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Floyd grand jury indicts man for November chase

by Randell Reno Staff Writer

A Volga man, who led police officers on an extended electionnight pursuit and search, has been indicted on several charges by a Floyd County grand jury.

Koree L. Thompson, 25, was attempted murder. Thompson allegedly attempted to run over officers Bryan S. Hall, John S. Little, and Trooper John Hunt on November 2.

He is also charged with fleeing and evading a police officer, speeding, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, trafficking in marijuana and violation of an emergency protective order.

Other indictments handed down by the grand jury include:

Eugene E. Crisp, 74, of

Martin was indicted on a single count of first-degree assault for allegedly shooting Mark A. Sammons with a handgun.

Danny Ray Akers, 18, of Grethel, second-degree assault for allegedly striking Fonetta Hall in the head with a chair.

Ricky D. Conley, 44, of charged with three counts of Langley, second-degree assault and second-degree unlawful imprisonment for allegedly striking Augustine Conley in the head with a handgun and restraining her by holding her at gunpoint.

■ Thomas E. Skeens, 30, of Martin, first-degree wanton endangerment and fleeing or evading a police officer.

Clinton Elam, 21, Kevin Lundy, 21, and Ray Thomas Trent, 24, attempted escape from a penitentiary and persistent felony

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Local builder dies

Times Staff Report

Eastern Kentuckians need only look around to see Ervin Akers' legacy. They live, work and study in structures the Dana man built.

Akers, 76, owner of Akers and Akers Inc., died Monday at Highlands Regional Medical

He spent more than half a century in the contracting business. His work spanned the Big Sandy Valley and westward. In Floyd County, his buildings include Commonwealth Bank Prestonsburg, May Lodge at Jenny State Resort Prestonsburg and Allen Central high schools, Adams Middle School, Allen Elementary School, Mountain Christian Academy, and the Pike Building at Prestonsburg Community College.

His company also built Perry County High School in Hazard, Highland Elementary School in



Ervin Akers

Paintsville and buildings for Hazard Community College and Mayo Technical College in Paintsville. He did work on the cookie factory in Pike County and on prisons in Manchester and West Liberty.

Also active in the business and

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Deputy shoots dog, arrests victim during domestic violence call

by Randell Reno Staff Writer

A recent domestic violence call in the Maytown area caused one Floyd County deputy to compare his day to one from Mayberry.

Lt. Ricky Thornsberry responded to the call cautiously as the man was reported to be armed. Upon arriving on the scene, Thornsberry discovered Melinda Short bruised and battered, with marks on her nose, mouth and eyes.

With the perpetrator at the scene, Thornsberry asked him to wait outside while he talked to Short, who was at her mother's house.

Thornsberry exited the house to find the suspect, Michael Keens, 30, had left the scene. The deputy followed Keens' footprints through

the snow to find him at his resi-

Thornsberry said Keens appeared to be quick and agile and thought if the suspect decided to run he may get a way from him. Thornsberry told Keens if he came peacefully he may get 48 hours for the domestic violence but if he decided to run he would be charged

Keens threatened to unleash his dogs to attack the officer, said the deputy. Thornsberry said he told Keens, "Don't make me hurt your

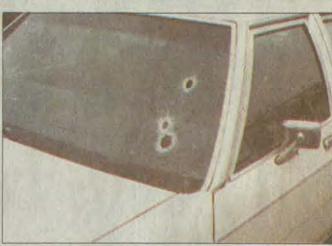
Undaunted, the man allegedly decided to let his rottweiler take care of the deputy while he made his escape into the hills.

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Surveying the haul...



Sgt. Les Stapleton, above, displayed an AK-47 that was confiscated from the residence of Troy Hamilton. This was one of 11 rifles taken from the residence. At right, three holes were blasted into the windshield of this vehicle which was driven by Ricky Newsome, who was shot in the upper left arm. (photo by Randell Reno)



Shooting arrest leads to discovery of drugs, guns

by Randell Reno Staff Writer

A former Floyd County resident was injured during a shooting in Pike County early Sunday morning.

Ricky Newsome of Robinson Creek, formerly of Teaberry, was shot in the left arm in the community of Jonancy around 2:44

While details surrounding the shooting are sketchy, the Kentucky State Police arrested Troy Hamilton, 38, of Jonancy, and charged him with one count of first-degree assault.

Hamilton allegedly fired multiple shots into the front windshield of Newsome's vehicle, injuring him in his upper left automatic, five bolt-action rifles,

Upon investigating Hamilton's residence, officers found a large quantity of illegal drugs, alcohol and several weapons.

Seized in the investigation were 2.3 pounds of processed marijuana, 34 marijuana plants hanging to dry, a small amount of hashish, a bong, a set of scales, a police scanner with police frequencies tuned in, and a single marijuana leaf pressed between the pages of a magazine.

Weapons found at Hamilton's residence include a Russian AK-47 assault rifle with a 100-round drum, a SKS semi-automatic assault rifle, a .30-caliber semi

one .22-caliber semi-automatic rifle, a .20-gauge sawn-off shot gun, and a .12-gauge pump riot shotgun with a pistol grip.

Officers also recovered 10 cases of beer, 23 half-pints of liquor, and about four gallons of moonshine. Strawberry and peach or apricot flavors were added to some of the moonshine.

While officers are unsure if the shooting is drug-related, Kentucky State Police Trooper Mike Goble said illegal drugs and alcohol charges and weapons charges are expected to follow as the investigation continues.

Goble said many of the guns or the magazines found on the scene were loaded.

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Bond raised for theft suspects

by Randell Reno Staff Writer

Two suspected car thieves were arraigned on multiple charges Tuesday.

A single-night spree saw three men allegedly go through Johnson and Floyd counties, breaking into cars and stealing several items, taking three vehicles.

Officer Gerald Clark told the court he responded to a report of a stolen vehicle at Tiger Mart. Clark arrived on the scene to speak with the victim, Walter Adams of Salyersville.

As he was speaking with Adams about the incident, another stolen vehicle call went across the radio. A pickup truck was reported stolen from Food City.

Clark noticed a truck matching the second vehicle's description entering the Tiger Mart parking lot, followed closely by a Pontiac. While the Pontiac pulled up to the pumps, the truck pulled to the door.

Clark told the court when he approached the truck the driver sped off onto US 23 heading toward Pikeville. Clark left the scene in pursuit. Traveling down the hill, the driver tried to spin the vehicle around and struck a guardrail near the KY 114 exit.

The suspect jumped from the vehicle and ran over the hill on to the old West Prestonsburg Road. Clark pursued and arrested the suspect, William Ferrell, 25, of Louisa, in the creek behind Archer

While placing Ferrell in custody, the same Pontiac spotted at the Tiger Mart was seen traveling down the West Prestonsburg road. Remembering the car, police officers stopped the Pontiac and asked Edger Hedrick, 26, of Tomahawk, where he was going and what he was looking for, said Clark.

Officers arrested Hedrick and a juvenile as suspects in the reported thefts. Inside the Pontiac and back of the pickup from Food City were many items which had been reported stolen.

Clark testified that Hedrick told the officers he had dropped Ferrell off at Heilig-Meyers to steal another pickup that had been recovered behind that store. A van that was suspected to be stolen by the three was recovered inside one of the bays of the Wildcat Car

Wash, said Clark Other cars had been damaged and robbed at Food City, Holiday Inn and other spots in town, as

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Briefs

well as in Paintsville. Many of the victims have iden-



tified and recovered most of the stolen items

Attorney Ed Spencer, who is representing the two men, asked for a reduction in bond in order that their families would be able to post it. Spencer told the court that Hedrick had two handicapped children that needed him at home.

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"A bond was meant to protect society," he said, "They are charged with alleged acts against property. It will not do society any

out their father. Spencer argued that Ferrell was pulled in suspicion and therefore the evidence in his car may be suppressed before the grand jury.

good for these children to be with-

"There is nothing in their records or history that says they

will run from the court," he said. Spencer asked the court to set a bond in which the men could

afford to pay 10 percent of it. "It would be a lot better for them to be at home than the county

supporting them," he said.

'Some of the charges will merge because the officers have overcharged or double-charged them. I ask the court for \$5,000 or 10 percent."

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Jimmy Marcum said in response he agreed that some of the charges may eventually be merged. But Marcum was against a reduction in bond.

"They came in to Floyd County like it was the wild west," said Marcum. "They stole cars, property and damaged some cars. These are very serious crimes."

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Judge Eric Hall said he believed the actual number of charges would be reduced or merged in circuit court.

"Bond is not intended as a penalty," he said. "The court is impressed with the number of offenses and destruction on the number of citizens with no fault of their own.'

The multiple cases were passed to the grand jury. Bond was set at \$50,000 full cash for both Ferrell and Hedrick.

harges

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offender. The three men allegedly tried to scale the enclosure surrounding the Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex at West Liberty.

Meva S. Ratliff, 49, and Jerry Dean Ratliff, 51, both of Langley, second-degree forgery, three counts of false statement as to identity or financial condition, three counts of fraudulent use of a credit card, and six counts of theft by deception.

True bills were handed down for Dennis Edward Perkins, 26, of Paintsville, Elizabeth Isaacs, 31, of Hi Hat, and Randy Hunter, 39, of Betsy Layne. All three are accused of making a false statement or misrepresentation by failing to disclose facts in determining their qualifications to receive unemployment insurance.

Edgar Tackett, 72, of Craynor, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident.

Kenneth R. Harvey, 30, of Dema, operating a vehicle while under the influence.

An indictment is not an indication of guilt, but a determination by a grand jury that charges warrant a full court hearing.



Workers were busy Monday getting "The World We Create" exhibit ready at the Mountain Arts Center. The traveling exhibit from the Louisville Science Center will open February 8. The above activity is called Design-A-Bike, in which participants assemble a bike and then evaluate their success. (photo by Willie Elliott)

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Thornsberry said he attempted to run down the suspect while avoiding the dog.

The much faster Rottweiler soon caught up with the deputy and tried to attack. Thornsberry said he used pepper spray on the animal four times, but each time the dog came right back at him.

As a result of the dog's persistence, Thornsberry said he had to shoot the dog, injuring it in the shoulder.

With the dog docile, Thornsberry attempted to climb the hill behind the home where Keens had fled. While the deputy attempted to climb the snow-covered hill, the man stood above, allegedly shouting threats. Keens allegedly said he would kill Thornsberry and Deputy Bobby Hackworth for shooting his dog.

Thornsberry decided to abandon the chase after falling repeatedly in his attempts to top the hill.

Daniel Artis Akers and Euhlan Ray

Akers, both of Banner; two sisters,

Lazelle Williams and Juanita

Akers, both of Banner; five grand-

children and two great-grandchil-

Returning to the original scene, the deputy discovered the victim

outside, allegedly drunk and belligerent. After several attempts to return Short to the house, Thornsberry was forced to arrest her and charge her with disorderly conduct and alcohol intoxication.

Deputy Hackworth lay in wait for Keens later that night, December 17, and the wait almost paid off. Keens left his home sometime later. When Hackworth pulled the vehicle, the man fled the scene, leaving Hackworth with no choice but to impound his

Deputy Hackworth caught up with Keens Saturday and arrested him at his residence. Keens was charged with two counts of terroristic threatening, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, fourthdegree assault, fleeing and evading a police officer, and thirddegree assault.

Keens was arraigned Monday in district court, where he pleaded not guilty. A \$10,000 or 10 percent bond was set for his release.

civic community, he was a former member of the board of directors of The Bank Josephine, a member of the Kiwanis Club and a Kentucky Colonel. He was a deacon in the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church.

Born August 24, 1923, at Dana, he was the son of the late Allen W. Akers and Myrtle Boyd Akers. He is survived by his wife, Doris Akers; one son, Jimmy Allen Akers of Dana; two daughters, Teresa Ann Carpenter of Guage, and Gwendlyn Funeral services will be tomor-Davis of Dana; two brothers,

row (Thursday) at 11 a.m. at Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, with burial to follow in the Allen Akers Family Cemetery at Dana, under the direction of Hall Funeral

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Tips for building a safe home

(NUE) - Building a new home is supposed to be one of life's most exciting events. But people are often disenchanted by having to make technical decisions about things they don't understand.

One wrong move could potentially affect the quality and safety of your home and put your family's safety at risk in an unsafe environment.

So how can you be sure you make the right building decisions? The first thing you need to do is visit www.codeplushome.com on the Internet. There you will find all sorts of information about building a safe home and finding the highest quality engineered wood materials.

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value on the real estate market. 'Code Plus is a way for home buyers to identify builders and remodelers who subscribe to quality construction," says Dennis Hardman, vice president of marketing for The Engineered Wood Association (APA). "The APA requirements for participating Code Plus contractors are a checklist that quality-conscious home buyers can use to evaluate the structural features of a home."

While there are many critical decisions to make when building a home, choosing the right contractor is also very important. By asking the right questions during the selection process and making sure the right methods and materials are used, you can prevent problems before they arise.

The APA, a nonprofit trade association representing mills that make about 75 percent of the structural wood panels made in North America, has developed guidelines to help you find quality wood materials and build a safe

In selecting the right builder or remodeler, ask:

· Is the contractor licensed, bonded and insured?

· Will the contractor specify the quality, brand and grade of materials in writing?

· Does the contractor project a professional image?

· Is the contractor recommended by the local Better Business

· Is the contractor a Code Plus

builder or remodeler? For more information on the program or for names of Code Plus builders and remodelers in your area, call 1-800-838-9972 or

visit www.codeplushome.com. Clarification

In an article in Sunday's Lifestyles about Laura "Maw' Sargent, Ralph Elkins was named as pastor of Martin Church of Christ, because of a mix up in communication. He is not affiliated with that church. The Times regrets the error.



Painter Henri Matisse wanted to go to art school but failed the entrance exam.





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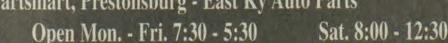
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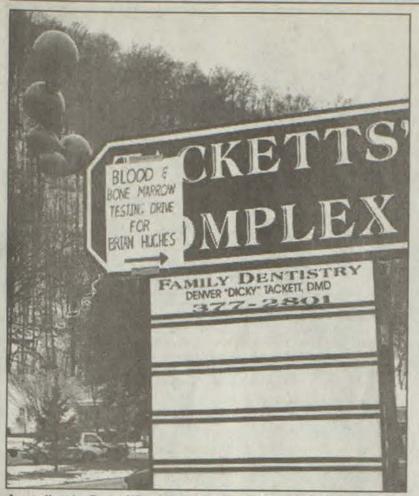
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According to Dawn Wheeler of the Central Kentucky Blood Center Pikeville Donor Center, the drive to collect blood for Brian Hughes was a great success. The drive, held at Dicky Tackett's dental office, netted 121 units of blood. Wheeler said the center was appreciative of the donations and was still looking for matches from family members in other states. (photo by Willie Elliott)

New coalition to speed drug approval

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availability of new drugs.

(NAPSA)-The American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) announced the formation of a new coalition that will work to safely speed the approval of new drugs.

The coalition is called Product Quality Research Institute (PQRI). The Food and Drug Administration has appointed AAPS to manage the Institute.

The institute's goal is to produce science-based policy that ensures quality reviews without unnecessary testing. Institute recommendations are expected to speed new drug approvals and reduce the cost for pharmaceutical development. The FDA has the power to either accept or reject the panel's recommendation.

Ultimately, the public will benefit because of lower costs and faster availability of new drugs for life-threatening diseases.

"We are not testing actual drugs," said Larry Augsburger Ph.D., AAPS president. "We are testing processes and procedures that will be used to help verify pharmaceutical properties and their effectiveness.

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Survey suggests ways to keep good workers

(NAPSA)-Increasingly, savvy bosses want very much for you to be happy.

The evidence of this: the number of companies looking into a new nationwide survey of what it takes to keep certain workers content.

One surprising statistic the survey discovered is that more than half of technical managers say they expect to change employers before they retire. Another is that technical managers are least satisfied with their jobs, are most likely to want to change employers and are more likely to want to become free-agent workers than are people in any other group. Explains the firm that conducted the study, "It looks like moving technical professionals into management roles results in reducing those employees' job satisfaction, exactly the opposite of what one would hope for when you promote a successful employee."

The national workforce study, sponsored by staffing leader, Kelly Services, Inc., was designed to explore the trend towards free agency in the u.s.

"The survey raises some difficult questions for any company that's concerned about retaining its technical talent," said Carl Camden, executive vice president, field operations, sales and marketing for Kelly Services. "The study strongly suggests that companies that want to promote their best technical professionals into the management ranks need to make sure those people also have enough hands-on responsibilities to maintain a high level of job satisfaction. The study also reinforces the need for companies to have advanced opportunities for technical professionals that provide financial rewards and status but don't require they move into management roles.

"Besides the issues this study raises about managers, another compelling result is that more and more workers identify themselves with their skills, not with their companies. This is unrelated to income and to profession," continued Camden. "Three out of four workers do not mention the name of their company when you ask what they do for a living. Certainly, Information Technology professionals are leading the way to free agency but the study also points to



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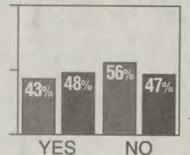
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people like automotive engineers who are also seeing its benefits. Younger workers are more likely to embrace free agency, but there is also a large group of senior workers who are using contingent labor to extend their careers. Clearly, free agency is a growing trend in this country.

The key findings of the study can be found on the Kelly Services web site at www.kellyservices.com or by calling 248-813-3911. DO YOU PLAN TO STAY WITH YOUR CURRENT EMPLOYER?



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QUOTE OF THE DAY...

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Erica Jong-

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-Editorial

For arts' sake

The two major arts organizations in Floyd County - in the Big Sandy Valley, in fact - have new administrators in the new century.

Marty Childers, who has been a performer, fund-raiser and board chairman at Jenny Wiley Theatre, is the new managing director of the theater, one of the region's leading tourism draws and one of its oldest.

Kevin Shannon brings years of experience in business and human relations to his new post as executive director of the Mountain Arts Center, one of the region's most ambitious and newest arts operations.

Both men face enormous challenges.

Both must raise considerable sums of money to continue and to enhance their programs, particularly Shannon whose MAC has serious debt.

Both must work some healing procedures among staff and/or control boards.

Both must find new and better ways to make known their offerings and to increase participation.

Both — perhaps most significantly — must focus on educating the citizenry about the arts and on fostering an appreciation of the arts among young people. Only by doing this can they create an audience for the future.

Childers and Shannon need our support. They head two organizations that should each be a source of pride to eastern Kentuckians, presenting extraordinary programs that enrich our mental and emotional lives.

But, alas, support over the years has been unreliable. It has come primarily from a small, dedicated core of believers. In general, as peculiar a people as we mountaineers are, we still tend to shy away from anything out of our own ordinary, preconceived vision.

Some of us continue to think we must drive a hundred miles or more to find quality arts programs. Some of us continue to fear exposure to anything different from what we've seen before and to limit our experience to what we already know. That thinking needs to change.

We are blessed to have Jenny Wiley Theatre and the Mountain Arts Center right here in Floyd County. Whether we are worthy is still debatable.

Congratulations to Childers and Shannon. We want desperately for you both to succeed.

- Pam Shingler



-Letters to Editor-

Thanks for the help

The Dream Factory would like to say thank you to all the people who made our Christmas Party for our children a success on December 23 at the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church. First, we thank the church members for the use of the church.

We also thank the Kentucky State Police, Rudd Equipment, Brandies Equipment, Speedy Cash, Prestonsburg Community College teachers and staff, Prestonsburg Woman's Club, Larry Blackburn, Andrew Dorton, Nancy Johnson, John

Carrel, Jeff Slone, Lad and Lassie's, Foodland, Murphy's Restaurant, Flowers Bakery, Action Mart, BP Oil, Foodworld, and Kentucky Oil and Refinery.

Without your help this night would not have been the success that it was. If we missed anyone,

A special thanks to the Voice of Faith for coming out to sing for our families.

Lenore Blackburn and the staff of the Dream Factory

Guest Column

Senate week in review

by Benny Ray Bailey 29th District Senator

Now that Gov. Paul Patton has delivered his budget proposal to the General Assembly, lawmakers face the challenge of making whatever changes we think are necessary to ensure the plan reflects the priorities and concerns of the people we represent.

That task, as you might expect, is a huge one. My Senate colleagues and I will spend countless hours in coming weeks in legislative committee meetings and meetings with our constituents to make certain the two-year spending plan we end up with is one that strikes the right balance between the services people want and those they're willing to pay for.

In outlining his \$14.4 billion budget during a 50minute speech to lawmakers on Jan. 25, Gov. Patton unveiled proposals for new initiatives in a variety of areas: education, health, infrastructure, the economy, safety and agriculture.

In accordance with the Kentucky Constitution, the proposal delivered by the governor would provide a balanced budget, meaning the state wouldn't be spending more money than it would take in. And none of the spending set forth in the governor's plan would require the state to dip into its rainy day funds

savings we're holding in case of future lean times. On the education front, the proposed budget calls for increased spending for public schools by \$211 million in recurring costs and an additional \$92 million for new school construction projects. The budget also follows all the recommendations of the Council on Postsecondary Education by providing comprehensive universities with an additional \$48 million, while giving the state's community and technical colleges a \$32 million boost. Adult education funding would increase by \$15 million.

The budget proposal also includes \$55 million for early childhood development initiatives aimed at getting children off to a good start in life during the years when most brain development takes place.

Health services are also targeted for increases in the proposal. Local health departments would receive \$16 million in direct support while also benefiting from \$37 million in new funding for programs they administer. Community living programs - which have had lengthy lists of people waiting for services in recent years — would get a \$65 million boost.

The budget also would target more money for water and sewer lines, as well as road improvements, throughout the state. Every single county in the state would receive some sort of infrastructure improve-

The proposal also includes funding for 50 more state police officers, a \$37.5 million increase to operate prisons, and \$20 million more to help fix inequities in the state employee compensation sys-

Of course, it shouldn't be surprising that these new spending plans are hinged to a new tax plan. The day after delivering his budget address, Gov. Patton unveiled a host of recommended changes for our tax system. In looking over the governor's proposed initiatives that require new spending, lawmakers must give equally careful scrutiny to the tax package the governor wants us to adopt for Kentucky.

Among the recommended tax changes we've been asked to consider are a seven-cents-a-gallon increase on the state's gas tax, as well as an expansion of the state's 6 percent sales tax to include repair services on personal property, including car repairs.

The governor contends his recommended overall tax package would lighten the income tax burden on many of the poorest Kentuckians while increasing the tax load on the wealthiest citizens. It would accomplish this by reducing state income taxes on 115 million Kentuckians and increasing the taxes on 412,000 people with high incomes. On average, anyone earning less than \$75,000 a year would see lower income taxes.

The governor's proposal also would initiate taxes on interstate telephone calls. However, his plan also calls for eliminating - over a three-year phase-in period — the state property tax on vehicles. It also would provide a sales-tax credit for new car buyers based on the value of their trade-in.

Determining the way we raise and spend money is nothing less than determining our priorities as a state. With that in mind, discussing the budget is sure to be a high priority for lawmakers meeting with their constituents in the weeks ahead.

I urge you share with me your thoughts on the budget or any other issue we're considering in Frankfort by calling the General Assembly's toll-free

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Mountain

by Willie Elliott Staff Writer



Number inflation

Have you noticed that we have tried to inflate numbers (which realistically can't be altered one way or another) to match the inflation that occurs in our economy?

When I was in high school a 4.0 was as good a grade point average (GPA) as a student could make. That made sense since it meant a student got all A's. And there were very few of them at that. In junior and senior English only the top four or five students got an A, so that class alone eliminated 85 percent of the class from a 4.0 standing. And to get an A in typing, a student had to be able to burn up the machine. Typing 65 mistakes a minute, as Benny Bailey used to brag about, did not count. The typist had to type correctly. Getting a 4.0 was some what like the appearance of that famous comet-it didn't come around too often.

Now, we read that students have a 4.6 or higher and a whole passel of students have better than 4.0.

Now I want kids to do well. Raising their grade point average is not the way to do it. How many kids have gone off to college with a GPA beyond 4.0 only to struggle with the work?

You've heard that song with the line 'That don't impress me much." Well, that is basically my reaction to bloated GPAs. Score 30 or better on the ACT or the equivalent on the SAT and "That do impress me much." Any student with a 4.0 or above should score at least 25 or 26 on the ACT.

Or a student could go in the opposite direction, as one of my classmates did once. He swaggered into class and announced to the teacher that he had made four F's that grading period and added, "I could have made five if I tried.

Well, I have made all the students and teachers upset, so I will move on to another example.

I was driving to work and the sports news included quotes from a coach. He said that all he expected from his players was 110 percent. Now, I know he meant that he wanted the boys to play as well as they could, and I can understand that. But wouldn't that be 100 percent?

If we could extend this concept before it got out to everybody, we could help Kentucky win another national championship in basketball - we'll deal with making the university a top-notch institution as soon as we get another (or maybe two) championships.

Here is how it would work. The Cats would shoot 30 for 26 from the field for a shooting percentage of 115 percent. In the same game the Cats will make 12 or 10 free throws for 120 percent in free throws. I know you are going to say, "Willie, that is silly. You know that is impossible." And so is players giving 110 percent. Why not just say 100 percent (and if we only use 10 percent of our brain, it figures that we never use more than 10 of our physical capabili-

Although this has nothing to do with numbers, it deals with statement that make sense. One of my favorites is when coaches tell the media, "My boys came to play tonight." Does that mean that the

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you leave a message, I'll return your call at my earliest opportunity.

You also can stay involved with the legislative process by writing me or any legislator at Legislative Offices, State Capitol Annex, 701 Capital Ave., Frankfort, KY 40601. If you have Internet access, the Kentucky Legislature's home page complete with bill summaries, bill-status information and committee meeting schedules - is at www.lrc.state.ky.us.

A Legislative Perspective

by Greg Stumbo 95th District Representative

There was a subtle shifting of gears during the legislative week just finished. The pace quickened and the number of bills to consider and activities to attend noticeably increased.

We now have several bills a day waiting to be considered by the full House and one of those, House Bill 67, was approved. This bill is

message line at 1-800-372-7181. If meant to clarify the manner in which promoters of sweepstakes can advertise the prizes involved. Provisions in the bill include prohibiting the use of a "pseudocheck" unless the check contains a statement in large type on its face that it is not negotiable and has no cash value. The bill also will not allow the implication to be made that the purchase of a product or service will result in improving chances of winning or using a fictitious person or name for officials, employees, agents or representatives of the person making the offer. Nor can the promoters require an entry be accompanied by a payment for a product or service or imply a recipient has won a particular prize unless it is a fact. The bill is a result of an enormous amount of deceptive advertising of prizes and sweepstakes that has inundated our state.

House Bill 315 was also approved by House members last week. This bill would simply allow a modification of a maintenance decree within a divorce if the individual paying the maintenance can show a change of circumstances such as conjugal cohabitation with for its consideration.

The governor announced recently that \$40,000 has been allotted to repair the Boscoe Bridge near Hueysville so that it is passable. And, I have requested that the construction of a new bridge be put in the six-year road plan.

Legislators heard from the governor twice last week, once to explain his budget proposals for the next biennium. He projected \$14.4 billion of state spending over two years. The governor's budget included impressive new spending in continued post-secondary education improvements as well as adult education. The state's universities stand to receive a \$48 million biennial increase in funding, in addition to more than \$50 million in funding for public research universities through the "Bucks for Brains" initiative. He advocated more complete services for the mentally ill. And, he also outlined a plan for an array of capital projects including water and sewer initiatives statewide. Each area of the state had impressive enhancement projects in his budget to encourage each of us to pick up the banner.

Other proposals we heard during

Both bills are now in the Senate the address involved more spending for regional economics, as well as more criminal justice funding to operate prisons, an increase in the number of state troopers, better pay for public defenders and low-paid state employees, and more funding for services to disadvantaged chil-

We were fortunate to have as an esteemed guest during a legislative session last week Kentucky born Muhammed Ali. Ali, who was recently named "Athlete of the Century," was seeking support for a possible \$10 million for The Muhammed Ali Center scheduled

to be built in Louisville. To fund these imposing plans, the governor is suggesting that several current taxes be revamped or eliminated and new ones be initiated. Shining brightly at the top of the tax dream list is a seven-cent gasoline tax hike and the addition of a six-percent sales tax on certain services such as car, television and computer repairs.

In his tax package, the governor suggested the removal of about 200,000 poor Kentuckians from the state income tax rolls. The total package is expected to raise about \$144 million per year.

I emphasize these are just proposals - the final decision on budgetary matters must be made by the General Assembly, and we will do that in close consultation with the folks back home. At this point, it's hard to predict how successful the governor's initiatives will be. But it's clear he's going to have to make a strong and convincing case for more money - both to us and you, the people we represent - for any net tax increase to pass. I encourage

what we are doing in Frankfort. Tori Murden-McClure, the Louisvillian who rowed across the Atlantic, and James Whalen, the University of Kentucky's remark-

you to contact me at any time about

able All American tight-end, also visited the General Assembly last

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I welcome comments about the governor's budget proposals and his tax plan to fund them. To leave a message for a legislator, dial (800) 372-7181. To fax a legislator, dial (502) 564-6543. Or to obtain the status of a bill simply call (888)

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(NAPSA)-Is this the year to your life today is one of the change your lifestyle-to eat right and exercise? Why not start right now on the "new you." Although many think of January 1st as the best time to make changes, there's no wrong time to start a diet and exercise program. Incorporating healthful foods and exercise into







by Stan Stumbo & Voncel Thacker POWER PLAY

If you have ever experienced a prolonged power outage due to severe weather, you know that it pays to be prepared. A practical way to create sufficient power to ride out the power outage involves the use of a portable gasoline-fired generator. These are rated according to the number of watts of electricity they produce. The nost popular size for home-emergency use is a 5,000W unit. (Smaller generators are available, but they can only handle one or two small appliances.) A 5,000W unit, on the other hand, is sufficiently large to power several circuits (including most refrigerators and freezers). It will also run up to 10 to 12 hours on a 7-gallon tank of gas.

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HINT: The most popular way to run portable generator is to place it ou doors and run an extension cor through an open window (or door) to the

smartest things you can do. What you do most routinely is what will make the difference between a healthy and unhealthy lifestyle, so

why not get moving!

Every Little Bit Counts

If you have not been active, talk with your doctor before starting any exercise program. When it comes to exercise, every little bit counts. Use the stairs rather than the elevator, take your dog for a walk or park at the far end of the parking lot at the mall. Engaging in moderate-level activities will help lower your health risks. Work your way up to a regular routine of walking, hiking or swimming out-

doors or at the gym.

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A healthful diet for an active lifestyle can begin with something as simple as choosing a nutritious sweetener. One of the challenges when changing your diet is to select foods that not only taste good, but also provide important nutrients. Honey, a rich source of carbohydrates, provides energy, a rich sweet flavor and added vitamins, minerals and amino acids. Combining honey with other healthful foods can add to your total nutrition and give you an energy boost. In fact, scientists are currently studying links between honey consumption and athletic performance!

Add a Little Honey

Next time you're on your way to the gym, try stirring a spoonful of honey into your water bottle to keep you going through your workout, or try these quick tips for an easy energy boost before or



after exercise.

· Sweet Starter-Use honey to sweeten your oatmeal or highfiber cereal.

· Citrus Times Two-Stir a spoonful of honey into your morning citrus juice or drizzle it over a grapefruit half for a sweet treat.

· Power Packed Snack-Add honey and fresh fruit to yogurt for a power packed snack. · PB&H-Stir honey into peanut

butter and use as a dip for carrots or celery or as an easy filling for sandwiches that even kids will

* Energy on the Run-Mix honey with yogurt and fruit in a blender for a quick smoothie.

Interested in more information about the health benefits of honey? For a free Honey for Health leaflet, simply send a selfaddressed business-size envelope to: National Honey Board, Dept. HFHMAT, 390 Lashley Street, Longmont, CO 80501. Allow four weeks for delivery.

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www.tppp.net. For information on preventing colorectal cancer and the first annual Colorectal Cancer Month, call the Cancer Research foundation of America, 1-877-35-COLON (2-6566) or visit www.preventcancer.org/colorectal.htm.





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other team made the trip to have a picnic in the parking lot?

What about the stock answer about players "taking one game at a time?" How else could they take them - in a six pack or three for a dollar?

I could offer other examples, but there is a rule in journalism (or if there isn't, there should be) that way.

says a reporter should never make more than two groups upset in one article. I try to follow the rules of journalism. Have a 100 percent

good day.

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"Ada" Ruth Ousley

"Ada" Ruth Ousley, age 70, of Martin, Ky., widow of Estill Ousley, passed away Sunday, January 30, 2000, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, Ky.

She was born September 12, 1929, in Risner, Ky., the daughter of the late Steve Hamilton Sarah Thornsberry Hamilton. She was a member of the Drift Pentecostal Church, Drift, Ky.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Judith Ann Johnson; one brother, Ira Hamilton.

Survivors include four sons, Steve Ousley and Michael Ousley, both of Prestonsburg, Ky., Jack Ousley of Inez. Ky., Ricky D. Ousley of Martin, Ky.; one sister, Ocie Hamilton Ousley of Martin Ky .; 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchil-

Funeral services for "Ada" Ruth Ousley will be conducted Tuesday, February 1, 2000, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with the clergymen Ted Shannon and Dan Heintzelman officiating.

Burial will follow in the Hamilton Branch Cemetery, Martin, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Kentucky.

Serving as pallbearers: Steve Ousley, Jack Ousley, Ricky Ousley, Michael Ousley, Ronnie Johnson, Ronnie Wayne Johnson II, Steve Little, Brad Pack and Otis Ousley Jr.

Catherine Mills Horn Frederick

Catherine Mills Horn Frederick, a member of the Golden Memorial United Methodist Church, died Monday, January 31, at Paintsville.

She was born on December 5, 1923, to Fred and Cora Hammond Mills, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her husbands, John Horn and Albert Allen Frederick.

She is survived by three sons, John Ray Horn of Prestonsburg, Robert Horn and Truman Horn, both of Inez; four stepchildren, Danny, James and Charles Frederick and Esther Haynes; six brothers, Henery Mills of Jackson, Ohio, Richard Mills of Marion, Ohio, Elmer Mills, Jim Mills, Charles Mills and Carl Mills, all of Inez; two sisters, Thelma Horn and Faye Whitt of Inez; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 2, at 3 p.m., with Reverend Brad Smart, John Salvers, and Rick Osborne officiating.

Interment will follow at the Horn Family Cemetery in Inez, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Laura Sizemore Scutchfield

Laura Sizemore Scutchfield, 89. of Bull Creek, near Prestonsburg and wife of Coet Scutchfield, died Saturday, January 29, 2000, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Prestonsburg.

She was born February 24, 1910, at Water Gap, the daughter of the late Alex and Alice Sizemore. She was a school teacher in Floyd County for a great many years and attended the Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by six sisters, Bertha Ousley of Okeechobee, Florida, Tavie Wright of Michigan, Josie Ousley of Springboro, Ohio, Martha Francis and Eva Hughes, both of Franklin, Ohio.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 1, at 1 p.m., at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel. with the Rev. Dan Heintzelman officiating.

Entombment was in the Scutchfield Cemetery at Water Gap, under the direction of the Floyd Funeral Home Prestonsburg.

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Stella "Nanny"

Sweeney

Stella "Nanny" Sweeney, 75, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, January 31, 2000, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.

She was born May 20, 1924, at South Williamson, and was a retired cook, having worked at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home for 20 years. She was of the Baptist

She is survived by one daughter. Anna Nichols of Prestonsburg; two brothers, Fred Sweeney of Prestonsburg, Frank Sweeney of Plain City, Florida; two sisters, Julia Sweeney of Prestonsburg, Maggie Allen of Allen, three grandchildren and two great-grandchil-

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, February 3, at 1 p.m., at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Dan Heintzelman officiating.

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

Serving as active pallbearers are Kathy Frasure, Trent Frasure, Teddie Frasure, Timothy Miller, Josh Miller, Darrick Calhoun, Tony Skeans, Michael Slone, and Timothy Slone.

Honorary pallbearers are Fred Sweeney, Randy Slone, Josh Slone, Matthew Slone, Kassidy Frasure, Frank Sweeney, Paul Burke, Denny Whitten and Ray Porter.

Eunice Johnson

Eunice Johnson, 69, of Martin, died Saturday, January 29, 2000, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

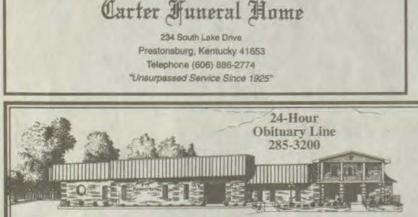
Born on February 2, 1930, in Dock, she was the daughter of the late Clyde and Sarah Derossett

She was a member of the Little Martha Old Regular Baptist Church, in Magoffin County, at

She is survived by her husband. Bee Johnson; six sons, Dicky Johnson, Micky Johnson, Charles Johnson, Teddy Johnson, Wally Johnson, Jeffery Johnson, all of Martin: four daughters, Zola Rose of Prestonsburg, Janavee Crum, Pauline Johnson, Abigal Ousley, all of Martin; two brothers, Roy Ousley and Johnny Ousley, both of Dock; nine sisters, Peggy Johnson of Eastern, Audry Woods, Julie Carr, Clydie Finegan, all of Columbus, Ohio, Joan Marsillett of Dock, Jean Cook of Warren, Ohio. Bonnie Ratliff of Banner, Dorothy Brown of Jackson, Michigan, Peggy Jo Ousley of Prestonsburg. 24 grandchildren and 15 greatgrandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 1, at 11:30 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church.

Burial was in the Johnson Family Cemetery, on Stephens Branch, Martin, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.



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Dottie Meade

Dottie Meade, 56, of Dema, died January 23, 2000, at the St. Joseph Medical Center in Lexington.

She was born in Dema, on December 14, 1943, the daughter of the late Muncie Meade and Elizabeth Jane Jones Meade.

She is survived by five brothers, Earl Eugene and Eddie Ray Meade of Waterloo, Indiana, Randy Meade of St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, Ned Meade of Melvin, and Muncie Meade Jr. of Dema; nine sisters, Barbara Nolan of Buffalo, New York, Zetta Mae Kitch of Crittenden, Mary Sue Waukechon of Gurner, Illinois, Louise King of Kite, Ogie Slone of Ligon, Debra Slone of Raven, Sonja Holbrook and Janet Meade of Dema, and Melodee Spinx of Louisville.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 27, at 11 a.m., at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel with Eddie Paige and Alonzo Dixon officiating.

Burial was in the Muncie Meade Family Cemetery at Dema, under the direction of the Hindman Funeral Services.

Ezra Hatton Turner

Ezra Hatton Turner, 88, of Wayland, died Sunday, January 30, 2000, at his residence.

He was born September 26, 1911, in Floyd County, the son of the late J.M. and Emma Hayes

He was a retired engineer with Columbia Gas Co., an Army World War II Veteran, Past Master of the James W. Alley Lodge, Wayland, 32nd Scottish Rite, 62year member of the Masonic Order, and a lifetime member of the Wayland DAV.

He is survived by his wife, Dora Stewart Turner; one son, John Morgan Turner II of Gallipolis, Ohio; and one brother, Tramble Turner of Allen.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 1, at 9 a.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Brad Tackett officiat-

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

Serving as pallbearers were Brad Tackett, Seaford Jordan, Caney Turner, J.M. Turner, and Art Campbell.

Omeah "Buddy" Hall

Omeah "Buddy" Hall, 71, of Bevinsville, died Saturday, January 29, 2000, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born August 13, 1928, in Buckingham, he was the son of Goble and Alice Hall. He was a retired coal miner, member of the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church and U.M.W.A.

Survivors include three sons, Attorney Greg Hall of Pikeville, Michael "Mickey" Hall of McDowell, Tony "Bee" Hall of Pikeville; two daughters, Debra F. Green of New Washington, Ohio, Loretta "Puggie" Hicks of Bevinsville; one brother, Bill Goble Hal of Ashtabula, Ohio; three sisters, Gladys Morgan of Garrett, Jackie Little of Melvin, Cora Lee Tackett of Cleveland, Ohio, 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Feruary 1, at 11 a.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Louie Ferrari and Bobby Isaac officiat-

Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, at Buckingham, under direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

A James Luther Rice

James Luther Rice, 67, of Hanahan, South Carolina, died January 19, 2000, at a Charleston Hospital.

He was born June 1, 1932, in Banner, the son of the late Oscar Ola Rice and Nellie Compton Rice of Paintsville.

He attended Betsy Layne High School, served in the US Army and was a retired construction worker.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Gervane Rice.

Survivors include his mother, Nellie Compton Rice of Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville; one sister, Betty Jane Hopkins of Goose Creek, South Carolina; three brothers, Lucian G. Rice of Salversville, Howard R. Rice of Salyersville, Oscar E. Rice of

Memorial services will be conducted Saturday, February 5, at the Gunnell/Rice Cemetary, at Banner.

Ottis Mitchell

Ottis Mitchell, 71, of Harold, died Sunday, January 30, 2000, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Pikeville.

He was born October 17, 1928, in Craynor, the son of the late Robert "Bob" and Armina Tackett Mitchell.

He is survived by one sister, Allie M. Wicker of Harold, and three brothers, Charlie Mitchell of Grethel, Andy Mitchell of Harold, and Kinnel Mitchell of Grethel. Funeral services will be

Thursday, February 3, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial will be in the Bob

Mitchell Cemetery in Craynor, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Osborne pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Hershel D. Osborne were J. Gregory Allen, Darrell W. Sparks, Tyler W. Sparks, Larry D. Osborne, Stephen B. Laferty, Donald R. Halbert, Charles David Bailey, Richard Hohlbein, Donald R. Halbert Jr., Kevin Nelson, Johnny Milton Osborne Jr., and Craig Hicks.

Howard pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Siltania Jones Howard were Jason McReynolds, Christopher Coleman, Jimmy McReynolds, Brian Watkins, Buddy Ferrell and Bradley Watkins.

In Memory of



Steven Wayne Wicker June 25, 1972 - February 3, 1999

Steven, It's been a year since you were taken from

The pain, as always, is to much to bear. I still look for you to come through the door with your "Hey Sis". But I know that you will never again be there. You were someone I could count on lways steady and strong, but all I have is

memories now and that will help me carry I still dream of you, the way we used to be.I know I have that, but it's not the

same you see. I hope you knew how much we loved you. We just thought you'd always be here, but time is so fast and the words slip away leaving us to wonder why?

We miss and love you very much Steven. Written by Brenda "Wicker" Owens in memory of Steven Wayne Wicker

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Ervin Akers

Ervin Akers, 76, of Dana, Ky., husband of Doris Akers, a general contractor, owner of Akers and Akers, Inc., passed away Monday, January 31, 2000, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, Ky. He was born August 24, 1923,

in Dana, Ky., the son of the late Allen W. Akers and Myrtle Boyd Akers. Mr. Akers was a deacon in the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, Boldman, Ky., a Ky. Colonel, a former Board of Directors for the Bank Josephine and Kiwanis Club, in his 53 years of contracting his company built May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Park, 1st Commonwealth Bank at present location, many schools in Floyd County, the original Prestonsburg High School, Adams Middle School, Allen Central High School, Prestonsburg Community College (Pike Building), Hazard Community College, Allen Elementary, Perry County High School, Mayo Technical School, Paintsville, Ky., Highland Elementary, Johnson County, work on Manchester and West Liberty Prisons, Cookie Factory in Pike County and Mountain Christian Academy, Martin, Ky. In addition to his wife, he is sur-

vived by one son, Jimmy Allen Akers, Dana, Ky.; two daughters, Teresa Ann Carpenter, Guage, Ky. Gwendlyn Davis, Dana, Ky.; two brothers, Daniel Artis Akers, Euhlan Ray Akers, both of Banner, Ky., two sisters, Lazelle Williams, Juanita Akers, both of Banner, Ky. 5 grandchildren, Jason Craig Akers, Richard Shane Carpenter, Michelle Renee Carpenter, Myra Brooke Akers, and Olivia Corrinne Davis; 2 great-grandchildren. Kaitlyn Alexandria Carpenter and Connor

McKinley Risner. Funeral services for Ervin Akers will be held Thursday February 3, 2000, at 11:00 a.m. at the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, Boldman, Ky., with clergyman Belmont Johnson officiating.

Burial will follow in the Allen Akers Family Cemetery, Dana, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at Hall Funeral Home; nightly service at 7:00 p.m., lie in state from 10:00 to 11:00 before services on Thursday.

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DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR THOU ART WITH ME. Psalms: 23

"Ada" Ruth Ousley, 70, Martin, Ky. Ezra Turner, 88, Wayland, Ky.

Ottis Mitchell, 71, Harold, Ky.

Ervin Akers, 76, Dana, Ky. Hazel Conn Jarrell Boyd, 89, Dana, Ky.

COMMUNITY CATIONIDAR

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Paintsville Lake downstream area to re-open February 15

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Paintsville Lake will reopen the downstream area on February 15 to normal vehicular traffic. The restrooms will also reopen at that time to visitor use and trout stocking for that area should resume sometime in April..

For additional information, contact Robert Beverley, Resource Manager, Monday through Friday. 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 606/ 297-6312 or write: Resource Manager. Paintsville Lake, 807 KY 2275, Staffordsville, Kentucky 41256-

McDowell High Alumni Association to meet

The McDowell High School Alumni Association will hold its monthly meeting at the McDowell Senior Citizens Center Monday, February 7, at 7 p.m. All graduates and friends of the McDowell High School are encouraged to attend.

Blood drive at Alice Lloyd College

The Central Kentucky Blood Center will sponsor a blood drive on the campus of Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes on Thursday, February 10. Plan to visit the third floor of the ALC Student Center during the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Alice Lloyd College bookstore wants to recognize and thank those for giving or attempting to give blood by granting a coupon good for 15 percent toward any purchase. For more information, call 606/368-6125.

Textbook showcase at Hazard CC

Administrators, teachers and SBDM parents are invited to attend a textbook showcase at Hazard Community College on February 9 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. or on February 10, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Pike Central. The textbook showcase offers you the opportunity to view textbook materials that are up for adoption this year at your school. Do not pass up this important showcase opportunity. For information, call Nancy Price at 886-0205.

Community band members needed

Community members who have played or who currently play in a concert/marching band are invited to join the Prestonsburg Community College Community Band. The band meets at 4 p.m. each Monday at the First Presbyterian Church on North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, between information, call Brenda Miller at Park. 606/886-3863, ext. 280.

PCC Chorus seeks performers

Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" is the spring selection for Prestonsburg Community College Community Chorus performance. The story tells of the fruitless efforts of lovers from different social classes - until a great secret is unveiled which sets things right.

Vocalists from throughout the region are invited to participate in the musical. Individuals are needed for the chorus of "cousins and aunts" and "sailors and relatives," as well as soloists. Becky Sublett is the conductor.

The chorus meets at 7 p.m. each Monday at the First Presbyterian

Church on North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, between Jerry's and Dairy Cheer.

For information, call Brenda Miller at 606/886-3863, ext. 280.

Aerobic workshop class

There will be an Aerobic Workshop class in the John M. Stumbo Elementary gym beginning February 8. Classes will be from 4p.m. on each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Danita Johnson will be the instructor. Class is sponsored by the Mud Creek Family Resource Center and is free to the public. Anyone interested may call the center at 587-2233.

P'burg Elementary SBDM council meeting scheduled

The Prestonsburg Elementary will have a regularly scheduled SBDM council meeting Monday, February 7, in the school auditori-

AARP Tax Aide service begins, February 1

Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), will begin its tax service for senior citizens and lowincome taxpayers on Tuesday, February 1, and will continue through April 13.

The service will be offered at the Floyd County Library, in Prestonsburg, from 8:30 to 3:30 each Tuesday, and is free to all senior citizens and low-income taxpayers.

ALC video conference

The Division of Teacher Education at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, will host a Multicultural Regional Video Conference on March 4, in the Campbell Arts Center. Videos on a wide range of issues pertaining to the education of diverse students will be available. Participants will select from these quality films. Following each viewing, facilitators will guide the audience in discussion of the issues raised. A luncheon will be included in the \$20 registration fee. The luncheon speaker will be local author, Verna Slone. Professional Development credit of six hours will be awarded, with district approval. The deadline for registration will be February 19. For more information, contact Dr. Nancy Billingsley at 606/368-6090.

James A. Duff Elementary resource center to meet

The James A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center will have an advisory council meeting on Thursday, February 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the center. The meeting is open to the public.

Support for former addicts

As recovering addicts, we have found it is possible to live without the use of drugs with the help of Narcotics Anonymous. If you are still using and can't stop, we can help. Give yourself a break. Call 886-6760, 886-9167 or 1-888-987-7700 for more information.

Retired teachers to meet

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association has scheduled a called business meeting for February 3, at 10 a.m., at May Jerry's and the Dairy Cheer. For Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort

Pikeville Methodist Hospital Community Calendar February, 2000

February 14: ABC (After Breast Cancer) Support Group meets at 6 p.m., at the First Christian Church located on Chloe Road. This support group meets during the second Monday of every month.

February 15: Prepared Childbirth Classes will be offered from 7-9 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3938. February 17: CPR Community Class will be offered from 9-12 a.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building, Pre-register at 437-3965.

smoking cessation class, will be offered at 6 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Call to register at 437-3563.

February 18 & 19: ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support). This two-day seminar will be offered from 8-12 a.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Preregister at 437-3965.

February 25: An AIDS class will be offered at 6 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. The class will be taught by Dr. Mary Fox. Call to register at 437-3965.

February 29: So your going to have a baby? An Epidural Class will be offered from 7-9 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Preregister at 437-3938.

For a complete listing of hospitalsponsored events, call our Events Line at 437-2003.

Domestic violence?

Is your intimate partner jealous? do they try to control you? Do they have an explosive temper, even over little things? Do they have difficulty expressing their feelings? Do they often blame you for everything wrong in their lives? Do they call your names or use put downs to damage your self-esteem? You may be a victim of domestic violence, even though no one hits you. Emotional abuse can be just as hurtful as a fist. Don't wait around to see if it's going to get worse, call the crisis line at 886-6025 or out-ofarea, 1-800-649-6605, we are here 24-hours a day, every day, because "Love doesn't have to hurt."

Fibromyalgia group meeting

Fibromyalgia Family Support Group meeting for individuals with FMS and the people who care about them are encouraged to attend our meetings.

The meeting will be held the first Tuesday in each month at 7 p.m. in the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens

For more information, call: Phyllis at (606) 874-2769 or Sharon at (606) 478-5224.

SSI representative to visit Mud Creek Clinic

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

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

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

Depressed Anonymous

Are you feeling lonely, hopeless and trapped in a self-constructed prison and can't overcome it or get out? This support group is not for those people who need it but for those people who want it. We understand. For more information, call: Randall, 886-0483; Jim, 886-3027; Jane-886-8219; Sue-789-

Exams for census extended

Opportunities for persons interested in working with the 2000 Census to take the required exam are much broader than originally announced. The exams will be administered at sites throughout Floyd County from now through March. For information on times and locations, call 1-888-325-7733. Jobs are available as census takers and crew leaders and pay between \$6.50 and \$13 an hour. If you call the toll-free number, indicate that you live in the Ashland, Kentucky, region.

Energy Assistance Program

Are you in a crisis with your home heating costs? If so, Big Sandy Area Community Action Program Inc. may be able to help you through its Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Applications for home heating assistance will be taken beginning

until all of the agency's crisis funds have been expended, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at your local Community Action Program Office.

To be eligible for Crisis assistance, a household must:

- · meet the 110% poverty income guidelines, and
- the household is within four (4) days of running out of fuel if bulk fuel (coal, fuel oil, propane, kerosene, or wood) is the heat source; or
- · has received a past due/disconnected notice if natural gas or electric is primary heat source; or
- · the household's home heating costs are included as an undesignateed portion of the rent, and the household has received an eviction notice for non-payment of rent.

To make application, clients should bring social security numbers, birth dates, and proof of income for the previous month for

PANDA Program, a one-hour January 10 through March 15, or all household members, certification that the household is out of heat or going to be out of heat or has a past due/disconnect notice from

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VALENTINE DANCE AND DINNER

February 12, 2000 Jenny Wiley Convention Center 7 p.m. til 11 p.m.



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Tickets \$20.00 Person **Includes Dinner and Dance** Tickets at the door \$25.00

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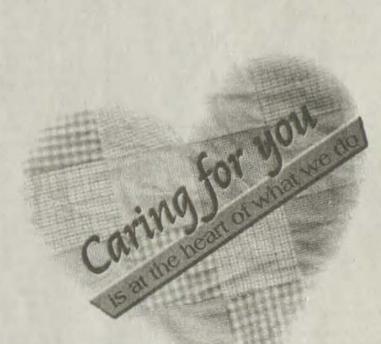
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MCDOWELL ARH WELCOMES NEW SURGEON

Babatunde Oladiran, MD has joined the ARH Professional Services Clinic Surgical Department. He is a board certified general surgeon and an employee of the Hazard ARH Regional Medical Center.

Dr. Oladiran will be seeing surgical patients on Tuesdays in the ARH Professional Services Clinic Surgical Suite located in McDowell ARH Hospital. He will be performing surgeries at McDowell on Fridays.

For an appointment, call 377-3448.



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Thurman Hackworth

Thurman Hackworth, 83 years of age, was born on November 5, 1916, in Floyd County, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Charlie and Lula Dotson Hackworth.

He departed this life following an extended illness on Saturday, January 22, 2000, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. In life his occupation was that of a retired laborer for Hensley Nursery. He was a World War II veteran. He was married to Maxie Holbrooks Hackworth, who survives. In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son: Jarvis Hackworth of Salyersville, Kentucky; one daughter, Elmina and husband, Homer Nelson Jr., of Prestonsburg, Kentucky; five brothers, Wayne Hackworth, Charles Hackworth Jr., both of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Elmer Hackworth, Vernis Hackworth both of Stockbridge, Michigan, Vernal Hackworth of Silver Lake, Indiana; one sister, Oma Manns of Akron, Indiana. He was preceded in death by one brother, Herman Hackworth and three sisters, Maxie Patrick, Roxie Risnier, and one infant sister. There are four grandchildren: Mike Nelson and wife Karen, Tammy Amburgey and husband, Charlie, Sherry Greene and husband Doug, and James Jarvis Hackworth; two great-grandchildren, Matthew Amburgey, and Lakeyn Mariah Greene.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 25th at 1 p.m. at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home with Morris Ray Miller. Jackie Prater & Isom Poe officiat-

Burial was in the Hackworth Cemetery, Mt. Parkway, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Home, Martin, Kentucky.

Serving as pallbearers were Mike Nelson, James Jarvis Hackworth, Doug Greene, Charlie Amburgey and Matthew Amburgey.

Honorary pallbearers were: Hackworth, Hackworth, Cledis Hackworth, Aaron Hackworth, Ted Poe, Tom Poe, Martin Holbrook and Ollie

REGIONAL OBITUARIES

James Jackson McKenzie, 70, former Johnson County resident, died Monday, January 24, 2000, at his Ashland residence. He is survived by his wife, Betty Maxine Witten McKenzie. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 27, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Johnson County

David Lee Webb, 56, of Little River, South Carolina, died Saturday, January 22, 2000, at his residence. He is survived his wife, Joan A Webb. Memorial services were conducted Thursday, January

Anna Corte, 77, died Friday, January 28, 2000, at Georgetown Hospital, Washington, D.C. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 28, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral

Pike County

Greta "Sis" Milam, 86, of Virgie, died Thursday, January 27, 2000, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Ance Milam. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 30, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Bruce Edward Taylor, 35, of Turkey Creek, died Friday, January 28, 2000, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Senters Taylor. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 31, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Roy L. Pinson, 67, of Belleview, Florida, died Thursday. January 27, 2000, at Munroe Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Helen

ducted Saturday, January 29, under under the direction of J.W. Call & the direction of Hiers Belleview Funeral Home.

Billie Jean Adkins, 68, of Detroit, formerly of Pikeville, died Tuesday, January 25, 2000, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 29, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Myrtle Tackett, 93, of Lucasville, Ohio, died Monday, January 24, 2000, at Pleasant Hill Manor in Piketon, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Janaury 27, under the direction of Erwin Dodson-Allen Funeral

Georgia Lee Ward, 75, of Pikeville, died Friday, January 28, 2000, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were

Pinson. Funeral services were con- conducted Monday, January 31. Son Funeral Home.

> Marvin Dallas Scott, 66, of Belfry, died Thursday, January 27, 2000, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Ollie Sue Stallard Scott. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 30, under the diurection of Rogers Funeral

Dovil Scott, 85, of McCarr, died Friday, January 28, 2000, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Katherine Hatfield Scott. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 31, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Card of Thanks

The family of Millard "Poppy" Moore would like to gratefully thank all those friends, neighbors and family who were so kind and considerate throughout his illness and upon his passing. Thanks to those who came by, sent flowers, food, prayers of expressed words of comfort in our time of sorrow. We are especially thankful to the Little Rosa Church of the Regular Baptist Church of New Salem Association, Old Beaver Church, the Regular Baptist 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

The Family of Millard Moore

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their heating source as stated above. The program is funded through the Cabinet for Families & Children Community Based Services and the Association Kentucky for Community Acton.

For more information, contact Big Sandy Area Community Action Program Inc., in Floyd County at

You or someone you know can't stop drinking

Alcoholics Anonymous is willing to help. For more information, call 1-800-467-8019.

Al Anon: For support and understanding of the disease-meets, 8 p.m., Saturdays, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. (Alanon is for family members of alcoholics).

G.E.D. classes Linda Bailey of The David School

Evangelist Eugene Haney

will be preaching at

Zion Deliverance Church

Wayland, XY

Saturday, February 5 at 7 p.m.

Everyone Welcome

It's been thirteen years Papaw, since God called you home.

God looked around his garden, and He found an empty place.

He then looked down upon this earth, and saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest; God's

Garden must be beautiful, because He only takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain,

He knew that you would never get well on this earth again.

So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace be

With you" it broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not

Again in Heaven!

You'll always have a place in our hearts Papaw, til we see you

God's Garden

Go alone; for part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

Greatly missed by granddaughter, Vickie, Wife, Dosie and Family.

In Memory of

Bertle Bailey

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Mud Creek Community Family each Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes are free.

SF Youth Service Center

Walking track is open to the general public, 7 a.m. till 5 p.m. (walking track is closed during special events). The Center is sponsoring several guest presentations. Contact the center for time and subjects.

will teach G.E.D. classes at the The center has a One-stop Career Station satellite, available to the Resource/Youth Service Center community as well as to the students. Stop in Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Anyone interested in Adult Education should contact the

> The South Floyd Youth Services Center is located on South Floyd's campus in room 232. For more information, contact Keith Smallwood or Mable Hall 606/452-9600, ext. 243.

Menopause meets the Baby Boomers

(NAPSA)-Thousands of women experience this life-changing moment each day. In the past, many have suffered in silence. But today, people are finally talking about menopause. As baby boomers move toward midlife, menopause is emerging onto the forefront of public discussion.

Actress Cybill Shepherd, an outspoken advocate for women's health, is leading the way towards communication about menopause. She's teamed up with Lila Nachtigall, M.D., Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at New York University School of Medicine, on an educational campaign called 'Say Yes! to Midlife,' designed to empower women to take charge of their lives during menopause.

"In a society that wants to make women invisible as they age, women need to make themselves heard, and that's why I'm speaking out," says Ms. Shepherd. "I encourage all women to seek information from trusted sources, which is why I consulted Dr. Nachtigall and we decided to work together on this campaign."

Ms. Shepherd and Dr. Nachtigall have developed an information booklet to educate women about what to expect during menopause and how to deal with physical and emotional changes. Included among the booklet's advice is 'Cybill's Seven,' Shepherd's personal tips for coping with the associated changes menopause.

the United States are currently experiencing menopause. With baby boomers turning 50 at a rate of one every 8 seconds, it is estimated that 2,000 to 3,000 women will start menopause each day. It is important that women understand the common symptoms associated with perimenopause and menopause (for example, hot flashes, insomnia and moodiness) for their personal wellbeing and so they can share their feelings with family members and



their doctor.

For the over 80 percent of women over age 45 who either cannot take or choose not to take prescription hormone replacement therapy (HRT), natural alternatives provide a new option. To manage symptoms, menopause Shepherd relies on a clinically-studied natural supplement of red clover, called PromensilTM. Initially, Shepherd tried changing her diet to include soy products and other legumes (such as chick peas, lentils and other beans), but found that the quantity necessary to derive significant health benefits was unmanageable. Unlike other alternatives, Promensil is standardized and provides all four of the main plant estrogens, or isoflavones.

"It is extremely important for any herbal supplement you are taking to be clinically tested and have a standardized dose," says Dr. More than 40 million women in Nachtigall. "With scientific support, women can feel confident that their choice for treating menopausal symptoms is safe and effective."

Ms. Shepherd and Dr. Nachtigall agree, however, that every woman is different and should choose a menopause management program to meet her individual needs.

To obtain a free copy of the 'Say Yes! to Midlife' information booklet, call toll-free 1-877-YES-MIDLIFE or visit the web site www.sayyestomidlife.com.

Card of Thanks

The family of Thurman Hackworth 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 and prayers. A special thanks to Walter Nelson for his singing and to Morris Ray Miller, Jackie Prater and Isom Poe for their comforting words. To the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their efficient and professional service during our time of sorrow

The Family of Thurman Hackworth

Card of Thanks

The family of Forrest E. Pete Williams wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Belmont Johnson 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 FORREST E. PETE WILLIAMS

Card of Thanks

The family of Millard Leonard "Mick" Johnson wishes to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to Clergyman Tommy Dale Bush for his comforting words; the Sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF MILLARD LEONARD "MICK" JOHNSON

Card of Thanks

The family of Cline Mitchell would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist Ministers for their comforting words; the Sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF CLINE MITCHELL

Card of Thanks

The family of Ralph Howell would like to thank all of you people who were there for us in our time of sadness and loss. We especially would like to give thanks to Harry Hargis and the members of the First Baptist Church of McDowell; the Floyd County Judge and Sheriff's Department; and those who helped with the burial and grave. We would also like to thank all of you who brought food, gave support and sent flowers. A special thanks is given to Hall Funeral Home for your courteous service. We love all of you for your caring and sympathy, and thank you again.

THE FAMILY OF RALPH HOWELL

Card of Thanks

The family of Hershel D. Osborne would like to express their appreciation to so many people: to everyone who called and visited during Hershel's long illness, who attended services, sent flowers, food, cards, offered prayers or otherwise expressed sympathy. Special thanks to Pastor Buddy Jones and congregation of the Faith Independent Freewill Baptist Church-for all your home visits, prayers, love and support, and for the beautiful songs and funeral services and the dinner afterwards; to Pamela, Tracy, Charlie, Blaine, Jeff, Bruce, Tavis, and Terry, of East Kentucky Transportation for taking care of business all these months. Our deepest gratitude to Dr. James Campbell for his extraordinary medical care and compassion during a most difficult time; to Dr. Modur, Dr. V. Puram, nurses, and staff of the Lawson Cancer Center; and to the nursing staff of Pikeville Methodist Hospital for their medical care and personal concern; to Dr. Ghazal and staff of Ky. Cancer Clinic and staff of ARH Hospital, Hazard, Ky.; to the staff of ARH Home Health Service, Prestonsburg office, for their assistance; to the nursing staff of Our Lady of The Way Hospital, Martin, Ky,-especially Rhoda Meade, R.N.-for the exceptional care given to Hershel; to Allen Lafferty and employees of Trans Star Ambulance Service for their excellent response to our needs; to Kenny's Florist, Martin, Ky. for the beautiful floral arrangements; to Tommy, John Jr., and staff of Hall Funeral Home for their professional services; and to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for providing traffic control.

Karen, Beverly & Greg, Katie, Darrell, Tyler & Emily

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More reasons to apply for EKU's health careers opportunity program

48 other counties in south central and eastern Kentucky who are interested in the health science professions now have more reasons to consider Eastern Kentucky University's Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP).

EKU has received a three-year grant of \$693,973 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, and has taken several steps to enhance HCOP, which prepares students to meet needs in a region beset by severe shortages of health sciences professionals

Students in the program now

Students from Floyd County and counselor and, beginning next acad-tic recreation. emic year, may be eligible for needbased scholarships.

"We had identified the need for a full-time counselor," said Julie Brown, HCOP director, "who will be available at all times for individual or small-group consultations and can help our students make a successful transition from high school to living and learning on a college campus.

HCOP students now have the choice of nine baccalaureate degree programs: athletic training, clinical laboratory science, communication disorders, dietetics, environmental health science, health education, health information management, enjoy the services of a full-time occupational therapy and therapeu-

among five associate degree programs: clinical laboratory technology, emergency medical care, health information technology, medical assisting and nutrition care manage-

In addition to counseling, the program provides financial information and assistance, a Summer Transition and Enrichment Program, supplemental instruction in science courses and a stipend for the six-week summer program.

Since it was established at EKU seven years ago, the retention rate for students enrolled in the HCOP program continues to run well above average.

"Our goal is to help students They also can choose from interested in health care to better prepare for college so that they'll be more successful," said Diane Miracle, HCOP coordinator.

> Thirty students enter the program each year. To be selected for HCOP at EKU, students must exhibit a high level of motivation toward a career in one of the health sciences professions, as evidenced by high school references and/or a written autobiography. The applicant's academic record also must be predictive of success in a health sciences major.

Jessica Calhoun, a freshman preoccupational therapy major from Jenkins, said the supplemental instruction "helped a lot."

the bonds formed during the summer transition program, when HCOP students become familiar with the EKU campus, explore health careers through classes, seminars, discussions and field trips, and experience college living.

"Once you start classes here in the fall, you're assured of knowing at least 30 people," Calhoun said. "It's like a family."

Also, EKU faculty are collaborating with area agencies in efforts to promote careers in the health sciences and develop curriculum models targeted at interesting more students in science classes.

"We want to reach students earlier and get them excited about the health sciences professions," Brown said.

Students from the following counties are eligible to apply for HCOP at EKU: Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Casey,

Equally valuable, she said, are Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill. Fleming, Floyd, Garrard, Green, Greenup, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lincoln, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, McCreary. Madison, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle. Rowan, Russell, Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe.

For more information about HCOP at Eastern, students should contact Diane Miracle, at 606/622-6577 or insmirac@acs.eku.edu, or visit the program's web site. www.hcop.eku.edu.



Worried about paying for your child's college education?

thought of funding their child's college education occurs the day the child is born. If you think you can't possibly save enough to fund your children's college education, think again.

The answer could be right in front of you-save money on your auto insurance premium.

Progressive Auto Insurance has announced "Insure Our Future," a program designed to help Kentucky consumers better understand the savings available to them when they shop around for their auto insurance. The fact is rates vary widely, and the potential savings are enough to significantly contribute to a child's education.

Progressive's research shows that the average difference between the highest and lowest auto insurance premium available to the same consumer from different companies in Kentucky is \$428 every six months.

In a national consumer survey, more than half of the participants thought the difference between the highest and lowest price for auto for a six-month rate. Only 7.5 percent thought the difference could be \$500 or more.

Additionally, only 30 percent of the participants in the survey said they had shopped around to compare auto insurance rates in the past 12 months; nearly half had not compared auto insurance rates for more than two years. That's because most consumers don't understand that they may be leaving money on the table by not shopping around for auto insur-

The average variance in Kentucky is \$428. If a Kentucky driver put this 'found money' into an interest-bearing account (averaging 6 percent interest compounded annually), the savings would accrue to more than \$28,000 (without considering taxes) in 18 years. With more than 200,000 Kentucky children under age three, this could be a big step toward paying for a child's college education.

"People don't realize that they can save a significant amount of

For many Kentucky parents, the insurance would be \$200 or less money by simply shopping around," says Jerry Rett, Kentucky General Manager, Progressive. People shop for prices on cars, houses even airline tickets and groceries. But people rarely consider shopping for car insurance. Shopping for auto insurance and putting away the savings is the perfect way to start a college fund,

or any other type of savings plan." If you need help in understanding insurance terms and how to shop, Progressive has a free brochure available called "Insure Our Future: How to Shop for Auto Insurance." To request a copy, log on to progressive.com and go to "Insure Our Future" or send your name and address to: Insure Our Future, P.O. Box Cleveland, Ohio, 44101.

The Progressive study involved 140,801 consumers nationally who used Progressive's unique auto insurance comparison rate service between July 1, 1999 and December 31, 1999.

By calling 1-800-AUTO-PRO® or logging onto progressive.com, consumers can compare auto

insurance rates available to them from up to four of the largest auto insurers in the country. More than 1,400 Kentucky consumers were included in the study.

"We'll tell you which company has lower rates because we want consumers to save money on their auto insurance," Rett said.

When shopping, consider calling a company direct, or visiting an Independent Agent. Many consumers prefer to work with Independent Agents, who typically represent multiple insurance companies, because Independent Agents can shop around on behalf of a consumer and provide in-per-

Local listings of agents can be found in the Yellow Pages, or by using the "Find an Agent" function on progressive.com.

Progressive Insurance (NYSE:PGR), headquartered in Mayfield Village, Ohio, is one of the nation's largest auto insurers. In business since 1937, the company provides all drivers with competitive rates and 24-hour, in-person services. The company sells its products over the phone (1-800-AUTO-PRO), on the Internet at progressive.comm and through more than 30,000 Independent Agents throughout the U.S. More information about Progressive can be found at progressive.com.

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The "Dirty Dealer" (left) and "The Sexy One," two wrestlers from the Appalachian Wrestling Federation, took time out Saturday to visit children who were confined to a hospital bed at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. The two wrestlers are shown with nine-year-old Isarel Flores who had appendicitis. The Federation will have a show Friday at 8 p.m. at Oil Springs.

It's getting easier to be green

(NAPSA)-America is recycling more and more and polluting less and less. Not only is it helping the environment, but the economy as

Over 15 million households in the U.S. separate glass, plastic and paper each week to participate in curbside collection programs. Corporations provide recycling bins and incentive programs for employees to conserve and reuse resources.

Today a leading printer/copier

vendor is taking traditional recycling initiatives outside the corporate office by asking their customers to go green...literally, by incentives to recycle color and black toner cartridges for re-use by the manufacturer. The process of removing the used cartridge from the printer or copier, plunking it into the provided box, and shipping it back to the manufacturer postagefree keeps over 38,000 tons of plastic and metal out of landfills each

If the process sounds simple, that's because it is. Kevin Wild is the owner of Heavenly Ham, a spiral-sliced honey and glazed ham chain based in Midvale, Utah, with 175 stores across the U.S.

His company actively participates in toner cartridge recycling programs. "In other recycling programs you usually have to do more



Corporations are making it easier for employees and customers to

than stick a label on-separate the plastic from the glass, bring the cans back to the store-the cartridge process takes less than a minute," he explains.

Xerox hopes to collect over 1.8 million pounds in recycled cartridges this year, up from 740,000 pounds in 1997. The company recently merged its two recycling programs-the Green Team (U.S. only) and One World Campaign (U.S. and Europe)-to create the Green World Alliance, a powerful marketing force with a global agenda and strong initiatives.

Jim Firestone, president, Xerox Channels Group says, "While we've been pleased with collection results from the two separate programs, our plan is to become more proactive and more visible through a single program with a broader

In addition to simplicity, some vendors provide greenback incentives to recycle. Xerox and Sharp send customers a five-dollar rebate upon receipt of the used cartridge. "Offering a small incentive lets our customers know that we value their efforts to assist in our commitment. to the environment," says Jim Miller, senior vice president and general manager, Xerox Channels, Products Business Unit.

A significant percentage of cartridges that offer the five-dollar incentive are returned to the manufacturer. School groups across the country have launched successful fund-raising programs by collecting used cartridges from local businesses, and sending them in for the

However, most that choose to recycle say the monetary reward is not their motivation. "The ease of the process is my true incentive," says Rosalie Spice, office manager at Love's Hearing Aid Center in Maryville, Tennessee. shouldn't I take 30 seconds to protect the environment?"

In addition to Xerox, other printer and copier manufacturers that offer recycling programs for used toner cartridges include Canon, Hewlett-Packard, Lexmark and Sharp. All provide pre-paid postage in the United States.

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New uses for your favorite photos Mayo Moments

(NUE) - We all love to take pictures of ourselves, our friends and families. But most of our precious memories seem to end up in some

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forgotten corner in a dusty box.

You remember swearing to yourself that you'd organize that pile of memories every time you finished another role of film. Well, now there is a solution to your sentimental dilemma - your very own online photo album.

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sharing solution that allows families and friends to easily upload pictures onto the Internet. And you don't need to be a Web master or professional photographer to figure it out.

Living Album software and a free photo Web site that make it possible for anyone to create and organize their family's visual time cap-

But you don't need to go out and spend money on a scanner or a digital camera. Club Photo allows you to utilize film-to-disk technology from companies including Seattle Film Works, Signature Color, and Kodak's Picture CDs and Picture Disks to make Internet photo sharing easi-

Your virtual photo album will last you a lifetime and become a family heirloom for generations to come. Best of all, you can keep adding to it. The software automatically builds the Web page and posts it on the Internet without ever having to learn HTML coding. So it's not a problem to add to your album whenever you take more pictures.

The good news is that you can do much more than create an online photo album. When you visit Club Photo's Web site and click on their new Print and Gift

BODILY CHANGES DURING PREGNANCY

During pregnancy, a woman's center of gravity changes due to the increase

in weight and the size and position of the baby. Other changes occur as

well. The ligaments (tissue that connects bones) of the spine and pelvis

become relaxed to allow for stretching during delivery, and the curve in the

lower back increases. Such changes may irritate nerves in the spine and

Having good posture, moving safely, exercising and eating right can help

reduce stress on the spine and relieve pain. Also, a chiropractor can make

gentle adjustments to relieve any back or leg irritation. This special treat-

ment can be done up until delivery with no harm to the baby. A chiroprac-

tor can also suggest ways to walk, sleep and exercise that will further a

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Center, you can actually order prints of your favorite photos or get your photos engraved in gold, simply by transmitting your photo over the Internet.

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To learn more about Club Photo or to find out how you can start a virtual photo album, visit www.clubphoto.com.

KSHAA hosts first ever college and career fair

For the first time in its history, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association will offer Kentucky students and parents the opportunity to attend a college and career fair in conjunction with the 2000 Boys Sweet Sixteen Basketball Tournament.

Kentucky High School Athletic Association Commissioner, Louis Stout explains, "It has been the KHSAA's goal for a number of years to provide an academic element to the Sweet Sixteen Tournament. This college and career fair will allow students from throughout the state to enjoy a fun, educational experience during the 2000 Boys Sweet Sixteen Tournament.'

The FastForward College and Career Fair will be held March 15 and 16, at Lexington Center's Heritage Hall in Lexington. The purpose of the event is to bring educational and career information to the largest gathering of high school students in Kentucky.

The event provides many benefits, including:

· A new and exciting educational component that complements the athletic excellence of the Sweet Sixteen.

· A forum for students and parents to interact with colleges, universities, businesses and other post high school opportunity providers.

. A unique marketing tool for organizations and businesses wishing to reach high school students and parents.

· An excellent sponsorship opportunity for organizations and businesses to align themselves with the most popular high school athletic event in the state.

Fair hours will be on Wednesday, March 15, from 1 -8 p.m., and Thursday, March 16, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The event is open to everyone and admission is free. Promotional efforts for FastForward are WKYT Television. Clear Channel Radio, and iHigh.com.

Stout added, "We are pleased to provide this opportunity to the students of the Commonwealth and hope that students and parents will try to attend, whether their team is in the tournament or not."

For more information on participating in this event, contact bertramd

by Linda Lyon

January has come and gone. Ice and snow have marked much of it but we have persevered.

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET

The Governor's budget was a good one. Mayo Technical College is a line item in Gov. Patton's budget. Let's keep our fingers crossed that it survives the approval

RESPIRATORY CARE **FULL ACCREDITATION**

Mayo's Respiratory Technology program has been recommended by the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care Education (CoARC) for full accreditation by Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

This recommendation came as a result of an on-site visit by CoARC, a full review of our program, and a follow-up report prepared by us responding to their findings.

MORE LABS GO ONLINE AT MAYO

We now have three more labs online and Internet ready at Mayo. Business and Office's second full internet ready lab is online. Classes in Carla Reynolds' lab have had partial Internet access but now offer a full classroom of accessible stations. The High School Data Processing Lab is also now fully online.

The third lab is in building D. This lab is used by the Health Services classes and will be available for extended classes, short term, night and evening classes. Graphic Arts is also adding nine more online MAC computer stations for their students' use. Mayo has become quite a large network.

MEDICAL OFFICE DEGREE ON WAY

Our Medical Office Technology Degree is on its way to final approval. It has passed the CPE approval and the application has been prepared for COE. The next step is a site visit which should be scheduled soon. We hope to have this degree ready for offering by

MAYO MOURNS LOSS OF STUDENT

We are saddened by the death of a high school electricity student. Donny Fyffe lost his battle with leukemia on Friday. On behalf of the faculty and administration, I would like to extend our condolences to the family.

PIKEVILLE CAMPUS IS OPEN

The Pikeville Campus opened to a partial schedule of classes. Presently we are teaching Nursing, Business and Office Classes and the Electronic and Computerized

Systems of Auto Technology at that facility. We are prepared to start Electronics Technology, Industrial Maintenance, and Construction

Technology. Adult Education and Computer Applications will also be offered along with academic classes needed to round out the programs of study offered. PCC has moved its classes that were being taught in the old Pikeville facility into the new site

Joyce Thompson has accepted the challenge of Acting Campus Director for the Pikeville facility. This has greatly relieved some of the crunch being felt by Mr. McCool as he tried to be in three places at one time.

Joyce has been a Nursing Instructor at Mayo's Pikeville facility for several years. She and the other instructors presently teaching at the campus are Pike County natives. Their dedication to education and to eastern Kentucky has been evident in past years as they carried the full load of class responsibility for their students due to their remote location from Mayo's main campus.

MAYO HAS DEDICATED **EMPLOYEES**

Debra Jones and others have worked diligently to prepare the building for occupancy. Debra actually retired June 30, but we never had time to miss her because she continued to work. She worked without pay until a way was found to pay her.

She has been on the Pikeville Project from the start in her capacity as Business Manager. She worked with contractors, builders, vendors, Frankfort teams, and those of us here at Mayo who started with drawings and plans and tried to project a finished project.

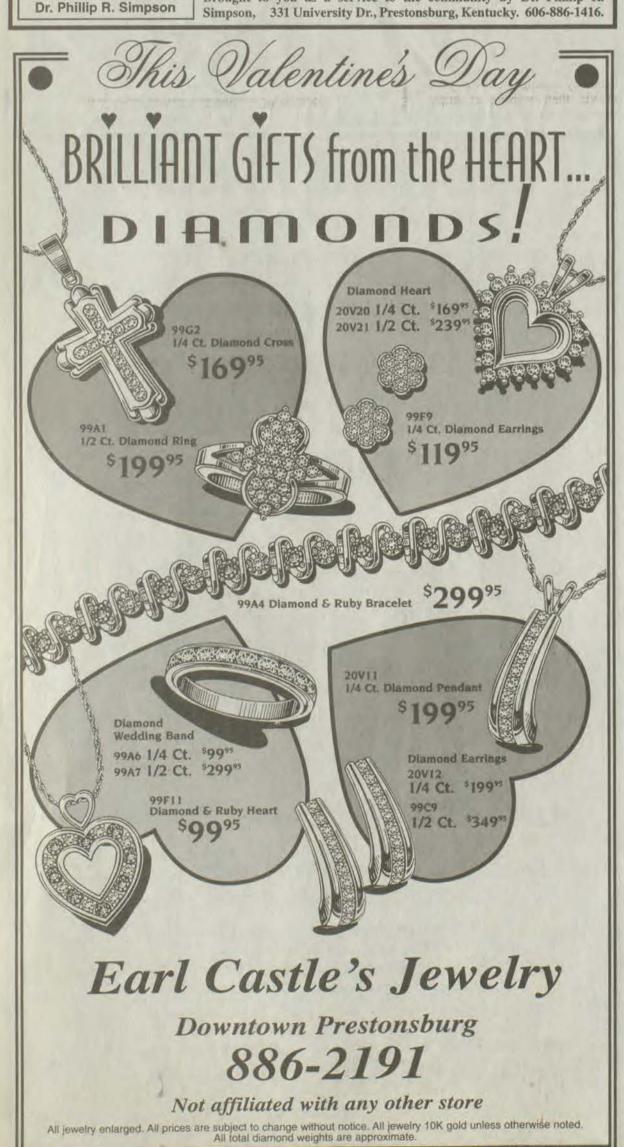
She planned, budgeted, ordered, received, inventoried, placed, labeled and tagged every wire, nut, bolt and piece of equipment or furniture that has come into the building. She has worked from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. or later so many nights that

it seems that she has lived there. Amidst all that Debra has managed to find time to do business affairs for the Mayo main campus. "Thank You" can never be enough for the work Debra Jones has done this past year let alone the years of service she did prior to this project.

Gary Senters, a local electrical ontractor, went to Pikeville in December as interim Mantenance person. He did not know he had a job title until he heard someone use it last week. He has done whatever needed to be done as he worked practically the same hours Debra did. Gary has moved furniture, locked and unlocked doors, manned the maintenance control system, set up equipment, worked with security contractors, building contractors, maintenance contractors, and anything else that needed doing. It is not unusual to see him or Debra putting supplies in the bathrooms or computers in the classrooms.

American Heart

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MDA offers free support group meetings

Association offers free support groups for individuals and their families affected by any of 40 neuromuscular diseases, including muscular dystrophy, myasthenias gravis, spinal muscular atrophy, and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease).

The groups meet regularly and are designed for individuals living with muscle-wasting diseases and their families.

"MDA support groups are a vital link for the million Americans living with muscle-wasting diseases," said Sandy Schuer, MDA regional director. "Whether you're the parent of a child just diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, the spouse of someone living with

ALS, or an adult with any neuromuscular disease, the professionally facilitated groups provide a haven for sharing support, research updates and helpful information."

In Kentucky, area MDA support group meetings include:

· Adult Support Group, facilitated by Donita Kay Henry, M.S.W., C.S.W. Group meets monthly on Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., at Cosmo's Community Center, 828 E. High St., in Lexington.

In West Virginia, area MDA support group meetings include:

· General Support Group, facilitated by Jim Bennett. Group meets monthly on Thursdays, 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, Room A-204, 16 Broad St., in Charleston.

Area residents and family mem-

bers affected by neuromuscular diseases can also participate in infor-MDA-facilitated "Phone Friends" networks and take advantage of MDA's extensive online services, including its helpful "Ask the www.mdausa.org.

More than 200 of the world's leading physicians and scientists participate in "Ask the Experts," providing authoritative responses relating to neuromuscular diseases.

MDA support groups are funded in part by proceeds raised during the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon, broadcast locally on WSAZ-TV, Channel 3. The linchpin in MDA's grassroots efforts, the Labor Day Telethon also helps MDA fund worldwide research into cures and

treatments for neuromuscular diseases, offer comprehensive medical services for affected families, and provide far-reaching professional and public health education.

Individuals who would like more information on attending an MDA support group are encouraged to call MDA Program Services Coordinators Jody Layden in Charleston, West Virginia, at 304/344-9807 or Cindy Hopkins in Lexington, KY., at 606/299-6760.

MDA is a voluntary health agency working to defeat 40 neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive patient and community services, and far-reaching professional and public health education. Recognized by the American Medical Association with a Lifetime Achievement Award" for significant and lasting contributions to the health and welfare of humanity," MDA maintains 230 hospitalaffiliated clinics that offer families the best in care for progressive neuromuscular diseases. In Kentucky, MDA maintains two clinics, including the MDA clinic at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington.

MDA annually funds some 400 scientific teams worldwide. These investigators have made significant advances toward cures for several muscle-wasting diseases. They also have pioneered breakthroughs that

may well lead to therapies for heart disease, cancer, AIDS, Alzheimer's. Huntington's. Parkinson's and cystic fibrosis.

For information or referrals to MDA clinics, call 1-800-572-1717, or visit the MDA Web site at www.mdausa.org. MDA programs are funded almost entirely by individual private contributors.



Rediscovering the joys of wallpaper

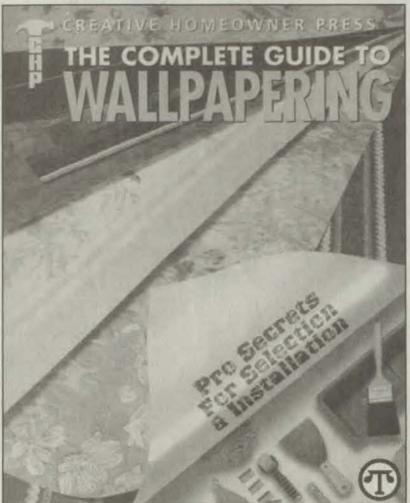
(NAPSA)-Wallcoverings are making a big comeback in the world of decorating. A great way to transform a plain room, wallpapering is so simple anyone can do it. However, before you get rolling, you should invest in a good wallpapering book to help you get started.

The Complete Guide to Wallpapering (by David M. Groff, Creative Homeowner Press) is a great choice for amateurs as well as seasoned paperhangers. This book covers wallpaper from A to Z, with information on how to remove old or outdated wallpaper, the right way to prepare walls, using adhesives, and more. If you're interested in incorporating some wallcoverings into your home's décor, read on for some basics designed to help you get started.

Tools of the trade:

Fortunately, wallpapering is not a high-tech business, so you don't need a lot of complicated tools and expensive equipment for the job. Just like any home improvement project, you'll need the basics like a ladder, dropcloths, hammer, nails, and measuring tape. Some specific tools you'll need include a paint scraper, drywall knife, scissors, caulk and gun, rollers, steamer (if applicable), sandpaper, and a level.

Choosing the right wallcovering: Before you fall in love with a pattern, first consider the basic characteristics of the wallpaper. Does it come prepasted, or do you have to fuss with adhesives? Is it a heavy-duty, thick paper, or is it thin does it have to be professionally cleaned? If you're looking for the kitchen or bath, consider vinyl paper, which stands up to grease, moisture, and water. Fiberglass weaves are also a good choice, because they're highly durable, long-lasting, and won't burn, rot or



Preparing the walls:

Preparation is half the job. When it comes to hanging wallpaper, that statement couldn't be more accurate. However, it depends on the condition of the surfaces as well as the type of wallpaper you choose. For smooth, reflecand untreated, which makes it tive papers, you need a flat wall prone to rips and tears? Can you with no nicks. The thicker papers wash it with soap and water, or tend to do a better job of camouflaging imperfections. Be sure to do a complete job of clearing and cleaning before you get started. Remove all wall fixtures, pictures, and electrical switch plates. Thoroughly clean dirty or greasy walls with equal parts of ammonia and water. Repair any cracks or holes in the walls, and use sandpa-

per to remove small bumps, and to create a smooth surface. Getting started:

Before you choose a starting point, remember to check where the most dominant part of the pattern will fall, and whether you like the location. Be sure to have the seams of the papers lined up correctly. Cut the first strip according to the wall measurements, and leave a couple of inches for trimming along the top and bottom. If you need to apply adhesive, lay the strip (face down) on a flat table, dip a brush into the bucket of paste, and apply the adhesive to the back of the paper with a smooth and continuous motion. Let the wallpaper sit for 5 to 10 minutes, allowing it to expand, and the adhesive to penetrate into the backing. Align the first strip to the guideline you've marked on the wall, and smooth out the paper without trapping air bubbles underneath, working from the guideline edge. Align the patterns as you hang the second strip, and

Troubleshooting:

Whether you're a novice or experienced pro, mistakes can happen. A common problem is rips or tears in the wallpaper. If your problem is limited to a small area, you can easily repair it with a spot patch. Just cut a circle around the damaged area with a razor blade, and remove the wallpaper. Cut a clean piece of wallpaper, at least 1" larger than the diameter of the circle, and make sure it matches the pattern correctly. Paste it over the circle, and make a double cut through the overlapped part of the top piece, following the pattern outline to conceal the seam. Remove the excess pieces from the patch. You should have a perfectly matched, invisible seam.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Floyd County Health Department has employment opportunities in the Home Health Program, these include full-time Registered Nurse and Senior Support Service Assistant, as well as part-time Registered Nurses and Home Health Aides. Part-time positions have the potential to become full-time.

Requirements are as follows:

Registered Nurses: Must have a current license to practice as a Registered Nurse in Kentucky. Full-time salary is \$24,667.50 annually; part-time positions are \$12.65 hourly.

Home Health Aides: Must be certified. Hourly salary is \$6.32.

Senior Support Service Assistant: I year office experience, with typing and computer skills. Annual salary is \$12,324.00.

A criminal background check will be required for these posi-

Applications are available from the Floyd County Health Department, 144 N. Front Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Phone number is 606-886-2788 or toll-free 888-273-1928.

Applications must be returned to the health department by Monday, February 7, 2000.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

New Food City web site up and

Abingdon, Va.—The high speed newer and more convenient items world of the internet is constantly changing as more and more people obtain online access in homes, schools, and businesses. In keeping up with the rapidly changing cyberspace, Food City has completely reconstructed its web site and the new and improved Food City

Online is now up and running. 'We are very proud of our new web site design and we think visitors will find a much more surferfriendly Food City Online," commented Tom Hembree, Food City Senior vice president of marketing.

The new Food City Online retains the popular features of its predecessor such as event listings. ValuCard information, racing news, and more.

However, the new and improved Food City Online will bring some immeasurable.

to the user. For example, visitors can use the new store locator that will actually enable them to view and even print out a map that will lead them right to the front door of their nearest Food City.

Individuals looking for employment can fill out an actual Food City or Mid-Mountain Foods application, print it out, and take it directly to the store or office for consideration. Hembree added, "Making the site easier to navigate was certainly a priority and we feel this is something we have definitely accomplished."

In fact, there is not one single page within the web site that visitors will not be able to access from the home page. The convenience this will provide to the user is

Making the site even easier to navigate is a convenient search engine located near the bottom of the site's home page. Users just type in words and phrases and the engine will do a complete search of Food City Online, bringing back a list of item related to the user's

Food City Online has witnessed an increase in the number of visitors over recent months. The typical month sees 25,000 to 30,000 successful requests for pages.

"With the number of visitors to Food City Online rapidly rising, we feel that our web site can certainly be a useful tool for users whether they are needing shopping information, wanting to view our weekly ValuCard specials, or simply wanting to learn a bit more about Food City," added Hembree.

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America's railroads: Our economy's vital link

(NAPSA)-Based on ton-miles, what mode of transportation provides more inter-city freight transport in the U.S. than any other? If you said "railroads," you're on the right track.

America's railroads carry almost 40 percent of the nation's inter-city freight; 70 percent of motor vehicles shipped from manufacturing sites; 65 percent of the nation's coal, used to generate nearly 60 percent of the electricity; and 40 percent of all grain and farm products.

Railroads hauled nearly 8.8 million trailers and containers in 1998, an increase of more than 180 percent since 1980. In that same time period, rail freight volume increased by almost 50 per-



America's railroads are "engineered" to be an important part of the nation's economy.

Railroads, shippers and rail lessors operated a total fleet of 1,315,667 freight cars in 1998, with an aggregate capacity of 127.8 million tons-an increase of almost 18 percent since 1990. In addition, Class I railroads owned, maintained and paid property

taxes on 102,121 route miles in 1998-enough to encircle the globe nearly four times.

In terms of the economy, U.S. railroads directly contribute \$13 billion a year in wages and benefits to more than 212,000 employees. Almost 800,000 retired railroad workers and their families receive \$8 billion in retiree bene-

Class I railroads also paid out more than \$650 million in federal income taxes and almost \$700 million in other taxes during 1998.

In this age of non-stop innovation, America's high-tech freight railroads continue to be a vital part of almost every convenience enjoyed in daily life.

BOE approves schedule

Floyd High School Monday night conflicts with the Christmas holithe Floyd County Board approved schedule of regular for the remaining calendar year.

The meeting will be held on the fourth Monday of each month except December when the meeting

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At the regular meeting at South will be the third Monday to avoid days.

> The meeting will be based on zones according to the four high schools, but meetings will occur at both these schools as others in each

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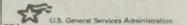
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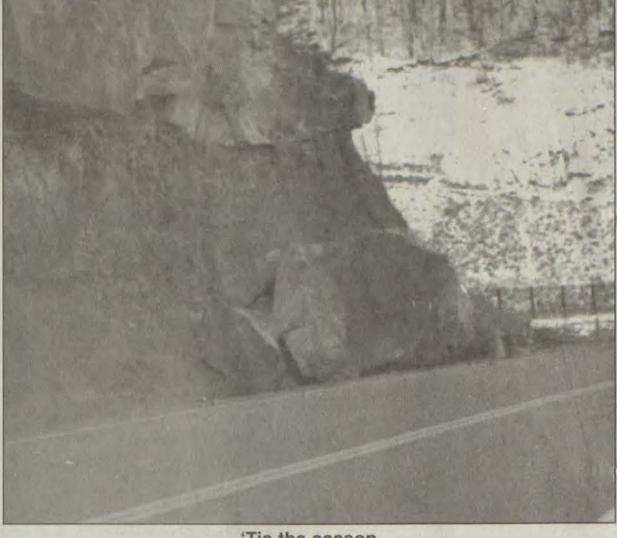
Board members will arrive by 5:30 p.m. for tour of site. Other tours to sites Opportunity Unlimited, Floyd Tech and maintenance and transportation shops may be arranged on the same day of the regular board meeting or at other times desired by the board.

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'Tis the season

With the warm and then cold temperature switches, done times over, as well as occasional snow, the hills are apt to come tumbling. Last Thursday morning, this boulder was sitting alongside KY 321, north of Prestonsburg. Fortunately, it came to rest before hitting a motorist. (photo by Pam Shingler)

Office ergonomics: Give your eyes a break.

(NAPSA)-According to current statistics, roughly 50 percent of American workers are at a computer/video display terminal (VDT) all day. As a result of their constant positioning in front of the keyboard, these workers are at risk for a technology-based condition called "computer vision syndrome."

This condition most often occurs when the viewing demand of the task exceeds the visual abilities of the VDT user. The American Optometric Association defines computer vision syndrome (CVS) as that "complex of eye and vision problems related to near work which are experienced during or related to computer use."

Symptoms of CVS can vary but include eyestrain. headaches, blurred vision (distance and/or near), dry and irritated eyes, slow refocusing, neck and/or backand color distortion.

Monitors should be chosen for features and for how well they protect the eyes.

poor workplace conditions and improper work habits. Fortunately, both of these factors can be easily remedied.

First off, when working at a computer, it is important to position yourself properly. Not only can this cut down on vision problems, but ache, light sensitivity, double vision may also reduce the possibility of other difficulties, such as carpal Aside from individual visual tunnel syndrome or backaches. You problems, the main cause of CVS should sit far enough away from the can be attributed to ergonomics: computer so that your outstretched

fingers can barely touch the face of the monitor. The monitor should also be positioned at eye level to avoid neck strain.

Lighting should be soft and even so there is minimal glare. If your screen is regularly splashed with sunlight or another visually disturbing light source, a glare screen may

Another option may be installinga monitor that is designed to help reduce eye strain. Contrary to popular belief, monitors do not have to be purchased as part of a computer. system "bundle," so both consumers and employers should opt for monitors that promote optimal visual health like the new flat

screen VDTs. Some of the newest and best computer monitors come from Mitsubishi, which has developed free monitor testing and eye testing software to help users protect their

To learn more and for free software, visit the website at www. monitoryoureyes.com.

Small business owners stressed by tax code

personal 1040 tax form can seem issues, and 23 percent also stress complicated. However, the forms are even more complex and daunting if you're a small business

"For many small business owners, understanding the tax implications of owning a small business is a challenge," said Aida Alvarez, administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration.

In fact, a new survey reveals that the tax structure is so complicated that nearly half of all small business owners say that taxes are their biggest challenge for the year 2000.

According to the QuickBooks/TurboTax Small Business Survey, 41 percent of respondents said that taxes are one of the most daunting small business issues of the new millennium.

Among the results of the survey, 31 percent said that finding and retaining employees was a top concern. Twenty-three percent of

(NUE) - Understanding your respondents worry about regulatory about securing financing for their businesses. In addition, 13 percent said that developing a presence on the Internet was one of their biggest concerns for the coming year.

> The QuickBooks/TurboTax survey also revealed that small businesses are slowly, but surely embracing electronic commerce. Roughly, 2.4 million small businesses (10 percent) already support electronic commerce, while another 4.8 million (20 percent) of them plan to do so in the next year. Despite this, many small business owners remain unsure about how ecommerce will impact their busi-

While the majority of small business owners recognize the importance of e-commerce, most of them said they are more immediately looking to the Internet to help them handle their finances.

In fact, 77 percent of respon-

dents said they expect that most of their banking will be handled online

in the 21st century. Among other predictions for the next century, 73 percent predict that they will do their bill paying and invoicing online, 70 percent predict they'll do their tax preparation online and 65 percent expect the Internet to help them administer their company's insurance. In addition, 62 percent of small business owners predicted that they will start processing their payroll using the

Internet in the next century. The QuickBooks/TurboTax Small Business Survey, which included 537 American small business owners, was conducted by International Communications Research. To learn more about Intuit's small business offerings and the survey, visit www.intuit.com. Intuit is the maker of America's No. 1 selling QuickBooks and

TurboTax for Small Business soft-

First Lady to testify on domestic violence bill

FRANKFORT — First Lady Judi Patton was scheduled to testify, along with Rep. Steve Nunn, the sponsor of House Bill 427, before the House Health and Welfare Committee on Tuesday, Lady's legislative package

addressing violence against women, which will be heard before the 2000 General Assembly.

House Bill 427 would place the Governor's Council on Domestic February 1. This is the first bill Violence into statute for the first from the Governor and First time; expands its scope to include rape; allows the creation of local

coordinating councils to address domestic violence; allows creation of domestic fatality review teams to address the most tragic domestic violence case which end in death of the victim; and enhances training efforts with professionals who work with domestic violence and rape victims.

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Painstville give Lady * Blackcats a scare

by Karen Joseph Sports Writer

The past several weeks the weather has played havoc on school and also on basketball games. Most teams have been off for a long period of time and this really affects how players

So was the case for the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats when they traveled to Paintsville on Monday night to take on the Lady Tigers. The last game for the Lady Blackcats was last Tuesday night when they took on the Allen Central Rebels. They barely escaped the Lady Rebels. coming away with a four-point

The Lady Blackcats were able to escape a third quarter scare by the Lady Tigers to come away with the win 58-48, but they struggled the entire

Ramanda Music led both teams in the scoring department. Music finished the game with 23. Prestonsburg had two other players in double figures. Amelia Conley finished the game with 12 points and Stephanie Wells finished with

Prestonsburg played without the services of Megan Hyden. Megan's father had surgery and Megan was with him.

Paintsville was led in scoring by Kim Kretzer with 14. Kretzer was followed in scoring by Stacy Music with 10.

(See PAINTSVILLE, page two)

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Girls

Sheldon Clark 76, Betsy Layne 48 Prestonsburg 58, Magoffin Co. 65, Shelby Valley 71, Pike Central 84, Ashland 52, Whitesburg 70, Boyd Co. 56, Pikeville 64,

Paintsville 48 Menifee Co. 36 Millard 12 South Floyd 46 JCHS 42 Jenkins 51 Lawrence Co. 24 Elkhorn City 47 Knott Central 70, Cordia 35

Games on tap

■ Girls

Thurs., Feb. 3 Allen Central at Millard Sheldon Clark at Prestonsburg

Fri., Feb. 4 Betsy Layne at Allen Central

Prestonsburg at South Floyd

Sat., Feb. 5 South Floyd at Betsy Layne

Mon., Feb. 7 JCHS at Betsy Layne Shelby Valley at Prestonsburg

Thurs., Feb. 10 Betsy Layne at Elkhorn City Allen Central at Magoffin County South Floyd at Millard

Fri., Feb. 11 South Floyd at Betsy Layne

■ Boys

Fri., Feb. 4 Betsy Layne at Allen Central Prestonsburg at South Floyd

Sat., Feb. 5 South Floyd at Betsy Layne

Tues., Feb. 8 Betsy Layne at Elkhorn City Allen Central at Prestonsburg Sheldon Clark at South Floyd

Prestonsburg Junior Basketball completes season

Varsity League

PACERS VS LAKERS

James Lafferty scored a game-high 17 points to lead the Lakers past the Pacers, 24-23, in a barn burner at the Prestonsburg High School gym this past Saturday.

Josiah Reno and Carman Maines added three points each while Jordan Ochala netted one point.

Nick McGuire tossed in 12 points to lead the Pacers' scoring. Meghan Slone scored five and Zach Ousley added four. Chris Oliver had two

McGuire scored four first-quarter points and

Slone hit a three-point basket to give the three, while Tommy Pacers a 7-1 first-quarter led. But Lafferty hit nine of 10 free throws in the second quarter to lead a 10-4 run by the Lakers that tied the game at 11 at the half. All 10 points for the Lakers came on free throws.

McGuire tossed in six third-period points as the Pacers took a 21-18 lead after the third period. But in the final stanza, Lafferty hit two field goals and two free throws for a final 24-23 win for the Lakers.

BULLS VS HAWKS

In a shootout, the Bulls came out on top with a final score of 41-23 over the Hawks. Andrew Sheppherd and Mikey Crum combined for 26 points to lead the Bulls. Sheppherd scored 15 points and Crum added 11. Brooks Herrick scored seven, all in the first quarter. Elizabeth Chaffins finished with Johnson and Jarrod Willis scored two apiece.

Zack Stanley led the Hawks with 14 points. Matthew Crisp finished with five and Michael Lackey had four points. It was a 9-2 game in

favor of the Bulls at the end of the first quarter. Herrick scored seven of the nine. Crisp had the lone field goal for

the Hawks. In the second period, Sheppherd had all seven of the Bulls' points as they took a 16-6 lead to the locker room at the half. Stanley and Lackey had the lone field goals for the Hawks in the quarter.

Stanley scored nine of his 14 points in the fourth quarter but it wasn't enough as the

Training League

SIXERS VS LAKERS

Jody Tackett scored a game-high 12 points as the Lakers posted a 20-15 win over the Sixers in training league play. Josh Rodebaugh added eight points in the win.

Seth Setser scored seven points to lead the Sixers. Nathaniel Stephens had six and Steven Perry finished with two.

The Lakers spotted the Sixers an 8-0 lead after the first quarter, with Setser scoring six of the eight points.

In the second period, Tackett had all eight points for the Lakers as they trailed 9-8 at the

(See JR. BASKETBALL, page four)

Sheldon Clark at Betsy Layne, girls

Harmon, Moore combine to lead Lady Cards past Betsy Layne

by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

It had been two weeks since the Betsy Layne

showed Monday against Sheldon Clark.

Betsy Layne shot a low, low 30 percent from the floor Ladycats had taken to the and was even colder from the and freshman center Kelli

basketball court and it free throw line as they night dropped a 76-48 regional game to the Lady Cardinals.

All-everything Mandy Harmon pumped in 28 points

Moore tossed in 15 to lead the Lady Cardinals' scoring parade. Desiree Cassidy added 10 points.

Betsy Layne placed only one player in double figures and that came from the hand of eighth-grader Whitney Lykens, who finished with 11 points. Amber Roberts put together a strong second half and finished with nine points. Devon Reynolds scored

Jenny Parsons was not involved in the contest as she played with early foul trouble and left the game via the foul route early in the third period. She finished with only five points.

To say the Ladycats struggled would be an understatement. It wasn't that they didn't get good looks at the basket. They did, but the shots just would not fall.

It was the inside game of Moore and the outside firepower of Harmon that did in the Ladycats. What Harmon could not accomplish outside, Moore took care of out-The hot shooting two-

guard of the Lady Cardinals, hit three three-point baskets and was slipping around the Betsy Layne defense for some easy baskets inside.

Moore just dominated the paint area with layups, short jumpers and offensive put

Betsy Layne went without a field goal in the second quarter and had only four at the half. They led twice in the game, jumping out to a 2-0 lead on Kim Tackett's jumper from the corner. Parsons short jumper made it 4-2 for the last lead for the Ladycats.

> and Nikki Harmon

Compton, who netted eight points in the game, hit consecutive three-pointers to build a 9-4 lead for the Lady

Betsy Layne's third basket in the first quarter came on a strong move inside by Lykens, who was fouled on the play. Sheldon Clark closed out the first quarter with an 11-3 run that netted them a 20-9 advantage after the first period.

Lykens also had the fourth basket with 1:31 left to play.

In the second period, not only did Betsy Layne struggle from the floor, but the team hit only four of 12 free throws and had five of 17 in the first two quarters of the game. They trailed 38-13 at

Devon Reynolds hit two free throws at the 3:47 mark

(See HARMON, page two)

Ed's Notebook

■ Grade school tourner

The on again, off again Floyd County Grade School tourney is on again with the finals scheduled for tonight at the Allen Central gymnasi um. South Royd Middle School versus Betsy Layne Flementary in game one at 6 p.m. and game two will feature the John M. Saimbo Mustangs against the Rebels of Allex Central Middle School.

New coaches at Betsy Layne High

At Betsy Layne High School, the Bobcats will have two new coaches when the spring sports season begins, according to school athletic director Shaun Ousley.

Stacy Meade will take the helm of the girls softball program as coach Ted George opts to concentrate tolely on football. Robert Wright will head up the boys baseball team. Boy are first year teachers at Betsy Lav

Paul Prater will coach the tennis team and of course C George will still remain the football coach.

The D.W. Howard Fieldhouse Will be receiving new bleachers in Man hen basketball is over for the year

McKenzie analysis of the 57th District

BETSY LAYNE'S WHITNEY LYKENS (5) found herself in the "land of giants" as she went

up for a shot. Freshman Kelli Moore (32) and Desiree Conley (11) surrounded Lykens.

A Look At Sports



(photo by Ed Taylor)

■ HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISH...

To South Floyd's sophomore sensation Rusty Tackett, who celebrated his special day this past Sunday,

January 30. Rusty plays for the Raiders basketball team. Happy birthday, Rusty. Also, Rusty was named to the All

"A" state All-Tournament team in Richmond over the weekend. Congratulations twice to Rusty. He's a great player!

■ TOMMY MCKENZIE AND

He has been proclaimed as the best point guard in the 15th Region. He is a senior and has been through the basketball wars the past three seasons.

Tommy McKenzie is a floor general. He wants the ball in his hands when the game is on the line. His ability to score from all over the court has made the Eagles one of the top regional teams in the 15th Region.

McKenzie figures the toughest district of the four is the 57th.

"It is a tough district," he said. "It has been for several years."

Once thought of by the oppostion as a sure win, the Eagles of Johnson Central have erased that mindset the past two seasons. The Eagles enjoyed a 20-win season last year and advanced to the semifinals of last year's regional showdown. McKenzie looked at the 57th District.

· Sheldon Clark: "They are a good

(See SPORTS, page two)



TOMMY MCKENZIE OF JOHNSON CEN-TRAL took a break during game time. McKenzie, a senior, hopes to lead the Eagles to Rupp Arena (photo by Ed Taylor)

Rusty Tackett

South Floyd's Tackett named to All "A" All-State team

by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

South Floyd's Rusty Tackett, a sophomore, was named to the All "A" All-State Tournament team joining an elite group of players as one of the outstanding players in the just completed state tournament at

Richmond this past Sunday. Tackett came off the

South Floyd bench and scored a team-high 22 points to lead the Raiders scoring against Highview Baptist in the opening game of the 2000 All "A" tournament. Tackett has been one of the top scorers for the

Raiders this season, averaging close to 15 points a

game, and one of the reasons the Raiders are the top

(See TACKETT, page five)

CRUM BOMBS BEARS PAST PELICANS

Junior Barry Crum tossed in six three-point baskets and joined three teammates in double figures in the scoring column as Pikeville heldoff KIAC rival Spalding, 76-64, Saturday afternoon.

The win moved Pikeville back into a first-place tie in the conference standings. Pikeville (13-11) is 2-1 in the league race. The Pelicans dropped to 13-10 overall and are 1-3 in the conference standings.

Pikeville ripped out to a 21-5 lead with 10:47 to play on the strength of two three-point shots apiece from Crum and sophomore Josh Walker. Freshman John Mims had three of his career-best 10 assists on the three-point baskets.

Spalding didn't stop, however. The Pelicans battled back, using a 23-4 run to take the lead. T.J. Kiesler scored six points in the run, and when Josh Edler hit the final two of three straight free throws, they led 28-25 with 1:37 to play.

The Bears edged back in front, taking a 29-28 lead at the break.

In the second half, the Pikeville school's baseball team, lead stayed between one and four most of the way. Junior Ricky Freeman and freshman Craig Ratliff scored consecutive layups, and when Mims made two free throws, Pikeville had pushed its lead out to 73-65 with 38 seconds

boards, 43-37. Kiesler had 11 rebounds to pace the Pelicans. for the Bears.

Freeman led the way with 19 18. Russell and Ratliff had 12 points each.

Spalding also placed four players in double digits, with Josh Travis coming off the bench to hit five three-point shots and finishing with 18.

Steve Packer had 13, T.J. Kiesler and Timothy Gray scored

THREE JOIN PIKEVILLE COLLEGE HALL

On Saturday, the number of members of the Pikeville College Athletics Hall of Fame reached 55 with the induction of three new members.

Perry Cline and Jesse Collier were inducted in a ceremony that took place Saturday morning.

Also as part of the ceremony, the 1974-75 men's tennis team was honored. It was the team that gave Pikeville College its first KIAC tennis championship.

Blankenship, Cline and Collier were all members of the 1942 Bears squad which won the Southeastern Junior College Tournament, held that year in Boaz, Alabama.

two-sport standout, Blankenship broke state records in track and field, and was a starter on the basketball team. His mark in the 220 low hurdles was still standing when the competition was dis-

According to the school yearbook, on the basketball court, "Smoky" used his speed and scrap to his best advantage and teamed with his mates to run many a play into another basket for the Bears.

Later, he also coached the

Cline started at guard both seasons he played for Pikeville Junior College. He was not only known for his ball handling ability, but also for his rebounding from the outside. According to the school vearbook, "Perry's size, steadiness and competitive spirit made him an Spalding won the battle of the important factor in the success of the team."

At 6-2, Collier was something Ratliff and Freeman had 10 each of a giant when he played in the early 1940s. He has been described by some as a "rugged" player, one points. Crum's six threes gave him who understood there was more to basketball than scoring. He averaged double figures in both points and rebounds that season. The school yearbook that year said Collier "used his speed and driving technique much to the irritation of opponents. He was at his best when fighting for the ball on

BRAZILLIAN SIGNS WITH CONFERENCE CHAMPS

The newest member of the Pikeville College tennis team comes from Brazil, and is the second South American member.

Leonardo Lopez of Sao Paulo after three quarters.

Walter "Smoky" Blankenship, joined the team with the beginning of the spring semester. A 19-yearold freshman, Lopez comes to the country from Paraguay, where he was ranked as high as second in the

> Lopez joins fellow South American Rodigro Puebla on the roster. Puebla is from Chile.

> "We're getting a little bit of international flavor, and that is good," said Coach John Kitchen, whose team begins defense of the KIAC title on February 12 at Transylvania. "These guys from South America obviously have warmer weather than we have here, so they're able to play a lot more

> Lopez was ranked second in Paraguay in the junior division. In the open ranks, he was ranked sixth in the nation.

> "He's a very nice player," Kitchen said. "Obviously you don't move halfway across the planet if you're not. The educational opportunities we provide here, combined with the opportunity to play tennis, makes this a terrific situation for Leo."

> It's also an outstanding situation for the coach. "We learned something at the national tournament," Kitchen said. "We're good enough to compete here, but when we got to the national level we had to improve. I think we have.

'We're excited about this season, and ready to get started."

BEARS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Pikeville College announced schedule changes in three of its intercollegiate sports.

The adjustments to the women's basketball schedule are necessary due to the recent inclement weather, men's basketball and baseball have modified their schedule to accommodate other institutions.

The changes are as following:

MEN'S BASKETBALL:

The Bears game at Georgetown has had a change in date, time and venue. It will be played Tuesday, February 22 at Montgomery County High School in Mount Sterling. The game will begin at 8

■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:

Saturday's game with Spalding has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 17. The home game will be played at 6 p.m. Last Saturday's game at Lindsey Wilson will be played Thursday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. Last Monday's game with Bluefield College has yet to be rescheduled.

BASEBALL:

Originally scheduled for a home-and-home doubleheader, Pikeville will now only play host to Rio Grande for a twin-bill. It will be played Sunday, February 27 at 1 p.m.

Harmon

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of the second quarter and Natasha Stratton connected on two to close the quarter.

The Ladycats did look good on offense in moving the basketball, but shots in the paint area would not

Sheldon Clark had trouble with turnovers to start the third period but Betsy Layne could not take advantage of the miscues to climb back into the game. Of their first six possessions, the Lady Cards turned it over five times. Harmon had 10 of their first 12 points in the third

Sheldon Clark held a 60-33 lead at home Saturday night.

Betsy Layne shot 15 free throws in the final quarter but could only hit on six. Seventh-grader Kim Clark scored the final four points for Betsy Layne.

Kim Tackett finished with five points in the loss. Clark added four and Heather Hamilton scored three. Stratton and Tabatha Meade had two points each.

Betsy Layne has a tough schedule ahead with conference games against both Allen Central and South Floyd. The Ladycats will face Allen Central on the road Friday night and meet South Floyd

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Brandy Wells (10) seemed to be wandering around, but really she had just released and shot and was waiting to see who got the rebound. Wells fouled out the game against Paintsville. (photo by Karen Joseph)

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team but they are lacking in some of the talent they have had over the

· Magoffin County: "Magoffin County is always tough, especially in the district tournament. And the tournament is going to be held at Magoffin County this year."

McKenzie said that was incentive enough to play hard for the number one seed in the district.

· Paintsville: "Tough. Paintsville is always going to be a great team. Just the name Paintsville makes them a great team. No matter how bad their season goes, they are always going to be there."

McKenzie said the Eagles have become "the hunted" rather than the

'We have become the number one team on everybody's schedule to beat," he said. "We are the team has every day. He plays in practice to beat. I think we play better in a situation like that.'

Wherever the team goes, the fans follow. McKenzie said that was an encouragement to players.

"It is exciting to go on the road and see a lot of your fans there," he said. "South Floyd is a team like that. They have a big following."

McKenzie said he is surprised at the success the Eagles have found against regional opponents.

"A team like ours and the depth support the kids. we have has a tendency to become lackadaisal on the floor. I expected one and be good sports!

to play this well late in the season." The Eagles are 9-1 against regional opponents (as of

Wednesday). Their lone loss was at Pikeville. McKenzie said the loss in last year's semifinals is still fresh on his mind and he knows when it comes tournament time, every game could be his last.

"As a senior, I don't want any let down coming into the district tournament," he said. "You don't know which is going to be your last game. You have to come out and play each game as if it is your last game.

"Tommy is one of the finest young men you will ever run across," said Eagle Coach Johnny Ray Turner. "He is a model student and a model young man. Tommy plays with relatively no emotion on the floor. He gives us everything he like he plays in a game."

Coach Turner compared McKenzie to the Energizer Bunny.

"He never runs down. He just keeps going, and a going and a going." He reminds me of another young man I had when I was at McDowell - Henry Webb."

Remember, the Floyd County Grade School tournament is scheduled to play tonight. Go out and

Until Friday, good sports every-

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Paintsville

It was not a pretty win for eight-point lead, 36-28. Prestonsburg, but it was a win, and that is all that matters.

Both teams were hit with the turnover bug, but neither team was able to make use of the turnovers. It seemed as if Paintsville made a turnover, Prestonsburg would get the ball, then commit a turnover before scoring or even getting the ball down the floor.

It was a very low scoring first quarter for both teams. Paintsville took the first lead of the game when Misty Meek scored for the Lady Tigers. That basket came with 6:55 remaining in the first period of play. Prestonsburg's first basket finally came with 6:04 to go in the opening period, when Brandy Wells hit a two-point jumper to tie the score.

The score would be tied three other times in the first quarter, but the Lady Blackcats managed to gain a two-point advantage at the end of the first quarter.

The Lady Tigers regained the lead at the beginning of the second quarter when Kim Kretzer hit a two-point basket and Allison Taylor hit two free throws to make the score 12-10 in favor of the Lady Tigers. But a basket by Ramanda Music would quickly give the lead back to the Lady Blackcats.

With 5:02 remaining in the second period of play, the score was 13-12 in favor of the Lady Blackcats. Prestonsburg then went on a 9-2 run in last five minutes of the half to give the Blackcats a 22-15 lead at the break.

The Lady Tigers came out in the second half and played better basketball. They went on an 8-2 run in the first three minutes of the second half, Ramanda Music hit a basket for the Lady Blackcats. With five minutes to go in the third quarter, Prestonsburg would go on their own run. They scored 10 straight points to gain a 12-point lead. A timeout was called by Paintsville, after which the Tigers went on a 6-2 run and the third quarter ended with the Lady Blackcats having an

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fouls. Both teams would score in spurts and both teams were plagued with fouls. Prestonsburg's Amelia Conley and Brook Coleman spent most of the first half on the bench with foul trouble. Kim Kretzer and Stacy Patrick both were in foul trouble for the Lady Tigers. Things got a little ugly in the

This was a game of runs and

fourth quarter. Things just about got out of hand, but the three officials took control and got things back to order. This was a very physical basketball game. With a little less than five minutes to go in the game, Brandy Wells was assessed with a technical foul. This was her fifth and final foul.

Paintsville tied the score at 40. But Prestonsburg was able to connect on free-throws in the second half, something that the team had not been able to do in the first. With 4:36 remaining in the game, Paintsville was within three points of the Lady Blackcats.

The Lady Blackcats were able to regain their composure and make the crucial free-throws. The final score of the game was Prestonsburg 58, Paintsville 48.

Kim Kretzer and Stacy Patrick both fouled out of the game in the fourth quarter and this really hurt the Lady Tigers.

The Lady Blackcats have a tough week this week. They played the Lady Bobcats last night and will host the Sheldon Clark Cardinals on Thursday. On Friday night, they will host the Allen

Central Lady Rebels. The Lady Blackcats lost to Betsy Layne earlier in the season at Betsy Layne. They had a hard time defeating the Lady Rebels and they have yet to face the very tough Lady Cardinals from Sheldon Clark. This will be a very hard week for the Lady Blackcats. But it will help to prepare them for the upcoming tournaments, where the games really count.

Scoring Summary

Prestonsburg (58) Wells 3, Coleman 3, Conley 12, Music 23, Howell 5, Adams 10.

Paintsville (48) Patrick 5, Kretzer 14, Music 10, Meek 2, Taylor 4, Staniford 3, Nelson 2, Hall 4, Preston 3.

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Sports In Lentucky

by Bob Watkins

Will UK finish better than 'top two' during college football signing week?

National signing week for college football began February 2. While we won't know for a season or two how good a class Kentucky coaches sign, there are a few telltale signs.

UK has done reasonably well instate in a thin year, signing a kicker, two linemen, Josh Jaggers of Danville and Jeremy Caudill of Prestonsburg, and the state's leading receiver, Gerad Parker of Lawrence County, who I believe is

This is something of a critical year for Mumme Ball in that UK has been on the "final two" list with nationally touted prospects long enogh. Kentucky will sign offensive lineman Antonio Hall away from Ohio State, but finished second on a defensive tackle who signed with Florida and a running back to Penn State. At this writing two defensive tackles in Memphis were down to UK and Alabama.

Considering UK's facilities, stadium, fan enthusiasm and two bowl trips the last two years, if Mumme Ball is as popular as some think, then it's time Kentucky coaches were winning over some of the nation's best high school prospects instead of finishing in the top two. Stay tuned.

TUBBY'S CATS GROWING UP

Seeing times change and (UK)

Roll the tape: Late second half, Kentucky and Georgia were tied in

Saul Smith drove the ball hard to front court, stopped and waited. Jamaal Magloire lumbered into the post opposite side of the lane. Smith passed the ball to J.P. Blevins whose mind is programmed for: Locate and lob inside. The Wildcat center caught it, did a polished spin move left into the lane for a jump hook. Swish! UK was on its way to win No. 14. By Saturday the Wildcats would be 15-5.

A month ago Smith rushed the ball to front court and threw it away. A month ago Magloire fumbled and bumbled the pass into a

A month ago Blevins was on the

bench at crunch time.

it is a gratifying sight.

A true measure of how much Tubby Smith's team has matured has begun to unfold after Vandy, Georgia and Miami and continued with Tennessee Tuesday.

Three crucial road games loom in February - Florida Feb. 8, LSU Feb. 13 and Tennessee in Knoxville

Saturday's victory at Miami had its own growing up signs as Kentucky faced a quick, tough and rough defense matching its own and the Wildcats survived.

Heading to Valentine month, there is joy in Mudville.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. End of January, who is the No. 1 college team in men's basket-

A. To the delight of CBS-TV Sports and its rights to the Road to Indy, I'm not sure there is a No. 1. When the Field of 64 gets under way next month any one of a dozen teams could make it to the Final Four. Presently, Cincinnati looks best, but the Bearcats are like a thoroughbred that runs a solid mile ... in a race that requires a mile-anda-quarter.

Q. Biggest surprises this college

A. Most would say Syracuse, but my vote goes to Duke, then Tulsa. Four starters gone yet Mike Krzyzewski's team has earned itself a No. 2 spot in the Sagarin Ratings. Tulsa, ranked sixth, could very well be the Cinderella who slips into the Final Four.

Q. Best newcomer?

A. Easily DeMarr Johnson at Cincinnati. The NCAA should get a restraining order against any professional agent getting within shouting distance of this 6-9 wunderkind. For as long as possible, let us enjoy watching this kid play the site for UK intersectional games

Q. Teams you would most like to

A. At their best, Tennessee and Cincinnati.

Q. Biggest horse's patoot this

college season? A. No. it isn't Bob Knight. It's metro media types who blew up Steve Alford-Knight shaking hands.

Tubby Smith by making radio callin show palaver into more than it

Q. Leading college coach of the year candidate at mid-season?

A. Bill Self, Tulsa and Eddie

Sutton, Oklahoma State. Q. Best comeback of the season

A. While all around him were gnashing their teeth in despair and panic, Kentucky's Tubby Smith coached and his team responded.

Q. Is C.M. Newton's legacy a clean sweep?

A. Not to those who look at the entire picture and get answers to questions.

I. Have graduation rates for UK student-athletes improved? 2. With state of the art facilities and equipment available, is UK more SECcompetitive in other sports men's and women's track and field, women's basketball, swimming? 3. Have profits gotten from football and basketball programs been spent wisely? Example: Reduce pressure to hike tuition rates? 4. With Newton's new coach, is UK football gaining on Florida, Tennessee. Georgia and other SEC brethren?

Let us not forget Newton okayed a partnership with Nike Corp., a company whose vastly overpriced wares are manufactured entirely in foreign countries.

Q. Is there a serious movement to bring an NBA franchise to Louisville?

A. If so I hope it is unsuccessful." NBA bad points aside, Kentuckiana is so uniquely a college basketball enclave for UK, UofL, IU fans, and high school basketball in Indiana is popular as well, I would hate to see it polluted by greed merchants.

If a new arena is built in Louisville it ought to be for UofL Cardinals basketball; and serve as a with IU, and perhaps Kansas, Notre Dame and others.

Q. Jefferson Pilot is polling fans on the best five players in SEC history. Who would be on your list?

A. Managed to par my list to seven. Based strictly on college performance - Pete Maravich, LSU; Allan Houston, Tennessee; Dan Issel, Kentucky; Dominique Second place goes to media herd Wilkins, Georgia; Leon Douglas,

and Corliss Williamson, Arkansas.

Q. The KHSAA cancelled its contract with Cardinal Stadium to host high school football's four championship games. What now?

A. Probably the four games will be split into doubleheaders and played on consecutive days at two sites, conceivably Commonwealth Stadium and Eastern Kentucky's Hanger Stadium. Beyond locating sites, a major problem will be staging games on natural turf in late November.

BITS 'N PEOPLE

Click, click, click. Those descending numbers next to Jamaal Magloire's name

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center's NBA Draft position chang-

In case you missed it:

■ The fellow who swished the winning free throws and got the last rebound to clinch Florida State's victory at North Carolina Chapel Hill, last month, was Oliver Simmons. The same Huck Finn redhead who transferred from Kentucky two seasons ago.

■ The two players guarding Pistol Pete Maravich in a photo on page 178 of Sports Illustrated's January 17 issue, were UK's Terry Mills (Cameron's father) and Mike

PARTING SHOT

Notre Dame basketball star Todd

Times change. Kids grow up and types who validated criticism of Alabama; Ralph Beard, Kentucky; endar turns to February is the UK Murphy to Sports Illustrated: "I want to be a great player, but I try not to take myself too seriously. Hey, I go to school for free, and thousands of people come to watch me play a game. These are good

And so it goes.

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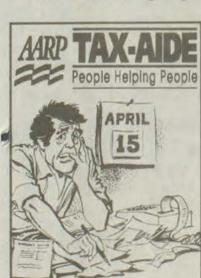
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NASCAR Connection Smith Still Making Noise

by Steve Mickey NASCAR Columnist

It wouldn't be the start of a new Winston Cup season if Bruton Smith's name wasn't in the news. Smith is the chairman of Speedway Motorsports, which owns six of the tracks that make

up the Winston Cup schedule. In a recent interview Smith blasted NASCAR officials, blaming the gov-



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eming body for a variety of ills that he track in Texas and is yet to get that date. thought was wrong with the series.

Speedway Motorsports' aggressive buying of race tracks in the 1990s had many involved in the sport believing that Smith was trying to get himself in a position to start his own stock car series. His own stock car series never did develop, but he did bring the idea of splitting the series into two leagues to

NASCAR officials. NASCAR president Bill France Jr. didn't think much of Smith's idea of splitting the series up. Smith's idea did go a long way toward changing the way that France's International Speedway Corporation did business. France began his own aggressive acquisition of speedways.

It didn't just stop with the acquisition of speedways either. Smith's tracks were known for being up-to-date and fan-friendly, while France's tracks had gone years without any kind of updating. All of that changed as France is now putting facelifts on all of his tracks and taking all of the steps necessary to make sure that his tracks stay as fanfriendly as Smith's.

Smith feels that NASCAR has been giving the marketing side of the sport too much of its attention and not enough attention to the action on the track. He points to NASCAR's season long celebration of its 50th anniversary during the 1998 season as a case where greed may have played a part in the planning.

Smith's concerns about the 50th anniversary celebration may be replayed this year as NASCAR has already released a new NASCAR 2000 logo for this season along with plans for a season full of special events marking the first season in the new millennium.

Of course, any conversation that Smith has about NASCAR you can be sure that one of the topics that will be brought up will be the awarding of a second race date for his Texas track. Smith contends that he was promised a date from NASCAR if he would build a

Smith is always quick to let you know that the one Winston Cup date that Texas Motor Speedway now has is the one that he moved from North Wilkesboro after buying out half of the track. Smith also owns another new state-of-the-art track at Las Vegas that only has one Winston Cup date.

The track at Texas got off to a rough start with its inaugural race, when every driver said that the track wasn't safe to race on. The driver's, concerns played out as, after the race the garage area resembled a junk yard after a demoli-

When the series returned the following year, track officials were selling Tshirts with "Shut-up and Drive" on them as a way of saying that all of the track's problems were solved. This time the twisted and bent sheet metal didn't wait to happen on race day. Instead, qualifying turned into just surviving. France wasn't pleased and even threatened to take Texas' one race away from them if the problems with the track weren't corrected.

If you were Smith you would probably just learn to go along with the wishes of France, but few out there do business like Smith. He just recently announced that he was trying to purchase some land in the New York City area is order to build another race track. NASCAR announced in 1999 that it

was looking for a site near New York City to build a track. Just last week they announced that they were going to do a feasibility study on the Meadowlands Sports Complex across the river from New York City in New Jersey to see if a building a track there was a possibili-I bet you have already figured out

that the land Smith was trying to buy was the same that France and NASCAR had an eye on! If Smith does end up with the land, what are the odds that he will ever host a Winston Cup race?

Kentucky Sportsline by Tom Leach

For Kentucky football fans, recruiting is foremost in their minds right now. That's probably true for Hal Mumme and his staff, too, but they also have an eye focused on the new season coming in

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Wildcats' head man to look back and ahead:

> WHAT ARE YOUR **EXPECATIONS FOR NEXT SEASON?**

"We're not going to be as young next year, so they (the expectations) are obviously higher than 6-6. Not anybody around here is very happy with that. I think the way our kids

worked, their persistence and their Recently, I sat down with the competitiveness was the most pleasing thing about (last season)."

WHAT ARE THE PRIMA-RY CONCERNS AND **OBJECTIVES FOR THE** OFFSEASON?

"We're doing a lot of evaluation of things that didn't go well during the season and why they didn't go well. In the offseason, we've got to do a good job of really getting stronger in our offensive front and our defensive front. And for some of our offensive line kids, strength isn't the problem, it's movement, agility. We think we've got some good players, but they got thrown into the fray before they were physically ready."

"Offensive line-wise, we've got five guys back who were starters, but we're going to go through this offseason and tell them that there aren't any starters. That's unusual for us, but we just feel like we redshirted some guys in both lines that can compete for starting jobs. This is going to be an interesting offseason, to see who really wants to be the starter in the D-line and the O-

YOUR TEAM WAS PRAISED FOR OVER-ACHIEVING BY GETTING TO A BOWL GAME, BUT IN WHAT AREAS DID YOU FEEL IT FELL SHORT OF YOUR HOPES AND EXPECATIONS?

"I think in the O-line, we didn't play nearly as well as we're accustomed to around here and that's one of the reasons we're going to create this competition. We're going to do the same thing at receiver and running back, too. We were not very happy with our play there. Our wide receiver with the most catches was Gary Davis and he really didn't catch any balls after the LSU game. That's not very good."

"We're going to look at some young guys and we really have some open competition. The blessing is that we have a number of guys that we can look at there."

IS DENNIS JOHNSON READY FOR A BREAK-OUT YEAR, AFTER HIS PLAY IN THE BOWL GAME?

"Fans say, 'He's like Couch at his position' and he is, but Couch played a position where it didn't matter what you bench-pressed. In



Dennis' position, it really does matter. Right now, Dennis can do about 350 (pounds), but until he gets to the 400-range, he's not going to be the player we need him to be. He's got a chance to do that in this offseason, for the first time since he's been here. This is just a proven fact with all of the strength coaches in the SEC — if you can't bench press 400 pounds, you really can't play in the D-line very effectively for an entire season. This is the first time he can go through an offseason and come out of it and say, 'I'm strong enough to be the best in

"I think Dennis has the heart and soul to do that and I think he's going to be taught the technique by our coaches and so it's just a matter of getting physically mature. When you try to compare that to a position like quarterback, it's like comparing apples and oranges. Tim Couch could be in just good physical condition and his natural gift for being able to throw the ball could take over. Tim had to throw the ball -Dennis has to throw 300-pound linemen that bench press over 400 pounds."

WHAT WERE THE PROS AND CONS OF DUSTY BONNER'S FIRST SEA-SON AS A STARTER AT QUARTERBACK?

"I think Dusty matured a lot through the whole season and really handled himself and the team well. He played well enough to get us to a bowl game. He did not have around him the receiving corps that Tim had (especially after Dougie Allen was lost to an injury). I don't think Dusty ever had the chance to develop any chemistry with those wideouts and that's part of the reason we were so poor in that area, although we still led the SEC in passing.

"We've got to settle on two or three guys at wide receiver this spring and let him get some rapport with them. We need some guys to rise out there (at wideout).

"He does some things he needs to work on. His drops, his foot mechanics He can really improve on using the whole offense, in terms of what he checks to and we had areas where we had lulls and a lot of it was that Dusty didn't get us into the right play. And he knows he has to do that to be our quarterback."

DOES MOST IMPROVE-MENT FOR A QUARTER-BACK COME AFTER THAT FIRST YEAR OF **RUNNING YOUR SYS-**TEM?

"Dusty is a lot like Chris Hatcher was (at Valdosta State). If Dusty is going to be a great player, then this is when he's going to improve. If not, then he's probably going to catch some heat from Jarred Lorenzon or whoever we recruit."

IS DUSTY'S ARM STRONG ENOUGH TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN YOUR SYSTEM?

"I think he's fine in that respect. He can certainly get stronger and he will. I've been fortunate to have a couple in Lance Funderburke and Tim Couch who just had great natural ability, but all of the rest of the quarterbacks we've had have been like Dusty and Chris. I think it's more the mental aspects that Dusty needs to improve. And Dusty is a real dedicated guy.

"As far as his size goes, I've stood next to Cade McNown and Dusty is the same size. I went out to the Denver Broncos and I stood next to Brian Griese and Dusty is the same size. Dusty Bonner is bigger than Jim McMahon ever thought about being. Everybody is comparing Dusty to Tim and you're not always going to get a package like Tim. If you keep waiting for a guy like Tim to come along to have a successful offense, then you're going to have the same kind of offense that everybody enjoyed around here until this staff got

"If we can get a guy like Lorenzon to have all of the qualities that Dusty has and be as in tune with the team, then that's great. But that's not always going to happen."

DO YOU EXPECT TO HAVE SEVERAL FRESH-MEN PLAY CONTRIBUT-ING ROLES, AS HAS BEEN THE CASE THE PAST THREE YEARS?

"Particularly in the spots we're recruiting (linemen and cornerbacks), they're going to come in and play. On the O-line, 50 sacks was way too many and we were not pleased with the running game."

THAT'S ESPECIALLY TRUE AT QUARTERBACK, TOO, RIGHT?

"That's obvious. Right now, we've got Dusty, who I feel real good about. I like Mark Perry, who, is a walk-on that we put on scholarship. He's a senior and he understands his role and would be an adequate cleanup guy for us. We'd like to see Jarred do well in the classroom and be able to compete for the job in the spring. All that is up to Jarred. If he gets to April and he's passing all his classes and he's got about a 2.5 (GPA), then I'm going to let him compete. If he's not at that point, there's no guarantee he'll be eligible for the

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half. Setser had the lone point for the Sixers in the two points in the period. Burchett, Ratliff and

Rodebaugh, who did not score in the first quarters, scored four points in the third for the Lakers as they tied the game at 12 after three periods. Stephens had the three third-quarter points for

The Lakers outscored the Sixers 8-3 in the fourth quarter to pull out the win. Rodebaugh and Tackett each scored four points. Perry had a basket for the Sixers and Stephens hit a free throw.

SONICS VS BULLETS

Taylor Clark scored 12 points to lead the Bullets to an 18-10 win over the Sonies in the training league. Jesse Brock added four points and Stephanie Conley scored two.

Michael Burchett and Rikki Hughes scored four points each to lead the Sonics. Brandon Ratliff added two points.

It was a 2-0 struggle after the first quarter with the Sonics in front on a basket by Hughes. But in the second quarter, the Bullets went to the locker room with a 3-2 lead. Conley had a field goal and Clark hit one of two free throws.

Clark had five points in the third quarter to lead a 7-2 run for the Bullets that netted them a 10-4 lead after three quarters. Jesse Brock scored two points in the period.

Clark added six more points in the final stanza in a 8-6 run and the final 18-10 score. Jesse Brock had Hughes scored two points each for the Sonics.

HAWKS VS HORNETS

Jared May had four points while Joshua Head and Austin McKinney scored two points each to lead the Hawks to a 8-4 win over the Hornets Saturday afternoon.

Shawn Wallen scored all four points for the

The Hawks led 4-0 after the first quarter behind May who had both field goals. Wallen scored his four points in the second quarter but his team trailed 6-4 at the half.

The Hornets did not score in the second half.

PEE WEE LEAGUE PACERS VS BULLS

Wil Allen scored seven of his team's eight points as the Bulls defeated the Pacers, 8-5. Tyler Good had the other point for the Bulls.

The Pacers were led by Evan Hayes' three points. Evan Spradlin scored two points.

BULLS VS MAGIC

Steve Shelton scored three points while Frankie Conn and Myles Minix scored two apiece to lead the Magic to a 7-6 win over the Bulls. Tyler Good and Wil Allen scored three points each for the



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by Kim Hermes

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I wanted to contribute to each, but to be paid. However, for those antic- then I'd have to petition the IRS to add a check-off for me next year!

Being an outdoors enthusiast (who also happens to work for the department of fish and wildlife), I chose to donate to the Nature and Wildlife Fund, which benefits wildlife and wild places.

On average, only about one percent of the Kentuckians who receive ened and endangered species; tax refunds contribute to the Nature

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the Kentucky state income tax form, and Wildlife Fund. That's roughly and boating laws which protect both few two-year-olds last year because there's a section where you can 19,000 people. These contributors are very helpful, though, giving an average of more than \$5 each and raising nearly \$95,000 for nongame programs each year. Last year, a record \$110,000 was raised through the tax check-off.

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So, save something on your taxes. Look for the Kentucky warbler on your state income tax form and check the Nature and Wildlife Fund.

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FALL TURKEY HARVEST DOWN, SPRING SEASON LOOKS GOOD

Turkey hunters checked in 1,615 birds during the fall seasons, about 18 percent less than last year's fall harvest. However, archers took 459 turkeys this season, showing a whopping 74 percent increase over last year's archery harvest of 264 birds.

The top counties for archery turkey harvest this year were Crittenden (15 birds), Butler (13), Ohio (12), Owen (12), Muhlenberg (10) and Clark (10).

Hunters took 1,156 turkeys during the five-day fall shotgun season in the 42 open counties. This was a 33 percent decrease from 1998's fall gun harvest of 1,718.

Fall gun turkey permit sales for 1999 also dropped about 33 percent from last year. The decrease can be contributed to the Senior/Disabled combination license. By including the privilege to hunt turkeys, the new license eliminated the need for seniors and disabled hunters to buy permits.

In addition, rain during the last three days of the season likely contributed to the lower hunter participation and success.

The top five counties for turkey harvest during the fall shotgun season were Ohio (90 birds), Muhlenberg (89), Butler (56), Crittenden (47) and Owen (46).

"Turkey hunting this spring season should be great. We have a good number of two-year-old gobblers in the population due to the good hatch in 1998," commented George Wright, turkey program coordinator with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR).

This spring season should exceed last year. Simply stated, the 1999 spring season was not good.

Wright explains, "There were too

game and nongame animals. The of a poor hatch in 1997. As a result, the adult gobblers that were out there had plenty of hens. This made it difficult to call them in, and, if they didn't gobble, it was hard even to find the birds. This spring should be much better."

Kentucky's gobbler season opens April 17 and runs through May 7. The only law that has changed regarding the spring turkey season concerns reporting harvested turkeys. All turkeys harvested in Kentucky must be reported to the KDFWR through the telecheck harvest reporting system.

Hunters must report their harvested turkeys by calling toll-free 1-877-CHK-GAME (1-877-245-4263). Hunters must check in their turkeys on the day the birds are harvested during the spring season.

The spring turkey bag limit remains two male turkeys or turkeys with beards. The daily limit is one bird. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour

For additional information about turkey hunting in Kentucky, refer to the current turkey hunting guide available from local sport hunting license vendors. The turkey hunting guide is also available on the web site www.state.ky.us/agencies/fw/kdfwr.



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Some months ago the ad played widely on ESPN-TV. It featured Richard Petty, the all-time winningest driver in NASCAR history, and his son Kyle Petty, currently a leading driver on the stock car cir-

Kyle Petty is at the wheel of a racer, supposedly driving in a combehind him, back seat driving, so to before him or since.

Richard Petty (eyeing conditions ahead): "Better watch it. They're getting jammed up.'

Kyle Petty: "Don't worry. I can handle things. Richard Petty: "Careful now,

you're gonna get bumped." Kyle Petty makes no reply but quickly works the wheel. Richard

Brief silence. Richard Petty: "Careful now,

Petty looks out the back window.

you're gonna get bumped." nothing.

Richard Petty: "Just what gear ore you in, anyway?

Kyle Petty (over his shoulder): "Maybe you'd like to drive." Richard Petty (moving forward):

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against Sheldon Clark Monday night. Roberts finished with nine points in a 76-48 loss to the Lady Cardinals (photo by Ed Taylor)

Sports-In-

Fade to commercial message. At 62, Richard Petty could still drive successfully on the Winston Cup Circuit. Or such is the ad's implication. And who is to say no?

During a racing career that spanned 35 years, "The King," as he came to be known, dominated petitive situation. Richard Petty sits the NASCAR scene like no one neer Lee Petty, Richard grew up

ors on the Grand National Circuit in in his father's footsteps. 1958 and headed the field for the last time in 1984, his 200th stock car victory. Between these two parameters he topped the national driving championship standings seven times - 1964, 1967, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, and 1979. During the 1967 NASCAR schedule he claimed first money in 27 of 48 races, winning 10 of them in a row. In the Daytona 500, the Super Bowl of stock car racing, he took Kyle Petty rolls his eyes but says top honors on seven occasions. And at career's end he had banked more than \$7.5 million in prize monies.

> Overall, Petty started 1,185 NASCAR events, won 200 of them, finished in the top five 555 times and in the top ten 712 times. He was particularly effective on super speedway courses, notching 55 victories at these sites. Small wonder stock car racing fans dubbed him

also chronicled in NASCAR annals, often ran side-by-side with Petty in their respective heydays. They frequently "burned metal" one with the other and neither man would give a quarter on the tightest turn. But such hard driving merely engendered considerable respect

Said Pearson, "Other drivers might have been better on a given day, but it seemed like Richard was there every day. He drove smart and hard, and he had to be one of the best ever. And you have to revere his record, which is the best ever."

The son of noted stock car pioaround engines and the sound of He won Rookie of the Year hon- racing. It's only natural he followed

Said Petty, "My daddy was a race driver, so I became a race driver. If he'd been a grocer, I might have been a grocer, too."

This strong family nexus persisted throughout Petty's incredible stock car reign.

"I was a part of Petty Enterprises," he said. "My daddy ran the team. My engine builder was my brother Maurice. And my crew chief was my cousin Dale Inman. I was a team man, and in the long run a team man will win more than an individualist."

Petty has to be considered one of great race drivers of the last 100 years right along with the likes of Mario Andretti, Al and Bobby Unser, A.J. Foyt, Graham Hill, Jackie Stewart and others of this

Racing is racing no matter if it be on the NASCAR circuit, the David Pearson, whose deeds are Indy-car ovals or over the tortuous terrain preferred by the Grand Prix establishment.

As current NASCAR star Dale Earnhardt said, "Richard Petty has always given back to racing more that he took out. That's just his

So long live "The King."

Tackett.

leading the state in scoring.

the finals of the All "A". Highview fell to Newport Catholic in the home and face Betsy Layne on the championship game.

Tackett and the Raiders get back

(Continued from page one)

team in the 15th Region as well as to action on the hardwood with district games against Prestonsburg Highview Baptist advanced to and Betsy Layne. The Raiders will meet the Blackcats Friday night at road Saturday night.

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.- Cal Wells, the new kid on the block, showed off some new ideas to the old-timers during Ford's Winston Cup testing last week.

longtime Wells is the CART/Fedex team owner who is fielding the No. 32 Tide Ford driven by Scott Pruett. He and his team arrived at the Daytona test session armed with laptop computers designed to record real-time measurements on the car as it traveled around the 2.5 mile track.

The information the data systems were supposedly collecting while the car was going around the track at over 185 mph was speed,

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water and oil changes, transmission shifting speeds, engine rpm's and track temperature.

The sensors that were placed on the car were bounced off a satellite and then back to the laptops in the team's garage area, where they were recorded and then analyzed by a group of technicians.

This type of testing has never been allowed in a regular NASCAR practice or qualifying, but there are no rules that prevent it in test-sessions such as last week's.

While crew members weren't sharing the information they gathered, the team did manage to turn the third-fastest of any other Ford team. When asked about the relatively new computer technology they were using, Pruett replied:

"Let's face it, this is a streetfight where we get out there and everybody else is scraping for every little piece of speed they can find. If we have any tools in our pocket that we can use, we're going to use them."

Computers have been used in the CART and Indy-Car series for several years. All their cars are fueled by various computer processors.

But according to Pruett, the technology they employed at Daytona was not really high tech.

'The stuff we're using is not what I consider leading edge for what we've done in the Indy-Car Series," he said. "It's good solid tools that were easy to transfer over to the Winston Cup Series.'

The type sensors used on the No. 32 car will not be allowed during practice sessions at tracks prior to a regular Winston Cup race. NASCAR has a rule that prohibits electronics of any kind during practice, qualifying and during an actual Winston Cup event.

These information and data systems have been available for several years to all teams, but only one or two NASCAR teams have ever attempted to make use of them during private testing. We'll have to wait and see if other teams try to develop their own systems using satellite technology.

But you can bet your last "I Love NASCAR" button, that if Scott Pruett and the Cal Wells team do

well in the Daytona 500, other teams will be on the telephone come Monday, morning ordering up their own laptop programs and satellite dishes.

Rick Carelli, Ken Schrader and Tony Stewart to return to Phoenix

PHOENIX, Ariz.- The 23rd Annual Copper World Classic will

Homestead-Miami, Fla.

Stewart is the only driver in the 22-year history of the Copper World Classic to win two feature events on the same day, doing so in the 1998 event by winning the USAC Midget and USAC Silver Crown Series that year. He also finished second in the Supermodified race in 1998.

His other top-three finishes in the Copper World Classic include a

National Division and in ARCA, but not with the same results. He hopes to change that this year in his-No. 2 Ultra Motorsports Ford when the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series makes its first visit to the "World Center of Racing."

"Nothing would make a better start to this year then to win the first, truck race of 2000 and the first one. at Daytona," said the St. Louis native. "The guys built a brand newtruck for this race and we had a really good test there in December."

Wallace heads to Speedweek with two strong positives in his corner - a fast truck and a lucky hand. For the past two years, he's gone to Daytona simply as a spectator, but each of those years he's been asked to qualify a Winston Cup car. On each occasion, he has made the starting line-up.

"I've been fortunate enough to have run at Daytona in a couple of different series, so I feel pretty good about this year's trip," Wallace said. "In January we went to Talladega (Ala.) instead of Daytona. That test went well too, and we were able to get more track time than if we had gone to Daytona in January with all of the other truck teams."

Up to this point, Wallace has been a dark horse in whichever series he's competed in at Daytona, but this year could be very different. With two Craftsman Truck Series wins under his belt in 1999 and a sixth-place finish in the season-ending point standings, Wallace is very confident about his chances when the trucks hit Daytona's high banks on Feb. 18.

"I think we have a great shot at a pole and the win," Wallace said. "I've won here before and I know the draft. Not too many drivers in the Truck Series can say that."

Another push for Wallace to win the first race of the 2000 season is the jump-start it would have on his year. One of his two wins last year in the Truck Series came in the season-opening event at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

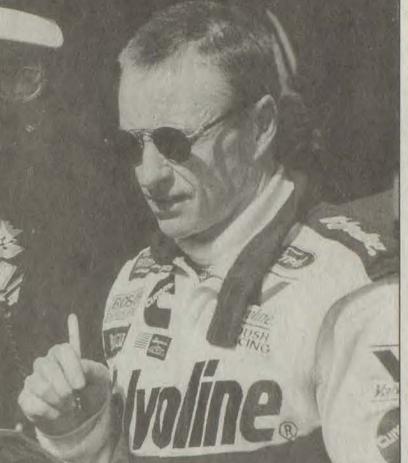
"Daytona is a really cool place and I'm thrilled that they are finally letting the trucks run at Daytona. The media launch here is bigger then anywhere else we go to all season, and there is a lot more signifi-

cance to winning at this track.' It is every driver's dream to be on stage in Daytona's victory lane, and for Wallace, that dream has come true once already.

The confidence he exudes about this February's trip could very well spell another trophy from the legendary oval, which suits him just

"My team and I plan to put out a concerted effort with the goal of winning," Wallace said. "I know everyone else will too.

But we have experience on our side and I think we can do it. There is nothing I would like more than to be spraying champagne at about I p.m. on Friday afternoon. If everything falls into place just right, that's where we'll be."



Mark Martin

be February 4-6. Celebrity drivers that will be attending include former winner and Winston Cup star Ken Schrader, Craftsman Truck Series driver Rick Carelli and 1999 Winston Cup Rookie of The Year Tony Stewart,

Carelli was critically injured in an accident at Memphis Motorsports Park in May 1999. He resumed testing trucks at the end of last year and has been hired to drive the No. 66 Ford in the upcoming Craftsman Truck season. This will be his first race since the accident.

Schrader, who will be in the No. 36 M&M's Pontiac during the 2000 Winston Cup season, is the career leader of the event. He will drive his own car, the No. 99 Federated Auto Parts Chevrolet. Schrader has six wins in the Copper World Classic.

Previous winner Tony Stewart will serve as the grand marshal on Sunday, February 6. Stewart returns to PIR for the first time since his dominating victory in the Checker Auto Parts/Dura Lube 500 NASCAR Winston Cup race last fall. In 1999 Stewart became the only driver in the history of NASCAR's top division to win three races in a rookie year. Stewart's three wins came at Richmond, Va., Phoenix, Ariz., and

1993 second place finish in the USAC Silver Crown race, third in the 1994 USAC Silver Crown and first in USAC midgets in 1997.

The race will be run at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 6. It will be taped by TNN for viewing later in the week on its program, "Race of The

Any win at Daytona is special for Mike Wallace

CHARLOTTE. N.C.- Mike Wallace vividly remembers that February afternoon when he crawled from his Ken Schraderowned ARCA car. He had just won his first ARCA race, but more importantly, he had won at the famed Daytona (Fla.) International Speedway.

"The win in the ARCA car was definitely a highlight in my career," Wallace said, "especially because I visited victory lane before either one of my brothers. It doesn't matter what series it is, a win at Daytona is special.'

Since that time, the middle Wallace brother has visited the 2.5mile superspeedway in the NASCAR Winston Cup Series, the NASCAR Busch Series, Grand

special consolidation sale Thursday, February 3rd, through Saturday, "Get as low February 5th. Regular business hours as 0% will be in effect: Friday 8:00 a.m. financing." 7:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. believe People that when inventories get high is

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To be an

engineer

slide rule.

When I was a kid back in the 1940s standing in the school-house bottom watching the steam-powered shifter pulling gons of coal from the Northeast Coal Company's Number Three Mine, it was not uncommon for one of the boys standing around to remark that one day he wanted to be an engineer. Quite obviously, he simply meant that some day he wanted to drive a train. Now, "wanting to be an engineer" could mean something else entirely. Now, it could refer to the dozens of occupations requiring various and sundry college diplomas and the learning of calculus, trigonometry and the use of the

These jobs, as well as train driving, have always been considered

very important to the development

of our society as we now enjoy it.

new century (or are we) these folks

However, now that we're into a

and the jobs they do may soon

seem much less important, trivial

even, because now it's the "genetic

engineer" who could hold the des-

tiny of mankind in his very hands.

Or ever scarier, in his very test tube,

I know about what I've been read-

ing, and if the cloning of Dolly the

sheep means what I think it means,

it will soon be possible for us to

much the same way we would a

salesman, "except I want it navy

player, and side air bags.'

blue with baby blue interior, a CD

Now, imagine this scene: A

young lady walks up to a genetic

engineer and says, "I want to give

who will be exactly six feet tall at

have bad teeth, bad eyes nor bad

the summer months," he asks. "Oh, that would be cute," the

before the child is born. Sure. Right.

As far as this ole boy from Muddy Branch is concerned, someone is going to have to talk awfully slow and for a very long time in order to explain this all to me. After all, I still don't understand how radio works. But perhaps those who know about all this stuff will keep talking until I'll come to understand

In the meantime, as I face

myself in the mirror every morning,

I'll just have to realize that DNA or

no DNA, at least for today, I'm not

maturity, wear a size 10 shoe, never

breath, and who will have the intel-

ligence to become a brain surgeon."

'You want him with freckles in

"You got it," he promises, as he begins programming his computer. It all has to do with DNA, of course, and the good news is that ordering perfect babies is not all that will be derived from it. Future societies will be healthier, too, because those diseases that are hereditary can be prevented by replacing those genes that have weaknesses with healthy ones

birth to a blond, blue-eved male

"No problem," he says. "We'll

"I want this car," you tell the

order up customized people in

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order it for you.

lady answers.

If I really understand everything,

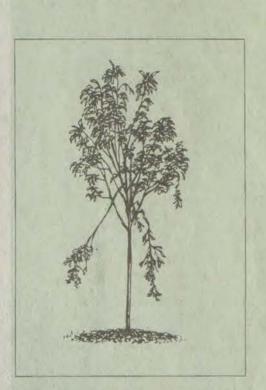
Can These Trees be Saved



B1: An Easy Call



B2: Minor Damage



B3: Too Young to Die



B 4: Easy Does It

A storm can leave trees looking like there's no tomorrow. Major limbs may be broken or damaged, foliage can be shredded or stripped, or the bark may be torn or gouged. But what at first glance may look like mortal wounds are not necessarily fatal to a tree. Trees have an amazing ability to recover from storm damage.

First, Assess the Damage

Before writing off a damaged tree as a "goner," homeowners should evaluate their trees by asking the following questions:

Other than the storm damage, is the tree basically healthy and vigorous? If the tree is basically healthy, is not creating a hazard, and did not suffer major structural damage, it will generally recover if first aid measures are applied immediately after the storm.

■ Are major limbs broken? The larger a broken limb is, the harder it will be for the tree to recover from the damage. If a majority of the main branches are gone, the tree may have little chance of sur-

viving. Has the leader (the main upward-trending branch on most trees) been lost? In species where a leader is important to upward growth or desirable appearance, it

may have to be a judgment call. The tree may live without its leader, but at best would be a stunted or deformed version of the original.

Is at least 50 percent of the tree's crown (branches and leaves) still intact? This is a good rule of thumb on tree survivability. A tree with less than half of its branches remaining may not be able to produce enough foliage to nourish the tree through another season.

How big are the wounds where branches have been broken or bark has been damaged? The larger the wound is in relation to the size of the limb, the less likely it is to heal, leaving the tree vulnerable to disease and pests. A two- to three-inch wound on a 12-inch diameter limb will seal over with new bark within a couple of years.

■ Are there remaining branches that can form a new branch structure? The remaining limbs will grow more vigorously as the tree tries to replace its missing foliage. Look to see if branches are in place that can eventually fill out the tree's appearance.

■ Is the tree of a desirable species for its location? If the tree is in the wrong location (such as a potentially tall tree beneath a

power line), or an undesirable species for the property (messy fruit, etc.), it may be best to remove it-if it has serious damage.

Then, Make the Decision

The questions listed above will help you make informed decisions about your trees. In general, the answer as to what to do about a particular tree will fall into one of three categories:

1: It's a Keeper

If damage is relatively slight,

prune any broken branches, repair torn bark or rough edges around wounds, and let the tree begin the process of wound repair.

Some examples: An Easy Call:

A mature shade tree can usually survive the loss of one major limb. The broken branch should be pruned back to the trunk. In the months to follow, large wounds should be closely monitored for signs of decay.

Minor Damage:

Although the tree has been damaged, enough strong limbs may remain on a basically healthy tree to make saving it possible.

Too Young to Die:

Young trees can sustain quite a bit of damage and still recover quickly. If the leader is intact and the structure for future branching remains, remove the broken branches and let the tree close over the wounds and recover

Guild is planning a tour to and visits to a quilt museum, Sikeston, Missouri, in April and antique quilt show, Hancock

The group will leave at 7 arts and crafts fair. a.m. on Thursday, April 13, and

The cost of the trip is \$257 per person and includes trans-

Fabric Store, Oaks Mall and an Theresa Scott, Family and

return late on the evening of group of 30 persons, with two 921 S. Lake Drive in to a room for lodging.

A registration form and \$100 606/886-2668; deposit are due February 13, tscott@ca.uky.edu.

The Floyd County Quilt portation, three nights lodging, with the final payment due March 13.

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A-quilting we will go

is accepting reservations.

Sunday, April 16.

The Dream Factory



Inmates at Otter Creek Corrections Center donated their time and skills to build a float for the Dream Factory for the Jenny Wiley Festival last fall. The float turned out to be a first-place winner. The Dream Factory, which helps to grant wishes of seriously ill children, has relocated to North Lake Drive, in the same building as Papa John's Pizza.

B5: Hold Off



B7: Hopeless Case



B8: Farewell to a Friend

B6: Tree Tragedy

Reader contacts

When I send this column to the paper each week, I figure there will be a few people who will take time to read it-some of my relatives and friends like Sally Allen, Minnie Alice Hall and Sharlene Osborne. But sometimes there is a call, a letter or a contact that surprises me and makes me think we should continue for a while.

Two ladies I met recently had a comment that let me know they're among the readers, and that's all the encouragement most writers need. Emily Allen of Martin was seated in front of me at Donald Martin's funeral service, and I met Pearl Newsome of Grethel at another public gathering. Both of them are retired

teachers.

A recent letter from Frankie Crum says the column is like getting a letter from home. Frankie grew up in Betsy Layne and was a star basketball player at BLHS and at Marshall University, but then he moved all the way out to Fullerton, California, where he lives with his wife Jean. I'd like to make the "letters" more interesting, but I already tell him all I know.

Frankie graduated from Betsy Layne in the class of '51 and is part of a committee that is planning a 50th class reunion here in 2001. Others working with him are Daniel F. Crum, who is chairman, Gerry Caldwell Clark, Julian "Bub" Hall, Leo Roberts, Paul Frasure, Clara Steele Ratliff and Bertee Adkins.

Bertee was in the class of '49. He is a retired professor from Eastern Kentucky University and is always interested in the many friends he left in Floyd County. He comes back to visit and sends us e-mail between travels he and his wife, Faye, are always tak-

Anyway, if any of our readers were part of that BLHS graduating class of 1951, you may expect to

hear from this group, and you'll have an opportunity for some good fellowship and sharing of remembrances with those people you shared so many experi-

Four class members they need an address for are Lula Jones, Thomas Hall, Scott Garner Howell and Golden Layne. (If you send to me, I'll pass them on.)

Another surprise correspondent is Rex Osborne who grew up around Langley and graduated from Maytown High School. We went to different schools, but through ball games and mutual friends, we knew each other way back when. He was always interested in radio and found ways to broadcast the ball games and other programs even before he had the proper components and authorization for it.

After his school days, Rex built and operated two of the first radio stations in Prestonsburg before moving on to other interesting things. He has a family he is very proud of and he now owns and operates the Golden V93 radio station in Ravenswood. West

Virginia. Something I wrote about once rang a bell with him

and he dropped me a note. Since then we have corresponded some and are hoping to have a visit when he's over this way again. Maybe we can arrange to have Virginia Allen Spears join us. She was a mutual friend who went to both Betsy Layne and Maytown schools, and someone that neither of us sees often enough.

perfect.

More E-Mail

Daniel "Sonny" Crum, who lives on Arkansas Creek, sent me some excerpts from letters that had been written by children to God. They included the following sentences:

"Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that, or

was it an accident?"

'Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you

"Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up.

Who draws the lines around the countries?"

"I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that okay with you?"

What's for dinner in America?

New Survey Reveals Families times they would like to change: Value Eating Dinner Together-Five Times A Week

(NAPSA)-Car pools and dance lessons. Business meetings that run late and rush-hour traffic that doesn't move forward. Most American families can agree that their family moves at a hectic pace-and often in different directions. With so many places to be and things to do, it can be a challenge to find time for family.

A surprising seven in 10 Americans, however, are still sitting down to dinner at least five times a week, according to a new survey conducted by Kraft Foods, Inc. and Yankelovich Partners

Almost three in four respondents to the Kraft Kitchens M.O.M. Survey said bonding with family is a top priority at mealtime. The survey, which polled 1,000 Americans primarily responsible for their family's meal planning and preparation, also found that 89 percent said their family traditions are born during mealtimes. Although they made time for family meals. Americans admit there are aspect of meal-



Kitchens see more "quality And Make Time For It At Least time" than families. Nearly half of Americans surveyed spend 45 minute preparing dinner but only 30 minutes eating together.

Kids are mealtime CEOs. Ninety-four percent of families say the kids choose what's for dinner on weekdays.

Meal planning is done on the fly. Thirty-seven percent of famihes decide what to serve for dinner only minutes before they begin cooking.

■ Mealtime satisfaction comes "time squeeze" when trying to schedule dinner with the familyone in five say they delay dinner until after 8 p.m. Boomers cite conflicting schedules and afterschool activities as a dinnertime challenge. Seniors are the most satisfied with mealtimes-they eat earlier and have established mealtime rituals.

■ There's room for more. More than 50 percent of families would like to spend more time eating together and feel dinnertime could be a more relaxed experience.

■ The dinner bell rings late. Thirty-eight percent of families eat after 7 p.m. If they had their druthers, 25 percent would prefer to eat earlier.

"Americans know what they want to get out of mealtimes, but encounter some hurdles along the way," said Joanne Hoff of the Kraft Kitchens. "We're taking ier for American families.

what we've learned from the survev and helping make mealtimes easier for families by talking with them, listening to their frustrations and encouraging them to exchange solutions.

Kraft Foods, the largest packaged food company in the country, has visited four cities over the past months-Baltimore, Charlotte, Chicago and Phoenix-to host the Kraft Kitchens M.O.M. (Moms on Mealtime) Connections events to learn from M.O.M.s first-hand what their mealtime challenges are and to share ideas for taking with seasoning. Gen-Xers' feel a mealtimes from mundane to mag-

> The result of this dialogue with M.O.M.s from across the country will be the composition of the Kraft Kitchens M.O.M. Report, a collection of the top 365 tips and ideas for spending time with favorite people over their favorite foods. The report will be available to M.O.M.s early next year and will provide them with an "encyclopedia" of mealtime ideas from other M.O.M.s much like them-

> The survey is part of the Kraft Presents M.O.M. program, a comprehensive exploration of how American families come together at mealtime. The Kraft Kitchens has been a resource for American families for nearly 75 years. Developing recipes and timesaving tips, the Kitchens has amassed more than 40,000 recipes over the years to help make mealtimes eas-

SOCIETY NEWS

Couple travel over holidays

Mr. and Mrs. James Lyon of ly of Jackson, Michigan. David spent the recent Christmas holiday season traveling and visiting with their family.

A visit was enjoyed with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hackworth, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hackworth and family, Grace Wireman and Kathy Arnett of Chelsea, Michigan; Phyllis Wolters of Belleville, Michigan; Nell Olsen, of Stockbridge, Michigan; and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hackworth and fami-

Christmas Eve they were dinner guests of Delta Lyon of Isonville, along with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Lyon of Isonville and Linda Lyon of South Point, Ohio.

Christmas Day, they departed from Cincinnati International Airport to Phoenix, Arizona, for a two-week visit with their daughter, Ginger Lyon of Tempe. They attended services at their former

church, Tri-City Baptist of Tempe, and enjoyed a luncheon given by Beverly Lambert of Mesa.

They also toured the Phoenix Art Museum, viewing the "Monet At Giverny" Art Exhibit and Southwest Art Gallery. The Arizona Highways Gallery was highlighted with the works of artist Ansel Adams. They also attended the Phoenix Zoo Christmas Light



The Colonel Andrew Jackson May Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, in Prestonsburg, was presented its charter at the annual Secession Day Dinner in Paintsville last month. The new camp is the 16th camp in the Eastern Kentucky Brigade and is named for the Prestonsburg native who was a Confederate leader in eastern Kentucky, western Virginia and east Tennessee during the Civil War. At the presentation were, from left, Sam D. Hatcher, Lt. Commander; Rodney Holbrook, Commander; David Hereford, Adjutant; and Robert Perry, Historian. Perry is author of the book, "Jack May's War," about Colonel May's war experience.

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

OUR YESTERDAYS

Twenty Years Ago Ten Years Ago (January 30, 1980) (January 31 & February 2, 1990)

With encouragement from officials of the Kentucky Heritage Council, a Floyd County committee is ready to move forward with Middle Creek, near David, after shots were plans to restore one of the county's oldest fired from a passing vehicle into a trailerhouses. David Morgan, director of the coun- office of the Nippa Valley Mining Co. The cil, Monday told the local Bicentennial Committee that the Samuel May House "is very stable and restorable"... A disturbance at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center early Saturday morning escalated out of the control of staff security, requiring the assistance of 27 area police officers to quell fighting... Four candidates have filed to run in the May primaries for the two state house district seats that encompass Floyd County. In House District 92, which includes portions of Floyd, Knott, and Letcher counties, incumbent representative Russell Bentley (D) of Topmost has filed for reelection. He will be challenged by Bobby Hicks (D) of Mousie. The state seat for House District 95, which lies completely in Floyd County. has two filings. Incumbent Greg Stumbo (D) of Prestonsburg and Edward Patton Jr. (D) of McDowell are both seeking the house position... A Harold man was arrested Thursday for allegedly attacking his estranged wife with a knife... US Senate candidate Harvey Sloane stopped in Floyd County, announcing his bid for the Senate seat and discussing issues which he sees as critical to Kentucky and the nation....Dan Greene of David has been chosen as the 57th Point of Light in President George Bush's "1000 Points of Light" program. Greene is founder and director of The David School. There died: Charles E. Hicks, 60, Middle Creek Road, January 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; James "Early" Williams, 92, Prestonsburg, January 30, at HRMC; Lee "Papaw" Cecil, 95, Harold, January 29, at his residence; Daisy H. "Toad" Day, 93, Langley, January 29, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Elder Robert Hunter, 74, Stanville, January 28, at HRMC; Leona Johnson Newsome, 69, Hi Hat, January 27, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Raymond K. Lafferty, 60, Franklin, Ohio, formerly of Water Gap, January 25, at his residence; Pearl Terry, 95, Raven, January 26, at HRMC; James Marley Hall, 57, Raceland, formerly of Floyd County, January 24, at his home; Azzie Rogers, 71, Harold, January 26, at HRMC; Joe A. Clark, 67, Allen, January 28, Our Lady of the Way; Anna

Alice May Hayes, 73, Martin, January 28;

Two men were seriously wounded Monday morning on the Caney Fork of men, Leonard Joseph, 33, of Prestonsburg, and Danny Rice, 29, of Paintsville, both employees of Mountain Resources Company, were wounded as they gathered with 14 other employees and company officials in the trailer...Sen. Benny Ray Bailey asked Floyd Countians for their views on pending or needed legislation at a meeting here last Saturday...A recent campaign to change the location of a long-talked regional airport from Martin County to the Mayo Hollow vicinity here may have suffered a damaging blow Monday night as the Prestonsburg City Council voted to continue support of the Martin site as recommended by the Regional Airport Board...There died: Fred Adkins, 53, of Galveston, last Thursday at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Wyatt Adkins, 78, of Tram, Friday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Maude M. Craft, 79, of Pierceton, Ind., formerly of Tomahawk, Friday at a Warsaw, Ind., nursing home; Disia Johnson, 62, Thursday at her home in Wheelwright; Helen Wellman Cowart, 66, formerly of Prestonsburg, Sunday in Falls Church, Va.; Edythe McGlothen, 72, of St. Mary's Ohio, formerly of Printer, Thursday; Ada Elizabeth Hatcher, 92, en route to an Amherst, Ohio, hospital; Kelly Ward, 65, of Cow Creek, Thursday at HRMC; Lizzie Campbell Rose, 81, of South Whitley, Ind., formerly of Prestonsburg, Thursday at Stark Memorial Hospital, Ind.; Betty Bentley, 91, of Paintsville, native of this county, Thursday at HRMC; Green Conn, 65, of Paintsville, last Friday at the Paintsville Hospital; Noah Parsons, 72, of Printer, Tuesday at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville; 69, of Wheelwright. Tom S. Hamilton, 87, of Banner, Monday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Clyde Short, 54, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, Thursday; Henry Gibson Jr., 22, of Grawn, Mich., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gibson of Floyd County.

> **Thirty Years Ago** (February 5, 1970)

Of the \$12 million budgeted by Kentucky Power Company for construction this year,

\$195,000 will be spent on Floyd County work, and this county will share with Pike in another project involving \$500,000...Five Wednesday resulted in the arrest of six per-

liquor raids staged in the county since last sons by Sheriff Frank Leslie and deputy state troopers...Superintendents from 20 counties and 32 school districts in eastern Kentucky met Jan. 21 and 22 at Jenny Wiley State Park with officials from the US Office coal operator went on trial at Pikeville of Education to discuss national education priorities...Whatever turns, up and down, the economy may take during 1970, one Floyd County industry is assured of a good first half of the year...Classroom training at the Mayo Vocational School, Paintsville, for jobless persons in the Prestonsburg area has been provided by a grant approved last week by the Department of Labor. Prestonsburg will receive \$57,918 to train 18 persons in a 39-week course at Mayo...Nearly 191,000 Kentuckians-4594 of them Floyd Countians-benefited from US Department of Agriculture family food assistance during program November...Kentucky Appalachian Industries has contracts on which it will be working til June. Currently KAI is working 340 at an average weekly payroll of \$25,000. This work force, mostly women, is producing a wide variety of products for the armed forces...There died: Aileen Caudill Platkus, 37, of Ligon, at a Lexington hospital; Martha Reynolds Johnson, 88, of Hi Hat, at McDowell Regional Hospital; Herman Robinson, 48, of Dana, while en route to Paintsville Hospital; Marie Hall, 47, of Wheelwright, en route to McDowell Hospital; Hans Christian Rasmussen, 82, of Tram, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Leonard Layne, 74, and Ivel Miller, at a nursing home at Salyersville; Mary Harless, 49, of Prestonsburg, at the Hazard Regional Hospital; Ethel Wallen Collins, 62, of Pikeville, native of Floyd County, at Methodist Hospital; Mary Jane Frye Harkins, 53, of Prestonsburg, en route to the UK Medical Center; Dr. James Patterson,

> Forty Years Ago (February 4, 1960)

The largest order for forest tree seedlings in this county and one of the largest in eastern Kentucky was made recently by Mrs. Osa F. Ligon and H.D. Fitzpatrick Jr., of Prestonsburg. They ordered 87,500 trees from the Division of Forestry for planting on their extensive land holdings, chiefly in the Middle Creek section. In addition to set-

ting the trees they will construct eight wildlife and fish ponds. The division will stock the pond in blue gill and bass...For a seven-day period between last Friday and the preceding Friday, the number of flu victims almost doubled in comparison to the previous seven-day period...Four union men charged with blasting an installation belonging to a non-union Letcher County Tuesday, but that trial was not the finale of trouble in the eastern Kentucky coal fields was pointed up by another blast the day before within sight of the Pike County court house...There died: T.Y. Martin, 76, of Banner, former Floyd County Sheriff, at his house; Emery Parrish, formerly of Glo, at his home in Ashland; Hans Stratton, 62, formerly of Floyd County, at his home in the Coal Run section of Pike County; Minerva Patierno, 71, of Martin, at home; Fanny Lavne, 78, of Harold, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Rev. Joel Henry Conley, 85, a former Floyd County minister, at his McCuffey, Ohio, home; Henry S. Elkins, 94, at the house of a daughter; Georgia Hall, 82, of McDowell, at the house of a daughter in Greenup County; Tom Slone, 68, at his home at Halo.

Fifty Years Ago (February 2, 1950)

Threat of a damaging flood was indicated by reports heard throughout the valley of rampaging waters of the Big Sandy River and its tributaries as a result of almost continuous rainfall since Saturday night. This fear mounted this morning as the river was rising about a foot an hour...Moonshine whiskey is figuring more prominently in the liquor business in dry Floyd County as economic conditions send drinkers bargainhunting. The week's enforcement activities uncovered, among other things, two stills...Realization of the dream of a 100bed general hospital operating on a nonprofit basis as the fiscal court adopted resolutions asking that an application be made for a grant of funds to defray a part of the cost of construction and equipping such an institution. Two-thirds of cost of the hospital would be paid by the federal government, with the county furnishing the remainder...Floyd County's domination of the Big Sandy Conference basketball officially exercised itself Saturday night at Pikeville as Martin's Purple Flash was acknowledged the championship of the 16

(See Yesterdays, page three)

Fostering a sense of gratitude in children

by Father Val J. Peter, JCD, STD, Executive Director, Boys Town USA

(NAPSA)-A child who gets whatever he wants will never develop a sense of gratitude. Instead, he will become overwords, a spoiled brat.

Let's look at the dynamics of an ungrateful child. Let's say you and your little daughter are in the grocery store. She spies the M&M's at the checkout count and says: "Mommy, I want some of these.

You reply, "No, Maria, you can't have those right now."

louder, firmer tone. Then, your to do so: reply becomes louder and firmer. This goes back and forth until Maria is screaming at the top of her lungs. You give her the M&M's to keep her quiet.

indulged and ungrateful. In other lesson from this experience...that if at first you don't succeed, holler louder until you do succeed.

Is Maria grateful for the M&M's? Of course not! She does not say, "Thanks, Mom, for being overindulged child is not a grate-

A grateful child is a child who painful at first, but it pays. knows how to accept "no" for an

Maria escalates the request in a answer, and the three simple steps

Look at the adult

Say, "Okay" Do not whine or complain

While simple steps, they are not easy for a child to learn-espe-Maria has learned an important cially if the child is already overindulged. To do this effectively, the parent must find the middle ground between overindulgence and breaking a child's spirit. Here are some suggestions:

First, surround the "no" with so generous." That is because an calmness-You can't beat your child into gratitude.

Stick to your guns-It may be

child does accept "no"-Do this in a warm and heartfelt manner and do it many times, not just once.

In addition, parents need to role model gratitude and incorporate it into everyday family life. Here are some simple examples:

Set aside some time each night at the supper table where everyone can take turns describing something good that happened today

Teach your children to say "thank you" for a good dinner or a rented video or anything else positive they receive.

Express approval when your two ways of being grateful:

1) To say "thank you" because they really are happy with what

they received; and 2) To say thank you for things given with good intentions, even if they aren't "what I always

Catch your kids in the act of giving to one another and praise

Offer prayers of thanks before and after meals.

them for it.

Don't ever let a Sunday go by without your kids putting something in the collection. "What return shall I give to the ■ Teach your children there are Lord for all He has given to me?"

Finally, let your children know there is an added benefit to being grateful. People spontaneously like a grateful person. A grateful person is fun to share with and just to be around.

Thank you for listening.

Father Val Peter is executive director of Boys Town USA, the famous home for troubled boys and girls in Boys Town, Neb., and in California, New York, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Nevada, Rhode Island, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Georgia and Washington, D.C.

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Museum focuses on black history

is the theme for the Highlands standing of African-American cul-Museum Black History Month ture in Appalachia and America. Celebration.

On display from February 1-February 26 is African American Creative Genius: A Sample of Inventions with Impact. This exhibit celebrates the industriousness and skill of African Americans and the devices they invented. The exhibit is sponsored by Dr. Stephen Edge. The museum is located at 1620 Winchester Avenue in Ashland.

February 3 at 7 p.m. is an evening of African American musical traditions presented by Kathy W. Bullock, associate professor of music at Berea College. Through song, story, and demonstration, Bullock traces the development of African American music in Appalachia.

Beginning with the African musical heritage, she moves to this side of the Atlantic to look at folk songs, spirituals, work songs, blues and gospel music. As she explores the connections between the African tradition and the new American musical emphasis with jazz flutist bers are free.

African American Creative experience, Bullock shows how this Genius in Science, Music and Film music is a path to a better under-

> Following the presentation will be a reception sponsored by Dr. Charles Rhodes.

February 10 at 7 p.m. showcases the local African American musical genius. The Community Chorus, under the direction of Thelma Johnson, will present an evening of traditional gospel and spiritual music. This evening will be hosted by the Boyd County Branch of the NAACP at the museum.

February 24 at 7 p.m. is a salute to the African American contribution in films. At Ashland Community College in the Teleconference Room of the LLC Building is the film "Emperor Jones." This 1930's masterpiece taken from O'Neill's play, stars Paul Robeson in a realistic and brooding portrayal of a man at war with himself and his surroundings. All of the evening events are free and open to the tri-state community.

March 6 at 7 p.m. continues a

Galen in performance and lecture at Sowards Theater on the campus of Ashland Community College. Galen will combine the history of jazz into his musical presentation. Galen is sponsored by Sim Fryson Motor Company, Ashland Community College, Dr. James H. Martin, and Dr. and Mrs. Michael

D. Canty. Saturdays during January and February, the museum features "Follow the Drinking Gourd." This presentation is inside the Snyders of Berlin Starlab and traces the story of a slave family who follow the Big Dipper to freedom. Saturday presentations are at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. and are free with cost of admis-

This presentation is also available as a Discovery Workshop for

area schools. For more information, call the Highlands Museum & Discovery Center at 606/329-8888. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Monday, 7-9 p.m. Admission is \$2 adults, \$1 children, students and seniors. Children under 2 and mem-

(Continued from page one)

Attention all Grandparents!



Brianne Raye Hatfield

Granddaughter of Leo and Sue Roberts of Harold, Tony and Mary Scarpetta of Lexington, and the late Cledith Hatfield.

Show your lil' Valentine you love them!

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Yesterdays

Billie Wilcox, 20, of Bayes Branch.

Sixty Years Ago (January 25, 1940)

The Prestonsburg Cooperative Business Association has announced it will "make every effort" to find housing here for Army engineers doing preliminary work on the dam at Dewey...The fiscal court voted Monday to advertise for bids on delivery of WPA foodstuffs in the county...Circuit Judge Henry

team loop by virtue of its victory over the Stephens this week emphasized to the grand Betsy Layne Bobcats, 61-43, in the final go- jury the importance of finding and indicting round of the conference annual tournament. gun-toters. The statement was made after the Betsy Layne, holder of runner-up honors in jury in a nine-day session had indicted only 16 the final, capped superiority in the sectional persons for carrying concealed deadly Wednesday by blasting Belfry, 84-64...There weapons...Homes owned by M.M. Moore, died: Townsel Combs, 59, of Langley, at the Bennie Caudill and Avery Miley were Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; John Habern, destroyed by fire at Garrett Friday 70, at his home at Tram; Frank Marrs, 72, of night...Married: Randell Goble, 22, of Harold, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Wheelwright, and Nora Rose, 16, of West Prestonsburg, Jan. 27; Bertha Dotson, of Belfry, and H.O. Wilson, of Martin, Jan. 23 at Pikeville...There died: R.L. Leard, 62, Warfield Natural Gas Co. Superintendent here, Saturday; Dave Gibson, 65, Friday at his home near Martin; Jay Lovell Stumbo, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stumbo of McDowell, Tuesday at Martin.

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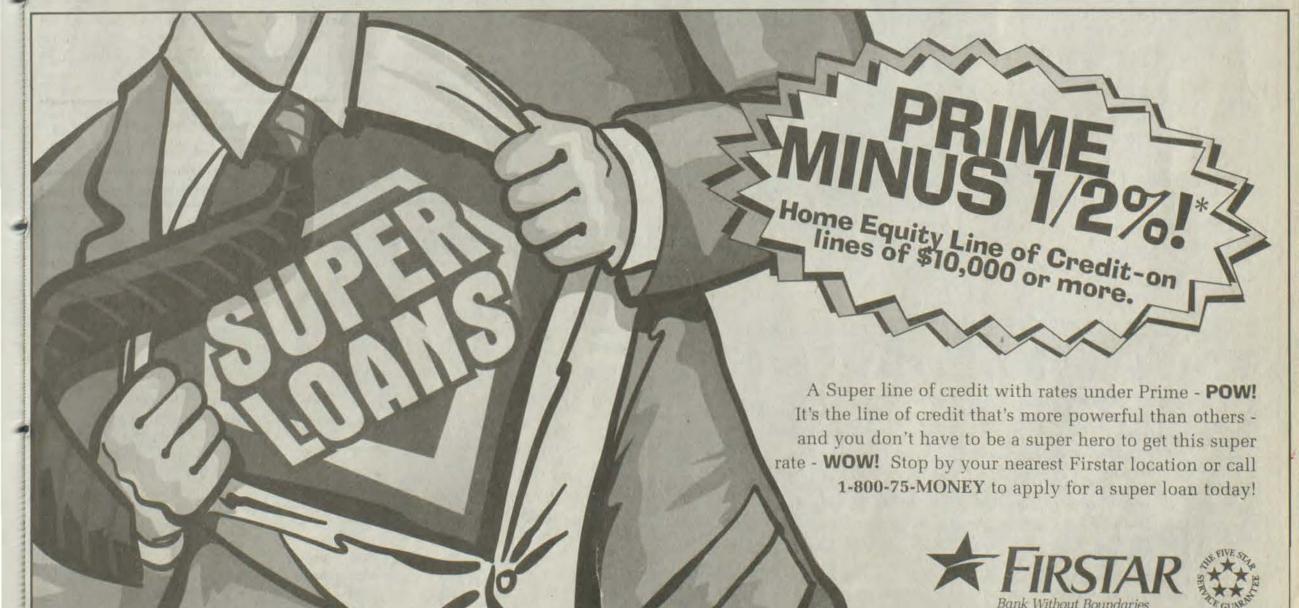
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NEW MARRIVALS Internet site lets cat out of the bag



Welcome

Chris and Joanna Newsome announce the birth of their son, Dalton Wayne Newsome, on December 27, 1999, at 2:41 p.m. He was born at Santa Rosa Northwest Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, weighing seven pounds, 11-1/2 ounces and measuring 20 inches long. His maternal grandparents are Bill and Betty Jackson of Rio Frio, Texas, and his paternal grandparents are Norman and Polly Newsome of Lexington. Great-grandparents are Edgar Hinze of George West, Texas, and Waneta Pride Newsome of

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touring the area



Reisman. CEO of Petopia.com, and Jack, her chief product tester.

(NAPSA)-Modern pet care could be looked at as a game of cat and mouse, With a few clicks of the mouse, you can get pet food and supplies that are sure to

please your favorite four-legged friend, as well as expert advice and a caring environment that puts pets first.

Virtual pet stores have set up shop on the information superhighway, becoming a key place to ferret out fun ideas in grooming products, pet beds

One such site, Petopia.com, aims to be the biggest dog in the park by combining a full-service virtual pet store. interactive online communities and a litter of articles written by industry experts. Founded by pet lovers, this 'Internet Pet Paradise" has shaken paws with Petco, a leading specialty retailer of premium pet food and supplies, to provide the consumer with all the advantages of its world-class purchasing and distribution capabilities.

Petopia.com was founded by pet

lovers who share the same vision-to put caretakers with information specific to the needs of pets first by providing pet caretakers and enthusiasts with the best possible resources and products for their pets' health, well-being and care," said Andrea Reisman, Chief Executive

The Petopia.com site is comprised of three key areas:

Community-Featuring animalspecific, breed-specific or location-specific Pet Talk forums, pet caretakers can build their virtual and real-world pet communities by sharing tips and stories, posting pet photos and talking to industry experts. Pet Talk active discussion forums include backfence, barnyard, call to action, classified and expert advice sections to bring people together in the interest of their pets.

Content-A staff of more than 60 experts and pet enthusiasts has developed over 1,000 articles that provide pet

their pets' needs. Articles cover such topics as choosing the right pet for your lifestyle, pet-proofing your house, naming your pet, traveling with pets and even special pet recipes. Designed with a pet's-eye view, these dynamic articles appear throughout Petopia.com to provide owners with additional information to personalize their pet experience.

Commerce-Caters to all types of animals from cats and dogs to small animals such as birds, rabbits and hamsters. With full commerce capabilities and thousands of pet supplies and food choices, pet caretakers can indulge their pets with fun and funky products ranging from Ultra Mini Tennis Bones for dogs to a Biker Jacket for your ferret. Owners not only have the convenience of click-throughs to fruit-flavored dog bones, interactive cat toys and starter kits for new pets, but can expect orders playing with their pets.

to be packed and shipped within 24hours, giving owners more time for the important things in life like pet walks

and pet care. The site also features a pet food delivery service called Bottomless Bowl. Pet owners can arrange to have specific types and amounts of food delivered at regular intervals, thus sav-

need to lug heavy bags of food. In addition to sending food itemsfrom 40-pound bags of kibble to kitty treats-the service sends e-mail confirmations to alert customers that orders have been shipped.

ing repeated shopping trips and the

The website has been designed to cater to all types of animals, from dogs and cats to birds, rabbits, hamsters and even fish, making life a little more convenient for owners, and giving them time to do what's important to them:

Highlands Regional Medical Center

January 16: A daughter, Maskenzie Lashae, to Frances Marie Kelsey of Oil Springs.

January 18: A son, Logan Neal, to Bradford and Lisa LeMaster of Salyersville; a son, Austin Coal, to Londis and Dusty Meek of Prestonsburg. Stambaugh.

Williams, to Jennifer McCarty of

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January 24: A daughter, Jessica January 19: A son, Joshua Bryan Cheyenne Slone, to Patricia Burke of Wheelwright.

Homemade Happiness-Quick & **Easy Mint Chocolate Bars**



(NAPSA)-There's something about the fragrant scent of baking that can make any house-or apartment-smell like a home.

Making a batch of homemade treats doesn't have to be a challenge even for the time-starved. Some quick-fix recipes are easy to make and hard to spoil.

Bar cookies are a popular treat with adults and kids alike because they're quick and easy to make, easy to transport and everyone seems to love them.

However, some bar cookies, usually the layered type tend to dry

Ideally, the bar cookies you whip up at home will be moist and chewy with a distinctive flavor-as in the following recipe for Mint Chocolate Banana Bars. The ingredients are easily swirled together, poured into a square baking pan and topped with toasted walnuts. From start to delicious finish, they take less than an hour to prepare.

Bananas Make the Difference

Mashed ripe bananas are the key ingredient in Mint Chocolate Banana Bars-providing naturally moist texture, plus that distinctive flavor that blends so well with brown sugar and the complementary richness of mint chocolate candies.

Whatever the season, few fruits are as perfect for baking as bananas. Whether full-yellow, more ripe and speckled, or extra ripe and turning dark, they can work their naturally sweet magic on cookie bars, muffins and pancake batter. Kids love their sweet

If your bananas are ripening faster than you can use them, it's easy to prepare them for baking at a later date. Simply peel them and wrap the fruit tight in plastic wrap and freeze.

When it's time to bake, take the bananas out of the freezer, let them

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sit for just a couple of minutes at room temperature, then slice and add them to the blender to puree.

Mint Chocolate Banana Bars Prep: 15 min.

Bake: 25 min. Makes: 16 servings I cup packed brown sugar

1/4 cup margarine, softened 3/4 cup mashed Dole Banana (approximately 2 large bananas) 1 egg

I teaspoon vanilla extract 11/2 cups all-purpose flour I teaspoon baking powder 14 pieces chocolate mint

candies, broken into small pieces

1/2 cup toasted walnuts

- Cream together sugar and margarine. Mix in banana, egg and vanilla. Stir in flour and baking powder until just moistened.
- Gently fold in mint candies. Pour into 8-inch square
- ungreased baking dish. Top with toasted walnuts. ■ Bake at 350°F., 25-30 min-
- utes or until golden brown.

Per Serving: 183 calories, 7g fat (2g sat.), 14mg cholesterol, 74mg sodium, 29g carbohydrate, 3g pro-



Couple wed by candlelight

Patricia M. Whitt and Steven Hatfield were married January 22, 2000, in a candlelight ceremony at Pleasant Home Baptist Church. The Rev. Mark Tackett officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Ray Whitt of Prestonsburg. Maid of honor was Jessica Patton. Serving as bridesmaids were Jennifer Whitt and Angie Burke. Tiffany Fraley was flower girl. Best man was Phillip Harless, and ushers were Larry Nelson and Jay Castle. Ringbearer was Nichol Banks. The wedding candles were lighted by Justin Sparks. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Castle of Prestonsburg and Charlie Hatfield of Blue River. A reception followed the wedding in the church annex.

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Settling in

Rebecca Derossett, executive director of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, is getting settled into the organization's new location in the old post office building on Central Avenue in downtown Prestonsburg. She shares the second floor of the building with Prestonsburg Tourism, as other space is being renovated. (photo by Pam Shingler)

"He has the background and ability

to make a good radio station even

with a bachelor's degree in mass

communications, Conti held posi-

tions at Wilmington, Ohio, and

named assistant news director at

WPFB in Middletown, Ohio. After

five years, he moved to Oxford,

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Dan Conti, a broadcast journalist president for university relations.

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like Dan Conti in this important position," said Keith Kappes, vice



Harris wins award

A special merit award for outstanding real estate sales was recently presented to Ellen Harris by the Big Sandy Board of Realtors. Harris was recognized as the top sales producer in the Floyd County area. She has received this award each year since the board began recognizing outstanding agents. Harris has been in real estate sales for 15 years and is with Century 21 American Way Realty in the Prestonsburg office.



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In 1997, Conti moved to the West Chester station. Last May, the station received the "Outstanding News Operation" award from the Ohio Associated Press for daytime programming that he developed to meet the needs of the community.

for 12 years.

Additionally, one of his students received the AP's best individual broadcaster award in a small market and the station finished second in the outstanding sports operation

Since he began in the business, Conti has received more than 30 awards from professional organizations, including the Ohio Educational Broadcasters and Ohio Associated Press, for outstanding news operation, best feature story, best continuing coverage and best



documentary In 1998, he received the GEM Award from the Cincinnati Chapter of Women in Communications and in 1999 was presented the community service award from Butler County SELF.

Hazelett named president of PMH medical staff





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The medical staff of Pikeville Methodist Hospital announces that Gregory Hazelett, D.O., will be serving as president of the medical staff for the year 2000.

"Dr. Hazelett is just an excellent physician," former president of the medical staff, Dr. Alex Poulos, said. "He is ideal because of the transitions taking place here at the hospital. I think he'll do a fantastic job and I think the medical staff and the hospital and the community are fortunate to have someone of this caliber to fill that position."

The main responsibilities of the president, also referred to as chief of staff, are to serve as a spokesman for the medical staff, make sure policies and procedures are being followed and make changes to them as needed. The chief of staff also reports to the board of directors regarding changes in the medical

staff and needs of the medical team. "I think it's going to be an excit-

ing year and I'm honored to be chief of staff," Dr. Hazelett said. "To be chosen by your peers to bear this responsibility is a real honor. I'm also looking forward to this new year. Moving into the new building, and getting all the new services up and running, and I think that we'll also see a big influx of new physicians over the next several years.

Dr. Hazelett elaborated on some of the new services and programs that will be implemented within the next year, such as the open heart surgery program, neurosurgery, and the internship and potential residency program from the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic

He owns a private practice with his wife Kay Hazelett, M.D., and Douglas Lamppin, M.D., on South Mayo Trail in Pikeville.



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EKU announces nursing/health education series

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The Continuing Education Program is structured to meet the needs of a diverse audience, according to Director Dr. Janet Collins.

'We attract people from small hospitals and small facilities that don't have a continuing education program," Collins noted. "Our programs are designed to have a broad appeal to people regardless of their

Many of the courses address topical health concerns that touch all segments of society. They include "AIDS Update for Health Care Professionals," "Prevention and Violence," Management of 'Applying Ergonomic Principles in the Workplace," "Vitamin and Mineral Supplementation" and "Integrative Medicine and Chronic Disease."

Several courses help nurses and other health professionals develop leadership skills, communicate more effectively with patients and colleagues and deal with the daily pressures of their jobs. They include "Motivation: Rekindling the Internal Fire," "Grant Writing: A Marketable Skill," "Interpreting the Alphabet

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Some courses deal with specific age or patient groups. They include "Understanding Autism," "Evaluating Herbal Products in the Older Adult," "Enhancing the Spiritual Well-Being of Older Adults," "New Perspectives on Understanding Alzheimer's Disease," "Rehabilitation Management of A Stroke Survivor,'

"Housing Options for Older People" and "Acute and Chronic Confusion in the Elderly."

All courses are approved by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission Accreditation and the Kentucky Board of Nursing. They are taught by EKU faculty members, faculty from other campuses and professionals working in the respective disci-

Eastern is Kentucky's largest pro-

and now offers a graduate program

The College of Health Sciences also takes seriously its commitment to continuing education, Collins said. "We believe we offer quality programs that are reasonably priced."

Most of the one-day courses will be held at EKU's Perkins Building or Shaker Village. One course will be held at Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation

ducer of nurses and allied health pro- Hospital, Lexington, and another at fessionals at the undergraduate level the Center for Rural Development, Somerset. The AIDS course will originate on the EKU campus and be available at Danville, Somerset. The AIDS course will originate on the EKU campus.

Enrollments are limited, and early registration is suggested. For more information or a program catalog, call 606/622-2143 or visit the program's Web site http://www.ced.eku.edu.

Rural housing service announces application periods

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Housing Service (RHS) will accept requests for assistance in a variety of housing programs it administers. Sweetheart Ball

The programs included are the Rural Rental Housing Program (Section 515), the Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program (Section 538), the Farm Labor Housing Program (Section 514 and 516), and the Housing Preservation Grant Program (Section 533).

The Rural Rental Housing Program provides assistance to applicants wishing to construct rental housing for low and moderateincome households. The interest rate is subsidized so that the rents can be kept affordable for eligible tenant households. An applicant must agree to limit its profit in order to partici-

Furthermore, the program is limited to certain "designated" communities in the rural areas of the state. The filing deadline is February 22.

The Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program is similar except that a commercial lender provides the loan funds and the government issues a guarantee to the lender to minimize its risk.

Subject to some restrictions, the rates and terms for the loan are negotiated between the applicant and the lender. The program operates in all rural areas of the state. The filing deadline is May 8.

The Farm Labor Housing Program provides assistance to house domestic farm laborers. Individual farmers can apply for a subsidized loan if they can demonstrate they are unable to obtain credit at reasonable rates and terms else-

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The Housing Preservation Grant program is available to nonprofit organizations. They may apply for up to \$76,000 to establish a rehabilitation program for housing in a specific geographic area. This program may target either single family or multifamily housing but not both.

In order to compete for available funds, the applicant would have to have the means to leverage funding from additional sources. This program operates in all rural areas. The filing deadline is March 22.

Thomas G. Fern, state director for the Rural Development mission area of USDA, announced the open season for these programs by saying, "These programs represent an opportunity to address some critical housing needs in Kentucky. Although great strides have been made, safe and affordable housing remains out of reach for certain segments of our population.

"We are hopeful that we will see significant participation in these programs so that Kentucky will receive the maximum benefit from the availability of these programs."

More detailed information about these programs can be obtained from the USDA State Office for Rural Development at 606/224-7325.

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What started as a consignment shop in the McDowell Business Park has evolved into a discount clothing store. Owner and manager Wilma Dye said she made some buys that allowed her to offer quality clothing to the residents of eastern Kentucky. Dye shows off a popular item: a Tommy Hilfiger jacket. For information, call 377-0202. (photos by Willie Elliott)

General Surgery. As part of the intense examination process members of the American Osteopathic Board did in-depth chart reviews and on-site observation of two surgical procedures performed by Dr. Siddiqui at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Board Certification is a mark of clinical excellence and quality health care. Dr. Siddiqui did his undergradu-

Mujeeb Siddiqui, DO, has successfully completed and passed the required written, oral, and clinical board examinations and has been notified by the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery that he is now Board Certified in

ate studies in biochemistry at the University of Illinois in Chicago, Illinois; his Doctor of Osteopathy Degree from the Kirksville Osteopathic School in Kirksville, Missouri; and completed his general surgery residency at the Garden City Hospital in Garden City, Michigan.

Dr. Siddiqui is a surgical associate in the general surgery practice of William Cook, M.D., and Syed Badrudduja, M.D., Highlands Surgical Associates, PSC and is a member of the medical staff of Highlands Regional Medical

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Firstar rewards employees

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Firstar earns more stars

Firstar chief Jerry Grundhofer was recently named "Banker of the Year" by the American Banker, the leading daily publication of the financial services industry. He was featured on the cover of the January 7 edition.

Firstar was recently named the top regional bank stock by Goldman Sachs & Company, which annually selects one stock each per industry, which constitutes the firm's "favorite stocks for 2000" list.

FB rates A+

In December, Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. was reviewed and rated A+ by Weiss Ratings, which is recognized as a leading consumer advocate in the insurance industry. The ratings are based on a complex analysis of five primary components: risk-adjusted capital, reserve adequacy, profitability, liquidity and stability.

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Reclamation work performed through November 1998 includes: Backfilling, grading, top soiling, fertilizing, seeding, and mulching and establishment of a satisfactory vegetative cover. This is the final advertisement of this

application. Written comments. objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal confer ence must be filed with the Director, Division of Field No. Services. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-4321, March 3, 2000. A public hearing on the application has

been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on March 6, 2000, at the Department for Surface Mining reclamation Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1397. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 3, 2000.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant

Application Number 636-5032, Renewal (1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Hall & Jones Coal Company, general Delivery, Route 122, Bevinsville, KY 41606 has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 2.5 miles southeast of East McDowell in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 0.93 surface acres and will 382.00 underlie acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be

382.93 acres. (2) The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 miles east from KY 1929's junction with the Ned Fork County Road and located 0.01 miles southwest of Ned Fork. The latitude is 37°25'28". The longitude is

82°41'52" (3) The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Andy Mitchell. The operation will underlie land owned by Andy Mitchell, Della Vance. James Jones, Richard Moore, Ira Lee Jones. Charles Page, Levi Blankenship, Carl Bentley, Orbin Moore, Orville Hamilton, Hazard Collins, Opal Moore, Barzell Brown, Sam Hamilton, Arizona Martin, and Jeff Henson.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office. 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite Prestonsburg. KY 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, 2 Hudson

Hollow, U.S. 127

South, Frankfort, KY 40601-4321.

NOTICE OF **BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with

the provisions of

KRS 350.093 notice

is hereby given that

Coal Corporation, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, (606-886-41653 2330), intends to apply for Phase II Bond Release on Permit No. 836-0248 which was last issued on March 11. 1998. The permit covers a surface area of approximately 236.95 acres, and does not involve any underground area. The operation is located approximately 0.57 miles northwest of Colliver in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.64 miles southwest from KY 80's junction with KY 122 and is located 0.37 miles west of Eel Branch. The latitude is 37°35'20" and the longitude is 82°45'00", and is located on Harold and Martin 7 1/2 minute USGS quadrangle maps. The performance

bond (Surety) currently in effect for the operation is \$150,200.00 Approximately 80% of the original bond amount (surety) of \$708,400.00 included in this request for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding mulching, and was completed in Spring 1996. Results thus far achieved include: establishment vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan.

Written comments. objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601, by March 18, 2000.

A hearing dated for this bond release request has been set for March 20, 2000 at 9:00 a.m., at the Department Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 18, 2000.

REQUEST FOR

SEALED BIDS The Floyd County Board of Education is requesting sealed bids for the proposed sale of the Elementary School property at Route 1101, Akers Lane. Drift, Kentucky. The property is more particularly described as follows: TRACTI

On the waters of Left Beaver Creek being a part of the same land conveyed Beaver to the Church on September 1, 1888, recorded in Deed Book O, at Page 57, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, containing one-half acre more 10 less. Beginning at the mouth of the drain on a large sugar tree; thence to the county road; thence with the road to Simpson Martin Branch: thence up

Simpson Martin Branch; thence up the point to a Beech marked; thence up the point 100 feet more or less to a Beech marked; thence across the point to a Beech; thence down the hill to a drain: thence down the drain to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to the Floyd County Board of Education the Beaver Church by P.T. Spencer, Deacon, by deed dated June 10, 1915, and recorded in Deed Book 42, at Page 530, Floyd County Court Clerk's

Office. TRACT II On the waters of

Left Beaver Creek. Beginning at the branch at the C & O Railroad right-of-way and running with the branch SW 250 feet to a small Plum tree near a Poplar tree; thence N 150 feet to a stake: thence E 250 feet to the line of the C & O Railroad right-of-way; thence running 150 feet with the C & O Railroad right-of-way to the branch to the beginning. Containing one acre more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to the Floyd County Board of Education by Anna Akers, by deed dated the 7th day of June, 1929, and recorded in Deed Book 86, at Page 124, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

TRACT III

Beginning

at a

stake in the center of Branch Sizemore about 25 feet below the mouth of Turkey Fork, Elkhorn Coal Corporation Survey Station No. 5200. said stake bearing S 58-30 E 26.3 feet to a cross on a rock and bearing N 67-30 W 21.5 feet to a Sycamore called for in deed of John Turner to J.W. Turner; thence down Sizemore Branch N 33-45 E 100 feet to a stake; thence N 69-33 W 100 feet to a stake; thence S 33-45 W 100 feet to a stake in line of Elkhorn Coal corporation fee lands Tract EC-26: thence with said line S 69-33 E to the beginning and containing one-

fourth acre more or less. Being the same property conveyed to the Floyd County Board of Education by Elkhorn Coal Corporation by deed dated June 11, 1930, and recorded in Deed Book 86, at Page 488, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

TRACT IV

Lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky on the North side of Left Fork of Beaver Creek near the mouth of Frozen Branch. Said land is more definitely described as follows, to-wit; Beginning on a stake in South right-of-way line of the Long Fork Railroad and at the NW corner of the present school lot; then running with 'a line of school lot S 10-35 W 241 feet to the SW corner of the lot; then leaving said school lot and running down through the bottom N 75-05 W 184.8 feet to a stake; then running across the bottom N 10-35 E 233 feet to a stake in South rightof-way line of abovenamed railroad; then running with said right-of-way line S

77-25 E 185 feet to

the beginning, con-

taining one more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to the Floyd County Board of Education by Anna Akers Whitt and Homer Whitt, her husband, by deed dated August 6. 1938, and recorded in Deed Book 112, at Page 463, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Sealed bids may be mailed or handdelivered to Gregory Adams, Director of Maintenance, Floyd County Schools located at 23 Martin Street. 41601 Kentucky Bids will be opened on the 18th day of February at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the above address.

Conveyance will be by special warranty deed and delivered to the successful bidder upon payment of the bid price. The payment of the bid price is to be made on or before thirty days after notification of the acceptance of the bid.

The Floyd County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to 405

KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made Department Surface Mining Reclamation Enforcement. Division of Permits with respect to applications to conduct

operations in Floyd County. PREMIUM ELKHORN COAL CORPORATION 4 3 6 - 5 2 0 8 .

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Application Number

Pursuant

ISSUED991228

836-5389 (Transfer) In accordance with 405 KAR hereby notice is given that Buck Coal, Inc., 544 South Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to transfer permit 436-5121 to Levisa Fork Mining Company. 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg. KY 41653. The new permit number will be 836-5389. The operation disturbs 55.52 surface acres, and underlies 1773.55 acres. No new area is added

located 1.0 miles northwest of Beaver in Floyd County, and approximately 0.75 miles west of KY 979's junction with the Mitchell Branch Road and located in the head of Mitchell Branch The operation is located on McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

The application has

been filed for public

by the transfer.

The operation is

inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY., 41653. Written comments. objec tions, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Complex Hollow Frankfort, KY. 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of

today's date.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Floyd County Housing Authority is soliciting proposals for the following engineering ser-

Phase Environmental Assessment for a small area of the housing site at assessment. Minnie, Kentucky. mental evaluation

I work has been performed at this site and may be incorporated into the

Engineering Previous environ- Services to complete a Plat for a

portion of the property near the waste treatment plant at the Warco Housing Site. This work item is to provide information in accordance with state

regulations for the acquisition of surplus right of way property from the

3. Soil borings of property located behind the office

building at the Warco Housing site. Proposals will be accepted for one or all of the above work items. Work items will be scheduled in

accordance with the

Director's schedule. Proposals will be awared based upon price, experience and references.

Proposals must be received no later than Friday, 4 p.m.

on February 18. 2000. For further information, contact Patsy Ryan, 36 Blaine Hall Street, Prestonsburg. Kentucky, 41653. Rating Factors and

Engineering Proposals Price 45 points Experience points References

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