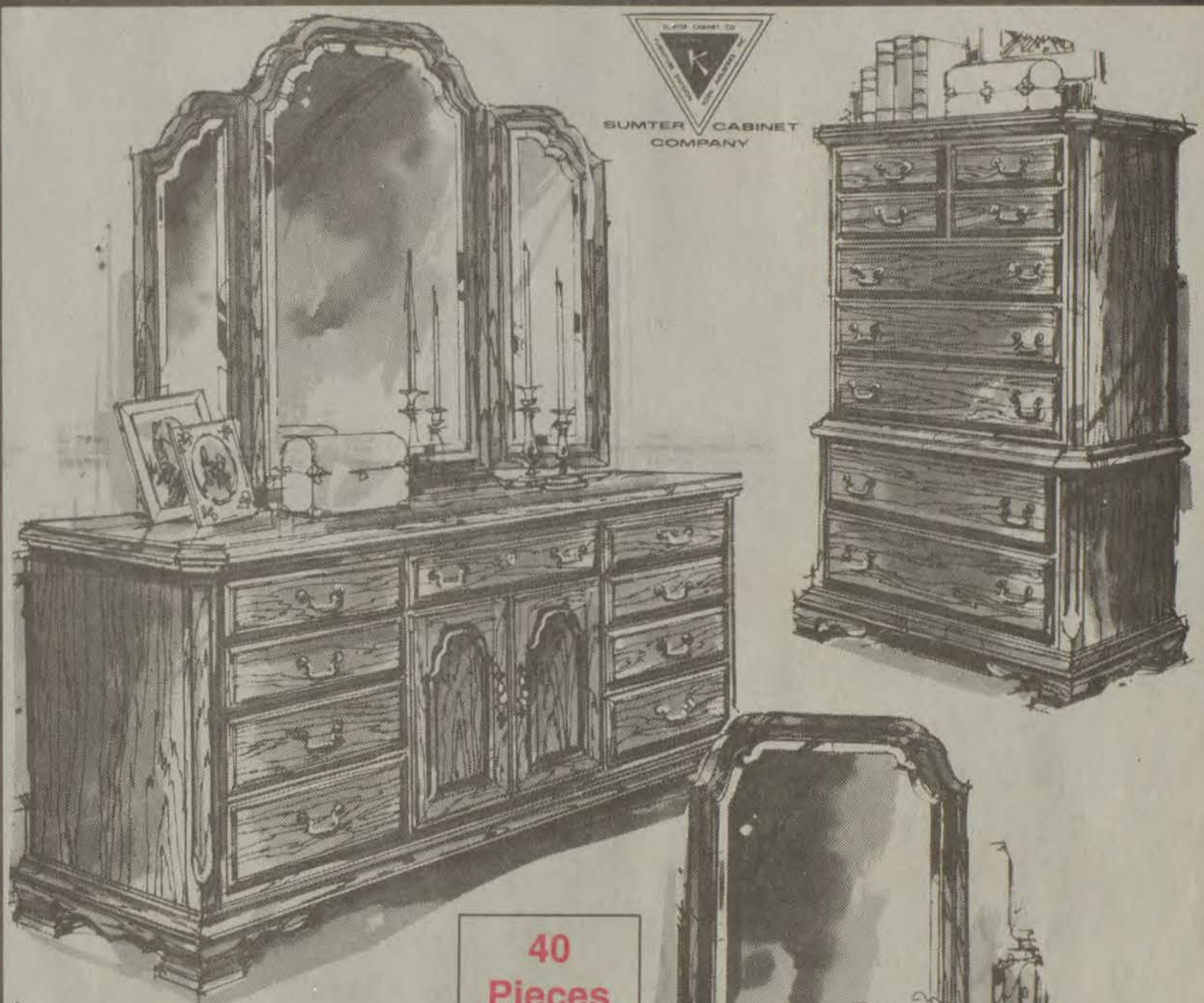


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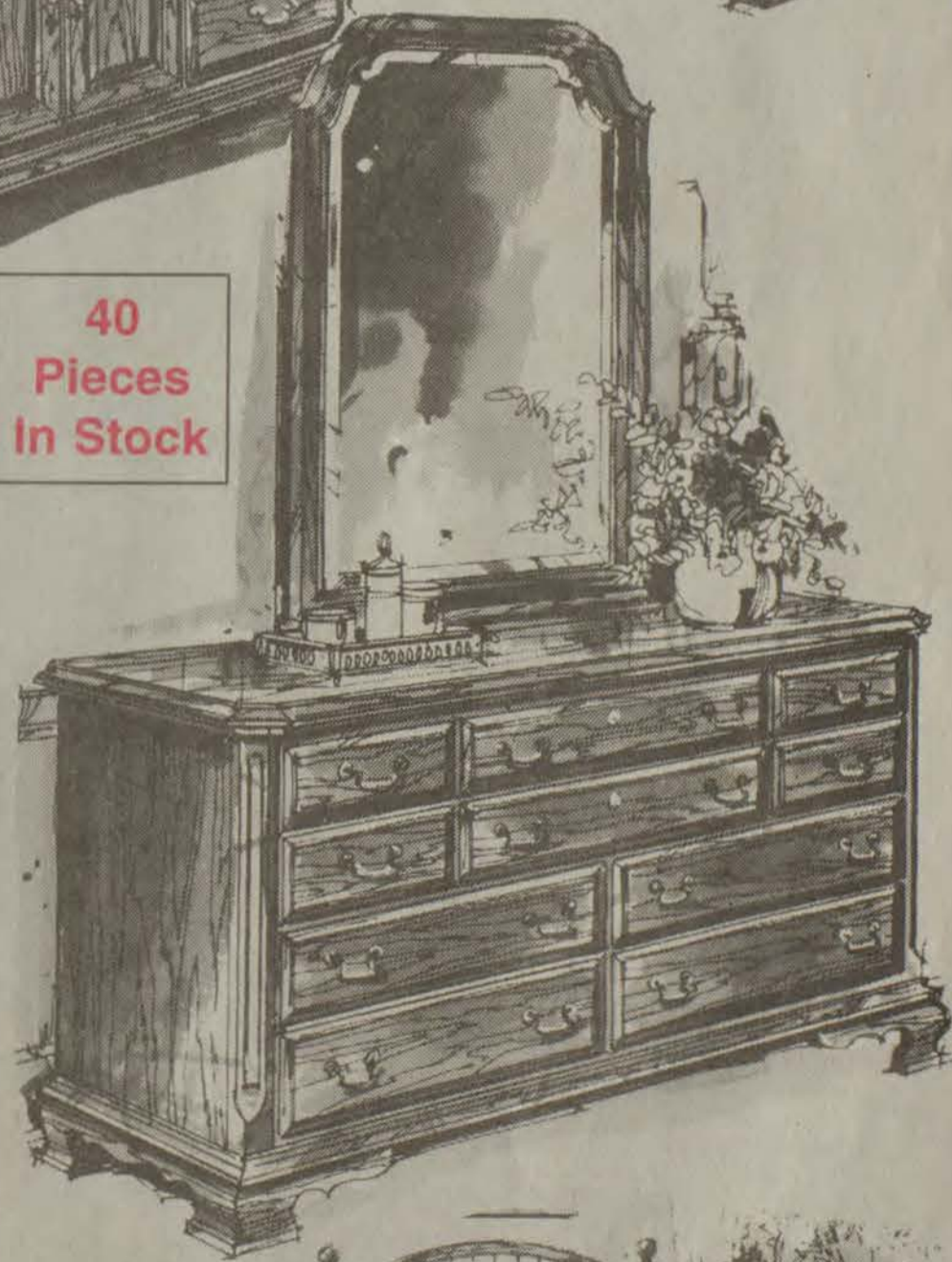
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Martin County history being published

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.

MCVFDsets 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 11, 13, 15, 18, and 20. The department is located on KY 114, Mountain Parkway extension. Call 606/886-3606 or 886-0017.

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December 18—CCS (Colorectal Cancer Survivors) Support Group, Pikeville United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. 606/218-4992.

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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. Call 606/377-6142 or 478-5099 for more information.

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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

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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.

Justice Stumbo to be honored at MSU

Janet L. Stumbo of Prestonsburg, a judge on the Kentucky Supreme Court, is slated to receive an honorary doctoral degree Saturday from Morehead State University.

She, along with former Ashland Inc. executive William R. Seaton, will be honored during the University's winter commencement exercises, which begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center. They will be presented Honorary Doctor of Public Service degrees.

Stumbo, who earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from MSU in 1976, has devoted her life to public service. A 1980 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law, she served as a staff attorney to the late Judge Harris Howard of the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

In 1982, she went into private practice with the firm of Turner, Hall & Stumbo, PSC. Her practice emphasized workers compensation, federal black lung claims, dissolution of marriage and personal injury.

During that time, she also served as assistant county attorney in Floyd County and sat on the board of directors of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky Inc., from 1983 through 1989, serving as board chair beginning in 1984.

She became a partner in Stumbo, DeRossett & Pillersdorf law firm in

1989. Later that year, she earned the distinction of being the first woman from the Seventh Judicial District to be elected to the Court of Appeals of Kentucky. Only the second woman on the court, she was the first female to be elected without having been appointed.

In 1993, she became the first woman elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court. She was re-elected to an eight-year term in 1996 and currently chairs the Civil Rules Committee.

Justice Stumbo serves as chair of the Family Court Consortium, a statewide committee appointed by the Chief Justice to devise a pilot project of six family courts, spread across the state. Legislation implementing the pilot project and funding nine family courts was passed by the 1998 Kentucky legislature.

She was inducted into the MSU Alumni Hall of Fame in 1990 and UK's Hall of Fame in 1999.

Among other honors, she received the Justice Award from the Kentucky Women Advocates in 1991, Outstanding Justice Award from KWA in 1991, Bull's Eye Award from the Women in State Government Network in 1995, and the first Women Lawyers of Achievement Award from the Kentucky Bar Association in 1996.

She and her husband, attorney Ned Pillersdorf, are parents of three daughters, Sarah, Nancee and Samantha.

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FLOYD COUNTY Sports



BETSY LAYNE holds off charge, beats Millard

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JEREMY HAYES (35) of Allen Central fires a first quarter three-point shot over Lawrence County junior Josh Webb (10). Hayes finished the game with 21 points.

■ Q95 Classic

Allen Central runs all over Lawrence

Newsome, Hayes combine for 49 in Rebel win

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

Coach Johnny Martin's Allen Central Runnin' Rebels took to the Prestonsburg Gym hardwood in the second game of the inaugural Q95 Classic to face Coach Trent Steiner's Lawrence County Bulldogs.

Allen Central and Lawrence County traded baskets early on in the contest, before the Runnin' Rebs broke away on a big run near the end of the first quarter.

Allen Central (4-0) led 28-18 after one quarter, 43-28 at the half, 58-37 after three quarters and went on to score an 83-62 win.

Allen Central senior Jeremy Hayes put the Rebels on the scoreboard on their first possession of the contest, with a long three-point bucket.

Lawrence County's Troy Miller answered at the other end with a trey of his own.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 7-3 lead on a field goal apiece from seniors Justin Muncy and Jamie Prince. The lead would be Lawrence County's last of the game as the Runnin' Rebs lived up to their nickname by going on a 7-0 run midway through the quarter and then going on a 9-0 run at the end of the quarter.

Allen Central juniors Shawn Newsome and ZW Chaffins netted four points apiece in the final two minutes of the quarter to give Allen Central the 28-18 lead going into the second quarter.

The Runnin' Rebels outscored a defensive-minded Lawrence County team 15-10 in the second quarter. Allen Central maintained a double-figure lead throughout the quarter.

Daniel Sazabo put Allen Central up 34-20 at the 5:45 mark of the second with a short put-back. Sazabo's teammate Travis Francis extended the lead to a 36-20 advantage with a field goal, following a near two-minute scoring drought by both teams.

Allen Central outscored the Bulldogs 9-8 late in the quarter and took a 43-28 lead into the halftime.

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■ Elkhorn City at South Floyd

South Floyd follows Johnson's lead in win over Elkhorn City

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

A couple of freshmen combined for 29 points in leading the South Floyd Lady Raiders (1-4) to their first win of the 2000-01 season last Friday night.

Ashley Johnson had a team high 17 points and Ashley Ousley tossed in 12 as South Floyd posted a 59-53 win over visiting Elkhorn City.

Johnson buried two three-point baskets. Ousley had seven assists in the game. Senior Minnie Tackett scored in double figures with 11 points while Kandence Mitchell finished with seven.

Game scoring honors went to Elkhorn City's Julie Yates with 20 points. Cindy Belcher netted 11 points and Melinda Ratiff totaled nine. Yates drained five three-pointers in the loss and Belcher had one.

The victory avenged an earlier loss to the Lady Cougars in the Pike Central Tip Off Classic.

Elkhorn City owned a 13-12 first quarter lead by virtue of three treys in the opening period. Yates had two treys and Belcher one. Mitchell and Johnson scored four points apiece for the Lady Raiders.

With a 11-6 run in the second period, Elkhorn City went to the locker room with a 24-18 margin.

Yates drained two more three-pointers to lead the Lady Cougars. South Floyd struggled from the free throw line in the second period. Stacia Stanley scored her three points in the quarter.

Johnson, who had four points at the half, had the hot hand at the onset of the third period. She hit two treys and scored nine points in the period to lead a 15-11 South Floyd run that cut the Elkhorn City lead to two, 35-33 after three quarters. Johnson completed a rare four point play when she was fouled on a three-point basket and converted the free throw as well.

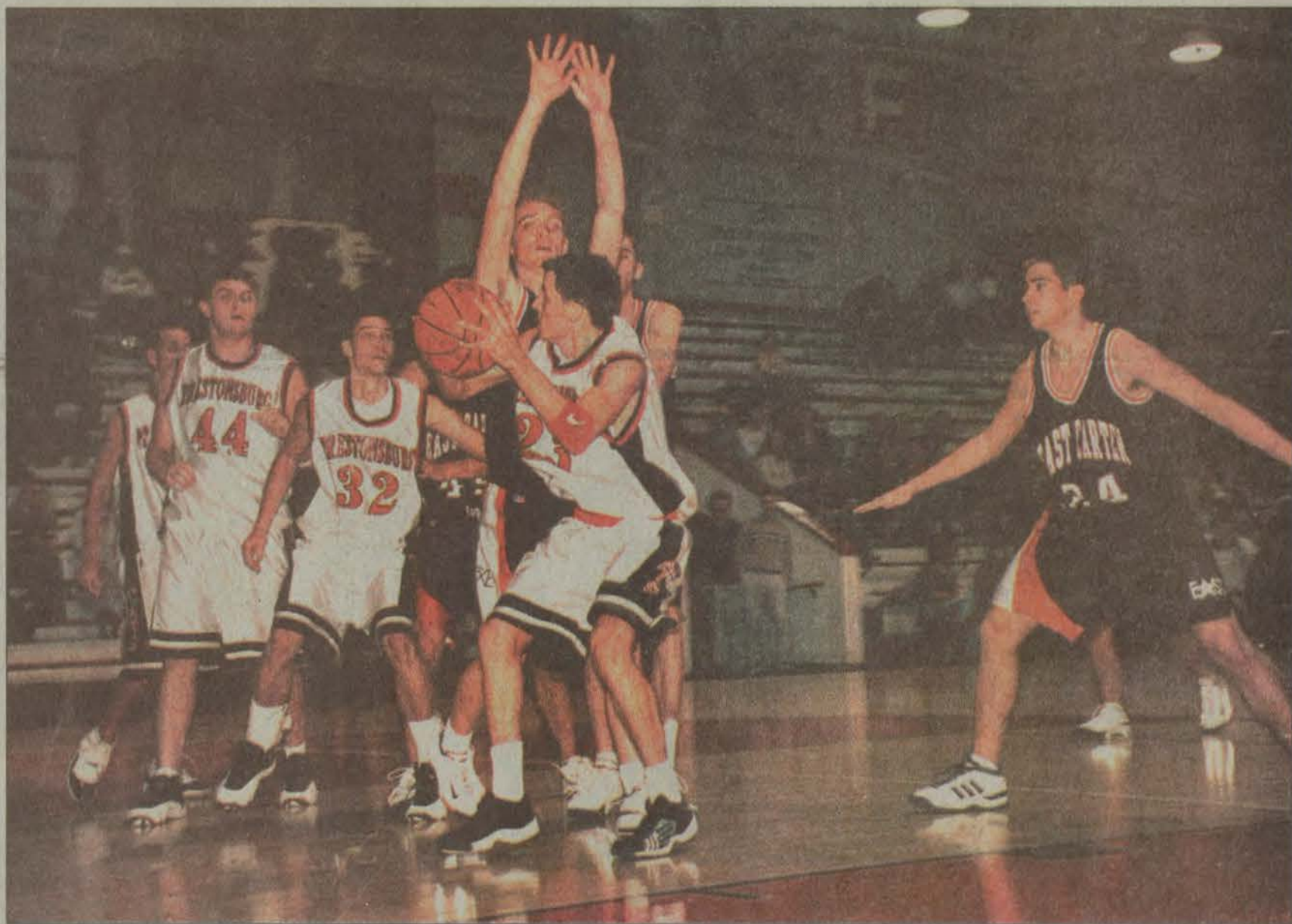
Yates had her fifth three-point basket in the third quarter and Ratiff scored four of her nine points in the stanza.

Both teams lived at the charity stripe in the fourth quarter with Elkhorn City going to the line for 24 attempts in the fourth quarter alone and hitting 18. For the game, Elkhorn connected on 14 of 31 tries. Elkhorn did not score a field goal in the final stanza. South Floyd hit only four of 12 in the fourth and was a cool 12 of 29 for the game.

Jessica Paige sparked a 26-18 run for South Floyd in bringing the Lady Raiders back. Paige hit a three-point basket and scored all five of her points in the last quarter. Tiffany Williams, who went scoreless in the first three periods, scored her four points in the final period.

photo by Ed Taylor

PRESTONSBURG'S Ricky Powers (23) look for a shot against East Carter last Saturday in the third game of the Q95 Floyd County Classic. Prestonsburg fell to the Raiders 76-71. Powers scored 11 points.



FLOYD CO. CLASSIC... East Carter vs. Prestonsburg

East Carter survives Prestonsburg scare

Martin drains four treys in 76-71 loss

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

The Prestonsburg Blackcats (0-3) fell behind early to East Carter and never could recover in avoiding a 76-71 loss to the

Raiders (4-1) in the third game of the Q95 Floyd County Classic Saturday.

In what looked like a blow out for the Raiders after the first quarter, Prestonsburg fought back and was only down at the half 32-31.

The three-point shooting of Ryan Martin in the second half helped keep the Blackcats close.

Prestonsburg coach Jackie Day Crisp went deep on his bench in looking for the

right combination. Dustin Music led the Prestonsburg scoring with 20 points while Martin finished with 18. Ricky Powers scored in double figures with 11.

East Carter vaulted out to a 18-5 lead after the first eight minutes of play. Greg Cherry came off the Raider bench to spark East Carter with four points and three assists in the opening period.

Richie Sexton led all scorers with 21 points. Derek Haney and Kyle Wells netted

16 apiece. Nathan Gallion added eight and Cherry finished with seven, including a three-point basket in the third period.

Prestonsburg got the good looks at the basket but their shots were not falling, finishing the opening quarter with only one field goal, a basket by Music to make it a 6-2 game after East Carter scored the first six points of the game. Josh Justice hit three of

(See PRESTONSBURG, page three)

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- Jeremy Hayes, Shawn Newsome, Larry Mullins, at Allen Central.
- Dustin Music, Ryan Martin, Ricky Powers, over at Prestonsburg.
- Rusty Tackett, John Meade and Tyler Hall, from South Floyd.
- Chris Coleman, Nathaniel Kilgore, and Randall McPeck, hailing from Millard.

A Look At Sports...

First-ever Classic a success

It was a great day of basketball this past Saturday afternoon and night with the first-ever Q95 Floyd County Classic.

It was a great day because

of the great basketball that was on display by some great teams comprised of great kids.

From here, our hats are off to Rick Hughes who engineered the day of basketball that saw some pretty close games.

Rick said the format would return next year, but some decisions need to be made first.

"We don't know where we



Ed TAYLOR

are going to hold it nor what other four teams will be coming to play our county schools," said Rick. "It was a big job but we are satisfied with it and think the first one was a success."

Rick said he was disappointed in the size of the crowds for the first three

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15TH REGION TOP TEN BOYS TEAMS

1. Magoffin County
2. Shelby Valley
3. Allen Central
4. Pikeville
5. Betsy Layne
6. South Floyd
7. Pike Central
8. Millard
9. Paintsville
10. Phelps

PACE LOCAL 5-512

Immediate News Release:

The members of PACE LOCAL 5-512, on strike since October 16, 2000, against Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company, voted Dec. 10, 2000, on a Tentative Agreement which was reached between their Union Officials and Company Representatives on Thursday (December 7, 2000). The Union voted to accept this tentative agreement on Dec. 10, 2000, and returned to work at 11:00 p.m. on the same date.

Although it has been said that neither side wins a strike, our Union and it's loyal members can proudly hold their heads high. Their loyalty to their just cause and the communities throughout Eastern Kentucky in which they live and how they conducted themselves will be a benchmark for labor relations for years to come. From a potential loss of 110 jobs through a plan by Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company representatives Tom Blake (President) Kathleen Helms (Human Resources Director) and Roy G. Justice (Pipeline Supervisor and former Union President) which was called "The Bluegrass Team," the union has fought and at least protected 100 jobs by June of 2001 and 90 jobs for the duration of the new three year agreement.

All the membership of PACE Local 5-512 are extremely grateful to the unending support from the public, the elected officials, local businesses, former employees of Kentucky West Virginia Gas Co., and other employees and Unions. God Bless You All.

We stood together and fought for job security and benefits and was only able to gain what we did through God and the strength and determination of our members and you all.

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- David M. Hall, All Other Classifications Rep.
- Merlin Sesco Jr., Contract Committeeman
- Rick Hughes, Recording Secretary

Sports

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games with half of the total attendance for the four games attending the final game between South Floyd and Magoffin County.

"I wish we could have had more people," he said. "Even some of the coaches were apologizing for the lack of numbers from their schools. But we definitely will have it again next year. I just need to talk with the coaches and see where they want to play it."

Personally, I enjoyed and I appreciate the hard work that Rick and his staff put into making the day a good one. He was running here and running there, a very busy person.

Each team split the revenue from the four games. I never saw so many 15th Region coaches at the Prestonsburg gym. Also, good buddy Randy McCoy, head coach at Pikeville College, was in attendance.

Radio station Q95 broadcast all four of the games and many fans would listen to the games while traveling to the gym to see their teams play. Don Compton and Randy Tinchler were the play-by-play people.

We have Magoffin County (6-0) the region's best team after winning the tournament in Lexington and knocking off three Floyd County teams.

Shelby Valley gets second place as Rodney Rowe's ball club has won through the first four outings. Coach Johnny Martin's Allen Central Rebels (4-0) are our third place team with a 4-0 record.

Pikeville and Betsy Layne round out the top five teams in the region. South Floyd heads up the second five at sixth.

Watch out for coach Joe Marson's Millard Mustangs. They have dropped two tough games to South Floyd and Betsy Layne. This team is dangerous and it doesn't matter how big a lead you have on them, no lead is safe. They can shoot the ball.

Coach Bobby Spears' Shelby Valley Lady Wildcats gets the nod for the top spot in the region. However, it is close between them and Philip Wireman's Johnson Central team. Sheldon Clark, which lost over the weekend, gets third place. Prestonsburg, a big winner over Belfry, and then the Lady Pirates round out the top five. Pikeville heads up the second five.

BOYS ALL "A"

Let me correct a mistake I made in where the boys All "A" Regional would be played in January. I had the tournament played at Allen Central but that will not be

until next year. The tournament, which has always been held at Pikeville, will indeed be played at the T.W. Oliver Gymnasium again next month.

The tournament begins January 16 with a single game between host Pikeville and the Piarist School.

On Wednesday, the first game will pit Paintsville against Phelps in what could be a very good first round game. Game two Wednesday night matches up Allen Central with Feds Creek.

The lower bracket shows Millard meeting Elkhorn City on Tuesday night and South Floyd facing the winner of the Piarist/Pikeville game.

The semifinals will be held on Friday night and championship game Saturday night.

PIKEVILLE INVITATIONAL...

What is the longest running invitational high school tournament in Kentucky?

If you answered the Pikeville Invitational, then you are right!

The P.I.T., as it has become known, will tip off this Friday night with a doubleheader and conclude on Saturday night with another doubleheader.

Pikeville meets Boyd County in the opening game Friday night and Paintsville will face Dunbar in the second. The consolation game plays at 6 p.m. on Saturday with the finals held at 7:45.

This marks the 47th year for the PIT.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

15TH REGIONS TOP TEN GIRLS TEAMS

1. Shelby Valley
2. Johnson Central
3. Sheldon Clark
4. Prestonsburg
5. Belfry
6. Pikeville
7. Betsy Layne
8. Pike Central
9. Elkhorn City
10. South Floyd

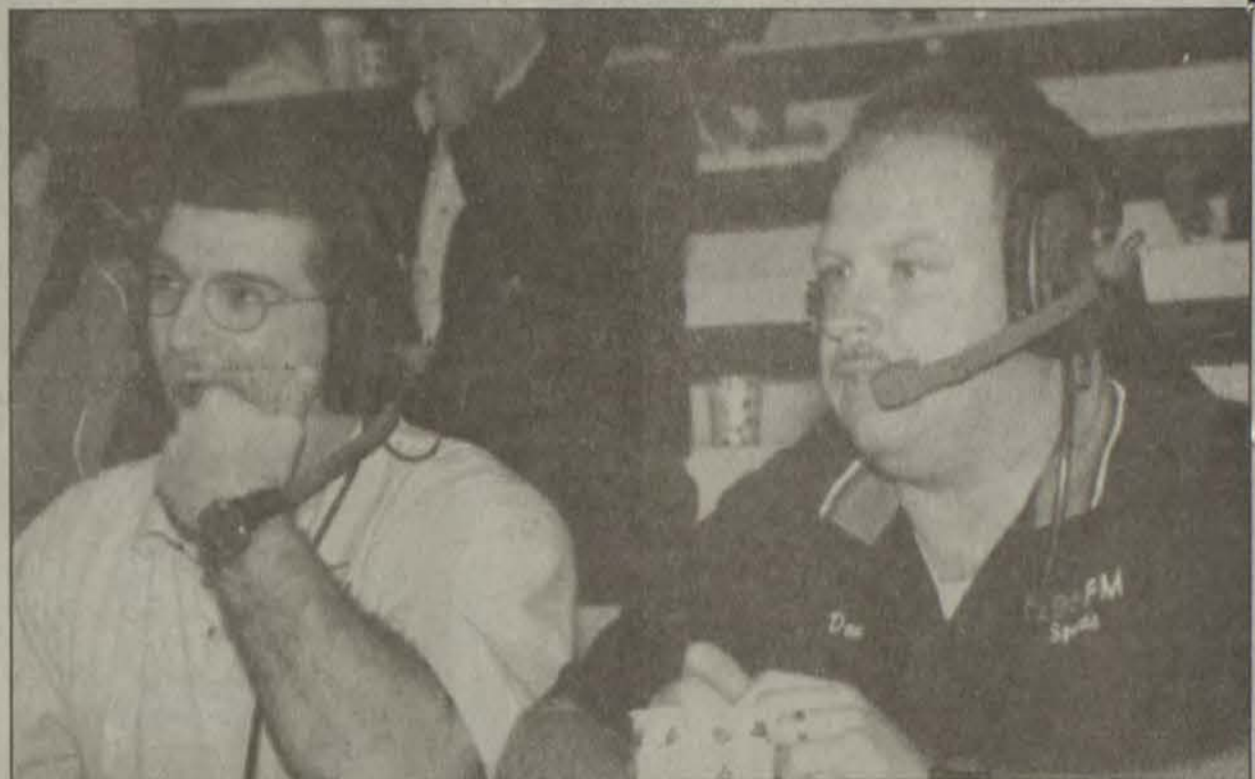


photo by Ed Taylor

RANDY TINCHER AND DON COMPTON had a full day of basketball last Saturday in broadcasting all four of the Q95 Floyd County Classic to the living rooms of listeners.

Allen Central

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The Bulldogs of Lawrence County came out of the intermission period and played what would be their best basketball of the evening in the third quarter.

Lawrence County netted 19 points in the third quarter as junior guard Michael West, a standout on the LCHS football team, led a valiant comeback effort.

Prince cut the Allen Central lead to seven with a jumper at the 1:30 mark of the third quarter. The revived Bulldogs cut the Allen Central lead to four points in the period and went into the final frame trailing by just nine, as it was Allen Central maintaining a 58-47 advantage.

Coach Martin's Runnin' Rebs speeded up their pace in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Dawgs by 10, eventually posting a 21-point win.

"It was a real physical game against Lawrence County," said Allen Central mentor Johnny Martin.

"Our defense could have played a lot better. Lawrence County set the pace on offense and we played it"

Brent Pack, Dontae Wright and Eric Parker all had three-point baskets for the Bulldogs in the fourth quarter. Hayes launched Allen Central's only trifecta of the final quarter.

Sazabo put Allen Central up 81-62 with a field goal and Neil Allen found the bottom of the net with a two-point basket as the fourth quarter buzzer sounded, capping off an Allen Central win.

Seven Allen Central players scored in the fourth quarter. A total of nine Runnin' Rebs had found their way into the scoring column by game's end.

Newsome finished with a game-high 28 points for Allen Central. Hayes also had a brilliant night on the hardwood, finishing with 21. The Allen Central senior had four three-point baskets.

Sazabo was the only other Rebel to score in double-figures. The Allen Central big man finished with 11.

Chaffins gave Coach Martin a strong surge coming off the bench for nine points. Point guard Larry Mullins netted eight points.

Lawrence County had two players place in double-figures.

Pack led Lawrence County with 15 points. Miller finished rounded out the double-figure scorers for Lawrence County. He finished with 12 markers.

The Rebels will be back in action Friday night as they travel to Hi Hat to take on 58th District rival South Floyd.

ALLEN CENTRAL (83)

player	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Newsome	11	0	13-6	28
Hayes	3	4	3-3	21
Sazabo	5	0	2-1	11
Chaffins	3	0	5-3	9
Mullins	3	0	3-2	8
Francis	2	0	0-0	4
Allen	1	0	0-0	2

LAWRENCE CO. (62)

player	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Pack	4	2	1-1	15
Miller	2	2	2-2	12
West	1	2	0-0	8
Wheeler	3	0	2-1	7
Muncy	3	0	0-0	6
Wright	0	1	2-1	4
Prince	2	0	0-0	4
Parker	0	1	0-0	3
Webb	0	1	0-0	3

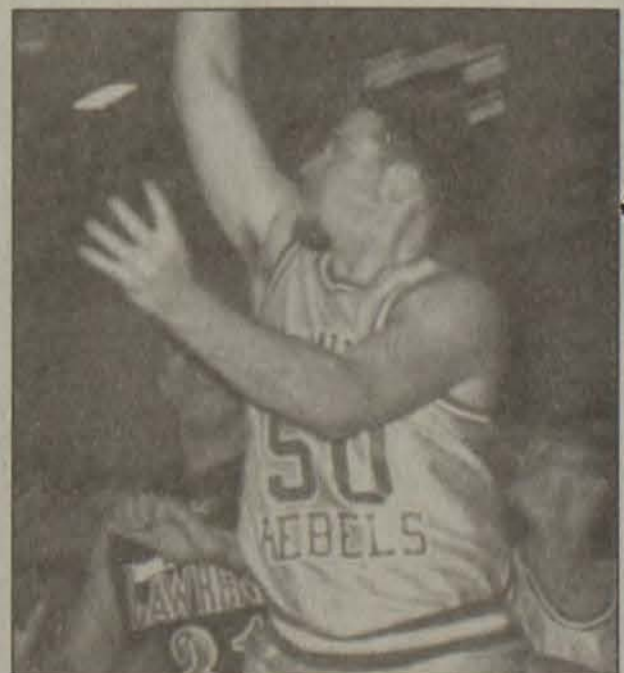


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ZW CHAFFINS (50) goes up for two over a Lawrence County defender. Chaffins, a junior, has returned to the Allen Central hardwood after a lengthy injury.



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■ Millard vs. Betsy Layne

Betsy Layne holds off late charge, beats Millard

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The Betsy Layne Bobcats jumped to an early lead over Coach Joe Marson's Millard Mustangs in the first game of the inaugural Q95 Classic. Coach Brent Rose's Bobcats led 22-13 after one quarter and took a comfortable 45-30 lead into intermission. The Bobcats led by 17 after three quarters and eventually posted a 74-67 win, but not without a late-charge from the Mustangs.

Brock Keathley took the opening tip in for two and the Bobcats took a 2-0 lead to begin the contest. Millard's Randall McPeck tied the game with a basket of his own on Millard's first possession.

Betsy Layne went on a 10-1 run and led 12-3 with 4:30 remaining in the first quarter.

Down nine points, Millard's Marson called for a timeout. The

Mustangs were having trouble with the Betsy Layne pressure early in the contest and their troubles continued for most of the game.

Keathley put the Bobcats up 20-13 with 1:00 minute left in the opening period. Adam Collins added a field goal on Betsy Layne's next possession, to make it a 22-13 game at the end of the first quarter.

Millard's Adam Coleman cut the score down to a 26-19 advantage at the 6:06 mark of the second period. One Millard possession later, McPeck cut it to a five-point Betsy Layne lead.

The Bobcats finished the first half out strong by going on a 17-9 run and going into halftime with a 15-point advantage.

Collins put Betsy Layne on the scoreboard on the opening possession of the second quarter. The Bobcats posted eight unanswered points to begin the quarter before Coleman knocked down a jumper in

the paint. The Mustangs trailed by 15 or more for most of the third quarter.

Brian Roberts tossed in two points and Brock Keathley put in a field goal just before the end of the third to make it a 58-41 Bobcat advantage going into the fourth and final quarter.

The third quarter was the least productive for both teams. Betsy Layne put 13 points in the books in the third frame, while Millard netted 11.

Betsy Layne came out strong in the fourth quarter. The Bobcats led by as many as 22 points in the fourth quarter.

Millard began to chip away at the Betsy Layne lead at the 5:00 mark of the final quarter. The Mustangs went on a 7-2 run, leaving the Bobcats with a 65-48 lead

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Prestonsburg

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four free throws in the first stanza. The Blackcats had six turnovers in the first quarter.

The Blackcats offense woke up in the second period behind the play of Music and Powers. Brad Bevins added five second quarter points.

Prestonsburg turned the ball over on their first two possessions of the second quarter but East Carter was unable to take advantage of the miscues.

East Carter was able to build a 14 point cushion until Prestonsburg rallied to pull to within one before the half.

T.C. Hatfield scored off a rebound and was fouled on the play, but missed the free throw. But on the rebound of the missed shot, Music scored and he was fouled where he converted the three-point play to make it a 32-23 game.

Martin connected on two shots from the charity stripe and Hatfield followed with an easy two underneath to close the margin to five points, 32-27. Off a steal, Music scored and just before the half, Powers broke free for an easy basket to make it a one point game as the two teams went to the locker room.

Prestonsburg's defense, to start the third quarter, created problems for East Carter and the Raiders turned the ball over on three consecutive possessions after building a 38-33 lead. Matt Slone, still trying to get his basketball legs, scored on back to back baskets that made it 38-37. Prestonsburg then took their first lead of the game on a three-pointer by Martin with 5:15 to

play. The game was tied at 40-40 on a basket by Derek Haney. Prestonsburg led 42-40 when Music hit a fade away and was fouled at the 4:39 mark. However, Music failed to connect on the free throw.

On the inbound play, Martin came up with the steal and scored, also being fouled and also missing the charity toss. Prestonsburg had their biggest lead, 44-40.

The game was tied at 44-44 on a 12-footer by Gallion and Prestonsburg's next to final lead came at 46-44 on a lay in by Music. Cherry drilled a three-point basket that gave the lead back to East Carter at 47-46.

The game was tied for the final time at 47-47 on a free throw by Music with 2:49 to play. Prestonsburg would take a 49-47 advantage at the 2:01 mark on two Powers free throws. East Carter would score the final eight points of the third quarter and race out to a 55-49 lead.

Prestonsburg played to within three points of the Raiders on a trey by Martin and a 14-foot shot by Powers. But East Carter sank six consecutive free throws to lead 65-56.

The Blackcats got as close as five points on a Martin's fourth three-point basket and a Josh Justice free throw.

Martin hit his fourth trey with 32 seconds to play but the Raiders still led 74-69. Music scored the final two points for Prestonsburg off a steal.

Prestonsburg travels to Elkhorn City Friday night to

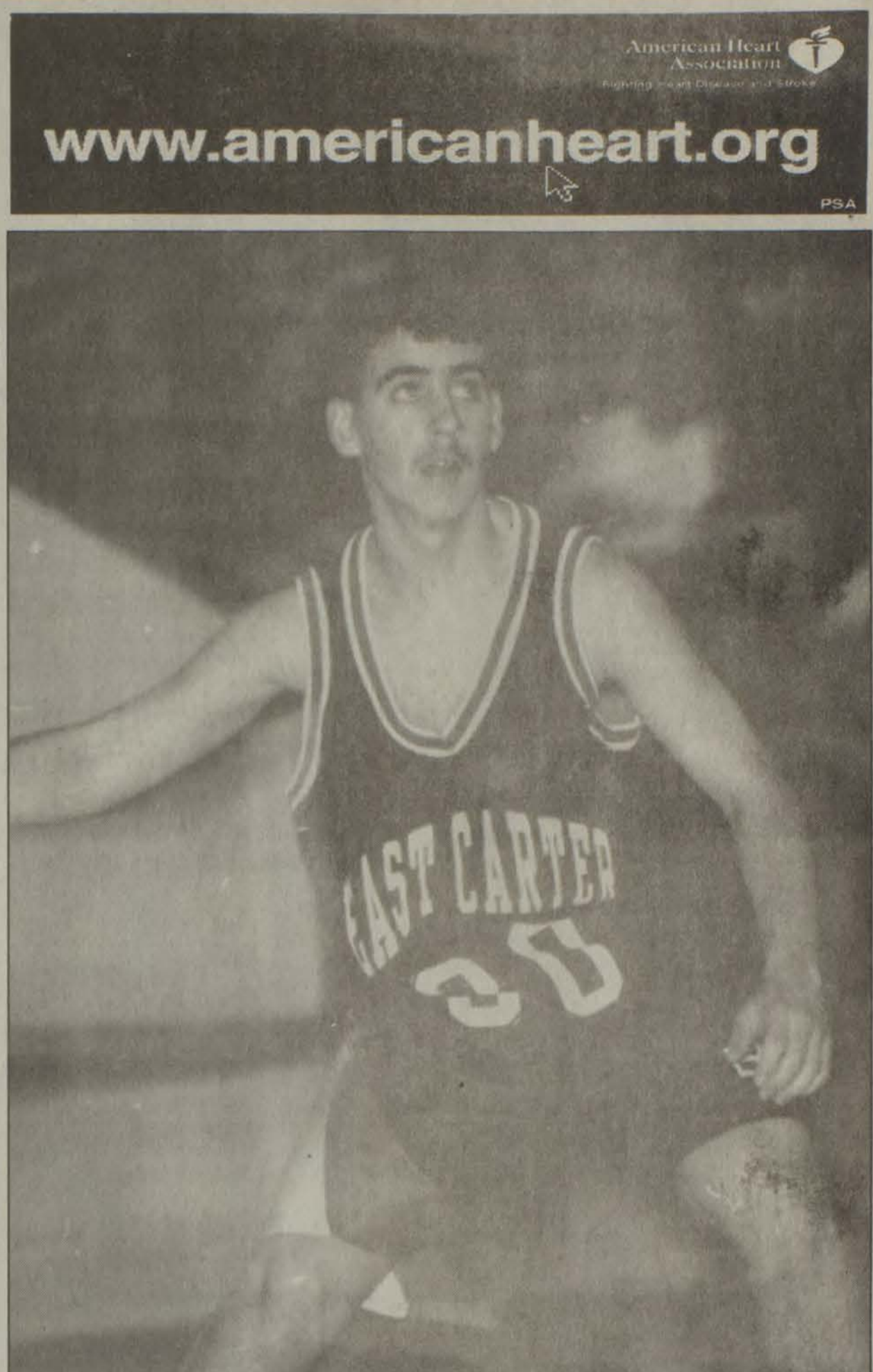


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GREG CHERRY OF East Carter came off the bench to spark the Raiders to a win over Prestonsburg last Saturday night.

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Prestonsburg Junior Basketball

JUNIOR VARSITY

LAKERS VS PISTONS

James Lafferty scored a game high 20 points as the Lakers edged a good Pistons team 26-24 in junior varsity play at Adams Middle School. Adam Gearheart netted four and Chayse Martin tossed in two.

Justin Conn led the Pistons with 14 points. Amber Whitaker scored four with Michael Lackey, Jared Harmon, and Luke Greene scoring two apiece.

The Lakers went scoreless in the first period allowing the Pistons to build an 8-0 lead. In the second quarter, it was the Pistons failing to put

any points on the board with the Lakers going on an 8-0 run to tie the game at 8-8 at the half.

The Lakers led 18-15 after three quarters with Lafferty scoring six of his 20 points in the third which included a three-point basket.

BULLS VS JAZZ

Coach Rick Hughes Jazz scored a 59-31 win over the Bulls with Meaghan Slone scoring a game high 22 points. Brittany Collins finished in double figures with 11 points. Bobby Hughes netted eight and Rikki Hughes scored six. Pam Slone and Chris Oliver finished with four points each with B.J. Spurlock and Janet Johnson scoring two apiece.

Mike Crum led the Bulls with 15 points while Josh Rodebaugh finished with eight. Christopher Mullins netted four. Both Tiffany Perry and Chayse Martin scored two points apiece.

It was a 17-7 game after the first quarter with Slone scoring 13 points in the opening quarter, including a three-point basket. Slone had two treys for the game.

At half time it was a 32-15 affair with Bobby Hughes scoring eight second quarter points for the Jazz.

PISTONS VS SPURS

Justin Conn pumped in 12 points and Michael Lackey added eight as the Pistons rolled to a 38-13 win over the Pistons. Conn scored 10 of his 12 points in the second period. Amber Whitaker added six with Jared Harmon and Luke Greene finishing with four apiece. Both Benji Fish and Chris Baker had two points each.

Nathaniel Stephens led the Spurs with six points. Trevor Patton, Joshua Holbrook, and Rob Allen finished with two points each. Johnathan Hackworth had one point.

TRAINING LEAGUE

HORNETS VS HAWKS

The Hawks recorded an 18-1 win over the Hornets in holding the Hornets without a field goal in the game. The lone point was from a free throw by Stacy Perry in the second period.

Kyle Gearheart led the Hawks with six points. Joshua Head netted four. Issac Bentley, Austin Gearheart, and Nicholas Conn had two points. Steven Boatwright and Nicholas Collins scored one apiece.

BULLS VS KNICKS

Matthew Tackett scored 10 of his game high 18 points to lead the

Knicks to a 23-10 win over the Bulls. Terrance Marshall and Wesley Hall had two points each. Trent Frasure had one point.

Wil Allen and Caitlin Brock each scored three points to lead the Bulls. Devin Clifton and Joshua Blackburn scored two points apiece.

It was a 12-3 Knicks lead after the first quarter behind Tackett's 10 points. At the half, the Knicks owned a 14-7 advantage.

LAKERS VS SONICS

Jody Tackett went scoreless in the first quarter but came alive in the second and third as he tossed a game high 20 points to lead the Lakers past the Sonics 24-18. Shane Poynter and Seth Jarrell accounted for the other four points with a basket each.

Josh Craynon led the Sonics with six points and Nathan Ousley added four. Vincent Hayes and Evan Hayes scored two points apiece.

The Sonics held a 7-0 lead after the first quarter but an 8-4 run by the Lakers narrowed the margin to three, 11-4, at the half. Tackett scored eight points in the second quarter.

RAPTORS VS WARRIORS

Six players scored for the Warriors en route to a 41-4 win over the Raptors. Joseph Collins led the way with nine points. Christopher Schoolcraft and Steven Perry scored eight points apiece for the Warriors. Cameron Tincer and Seth Setser had six points with Brandon Woods

finishing with four.

Adam west and Christian Smith scored two points apiece in accounting for the four Raptors points.

PEE WEE LEAGUE

BULLS VS RAPTORS

Tyler Keenes scored four points in each of the second and fourth quarters and finished with 10 points to lead the Raptors to a 16-3 win over the Bulls. Tyler Shelton finished with four points and Steven Perry two.

Tyler Sparkman had the lone field goal for the Bulls and finished with two points. Chad Ousley added one point. All three of the Bulls points came in the opening quarter.

JAZZ VS CELTICS

Unlike Rick Pitino's Boston Celtics the Prestonsburg Celtics won over the Jazz in a shutout, 10-0. J.D. Adams led the Celtics with four points. Trey Stapleton, Austin Hall and Zachary Butcher scored two points for the Celtics.

PACERS VS KNICKS

Trinity Stewart scored a game high 11 points as the Packers posted a 14-4 win over the Knicks. Evan Spradlin scored two points and Chase Baldrige had one point.

Austin Newsome and Scott Perry scored two points each for the Knicks.

Millard

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with 3:58 remaining in the last quarter. The mild Millard run prompted Coach Rose to call a timeout.

The Bobcats came out of the timeout and played much better basketball. Betsy Layne led 72-59 with 1:04 left to play in the game. Millard Mustang Robert Stewart made the best of a Betsy Layne turnover with a layup.

Coleman came up big for Millard in the final minute as he connected on two three-point baskets.

Betsy Layne junior guard Wes Senters went to the free-throw line in the final seconds of the game and sunk a pair of free throws to make it a 74-67 final.

"There were a lot of mental lapses in the game on our part," said Betsy Layne's Coach Rose. "We had a 22-point lead, and we just let them back in it late and made it a close game. "We played good on offense and we rebounded well. The mental mistakes are what really hurt us. We've got to do the little things if we expect to win."

Keathley paced Betsy Layne with 18 points. Jim Boyd finished the contest with 15 and Daniels closed out the contest with 14. Collins was the only other Bobcat to score in double-figures. He finished with 12.

Nathaniel Kilgore led the way for Millard with 15 points. Coleman finished with 15 and McPeek finished with 10. Robert May added nine in the Mustang loss.

BETSY LAYNE (74)

player	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Keathley	8	0	6-2	18
Collins	7	0	6-1	15
Daniels	5	0	4-4	14
Daugherty	4	1	2-1	12
Roberts	2	0	2-1	5
Senters	1	0	4-2	4
D. Johnson	1	0	0-0	2
R. Johnson	1	0	0-0	2
Tackett	0	0	2-2	2

MILLARD (67)

player	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Kilgore	4	0	12-7	15
C. Coleman	4	2	0-0	14
McPeek	3	1	2-1	10
May	4	0	2-1	9
A. Coleman	2	1	2-1	8
Stewart	1	1	0-0	5
Blevins	2	0	0-0	4

South Floyd vs Magoffin County

Magoffin's interior game too much for South Floyd Raiders

Hornets stop Hall in 82-70 victory

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Crisp passing, penetration, and offensive boards by the Magoffin County Hornets (6-0) was more than enough to set back the South Floyd Raiders (3-1) this past Saturday night at the Prestonsburg fieldhouse.

The Hornets did what they needed to do, go inside, and dominated most, if not all the game, en route to a 82-70 win over the Raiders.

The two teams met in the fourth game of the Q95 Floyd County Classic, the first ever, in front of a rowdy crowd from both schools.

Ironically, both teams sat on the same side of the Prestonsburg fieldhouse and almost mingled in with each other. Both crowds were very, very vocal but both were well-mannered in actions.

It could very well have been a preview of the championship game of the 15th Region later in March.

Coach Danny Adams' ballclub owned the passing lanes, and unselfish play on the part of several Hornets allowed Magoffin County to remain unbeaten in six games. It was the first loss of the season for South Floyd against three wins.

Coach Adams saw his ballclub go 3-0 against Floyd County teams. The Hornets defeated Betsy Layne to open the season and won over Prestonsburg last Friday night.

Rusty Tackett got off to a slow start but burned the nets for 27 points to lead all scorer's. He drilled five three-point baskets.

The defense put on Michael Hall and the slowing of John Meade in the first half was a big factor in the loss for the Raiders. Hall had five points for the game and all those came in the first quarter. The Hornets held Meade scoreless in the first two quarters but he finished strong with 15 points.

Tyler Hall, scoreless in the first half, finished with three treys and 11 points for South Floyd. Hall and Joe Skeans added five points apiece.

Magoffin County got 23 points from Joey Howard as he put on a show around the basket. Ryan Montgomery, the catalyst for the quick Hornet start, finished with 14 points. Robert Barnette finished with 13 points and big man, Tim Summa, had 10 points before fouling out.

South Floyd appeared "lifeless" against the Hornets in the first quarter failing to solve the pressure half-court defense of Magoffin's.

Baskets by Montgomery and Barnette put the Hornets up quickly at 4-0 before a rebound basket by Rusty Tackett and a lay in by Hall made it 6-4.

It was all Magoffin after that as they reeled off eight unanswered points to go up 14-14 and led 22-10 at the first stop.

Tackett's first three-point basket of the game came with just under five minutes to play in the half to make it a nine point game, 26-17. On the rebound after the shot, Charles Ray was elbowed in the mouth halting the game for several minutes while the blood was removed from the gym floor and Ray received treatment in the locker room. He later returned and did re-enter the game.

A 12-3 run by the Hornets gave them a 20 point lead, 40-20 at the half.

The biggest lead of the game for Magoffin County was 22 points and

that came at the onset of the third period. South Floyd managed to get to within 12 of the Hornets but trailed 57-40 after three quarters.

Quick baskets by Tyler Hall, a lay in and three-pointer, got the Raiders back to within 12, 57-45. In a two minute stretch, both teams were sloppy. Magoffin stayed in front with some excellent free throw shooting as the Raiders were looking to catch up from the outside. With their shots not falling, the Raiders fell 17 points down and never came any closer than the final 12 point margin.

Skeans and Michael Hall finished with five points for the Raiders. Ray and Josh Newman added three. Anthony Hall had one point.

Brandon Russell just missed double figures for the Hornets with nine points. Tubby Allen netted eight with James Conley scoring three. Rocky Mullins had two points.

South Floyd will host the Allen Central Rebels in a big conference



photo by Steve LeMaster



BROCK KEATHLEY (11) of Betsy Layne is normally seen in a #23 jersey. Keathley suffered a cut to his chin in the first half of Saturday's game and had to wear the #11 jersey. The Betsy Layne senior finished the Millard contest with a game-high 18 points.



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ALLEN CENTRAL RUNNIN' REBEL LARRY MULLINS (14) launches a jumper. Mullins directs the Allen Central offense from his point guard position.

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by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

You know, it's funny how a feeling sometimes takes you over and you just can't get it out of your mind.

Anyone who has ever participated in organized sports knows what I'm talking about.

Youth, today, tend to take for granted all of the opportunities laid before them and all of the possibilities their bright futures hold for them.

Kids, listen up: Memories you make on the playing field today will stay with you for the rest of your entire life. Play ball, have fun!

I, for one, remember fondly the days of Little League Baseball and buddy basketball. There were days when I would get up before dawn in anticipation of an early 11 a.m. game. I loved it.

At the age of 12, I discovered the sport of football and it was truly a great discovery. I love the gridiron sport.

Although my first love was baseball, I still find myself attached to the sport of football. However, it is baseball that has suddenly sparked a flame deep inside of me, that hasn't been lit in quite some time.

Just the other day, as I pulled into my mom and dad's driveway to pick my son up, something just suddenly hit me, as I was walking through the front yard.

As I got about halfway through the yard, a memory hit me like a ton of bricks. I found myself back about 11 years, as a 12-year old little leaguer passing baseball with my dad.

A relationship between a father and son is special. My dad and I have a very good relationship and I'm very thankful for that. As I approached the door I heard a voice saying "Throw the ball overhand, don't lob it!" My dad was always getting on to me for not rocking and firing. Pretty soon, I

started to listen.

"Step into the ball, don't step out when you swing," my dad would say.

My dad would often and often still does recall his days playing Paintsville Little League Baseball.

I loved the sport of baseball, but by the time my fourteenth birthday rolled around, I found the curve ball to be the deterrent to my young career. A great thrill in my short baseball career was playing for current Pikeville College baseball coach Johnnie LeMaster as a 13 year-old in the Paintsville Little League's Senior League Division.

O.K., back to my son. My six-month-old son Jacob, has renewed a spark for baseball that I haven't had in quite some time.

Adult league softball, flag football or any other sport one may participate in as a weekend warrior can never make up for those youth league games, or even those intense high school football games I played in.

Coaching youth sports has brought me much joy over the past five years. I've coached my now 13-year old brother Brandon in both baseball and basketball. The best thing I could tell a young athlete is to work hard in his or her sport and have fun! It's not very long that you can enjoy these grand days. These are truly the best days of your life!

One of the greatest joys I've had in my sporting life came this fall, when I got the chance to work with young kids in a pee-wee basketball league at Meade Memorial School in Johnson County. Although I had coached in youth basketball before, I had never coached kids so young.

The kids on my team were five, six, seven and eight years-old. But you know what? We had a real good season and most importantly, we all had fun. Better yet, we all learned from each other and we grew together. The people I have met and the people I continue to meet in the sporting world, whether covering games for the newspaper, coaching, or volunteering leave lasting impressions. The events leave lasting impressions and I enjoy sports. My son will get several gifts this Christmas, one being a Fisher Price tee-ball set. Whether he

takes to it right off, or even at all, is still up in the air. Sports are good for our youth and it is very important that they all get an equal opportunity to perform on the various playing fields they play on. Sports build self-esteem and character. We need sports.

Parents, get involved with your kids in both academics and sports.

The memories you made as a young athlete will live on forever. At one time or another, nearly everyone participated in some sort of sport or game.

Have fun kids! One day you'll grow up and all you can do is coach younger athletes, a day when your playing eligibility is long gone. Good memories are to be made, get out and have some fun.

Have fun everyone and be a good sport in the process.

NOTES:

■ The 28-year-old Florida State quarterback pulled it off. FSU signal-caller Chris Weinke became the oldest player to ever capture the coveted Heisman Trophy Award this past Saturday night when he edged out fellow quarterback Josh Heupel of Oklahoma. Interesting note: The last four quarterbacks to win the Heisman

played for a college football team from the state of Florida- Danny Wuerffel (Florida, 1996); Charlie Ward (Florida State, 1993); and Gino Torretta (Miami, 1992).

■ The Western Kentucky Hilltoppers shocked the Louisville Cardinals in Freedom Hall on Saturday when they squeaked out a 68-65 win over the host Cards. The Cards had their chances late, but failed to convert at crunch time.

■ The UK Wildcats now face an even taller task after losing to the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets in Atlanta over the weekend. The loss was the Wildcats fourth of the season. Tubby's Cats now sit with a disappointing 3-4 record as they prepare for defending national champ Michigan State this Saturday.

■ Grayson Smith, a member of the University of Kentucky football team and a senior, will soon begin his second athletic season. Smith, a Magoffin County native, also boxes on the UK Boxing Club team. The UK senior is an alumnus of Magoffin County High School.

■ Be sure to get out this week and catch some 15th Region high school basketball action!

NASCAR Connection

Kenseth ready to move on

When the 2000 rookie class took the green flag at Daytona back in February, Matt Kenseth was just another young and talented driver that was expected to fight for the runner-up position to everyone's top choice, Dale Earnhardt Jr. Along with Kenseth, Dave Blaney, Scott Pruett, Stacy Compton and Mike Bliss, made up the class of 2000 which was expected to forever be known as the class that produced the next Earnhardt.

Results from the first third of the season did very little to dispell the common belief that Little E would indeed follow the footsteps of his famous father who had captured Rookie of the Year honors back in 1979. Though Kenseth started the season very strong for a rookie, the younger Earthhardt started off like he had been in Winston Cup for several years.

Dale Jr. wasted very little time in getting his Budwieser Chevrolet to victory lane, as he notched two wins in the first eleven races at Texas and Richmond. If that wasn't good enough, he also won the Winston all-star race at Charlotte.

As it turned out, speedweeks at Charlotte was the high water mark of Earnhardt's year, as not only did he win the Winston, he also sat on the pole for Charlotte's Memorial Day Coca-Cola 600. Charlotte, as it turned out, was also the race that proved that Little E wasn't the only rookie in the series that could drive a race car to victory lane.

When the checkered flag finally waved, signaling the end of Winston Cup's longest race, Matt Kenseth found himself in victory lane. When Matt crawled out of the car that evening, you could hear the new-found confidence in his speech as he realized that he did have what it took to compete in the Winston Cup Series. This new-found confidence was backed up the following week at Dover when he finished second.

Earnhardt Jr.'s success in the series was expected as he came into the series as the two-time defending Busch Series champion and the son of a seven time Winston Cup Champion. There was no doubting his skill level as a driver, but there was those in the series that thought it didn't hurt his performances either that he began his Winston Cup career in some of the best equipment on the track.

Kenseth's move to the series followed a different path. He began driving in the Busch Series in 1997 for owner Robbie Reiser. It was at this point that Roush Racing driver, Mark Martin, began to take an interest in Kenseth's career and became the young driver's mentor. Martin was able to convince his owner, Jack Roush that Kenseth had the skills to become successful one day in the Winston Cup Series.

Roush at the time was already fielding five teams in Winston Cup, but knew a talent like Kenseth didn't come along very often. For the next two years Roush gave Reiser and Kenseth technical support as they battled Earnhardt Jr. for the Busch Series championship.

After the '99 season, Roush signed Kenseth as a driver with

plans to move his DeWalt Tools team up to the Winston Cup level in 2000. He also signed Reiser to a contract as Matt's crew chief with the responsibility of overseeing the building of the new team.

Although the competition now was at a higher level, Kenseth and Reiser showed that the chemistry the two possessed in the Busch Series was strong enough to afford the pair the opportunity to taste success at the Cup level. That night in Charlotte, when Kenseth held the winner's trophy over his head, he was serving notice to the rest of the series and in particular, Earnhardt Jr., that the race for the Rookie of the Year honors was just beginning.

Although he didn't make it to victory lane again, Kenseth did show the consistency that it takes to be successful in the Winston's Cup Series. He went on to post four top-5's and 11 top-10 finishes which helped him finish in 14th place in the final point standings on his way to winning the 2000 Rookie of the Year honors.

Next season the yellow stripe on Kenseth's bumper, which all Winston Cup rookie drivers have on their car, will be removed, but as for the competitive nature of his Ford, don't look for a drop off. Roush knows that in Kenseth's team, he already has in place all of the ingredients that it takes to win races and championships.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tackett of East Point, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ratliff of Corn Fork, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Tamatha Kay Tackett and Jeffery Dean Ratliff. The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and a nursing student at Prestonsburg Community College. She is employed part-time by the City of Prestonsburg. Her maternal grandparents are Woodrow Adams of East Point and the late Billie Imogene Adams, and her paternal grandparents are the late Sam and Edna Tackett, formerly of East Point. The prospective groom is a 1985 graduate of PHS and is employed by the Kentucky Division of Fish and Wildlife. He is the grandson of the late Otis and Carmack Goble, and the late Tom and Susie Ratliff, all formerly of Corn Fork. The wedding will be Friday, December 15, 2000, at 6:30 p.m., at the Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist Church at Corn Fork. The custom of an open church will be observed, and a reception will follow at the Pines Building at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

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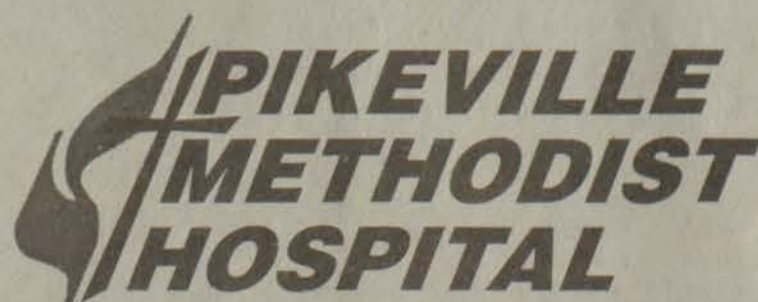


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Ceremony honors Capt. Worsham of the 5th Kentucky



Members of the Col. Jack May Camp #1897 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans paid homage Saturday to Capt. Thomas R. Worsham, Captain of Company E, 5th Kentucky Volunteers, CSA. Worsham is buried in the May Cemetery in Prestonsburg.

by ROBERT PERRY
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER



Elizabeth Jane Hatcher
 Worsham Elliott
 1833-1927

raised in Floyd County, and he was one of the men who signed the letter sent from the Confederate camp at Prestonsburg to President Jefferson Davis on October 2, 1861, announcing the formation of the regiment and requesting that it be supplied with arms, ammunition, and other equipment.

Worsham's military records file, which is kept on microfilm at the Johnson County Public Library in Paintsville, shows that he was one of Colonel May's most trusted officers. Jack May was commander of the regiment during the spring, summer, and fall of 1862.

On November 11, 1861, for example, following the Battle of Ivy Mountain, Worsham's company was given the job of driving 377 hogs from Pikeville to Abingdon, Virginia.

"I was detailed with my company," reported Worsham, "to guard and drive said hogs so as to escape capture from the enemy."

Another document in his file shows that during Gen. Humphrey Marshall's fall 1862 invasion of eastern Kentucky, Worsham's company was given the mission of establishing a recruiting post at a steam

mill in Pike County. While they were camped at that location, Worsham purchased 1,621 pounds of beef from local farmers, which he subsequently issued to the recruits who had gathered at the mill.

"The issues were made," said Worsham in his report, "according to the regular allowance of rations per day."

Worsham's file contains many interesting records, not the least of which are Special Requisitions, which list clothing and other supplies his company received during its service in eastern Kentucky and southwestern Virginia.

On March 27, 1862, for example, at Camp Moccasin, Virginia, Worsham's men were issued 70 pairs of socks, 24 pairs of shoes, 29 dress coats, 34 shirts, 16 pairs of drawers, 33 pairs of pants, and 38 caps by W. W. Cox, assistant quartermaster of the regiment. Free of grammar errors and written in a fine, flowing

(See HONORS, page four)

The old Worsham-Elliott farmhouse at Abbott Creek is now owned by descendant Billy Richmond Pruitt and his wife, Thelma.



The Reasons We Use

No wonder I can't get my house shaped up to my liking. It seems that every time I open a closet door to get the sweeper out, I remember it's time to do this column again. Of course, I choose to close the door and say, like Scarlett O'Hara, "I'll think about that another day."

That's the same excuse I use to explain why there's often ironing backed up to be done, why I don't have all my Christmas cards addressed and, sometimes, why there's nothing cooked for supper. (Please don't tell me you wouldn't miss these offerings if I failed to come across.)

Adda Bea Hall has told about why she enjoyed taking care of her great grandson, Chase Helvey. She explained that, when he got old enough to go to school, she lost the best excuse she ever had for not doing other things

expected of her. If someone came in and found things a bit undone, she could say, "I haven't dusted the furniture today. I keep Chase, you know."

That's one reason Adda Bea and I understand each other so well. We just go with what we've got.

Cards and letters

I had another birthday a few days ago and one of the first cards I got was from Joann Conn Stoton of Ashland. I have always

counted her the first friend I ever made, for we were very young when we lived next door to each other at Banner. We had to invent most forms of recreation we had, but we did fine with them. We

built castles on the sand bar down by Prater Creek and were never at a loss for ways to have fun together.

A lot of water has gone over the dam for both of us, but one thing has never changed. It's still fun to talk, even if our topics now are about what hurts us most. And we still care very much about the good and bad things in our lives. That's what I call a friendship.

Another card came from Violet Adkins who now lives in Charleston, South Carolina. Violet was my customer when I was postmaster at Betsy Layne. She was married to James Adkins and they operated the biggest store we had there at the time.

Violet was also the mother of one of my young friends, Eddie Adkins, also a customer and a delight to me. We had a mutual friendship with D. W. Howard, who had been the high school principal for both of us. We were

of three separate generations but Mr. Howard had been a teacher to both of us and we felt we had a mutual admiration club. Eddie learned to imitate D. W. and we both loved the stories he would tell us.

Violet and James were divorced and the three of them lived in different states, James in Ohio, Violet in South Carolina and Eddie in Nicholasville. James died a few months ago and I went for the service and the opportunity to see all the family. I missed Violet who was sick at the time and not able to travel.

Violet remembered my birthday and wrote a note with her card. She said, "I'm so glad you could be there for Eddie when his father died. It meant a lot to him."

Well, Violet, I'm glad Eddie felt I was there for him, but I was also there for myself. It meant much to me also just to get to visit with him again. We talked and talked, and of course he had to do a D. W. imitation for me. It was as if he could bring this old friend back and we could see the twinkle in his eyes again.

Like the excuses we use for what we do, our pleasures are also where we find them.

SMALL WORLD

by Aileen Hall



POISON OAK

by Clyde Pack

Scooting right along

It wasn't that long ago that we were all jumping around like a bunch of chickens on a June bug, all antsy in anticipation of the dreaded... shall we say it? ...Y2K.

Now, it's only a couple of weeks before the arrival of a brand new year, and everything has seemed to have progressed without a hitch. Well, without a hitch, that is, until November 7. What we got there was a hitch and a half. But that, too, shall end, and just may be all settled before this ever sees print.

But before "Y2KOne" gets here, we've still got Christmas left to enjoy. The big new toy this year seems to be that little silver-colored scooter with the tiny wheels.

Actually, it may be a lot of things, but "new" is not one of them. This year's version is no doubt improved, but there were two or three of them — I think they were red then — scooting around Society Row when I was eight or 10 years old.

Admittedly, they weren't scooting quite as smoothly then as they are now, because the only concrete or asphalt surface smooth enough

(See POISON OAK, page four)

Here comes Santa Claus

The Left Beaver Fire and Rescue Squad is holding its annual Santa Claus Run on Sunday, December 17.

The schedule of Santa's stops — with treats — is:

- Noon - Drift ball park
- 12:15 p.m. - Minnie ball park
- 12:30 p.m. - Minnie Townhouses
- 1 p.m. - McDowell ARH
- 1:45 p.m. - Left Beaver Station 2, McDowell
- 2:15 p.m. - Pilgrim Rest Church
- 2:30 p.m. - G & C Grocery
- 2:45 p.m. - Little Nancy Church
- 3 p.m. - Bud Reynolds Store, Ligon

Hillbilly medical dictionary for sale

by BILL FRANCIS

I have a long history of being in hospitals, and I have from time to time had lots of conversations with medical doctors and nurses. They are hard to understand sometimes especially the doctors off in Lexington. They don't seem too smart or they must be awfully forgetful. They sure ain't smart like our hometown doctors.

I developed for myself a medical dictionary. I hope those of you who have been fortunate not to need medical help or advice from a doctor over the years take this with you when you go, because you will need it. I am sure it will be very beneficial.

I have had major surgery 14 times and have been hospitalized, I believe, 27 times. The following are some of the questions you need to be prepared to answer. As I said, they seem awfully foolish to me.

(Watch out, the receptionist will talk about the hang-

(See HILLBILLY, page four)

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

* 12/18: 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.

* ACHS Band is collecting Pepsi Musical Points, which enable the purchase of instruments. Points are on 12-pack cubes, 20 oz. and liter bottles of Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew and Diet Mountain Dew. Give to any ACHS band member or mail to Eastern Band Boosters, PO Box 156, Eastern, KY 41622.

Clark FRC

* 12/13: Time Out for Parents support group meeting, 8:30 a.m.
 * 12/14: Advisory Council meeting, 5 p.m., center.
 * 12/14: SBDM, 6 p.m., Library
 * 12/14: Family Reading Night, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 * 12/20: Girl Scouts presentation for K-5.
 * After school child care, 3-5:30 p.m., school days, openings available.
 * Nurse in the center on Thursdays. 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

* 12/19: PTA regular meeting, 7 p.m., followed by performance by third grade classes (schedule change)

* 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

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

Youth Service day this past April for a "Kids Can!" party. 4-H'ers joined in the "Kids Can, Help Habitat" project by collecting aluminum cans county-wide to help raise money the Alachua Habitat for Humanity needs to build a house for a needy family.

4-H'ers also helped with much needed repairs to the Habitat's thrift store, and participated in other community outreach activities that were part of the two-day event.

4-H is one of the largest youth organizations in the United States with more than 6.6 million participants, and more than 631,880 youth and adult volunteers. National 4-H Council and the 4-H system ARE deeply indebted to all of its youth and adult volunteers who spend countless hours of their time to improve their community and its members.

"We at National 4-H Council are inspired by the acts of service we see and hear about on a daily basis.

There is a 4-H youth development program in every community helping connect young people to community service," said Donald T. Floyd Jr., CEO and president, National 4-H Council. "We hope that all of us will commit ourselves, throughout the year, to meeting the needs of others."

National 4-H Council works to advance the 4-H youth development movement to build a world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change. National 4-H Council partners with the Cooperative Extension System, communities, and other organizations to provide technical support and training, develop curricula, create model programs and promote positive youth development to fulfill its mission.

National 4-H Council also manages the National 4-H Conference Center, a full-service conference facility, and the National Supply Service, the USDA nationally authorized agent for the interstate sales of paraphernalia bearing the 4-H name and emblem. The 4-H name and emblem is protected under 18 U.S.C. 707, National 4-H Council is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

For information on 4-H in Floyd County, contact Chuck Stamper at 606/886-2668.

Our Yesterdays

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

Ten Years Ago (December 12 & 14, 1990)

Advertisement for bids for site preparation and excavation at the new Prestonsburg High School site on Middle Creek are premature, state education officials said this week...

Prestonsburg Police Chief Greg Hall said that Friday night's D-Day operation was a successful one, netting seven DUI arrests and seven alcoholic intoxication arrests...Medisin's medical waste incinerator located at Highlands Regional Medical Center will come under closer scrutiny and may be placed under state regulation in January's special session of the state legislature, which is expected to deal with the issue of solid waste...A 38-year-old Prestonsburg man was arrested Thursday and charged with first degree sexual abuse in an incident allegedly involving a four-year-old girl...A bill designed to return a greater percentage of coal severance tax dollars to the coal producing counties seems likely to be placed on Governor Wallace Wilkinson's agenda for January's special legislative session...The City of Wheelwright remains without local law enforcement this week as city council members failed to attend a meeting to appoint a new police chief...The "Queen of Country Music," Loretta Lynn, will be at the Johnson Central fieldhouse in Paintsville Saturday, December 22, where she will be the guest of honor in a ceremony to officially rename a section of Route 23 the "Loretta Lynn Highway"...There died: Bill Francis Jr., 68, of Garrett, Tuesday, December 11, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Elder George Vanderpool, 73, of Garrett, Thursday, at his residence; Olga Roberts Conn, 87, of Frankfort, formerly of Floyd County, Wednesday at Bradford/Square Nursing Home; Jake Setser, 88, of East Point, Tuesday, at the Knott County Nursing Home; Ruth Maurer Reed, 92, of Lexington, formerly of Drift, Thursday; Elsie Morgan Branham, 92, of Martin, Monday at Parkview Nursing Home; William Vance Porter Jr., 58, of Wayne, Michigan, formerly of Allen, Tuesday, December 4, at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital; Nellie Hicks Chaffins, 83, of Rock Fork, Garrett, Sunday, at her residence at Garrett; Naomi Hamilton Hubbard, 46, of Fairbanks, Arkansas, formerly of Teaberry, Thursday at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital; Revis A. (Dan) McGrew, 69, of Greenville, Texas, formerly of Prestonsburg, November 25, at his home; Lillie (Peggy) Potts Harless, 56, of Water Gap, Prestonsburg, Friday at her residence; Charles Truman Robinson, 63, of Martin, Thursday, at his residence; Elmer Webb, 84, of Paintsville, Monday, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center; Elsie Morgan Branham, 92, of Martin, Monday at the Parkview Nursing Home; Effie Jane Robinette, 91, of Pikeville, Sunday, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home.

Twenty Years Ago (December 17, 1980)

The Floyd County Fiscal Court passed a motion to reduce the road weight limit at Dinwood in Martin to ten tons...Martin Mayor Larry Hall vetoed a motion which would have enacted a new city utility commission in Martin...Relatives of Delmer Banks were expected to file suit against the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lexington for wrongful death. Banks died November 25, 1980, after receiving the wrong blood type following liver surgery...The Floyd County Times raised Floyd County subscription prices to \$8 per year...The Kentucky Power static volt amp reactive control system at Price was visited and viewed by engineers from around the world...Minimum wage was raised to \$3.35 per hour...There died: Mrs. Polly Bolen, 87, of Harold; German Hamilton, 77, of Teaberry; Mrs. Mary Bradford, 84, of Silver Lake Indiana, formerly of Floyd County; Ervin Little, 68, of Bypro; T.A. Johnson, 88, of Welch; Gertrude Van Horn, 85, formerly of Floyd County; Thelma Mullins, 35, of Grethel; Frank Johnson, 76, of Weeksbury; Webster Hamilton, 64, of Allen; Thelma Smith, 37, of McDowell; Newton Samons, 90, of Arkansas Creek.

Thirty Years Ago (December 17, 1970)

Action taken by the board of directors of the

multi-million dollar Floyd County Comprehensive Health Care Services Program to relocate its central office could develop into a full court battle, County Judge Henry Stumbo said here last Friday...Drawdown of Dewey Lake by five feet for the season has left shorelines bare...The unpleasant possibility exists that subscribers here and elsewhere in Kentucky of the South Central Bell Telephone Company may face with the beginning of the new year a rate increase averaging 15 percent...The Prestonsburg Community College Debate Team in its second debate tournament this year placed well by defeating teams from three Ohio colleges...Jail sentences up to six months, and fines up to \$500 are authorized in a bill approved by the U.S. Senate Public Works Committee, for littering lakes or other reservoirs administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers...There died: Abe L. Parsons, 74, of Martin; Diane Yates, 14, of Printer; Mrs. Peggy Long, 58, formerly of Martin; T.N. Newsome, 73, of Floyd County.

Forty Years Ago (December 15, 1960)

Low-rent public housing moved a step further here last week with the receipt of the annual contributions contract to be made between the Prestonsburg Municipal Housing Commission and the Public Housing Administration...Prestonsburg's Community Development Council will meet with Governor Combs Friday evening as it continues its planning and development of action to solve the most urgent of Prestonsburg's problems...The Floyd County Fiscal Court went on record last week as opposing the granting of new contracts to the Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company which would give the gas company a raise of 6 cents per 1000 cubic feet of gas supplied to the towns of Martin, New Allen and Dwale...There died: Albert B. Parsons, 59, of Harold; Henry Hawk Sizemore, 83, of Floyd County; Willie Case, 57, of Harold; James Bertley Layne, 72, of Betsy Layne; Mrs. Catherine Newman, 83, of Grethel; Mrs. Elizabeth H. Jones, 80, of Garrett.

Fifty Years Ago (December 14, 1950)

Threat of court action attacking the validity of the higher tax assessments made here, has resulted in all previous taxation work this year being discarded and in a decision to start anew in order to avoid legal flaws which later may be found to nullify the work, Mayor Curtis Clark said this week... With a nine-army, million-man force, Red China this week had swept U.N. forces South of the 38th parallel in Korea and had inflicted such losses on outnumbered American forces that some units were being evacuated by sea...A Left Beaver man was arrested last Thursday on Jack's Creek while he and a boy were cutting wood to set a nearby moonshine still "cooking up something"...Draft calls were increased Tuesday, with 160,000 asked for during January and February...There died: Earl Tackett, 25, of Beaver; Mrs. Adeline Hughes, 67, of Auxier Road; Ralph B. Fitzpatrick, 72, formerly of Prestonsburg.

Sixty Years Ago (December 12, 1940)

West Prestonsburg this week took on the aspects of a boom town with the Middle Creek Railroad on its way... Approval of construction of 150 miles of rural electrical lines in Floyd and Johnson counties under authority of the Rural Electrification Administration has been made, it was announced this week... On stage this Monday at the Broadway Theatre in Prestonsburg will be Bill Monroe and his Bluegrass Boys. This will undoubtedly conflict with the Martin Theatre's scheduled movie for the night, "The Great Plane Robbery" with Jack Holt and Vicki Lester... Wall paper was advertised for ten cents per roll this week at the Morrell Supply Company... There died: Mrs. Green Kidd, 38, of Dana; Mrs. Molly Goodman, 74, of Garrett; Mrs. Rosie Collins, 50, of Wheelwright; Mrs. Evan Frasure, 26, of Amba.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

4-H NEWS

Chuck Stamper
Floyd County Agriculture Extension Agent
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The holiday season has arrived in full force. Lights are twinkling, carolers are caroling and stores are packed with gift givers searching for the perfect present.

This is also the time of year when most people make a sincere effort to remember those less fortunate than themselves. Through the generosity of others, "Santa" fills the stockings of children whose families have nothing, soup kitchens are fully staffed and Salvation Army buckets overflow with cash. But what happens when the holiday cheer passes and we return to our normal routines?

Working to improve communities and the lives of others is an integral part of the 4-H mission "to build a world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive changes." 4-H is at the forefront of the national movement to engage young people in volunteerism. Nationwide, youth want to make a difference in their communities, and 4-H is here to help.

Community service is not a new concept to 4-H. For years, young people have committed their "hands to greater service" each time they recite the 4-H pledge. In April of this year, 4-H pledged to America's Promise that it would establish 50 new "Communities of Promise."

In these communities, each young person will have a caring adult in their life, a safe place to go during non-school hours, a healthy start and future, marketable skills through education

and opportunities for community service. 4-H clubs across America are working to make this happen.

Through its public service campaign "Are You Into It?" 4-H has raised awareness about community service and increased the number of 4-H'ers volunteering. Since joining the campaign in 1997, the H'ers from 46 Michigan counties reported volunteering 101,574 hours last year.

Michigan 4-H'ers helped perform all types of service. The New Beginnings club collected enough soda cans to buy dialysis treatments for kidney patients. 4-H'ers in Kent County collected more than 1,000 pieces of luggage and created hundreds of personal care kits through their "Kids 4 Kids" program. The luggage was collected as part of "Suitcases for Kids," a project started by former 4-H'er Aubyn Burnside, and is designed to provide foster children something of their own to carry their belongings in.

4-H'ers in Illinois can tell you first hand what it feels like to serve their community. For the last few years 4-H'ers in that state have been tackling the problem of hunger with their "4-H CAN Make a Difference" food drive. Last year, with Illinois First Lady Lura Lynn Ryan acting as honorary chair, 4-H'ers raised 55 tons of food. This year has proven to be even more plentiful with more than 67 tons of food being gathered to date.

For more information on this project, or to view the Illinois 4-H "House of Food," visit www.4-H.uluc.edu. Click on "In the News" and then "4-H CAN Make a Difference Food Drive."

4-H'ers in Alachua County, Florida, joined forces with other youth organizations on National

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McQueen-Spears

Jamie Dawn McQueen of Allen, daughter of Albert and Bette Burchett, and Timothy Alan Spears of Pikeville, son of Joyce and Carmel Spears, announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. The wedding is set for Thursday, December 21, 2000, at 7 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Allen. The custom of an open church will be observed. A reception at the church will follow the ceremony.

BIRTHDAYS



To turn 5

Tabitha Morgan Akers will celebrate her fifth birthday on December 15, 2000. She is the daughter of Michael and Haley Akers of Dana, and the granddaughter of Dionia Reyna and Everett and Eula Boyd, all of Dana. She is the great-granddaughter of Dixie Conn of Dana and the late Allen Conn, and of Henry and Niece Boyd, also of Dana.



Is 1 year old

Hannah Rose Hamilton celebrated her first birthday on October 13, 2000, with Winnie the Pooh's Grand Day Birthday Party at her home, with family and friends. She is the daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Hamilton of Prestonsburg. Her grandparents are Scott and Lorraine Hamilton of Prestonsburg and Bill and Jenny Osborne of Auxier.



Is 5 years old

Matthew Charles Stacy celebrated his fifth birthday on November 15, 2000. He is the son of Marcus and Mary Stacy of Wayland.



Turns 8

Robert Wayne Stacy celebrated his eighth birthday on December 5, 2000. He is the son of Marcus and Mary Stacy of Wayland.

New Arrivals

Highlands Regional Medical Center

November 15: A daughter, Kelsey Lynn, to Almond and Jamalyn McCoy of Beauty; a daughter, Jala Valerie, to Almond and Jamalyn McCoy of Beauty.

November 16: A daughter, Mahala Brooke Ward, to Rebecca Dawn Hall of Offutt; a daughter, Tiffany-Amber Nicole Perry, to Misty Moore of Inez.

November 20: A daughter, Laura Ann, to Marlene and Scott Arel of Inez.

November 21: A son, James Garron, to Barbara P. Keeton of Salyersville; a daughter, Taylor Michelle, to Kathy Ellen and Dr. Anthony Stumbo of Prestonsburg.

November 22: A son, David Lloyd, to Katie and Mike Lyons of Staffordsville.

November 25: A son, John Brandon Matthew, to Emma and John Fairchild of Staffordsville.

November 26: A son, Timothy Darrell Braxton, to April R. Couch of Wayland; a daughter, Kaitlyn Olivia, to Christopher and Kimberly Reed of Prestonsburg.

November 27: A son, Jacob Dylan, to Robin and Timothy Prince of Dwaile; a son, Daniel Michael, to Shelia LaRose and Daniel Elijah

Wallen of Prestonsburg.

November 28: A daughter, Christina Kelly Collins, to Angelia Davis of Salyersville; a daughter, Brenna Faith, to Marsha and McKinley Litteral of Salyersville.

November 29: A daughter, Katlyn LeeAnn, to Phyllis Paulann and Robbie Lee Kennedy of Boons Camp; a daughter, Katelyn Nicole, to Larry and Christina McFaddin of Thelma.

November 30: A daughter, Katelyn Graham, to Kelli and Toby Slone of Auxier; a son, Jacob Dylan Hayden, to Melissa LeeAnn Terry of Wittensville; a son, Joey Nicklous, to Tabitha and Garley Dotson Jr. of Salyersville.

December 1: A daughter, Hayley Autumn Spencer, to Rochelle McCall of Thelma; a son, Mason Alexander Fain, to Rosettia Collins of Wittensville; a son, Nicholas Amos, to Edith and Joey Maynard of Inez; a daughter, Skylar Marie, to Angela and Kevin Johnson of Bypro.

December 3: A son, Ethan Bryce, to Kimberly Jean Bellamy of Wayland; a son, Ashton Ranen Dale, to Denise and Stacy Dale Collins of Betsy Layne.

December 4: A daughter, Jeri Leighanne Vanzant, to Heather and Russell Meade of Prestonsburg; a son, Jacob Lee, to Jamie and Randall Collins Jr. of Ivel.

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Honors

hand, Worsham's reports provide ample evidence that he was a well-educated man.

For some unknown reason — perhaps poor health — Worsham resigned from the service following the Confederate defeat at Perryville.

Very little is known about his personal life, but the 1850 Floyd County Census shows Thomas R. Worsham, age 24, schoolteacher, born in Virginia, living in the household of John W. Powell, who owned a farm near Mare Creek. Listed along with Worsham is his wife Elizabeth Jane Worsham, age 17, born in Kentucky.

The dates on his original tombstone show that he was 37 years old — still relatively young — when he died on August 27, 1865.

My friend Delmas Saunders has discovered that Worsham owned a farm on Abbott Creek. In his unpub-

lished History of Abbott Creek, Saunders lists the family farms that bordered the creek during the 19th century, beginning with the Herefords; Greenwades, Spurlocks, Osbornes, Millers, and Shorts.

"Farther up the creek was the Tom Worsham Farm. Thomas R. Worsham, a native of Virginia and a Floyd County school teacher, married Elizabeth Jane Hatcher, a native of Pike County. They lived in a large, two-story log house, at that time the creek's most pretentious building. During the War Between the States, Worsham served as Captain of the Floyd County company of Jack May's 5th Kentucky Infantry.

"Unfortunately, Worsham died young. His widow married Will T. Elliott, who modernized the farm . . . the Elliott Farm was a Floyd County landmark. . . Thomas R. and Elizabeth Jane Worsham's great-grandson Billy

Richmond Pruitt and his wife Thelma have repaired and restored the old house. Today the furnishings are in place just as they were when his parents expired. Yes, the old logs and the poplar weatherboarding are still in place, underneath the vinyl siding installed to protect them for years to come."

Elizabeth Worsham Elliott died on July 20, 1927. Her obituary, which Billy Pruitt was kind enough to give me, reads as follows:

"Elizabeth Jane Hatcher Worsham Elliott, eldest daughter of John Greer Hatcher and Thursa Stratton Hatcher, was born January 25th, 1833 on the old Powell farm near Mare Creek of this county . . . Mrs. Elliott was a member of one of the most prominent and highly respected families in the Big Sandy Valley, where she was familiarly known as 'Aunt Jane.' She was one of

the most lovable, charitable women who have ever lived in this county, and has probably fed more people at her table without charge than any woman of her generation. No stranger ever went away hungry from her door. She was first married when but sixteen years old to Thomas R. Worsham, a brilliant man from the State of North Carolina. He served in the Confederate Army and only lived a short time after the close of the Civil War. To this union

were born five children, Angie, Gustavus, Mell, Lou and Tommie, only two of her children surviving her, Gustavus Worsham of Helen, West Virginia, and Mrs. Lou Johnson of Cliff, Kentucky.

"Mrs. Elliott also leaves fifteen grandchildren and several great grandchildren. On February 10th, 1871, she was married to Mr. T. W. Elliott, who is left to mourn her loss. She was a faithful, devoted wife and mother, and her

home was in deed and truth a virtual orphans' home, for she raised her own five children by her first husband, then two of her second husband's daughters, two of her own daughter's sons, Harry Hatcher of Ashland, Ky., and Walter Hatcher of Pikeville, [and] also the orphaned children of her daughter, Mrs. Lou Johnson . . . The deceased was a sister of the late Mrs. Joseph M. Davidson of Prestonsburg [and] Mrs. Roland T. Burns of Louisa."

Poison Oak

for smooth scooting was on the main highway (Route 581) that ran from town to Tutor Key. Few kids in our neighborhood would have thought it worth the effort to tote the scooter that far for the thrill of a few minutes worth of smooth scooting.

Of course, those who lived up Number Three or Greentown may have taken advantage of the blacktop since 581 ran right through their neighborhoods. I expect that some of them may have even learned to roller skate.

Another thing that is supposedly "new" this Christmas, but isn't, is home shopping. I saw a report on one of those TV news magazines that holiday shoppers are taking advantage of a "new concept," and in record numbers, are buying gifts

without leaving the comfort of their homes. Of course, they were referring to this so-called dot com, on-line shopping; how they can just sit back, click a mouse, and in a few days retrieve what they clicked on right at their own front doors. It's a great idea, but it's certainly not a new one.

I can remember when at least 90 percent of the Christmas presents I got, from shoes to cap busters, were ordered right from our kitchen table. Our home-shopping tool was not a computer, however. It was a Montgomery Ward catalog, complete with pictures of the desired items, and an easy-to-fill-out order blank.

Mom would simply pencil in "2 Hopalong Cassidy gun sets," and Christmas morning found little brother Joe and me hiding behind

whatever furniture we felt might afford the best cover, filling the room with loud pops and tiny puffs of smoke, and pitying the poor nester or sodbuster who walked in our line of fire.

Anyway, regardless of all the hype we were hearing a mere 11 months ago, and regardless of who is, or who will soon be our 43rd president, life goes on and another Christmas is at hand.

No holiday conjures up more memories than Christmas. Not only do I still recall the tinsel and glitter of 1947, I can still remember my line as a Wise Man in the Thealka Free Will Baptist Church Sunday School play: "A star! A star! Let us follow it!"

That's not a new idea, either, but it sure is good advice.

Hillbilly

nails she has. I tell her I will just keep my coat on, but I may hang it up later.)

First, they give you an information sheet to fill out that asks all these silly questions that everyone should know the answer to already. Let me say now they don't know much math. I overheard a doctor ask a patient about his age. "When were you benign?" He answered, "After I was eight." Now anyone, even Jethro Bodine, would know that.

I don't know why they sometimes want you to tell them where the bacteria is. I don't know why they can't figure out where the backdoor to the cafeteria is located in their own building.

Sometimes they will try to get into your social life. They asked me if I had an enema before I got there. I said I thought I had lots of friends and didn't think I made anyone mad.

Then, they will sometimes ask, "Where are your loved ones?" I tell them we barium in the family cemetery. You would think as much as they travel they would know their geography.

I heard a nurse ask a lady patient all about D&C. Everyone knows it is in Washington. I don't know what that has to do with a woman's illness.

They talked to a lady about a Cesarean section, and I told them I had several cousins living in that part of Rome.

I was asked about seizures. I had to tell them he was a Roman emperor who lived in the Cesarean section.

They said she would dilate. I overheard her say she didn't want to live longer than the kids.

Another doctor came in and asked if I had a secretion. I told him I wasn't hiding nothing. They took me to a recovery room—that's where they do upholstery—and asked me to lie on a tablet, you know, where they change small babies.

The doctor asked me if I had a family pelvis history. Somehow they thought I was a second cousin to Elvis. I said he may be urine, but he ain't mine. Boy, that hushed him up. He kept talking friendly about my family and asked if any were varicose. I told him I had one relative in Lexington. He said he found out there was tumor, and I said, "You must be wrong. I only have one relative in Lexington."

They told me I had a terminal illness. I told them they were wrong. I had not been to the train station and didn't even know where it was, but I knew there was a big one at D&C.

Don't tell them you like animals because they will torture you with questions. I had one to tell me I had a colic. I said, "Doc, I don't know who told you that, but I don't like sheep dogs." They will ask you if you want to go for a cat scan? I always tell them we used to call it snipe hunting when I was growing up. I am not going to

search for a cat. The doctor asked if I cauterized and I told him I wasn't looking into no cat's eye.

They asked if my wife had labor pain. I told them she didn't get hurt at work, she fell from a chair at the house. They said they were going to do a G.I. series on her the next week. I told them I didn't know there was a World Series of military baseball. I asked them where they played.

The doc said he would talk with the medical staff. I thought why would he need to talk to his medical cane that is sometimes shown with a snake, unless they use it to play in the game.

Then he said he was going to do a pap smear on her. I told him he was checking the wrong one of us. I was the Pap. They never did do a pap smear on me. I think they just wanted to charge for the test. The doctor then said it was post operative. I said what has a letter carrier to do with this? He said he thought I node about her being an outpatient. I asked where did she faint.

I had one doctor to examine my arms and legs. He said my problem was my fibula. I told him I didn't tie, I was a very impotent person and he shouldn't talk to me that way.

He settled down then and began talking business. He asked if I knew what nitrates were. I figured him living in a big city like Lexington that he would know better than me. I told him they were cheaper than day rates. He said I was sounding morbid. I told him I wouldn't bid no higher on nitrates, that was his business.

I think he got a commission if you stayed at the hospital. That is the biggest building in town, other than Elmer's Feed and Warehouse or Fred's Lumber Yard. Well, I let him know I wasn't "know" dummy.

I was in to see this doctor again about my leg and he asked about running. He said that I sure let it fester fast. I told him Randall Watts was fester than I was.

Some definitions that will be of help to you: Benign—What you be after you be eight; Bacteria—Back door to cafeteria; Barium—What you do with dead folks; Cesarean Section—A neighborhood in Rome; Cat scan—Searching for the cat; Cauterize—Made eye contact with her; Colic—A sheep dog; Coma—a punctuation mark; D&C—Where Washington is; Dilate—To live longer than your kids do; Enema—Not a friend; Fester—Quicker than someone else;—Fibula—A small lie; a G.I. Series—World Series of military baseball; Hangnail—What you hang your coat on; Hospital—the biggest building in town, other than Elmer's or Fred's; Impotent—Distinguished, well known; Labor Pain—Getting hurt at work; Medical Staff—a doctor's cane, sometimes shown with a snake; Morbid—A higher offer than I bid; Nitrates—Cheaper than day rates; Node—I knew it; Outpatient—A person who has fainted; Pap Smear—A fatherhood test; Pelvis—Second cousin to Elvis; Post Operative—A letter carrier; Recovery Room—Place

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to upholster; Secretion—Hiding something; Seizure—Roman emperor who lived in the Cesarean Section; Tablet—A small table to change babies on; Terminal Illness—Getting sick at the train station; Tumor—More than one; Urine—Opposite of mine; Varicose—Nearby.

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Chamber Notes

by REGINA BECKNELL
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The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome another member to our organization: Maynard Insurance Inc., Billy Maynard, president and owner, PO Box 426, Harold, KY 41635; 606/478-9500. HYPERLINK mailto:rpublisher@aol.com maynardbilly@hotmail.com

Maynard Insurance Agency was created by its president, Billy R. Maynard about 10 years ago. He has been in insurance for 13 years and has built up a large clientele of customers from Pike, Floyd,

Magoffin and surrounding counties. Maynard Insurance is a full independent insurance agency with all types of insurance to offer Floyd and surrounding counties. Its new location is at Harold, in the Family Dentistry Building, beside Channel 5 TV.

The agency offers auto, homeowners, mobile home insurance, commercial insurance, business liability, as well as life, health, dental, cancer and other health related products.

The friendly staff of Maynard Insurance would welcome you to give them a try the next time you have insurance needs of any kind.

Welcome Maynard Insurance Agency to our organization. We

hope that you will visit this business and allow Billy Maynard an opportunity to explain many of the services provided to the citizens and businesses of Floyd County.

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce would like to remind everyone The Lambuth Group Real Estate Agency is having a Business After Hours, Thursday, December 14 from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

The Lambuth Group is located at 132 South Lake Dr., across from the Community Trust Bank in downtown Prestonsburg.

Business After Hours is one of the many ways the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce promotes our businesses. Business network-

ing is your opportunity to meet and interact with Chamber members. The Lambuth Group would like to showcase their business and services to all Chamber members. Mark down the date and stop by to support Floyd County Businesses.

Ron Crouch, director of the Kentucky Data Center will be our guest speaker for the January 8 meeting at noon at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

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

Chamber hears about Sullivan

Diane Casper, administrator of Sullivan University's operations in the Big Sandy region, was the speaker at the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce meeting on December 4.

Sullivan offers upper level classes on the Prestonsburg Community College campus and at the PCC/Mayo Center in Pikeville, she said.

Casper asked Chamber members to tell their employees about opportunities with Sullivan. She also said she can help businesspeople with their employee searches.

Sullivan offers a Bachelor of Science in business management locally, as well as a certificate program in Microsoft. A degree in legal studies is being planned.

Casper stressed that the education is "reality-based." Most of the students are 25 to 45 years old and have full-time jobs.

Two new chamber members were welcomed, Maynard Insurance in Harold and Williams Printing in Prestonsburg.



■ Diane Casper

Are your college financing plans in place? Don't get left back

Submitted by J.R. BLACKBURN

The start of a new school year prompts many investors to focus on financial goals such as college funding. It's never too early to start taking action to provide for your children's or grandchildren's future education.

A college education will no doubt be expensive. In fact, 18 years from now, a public college education could cost as much as \$40,000 annually (for a total of \$160,000), and private college costs could total about \$250,000, according to Chase Global Data and Research (1999).

A good financial plan can help you accomplish your education goals (and other important financial aims, too). Simply investing and earmarking funds for college without a blueprint may not be enough. Here are some additional strategies you may wish to consider, depending on how much time you have before your child leaves for college.

■ Pre-planned college ladder portfolios. If your child is young and you have a number of years before college becomes a reality, pre-planned college ladder portfolios built with zero coupon bonds may be a practical way to fund future college expenses. A ladder is simply a portfolio of bonds scheduled to mature over successive years.

Preplanned college ladders can be built with zero coupon Treasury STRIPS, which are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government and scheduled to begin maturing when your child enters college.

Your financial advisor can help you personalize a pre-planned college ladder for a child of any age, from newborn to age 17. Generally, the purchase price of "zeros" is lower when there is more time until the bonds mature. As with any bond, the price you receive for zero coupon bonds sold before maturity may be more or less than the original investment, depending on interest rates at the time of sale.

■ Education IRAs. This relatively new college planning program lets you put aside money on a tax-deferred basis, much as an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) does. If you meet the income eligibility requirements, you may contribute up to \$500 annually toward the education of any child under the age of 18—not just your own. Any gains in the child's Education IRA account grow tax deferred, and all withdrawals are tax free as long as the funds are used to meet higher education expenses before the child reaches age 30.

■ Home equity loans. If you are faced with a shorter time frame in which to take college financing, you may want to consider a home equity line of credit as an alternative to incurring high-interest financial aid or credit card debt. A home equity line of credit allows you to borrow against the equity in your home and keep your portfolio intact at the same time.

Moreover, the interest that you pay may be tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor before making any tax-related investment decisions. Home equity lines of credit may not be available in all states.

These are just some of the college planning strategies you can use. Having a comprehensive financial plan in place can help you address all your important financial goals. Ask your financial advisor about a plan that will assess your current financial situation, identify your financial needs and create a personalized action plan. Such a plan will help you monitor and review your objectives and investments as circumstances dictate. This will help ensure that college expenses and all your family's financial goals are met.

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J.R. Blackburn is associate vice president at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in Pikeville: 606/432-5888.

Folk Art directors, officers elected

Jean Dorton of Paintsville has been elected president of the board of directors of Kentucky Folk Art Center Inc. for the year 2000-2001. Dorton, director of the Rural Community College Initiative at Prestonsburg Community College, succeeds John Irvin of Lexington.

Newly-elected directors are Marilyn Payson, Pikeville; Bobbie Caudill, Morehead; and Carole Summers, Frankfort. Re-elected to three year terms were John Irvin; Morehead Mayor Brad Collins; Morehead businessman Joe Hodge; and Linda Cox,

Lawrenceburg. The vice president is Pam Sexton, Lexington; secretary is Cathy Shely, Morehead; and treasurer is Mike Walters, Morehead.

Kentucky Folk Art Center Inc. is a non-profit organization affiliated with Morehead State University. The Folk Art Center is housed in a renovated warehouse on Morehead's First Street, adjacent to the US60 bypass.

Additional information is available by calling 606-783-2204, or visiting the website at www.kyfolkart.org.

Employment tip

Do people wonder how you can find anything on your desk? Does it look like a cyclone just went through it? Would you say you're not organized? Here are some quick tips on how to clear up that clutter.

- Create a paper processing center—any clear surface.
- Sort your papers by categories and put a label on top of each. For example, trash, financial, contacts, etc.
- Having decided what you want

to keep, place the remaining papers in colored folders. This way when new information comes in, you can automatically place it in the designated folder as opposed to haphazardly on your desk.

If you're trying to find some extra time in your workday, being able to locate what you're looking for may be the solution to your problem.

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The student organization for business students, Phi Beta Lambda, at Mayo Technical College had the installation of Officers ceremony on November 10. The new officers are, from left, Brent Gullett, Angela Dailey, Teresa Kitchen, Deborah Salisbury, Janet Blair, Susan Mills, and Stefanie Nelson-Cantrill. They attended the organization's fall leadership conference in Louisville last month.

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Local woman is KMHI award winner



Sally Porter

by PAM SHINGLER
BUSINESS EDITOR

Sally Porter didn't even know she had been nominated when she learned she'd won one of only five awards given recently by the Kentucky Manufactured Housing Institute.

The office manager at Hylton Homes at Ivel was named KMHI's Administrative Support Person of the Year during the organization's annual conference in October in Lexington. She was the only eastern Kentuckian honored.

"When I got the call, no one was here to share it with for about 45

minutes," Porter said. "I was about to die."

Porter was nominated by her employer, Morris Hylton, a former president of KMHI.

She was eager last week to talk about Hylton and his wife, Marcia, because she said she was too shy to express herself during the awards banquet. "I'm terribly shy in front of a large group," she said. "I knew what I wanted to say, but I just couldn't."

Porter said she wanted to let everyone know how much the Hyltons have helped her since she first went to work for them at Benchmark Realty 13 years ago.

They encouraged her and sent her to school to get her real estate license, while she was at Benchmark.

Later, when she moved over to the mobile home dealership, the Hyltons sponsored computer training for her, as well as courses so she could earn her life insurance license and Kentucky mortgage brokers license.

Each year, she and Marcia Hylton travel to Iowa for classes to keep them up-to-date on the manufactured housing industry.

"When I first started working for them, I had no confidence. I always said 'I can't,'" Porter said. "They

— particularly Marcia — taught me I can.

"She has given me the confidence, and he's given me the opportunity."

Porter, who turned 33 on Friday, has spent most of her professional life in the Hyltons' employment. She describes the business as "like a family."

Today, she does all the book-keeping, payroll and arranging of financing.

A 1985 graduate of Prestonsburg High School, Porter is the daughter of John and Marguerite Huffman of Prestonsburg. She is married to Ray Porter, who works at Layne's

Hardware. They have a 10-year-old son, Cody.

Besides her job, she is active with the PTA at Prestonsburg Elementary and plays on a bowling team.

The purpose of the KMHI awards program is to honor members who enhance the image of the industry through outstanding customer service and business practices, according to an institute spokesperson.

KMHI represents retailers, manufacturers, service/supply companies and community operators involved in the manufactured housing industry.

Perkins Center staff members attend national conference

Staff members from the Carl D. Perkins Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center attended the second national conference of the National Consortium of State Operated Comprehensive Rehabilitation Centers during the week of October 22, in Washington, D.C.

Attending were Perkins Center Director Bill Duke, Tim Barber, David Beach, Kristen Beach, Brian Clevenger, Alan Gullett, Diane Holbrook, Jerry Holbrook, Mike Orem, Sandy Sparks and Troy Williams.

The consortium is composed of the Perkins Center and nine other facilities. The purpose of the conference was to allow staff to exchange information and ideas with rehabilitation colleagues to continue to improve services to persons with disabilities.

The Perkins Center, which is part of the state Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, offers training programs, rehabilitation services and state-of-the-art equipment to help people with disabilities obtain or maintain a job and live independently. The facility is accredited by the national Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

Training is available in child care, custodial services, cosmetology, small engine repair, food service, graphic arts, nurse aide/orderly and building maintenance. Students can also attend nearby Prestonsburg Community College and the Kentucky Tech-Mayo Campus.



Flem R. Messer

New company aids in fund-raising

combines the experience and expertise of legal, accounting, investment and fund-raising professionals from throughout Kentucky to offer a variety of services to colleges and universities, churches, nonprofit organizations, communities and individuals," said Valery Messer McMann, president of The Center for Philanthropy.

"This new corporation focuses on the special needs of the nonprofit organization in sustaining and maintaining financial stability and raising the funds necessary to meet future challenges," she said. "Further, we serve the individual interested in creating a legacy for charities important to them in the most efficient manner

possible."

Flem R. Messer will serve as the center's chairman and CEO. "We're all about helping people empower the things they believe in," said Messer. "Whether that means an arts program, a college scholarship program or a community foundation, we help to give substance to people's dreams and develop programs that magnify giving through planned investment strategies."

"The Center for Philanthropy will be guided by a board of outstanding citizens," said McMann. "People who know firsthand the needs of non-profit organizations and who understand the concerns of those who fund them." Members already named to the



Valery Messer McMann

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Choice of entity

Question: We are starting a new business, which will have two owners. We have heard of limited liability companies and S corporations, but do not understand the differences between them. Which one should we form?

Answer: Limited liability companies (LLCs) and S corporations are forms of business entities that are similar in that both combine many of the tax attributes of partnerships with the limited liability of a corporation. The use of LLCs as an entity form for new companies has been popular in recent years.

The LLC is created under state law. The laws governing LLCs vary among the states. LLC members have limited liability from certain liabilities and debts of the LLC. In addition, LLC members, unlike limited partners in a partnership, may participate in the management of the LLC without losing their limited liability protection. Double taxation affecting most C corporations is avoided, since income from the LLC is passed through to the members for taxation purposes.

When forming an LLC, the IRS has issued regulations, which provide for an elective "check the box" approach for classifying entities for federal income taxes. Under these regulations, an entity with more than one member will automatically be taxed as a partnership (unless it elects to be taxed as a corporation). A single-member LLC will not be taxed as a separate entity, but will be taxed as a sole-proprietorship, branch, or division, unless it elects to be taxed as a corporation. Although in some states LLCs must have at least two members, Kentucky LLCs can now function as single member or multiple member LLCs, thanks to a law change this year.

S corporations are so-named because they satisfy the qualifications of subchapters of the Internal Revenue Code. All shareholders must consent to having the business treated as an S corporation which ordinarily allows all corporate-level income to be passed through to the shareholders and taxed on their individual income tax returns.

Some advantages of the LLC over an S corporation are that an LLC is not subject to any restriction on the number and type of members it may have. LLCs are not subject to the one class of stock limitations and elaborate rules governing S corporation status. Hence, LLCs allow versatility in planning distributions and special allocations. A LLCs operating agreement can provide for special allocations of income and deductions that do not have to be directly proportional to the members' ownership percentages as they do for S corporations. Another advantage of the LLC is that members may include their proportionate share of the LLCs debt when calculating their basis, while S corporation shareholders may not increase their basis by their share of the S corporation's debt. This is important because S corporation shareholders are only allowed to deduct losses from the S corporation to the extent of their basis in their stock plus the amount of any loans from them to the corporation. Despite the advantages of LLCs

S corporation remain a viable alternative in certain situations. Some disadvantages associated with the LLC are that they typically have a limited life, some states require at least two members, transfers of interest are more difficult, and the enacted LLC laws vary from state to state. In addition, since the LLC laws are relatively new, there are many uncertainties which exist. Also, depending on the type of business the LLC is operating, members may be subject to self-employment tax on their share of earnings. S corporation earnings passed through to a shareholder are not subject to self-employment tax, however, any compensation paid in the forms of wages to a shareholder is subject to payroll tax.

Overall, any new business considering forming as an S corporation should strongly consider the LLC as a viable alternative due to the flexibility it provides. However, the company's objectives and operating requirements should be carefully reviewed before making a determination on what type of entity will be formed.

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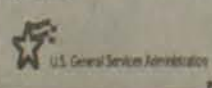
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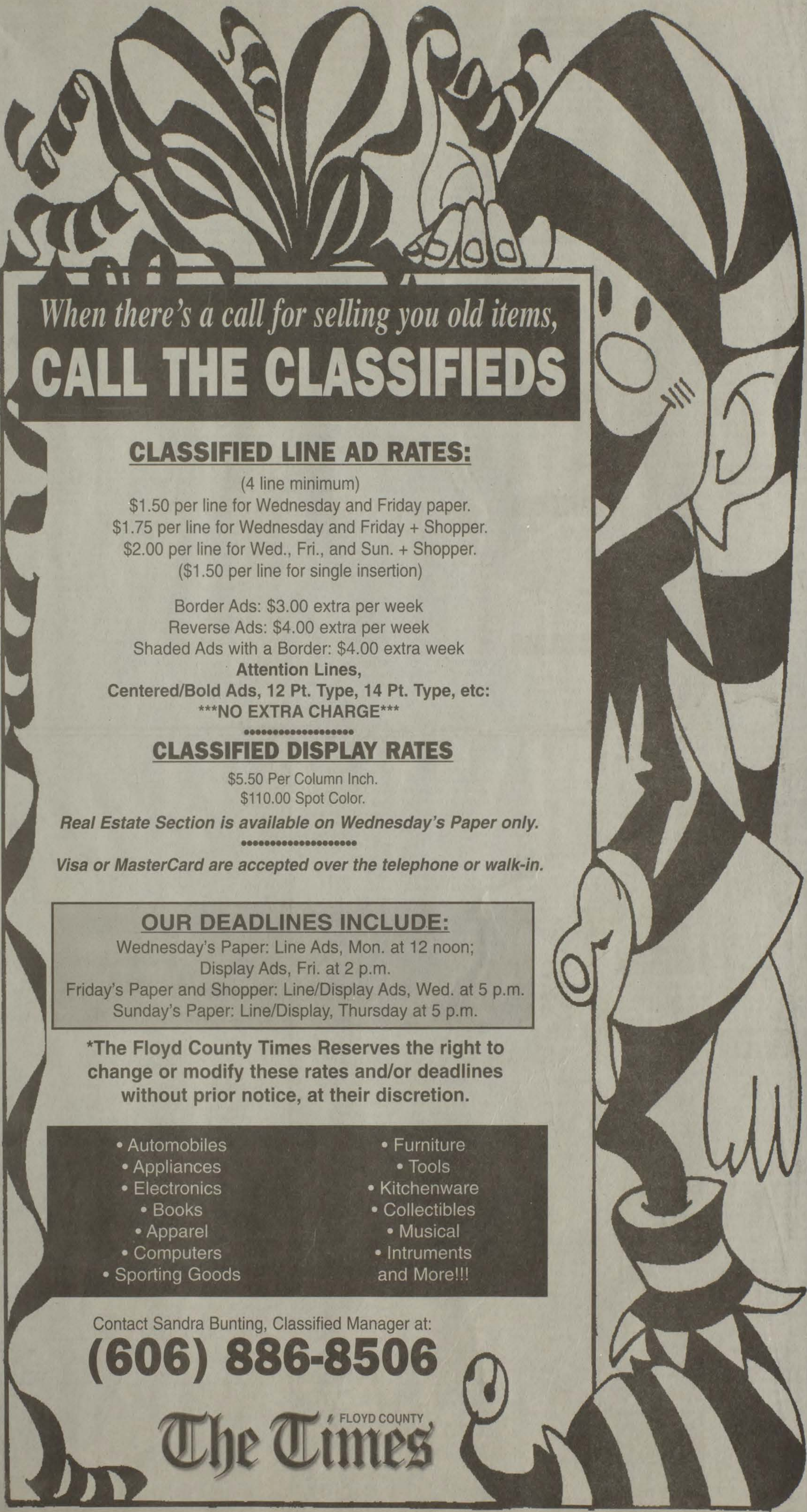
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Briefs

Bailey pleads guilty to drug charge

by GRETA FIELDS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A Floyd County man has pleaded guilty to federal drug trafficking charges.

Donald Ray Bailey, 50, appeared in U.S. District Court in Pikeville on Monday. During the hearing, Bailey entered a guilty plea a charge of conspiracy to traffic in marijuana.

According to the indictment against Bailey, the charge was related to his sale of two pounds of marijuana to an undercover informant. Bailey also allegedly conspired with the informant to find a grower to supply marijuana.

Following his plea, Bailey was released on bond pending sentencing. He will be sentenced March 12 in Pikeville.

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Help for the holidays ...



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Tracy Thacker, Sykes team manager, is surrounded by Christmas gifts, holiday food baskets and fellow team members as employees busily read parcels for delivery on Monday morning.

Employees lead charge to help needy during holidays

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

'Tis the season for giving and the employees of Sykes Enterprises of Pikeville are doing just that.

The employees at Sykes have banded together in an all-out effort to ensure that Christmas will be a merry time for those area children and senior adults who might otherwise be left out of the seasonal festivities.

According to Tracy Thacker, team manager, he and his wife were talking one evening about what to get one another for Christmas. They

both agreed that there was nothing that they really needed and that it was senseless to buy gifts "just because."

Thacker said he mentioned this conversation to fellow team members and they in turn felt the same way. A little brainstorming later, the idea to help needy area children and seniors was born.

The word spread throughout the other departments, and before you could say "Happy Holidays," plans were underway to make the idea a reality.

The 750 employees of Sykes have thus far taken on six area

schools and two nursing homes. That translates to approximately 200 people — 150 children and 60 seniors.

Thacker is working in conjunction with the family resource centers of the schools. The resource centers are able to give needed information about sex age, and clothing sizes of the schoolchildren, and they are also providing the same information for younger brothers and sisters who are not yet enrolled in school. Sykes wants to assure that no children in a targeted

(See SYKES, page three)

Man arrested for conduct at Martin fire

Times Staff Report

Along with burning buildings comes agitation, frustration and the need to concentrate on the business at hand — in other words, fire department personnel need to put the fire out.

And, they don't need unwanted distractions. That is the message that was given to a young Martin man on Friday evening by fire department personnel and local law enforcement officials.

A message that the young man allegedly failed to heed. As a result, Norman E. Lewis, 22, was arrested by Lt. Herman Morris of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department on a charge of disorderly conduct.

According to the citation issued, Lewis was a bystander at the fire that occurred in downtown Martin on Friday evening. The fire began at approximately 9:30 p.m. and was not fully extinguished until around 2 a.m., with fire personnel remaining on the scene to monitor "hot spots"

(See ARREST, page two)

Tourism officials planning for leadership meet

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg Tourism Commission held its regular meeting at the Samuel May House on Thursday afternoon to discuss, among other things, the East Kentucky Leadership Conference that is tentatively slated to be held in Prestonsburg in April of the upcoming year.

Fred James, executive director of the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission, said that Mayor Jerry Fannin is very pleased with the prospect of the conference being held in the city, and that he will help with the necessary preparations in whatever way possible.

Mark McLemore, Jenny Wiley State Park manager, said that he believes that bringing the conference to Prestonsburg will prove to be a great promotion of tourism in the area.

The East Kentucky Leadership Conferences are widely publicized and receive extensive coverage from the news media. The East Kentucky Leadership Conferences serve eastern Kentucky leaders in all areas of leadership in government and service areas.

(See TOURISM, page two)

Wayland man arrested after incident in Pike hotel

Times Staff Report

A Wayland man was arrested over the weekend in Pikeville and charged with threatening two Pikeville police officers and assaulting one of them.

Kevin Hall, 29, who was a guest at the Landmark Inn,

allegedly became extremely intoxicated during his stay there. Management at the Landmark had asked him to leave the hotel premises on Sunday and Hall had refused.

Officers Chris Edmonds and Paul Kimberlain were summoned to the scene. The

officers asked Hall to leave the hotel at the request of the management, but Hall allegedly began to curse the officers.

The officers then grabbed Hall in an attempt to escort him out, and at that point,

(See HOTEL, page three)

Coroner: Woman killed by cold

Times Staff Report

A Grethel woman who had recently been suffering from an impaired memory disorder and bouts of disorientation was found dead from exposure on the evening of December 10.

The body of Ethel Branham Hamilton, 91, was discovered around 11:30 p.m. Sunday evening in a creek bed about 175 yards away from her home, according to Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson.

Hamilton's body was found lying in a small amount of water, and although she had suffered a fractured shoulder and ribs, a preliminary autopsy report indicated that the cause of death was hypothermia.

It was reported that Hamilton was last seen alive on Sunday morning.

Later that same day, a granddaughter-in-law went to her home to administer medication to her. Hamilton could not be found.

(See EXPOSURE, page two)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Fred James, executive director of the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission, exchanges ideas on the nation's politics with Dr. Paul Blanchard, director of the Eastern Kentucky University Center for Kentucky History and Politics. The discussion was videotaped by LJ Productions and will be shown at a later date on local public access channel 7. Among some of the more notable comments made by Dr. Blanchard were that he feels that "the electoral college should be abolished" and that there is a "need to make a civics lesson" available to the general public. The discussion was put together as a service of the Floyd County Democratic Women's Association.

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Tourism

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Plans are being made to hold the conference at the Mountain Arts Center with special sessions being held that focus on youth and women. A breakfast, lunch and formal banquet will be served during the length of the conference, with plans also including a reception and an awards ceremony.

A band and disc jockey are scheduled to perform on the Friday evening of the conference meet.

There will be a \$30. registration fee for those who register to attend before March 15, and a \$35 registration fee for those who register to attend after March 15.

The possibility of an added attraction of a performance at the Mountain Arts Center on the Saturday evening following the meet is also being discussed.

Jim Ousley, general manager of Comfort Suites, and Sharon

Schoolcraft, guest service manager of Holiday Inn, said that they will be ready to serve out-of-town conference attendees and to offer attractive rates at their hotels. Likewise, McLemore said that he too would be ready to be of service in whatever way that would help to make the conference go smoothly.

Another agenda item that received extensive discussion was a proposal to renovate the old Prestonsburg Post Office, located on South Central Avenue, into a new office for the Tourism Commission.

James said that he had already discussed the proposal with Mayor Fannin and that the mayor was interested in preserving the building as a historical landmark.

James said that he and Fannin had discussed the possibility of using the structure to house a museum that would display the history of the

region. The idea would be to have offices for the tourism commission on the first floor, and to the rear of these offices to house the museum.

James said that he and Fannin talked of a walk-through in which the story of local history would begin with the days of the first pioneer settlers, continuing with the story of Jenny Wiley, the Battle of Middle Creek and on up to the legacy of the "Highway 23 Country Music" Corridor, highlighting the Kentucky Opry.

James said that they also discussed ways to incorporate modern technology into the museum in order to create

a unique experience different from the usual walk-through displays of historical artifacts, possibly with the use of digital technology that would create an interactive experience for the visitor.

James said he would also like to use the area as a showcase to highlight the artwork and crafts of the artists in our area.

First on the agenda, according to James, is a major clean-up of the building in order to assess what repairs and renovations would be necessary and to arrive at an estimate of the cost that would be encountered to complete the project.

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The granddaughter-in-law called for help, and Hamilton's body was later located by members of the Grethel Fire Department.

Hamilton apparently had fallen over an embankment and into the creek bed where she lay unseen for several hours.

According to Nelson, an earlier "wandering" incident had occurred

a few days earlier.

Hamilton was a former postmaster at the Grethel post office. She was a widow of Vernie Hamilton.

Services were held at 11 a.m. December 13 at Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church in Grethel. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Arrest

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throughout the remainder of the night up until approximately 11:30 a.m. the following morning.

The Martin Pawn Shop and a neighboring building that once housed June's Dress Shop were completely destroyed. Martin Fire Chief William Petry has said that

arson is suspected.

Lewis was dangerously close to an area that contained one of the burning structures and was asked to leave that area by various members of the attending fire departments. Lewis answered that he was a member of the Allen Fire Department, which, along with the Maytown Fire Department and the Left Beaver Fire Department, also answered the call, offering their assistance to the Martin Fire Department.

Upon questioning by Lt. Morris, a member of the Allen Fire Department informed Morris that Lewis was not a member of their department.

Lewis allegedly continued to behave in a disorderly fashion, causing alarm to fire department personnel who were trying very hard to perform the duties of their job. He was arrested and taken into custody at 11:40 p.m.

According to the report, Lewis was also alarming nearby bystanders.

He remained in custody until December 12, when he was released on his own recognizance.

Lewis is scheduled to appear in Floyd District Court on Monday to answer to the charge.

James said that he had contacted Jailer Roger Webb and Tom Harris, of the city maintenance department, and that both had promised to provide manpower to aid in the clean-up after the first of the year.

James also added that there are three office spaces on the second floor that can be renovated and leased.

Commission members agreed to hold more discussions concerning the project in the months to come and voted to approve an initiative proposal to be presented to the Prestonsburg City Council for their approval.

Among other business conducted was:

the approval of the minutes of meetings held on September 14 and

October 26; further discussion of the Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association and the initiation of the 40-county "Corridor" region, specifically, the appropriation of a \$50,000 grant that will be used to create a staff whose primary focus will be to promote tourism development;

and the approval to accept a bid from Excalibur Graphics of Pikeville for the printing of the new city brochures.

In attendance at Thursday's meeting were Fred James, executive director, Jim Ousley, Mark McLemore, Sharon Schoolcraft, and Sam Blankenship.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Family Court Judge Julie Paxton looks on as Chuck Gibson, district deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Masons, presents a cellular telephone to Margaret Rice, Floyd County's domestic violence advocate. Gibson's organization has founded the "Call to Protect" program, which grants cellular telephones to victims of domestic violence. The telephones are offered by BellSouth Mobility and are wired to transmit calls only to 911 offices. The objective of the program is to deter further acts of domestic violence. For more information about the "Call to Protect" program, you may contact Gibson at (606) 886-0926 or (606) 285-2665 or Margaret Rice at (606) 889-0511 or toll-free at 1-888-273-1928.

Two additional marketers approved to participate in Columbia Gas customer CHOICE™ program

Two additional natural gas marketers have been approved to participate in the Columbia Gas of Kentucky Customer CHOICE Program. Energy.com and MXEnergy.com may now sell natural gas to Columbia Gas of Kentucky residential and small commercial customers.

"This approval opens the door for both MXEnergy.com and Energy.com to begin marketing to our residential and small commercial customers," said Stephen R. Byars, director of external affairs for Columbia Gas of Kentucky.

The CHOICE Program, which became available on September 18, allows residential and small commercial customers to have some control over the natural gas cost portion of their monthly bill by purchasing the commodity from a third-party supplier, or 'marketeer,' and potentially lowering their bill.

As a regulated utility, Columbia Gas buys the gas and sells it to its customers at the same price. "We do not mark-up the price of the gas or make a profit on it," Byars said.

Marketers have more flexibility in their pricing and can offer special pricing options, which may mean savings for residential customers. There is no deadline for marketers to apply to participate in the program. Others may enter the program at a later date. Likewise, there is no deadline for customers to enroll with a marketer.

The Customer CHOICE Program is voluntary. For those who choose to purchase their natural gas from a marketer, Columbia Gas will continue to deliver the gas and provide other services, including 24-hour emergency service, billing, pipeline maintenance and customer service.

And for those who choose not to switch suppliers, Columbia Gas of Kentucky will continue to supply and deliver their natural gas, just as it does now.

Although this concept may be

new to Kentucky consumers, competition within residential markets is not new, according to Joseph W. Kelly, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Columbia Gas of Kentucky.

"Almost 23 million Americans—including 1.8 million Columbia customers in other states—already have the opportunity to take control of their gas bills through some type of choice program, and the results have been positive," said Kelly.

Industrial customers in Kentucky have had the ability to choose their natural gas supplier for almost 20 years. This program—the first such initiative approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission—opens the door for a similar opportunity for savings to be offered to the company's residential customers.

MXEnergy.com can be reached toll-free at 800-785-4373 and Energy.com can be reached toll-free at 877-289-7401. Other marketers currently approved to participate in the Customer CHOICE Program in Kentucky are: IGS Energy, 877-444-7427; Nicole Energy Services Inc., 800-651-8927; Stand Energy Corporation, 800-598-2046; Kentucky Natural Gas Service (KNG), 866-330-0679.

Columbia Gas of Kentucky customers may contact the company at 800-866-4GAS with questions about the Customer CHOICE Program. Program information and links to each marketer's web site are also available on the company's web site at www.columbiagasky.com.

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Eagle Scout reunion banquet planned

The Blue Grass Council of the Boy Scouts of America, in conjunction with the National Eagle Scout Association, is holding the first Eagle Scout Reunion Banquet for central and eastern Kentucky, on Saturday, January 6, at 6 p.m., at Centenary United Methodist Church in Lexington.

Only a few young men have the qualities it takes to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Becoming an Eagle Scout is a life-long achievement, which distinguishes a man throughout his lifetime.

This Eagle Scout reunion will

enable these men from all over central and eastern Kentucky, who share a common bond, to fellowship, learn about what's going on in Scouting today, and learn about volunteer opportunities that will allow them to give back to Scouting.

If you are an Eagle Scout, from any time or place, you are invited to attend this event.

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