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Otter Creek begins conversion

Change to Hoosier inmates will create 48 jobs

by **Ralph B. Davis**
Managing Editor

Two months after announcing it faced either accepting out-of-state prisoners or shutting down altogether, Otter Creek Correctional Center this week began accepting Indiana inmates and shipping its Kentucky prisoners to other institutions.

Otter Creek warden Bill Wolford said Tuesday that the prison has already begun the process of converting from minimum to medium security, adding that a second perimeter fence is two-thirds complete.

Other security measures being added to the prison include an electronic surveillance system within the second fence and armed guards patrolling the perimeter.

As of yesterday, Wolford said Otter Creek

had already brought in 128 Indiana inmates, with 213 Kentucky prisoners left behind the prison's walls. He said the conversion would likely be complete before a March 13 deadline.

Otter Creek's conversion will result in a few perks for Floyd County, most notably by creating new jobs. Wolford said the private penitentiary will be hiring 48 new staff members as part of the changeover.

The additional jobs will increase Otter Creek's \$4.5 million payroll by \$900,000, Wolford said. The prison currently employs 126 people.

In addition to the new jobs, Wolford said Corrections Corporation of America, Otter Creek's parent company, will make financial incentives to both the Floyd County and Wheelwright governments. He said CCA will pay both the fiscal court and Wheelwright 50

cents per prisoner per day, amounting to nearly \$240,000 annually to be split between the two if the prison reaches its full capacity of 656.

Wolford said the financial incentives were CCA's way of making up for the fact that Otter Creek would no longer be able to supply the city and county with prisoners for labor on public projects.

Wolford pointed out that inmates would still participate in community programs from behind prison walls, such as Otter Creek's toy repair and giveaway for needy children at Christmas.

County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said Tuesday that the \$120,000 the fiscal court would receive from CCA probably would not cover the contributions the prison

(See Prison, page two)

Applications now being taken

Thinking of applying for one of the 48 jobs being added to Otter Creek Correctional Center? Warden Bill Wolford said applications are being taken at the Prestonsburg office of the Department for Employment Services.

Debbie Allen, head of the local DES office, said applicants can visit the office between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to fill out an application.

Allen said applicants must be either high school or GED graduates and be at least 21 years old.

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Briefs

Allen commission holds meeting

With nothing new on the agenda, the Allen City Commission held a quick session Monday night. Old business was the only business at hand.

Items discussed by the council included:

- City Clerk Bill Parsons confirmed the sale of the city's radar gun to the City of Wheelwright for \$350.

- Bond payments of \$15,500 were made to a Michigan resident who held bonds from the city. Bonds 254 through 263 were confirmed in his possession.

- The council discussed a pair of accidents which recently occurred in the almost 90-degree curve in the city.

Mayor Sharon Woods said she would attempt to bring a traffic light to the area to warn drivers of the curve and to protect the residents and pedestrians also.

All members were present for the meeting.

Public meetings

■ A public hearing concerning highway and transportation needs of the region over the next 20 years will be held at Big Sandy Area Development District office in Prestonsburg tomorrow from 2 to 4 p.m. Public input on all modes of transportation will be collected.

Anyone with comments who cannot attend the meeting is asked to put their thoughts in writing and mail them to Freddie Goble, Transportation Planner, Big Sandy Area Development District, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

Can't drive 55? House bill may be just for you

Proposal would raise limit to 65 on Rt. 80

by **Randell Reno**
Staff Writer

Local law officers have little to say about a house bill that may see the speed limit on state Route 80 increase.

Introduced last week, House Bill 532 proposes that travelers on Route 80 between Hazard and Prestonsburg be allowed to travel 65 miles per hour.

The bill is being co-sponsored by Rep. Scott Alexander of Jeff, who represents Perry and Leslie counties, and Rep. Phillip Childers, who serves Knott, Magoffin and Wolfe counties.

Martin Police Chief Jeff Powell said problems may arise from the increase in speed. Powell said he has seen many traffic-related deaths in his tenure as a police officer in Martin.

"That would be too fast in the hills," said Powell. "Between Martin Hill and Allen Central, I believe there have been probably 10 to 20 people killed (in traffic accidents) in the last ten years."

With speed limits on the strip of highway raised to interstate levels, Powell said the extra speed may benefit the coal trucks and tractor-trailers travelling the road, but increase the highway's danger.

"If you are going fast, you have less time for reaction," said the chief.

Powell also pointed to the many bridges along the highway. Cold weather causes many of the bridges to freeze, even when the highways may be clear. Powell said the speed and the iced-over bridges will mean less time for the driver to react.

Powell said he didn't think the increase in speed would give drivers more time to get to their destinations.

While not outwardly disputing the bill, Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn said, "Traffic going faster will mean more traffic accidents."

The sheriff's department posts a man at Duff Elementary to discourage drivers from speeding

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Back to the old grind...



Unthinkable during the bitter cold a few days ago, local schoolchildren have not only returned to school, but these kids at Prestonsburg Elementary also got to take part in some much-appreciated recess Tuesday. (photo by Randell Reno)

Pikeville state trooper arrested Has been on force six months

Times Staff Report

A rookie state trooper has been arrested on multiple charges after he allegedly broke into his girlfriend's residence in Jefferson County.

Only six months into active duty, Trooper Ernest Langley, with Kentucky State Police Post 9, was charged with first-degree burglary, first-degree wanton endangerment, second-degree assault and fourth-degree assault.

First-degree burglary is a class B felony and can carry a penalty of 10 to 20 years.

During arraignment, Langley pleaded not guilty. A \$10,000 partially secured bond was set for Langley.

His preliminary hearing is set for February 17.

Hunter man pleads guilty just before going to trial

by **Randell Reno**
Staff Writer

A plea agreement was reached just minutes before the trial of a Hunter man was set to begin on Monday.

With the jury chosen, the prosecutor and defense attorneys met for nearly an hour of hearings to establish the grounds the trial would be set upon.

The foundation was set and the attorneys were ready to present the case to the waiting jury when Larry Michael Shepherd, 24, decided to enter a plea.

On Friday, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner had offered to drop one charge and recommend a five-year sentence in exchange for Shepherd's guilty plea. Shepherd had the weekend to ponder the deal that was thought to have been rejected.

After facing the jury and hearing

what may be used in his prosecution, Turner speculated that Shepherd took the easier road.

Shepherd was charged with second-degree assault after he pushed his ex-wife, Heather Case, down, causing her to hit her head on concrete. He then choked her and struck her in the head with a gun.

He was also charged with first-degree wanton endangerment for shooting at her.

A first-degree stalking charge was brought against Shepherd for following Case on several occasions, contacting her and threatening to kill her. Those threats also led to a charge of terroristic threatening.

Shepherd pleaded guilty to those charges in exchange for a first-degree arson charge being dropped.

The prosecution recommended five years on the felony assault and wanton endangerment charges and 12 months for the terroristic threatening and stalking charges.

Turner recommended the sen-

tences be served concurrently and that Shepherd serve two years in incarceration, with three years probation. He also suggested five years supervised probation after Shepherd was released.

At any time in that five years, if Shepherd were to make contact with Case, he could be placed back in jail for three more years, said Turner.

Shepherd has a history of breaking domestic violence orders, said Turner. At one time he broke a court order to leave Floyd County.

Heather Case was happy with the court proceedings, said Turner.

"This (the plea agreement) was the only way we could guarantee her protection," said Turner.

Shepherd has spent the last 10 months in jail. He will spend the next 14 months under lock and key before being released to probation and parole, if Judge Danny P. Caudill agrees with the Commonwealth's recommendation.



Crews from Barker Mobile Homes worked quick to get this part of a doublewide trailer up Westminster Street in Prestonsburg yesterday. The doublewide will become Dinosaur Playland II, a daycare center owned by Karen and Jerry Martin. Dinosaur Playland is for children 0-12 and is open 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Friday. The learning center will be open to persons across the county. (photo by Randell Reno)

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(NAPSA)-Here's news that may help light up your life: Congress and many states are working on ways to spur competition in the electricity industry to help make sure consumers get reliable power at the best possible price.

A recent national survey of voters found 78 percent favor allowing consumers to enjoy the benefits of open competition in the electric utility industry.

However, before a nationwide restructuring of the industry is enacted, changes are needed to increase the consumer benefits. Congress must fix mounting prob-

lems with the wholesale market for electricity, while more and more individual states provide consumers with a choice of power suppliers.

Economists say this will result in electricity prices for the average consumer decreasing by ten to 40 percent. In addition, because the cost of electricity goes down for all industries, prices could be held lower on many items. Federal and local governments will also save money, which could even make taxpayers happy. The Clinton Administration conservatively estimates the overall savings from electricity-industry competition at \$20 billion a year, or \$230 for a typical family of four.

In other recently restructured industries, prices dropped as much as 15 percent within two years, up to 50 percent within ten.

Competition is also expected to improve the way electricity is generated and delivered, just as competition in the telephone industry resulted in new services, such as call waiting and new technology, like cellular phones.

As competition evolves, state regulators will continue to play a very significant role in protecting the interests of electricity consumers. Only Congress, however, can create a seamless national market for buying and selling electricity in bulk. With electricity transmitted and sold across state lines and across the country, the electricity market is considered a national one. Fair and uniform rules governing the nation's transmission system are needed.

The Electric Power Supply Association, representing the

nation's competitive power suppliers, urges Congress to recognize that "fair competition is the only true competition."

Congress can remove existing barriers to entry, allowing new competitors to enter the interstate market and, thereby, increasing the number of choices available. It can also fix the current transmission laws to allow for easier and more equitable trading of electricity. In particular, advise experts, Congress must reform the interstate market to make sure competition works in those states that already allow consumers to choose their power suppliers.

Finally, Congress needs to establish, with appropriate federal oversight, an independent agency to administer and enforce mandatory reliability rules.

The U.S. House Commerce Committee is expected to hash out the details this spring, so people who hope to benefit from competition among electricity suppliers should write to their state and national legislators. To reach Congress, the address is the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515 and the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Web Watch

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Prison

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labor made to the county. Thompson said Otter Creek prisoners had participated in renovations of the Wheelwright swimming pool and the cleanup of the Garth landfill, and served as labor in community park projects. He said prison labor was also valuable to the county because it was used as matching funds to help obtain PRIDE cleanup grants.

"I figure they were probably doing \$200,000 to \$250,000 work a year for the county," Thompson said.

However, the loss of prison labor was not nearly as important to the county as the news that Otter Creek would be hiring more employees and would not be shutting its doors, Thompson said.

"The main thing was to keep the jobs up there and add to them," Thompson said. "You're getting up to 175, 180 jobs. That's a boom for the head of Left Beaver Creek."

"I know (the jobs are) not manufacturing Toyota seats or something like that, but they're decent jobs with insurance and retirement. We're glad to have them."

Thompson said the 50-cent fee the county receives from CCA would go into the county's general fund, but would likely be spent on matching funds and park projects.

Speed

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through the school zone. Two area schools empty directly onto the highway each day. Duff Elementary and Allen Central High School have outlets onto the highway many consider dangerous. The increase in speed will reduce the amount of time bus drivers and commuters will have to get into the flow of traffic.

Though the highway does not have limited access, Hazard Mayor Bill Gorman said "65 miles per hour is a proper speed, as long as it is not in a congested area."

Gorman recognized the need for certain areas to be 65 and others to be 45.

"Safety has to be recognized," said Gorman. "The highway will need to be well marked."

The mayor said the increase in speed will be an encouragement to industry coming into the area.

"Sixty-five on today's highway is more appropriate than 55 was 20 years ago," said Gorman. "Modern highways are better controlled."

With much of the road wide open and already known for speeding trucks, Chief Powell stands staunchly against the change in speed. There are too many fatalities in the area he said.

"Too many off roads," he said. The Kentucky State Police and Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement would not comment on the proposed change, citing a lack of information.

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The series features an impressive roster of African Americans whose achievements have made significant contributions to American history and culture.

Patricia Roberts Harris was an extraordinary leader, committed public servant and champion of civil rights, and sometimes known as "a woman of firsts." She was the first African American woman to hold a U.S. ambassadorship to Luxembourg in 1965 and the first African American woman to serve as a member of a presidential cabinet, appointed Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in 1977 as well as serving as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in 1979.

Other black leaders in the stamp series include Benjamin Oliver Davis, Sr., the nation's first African American brigadier general; Bessie Coleman, an African American aviation pioneer; and Jackie Robinson, brilliant athlete and inspirational civil rights activist perhaps best known for breaking the Major

League Baseball color barrier in 1947.

Others in the series are Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King, Jr., Benjamin Banneker, Whitney Moore Young, Ernest E. Just, Scott Joplin, Carter G. Woodson, Mary McLeod Bethune, Sojourner Truth, Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable, James Weldon Johnson, A. Philip Randolph, Ida B. Wells, Jan Matzeliger, W.E.B. DuBois, Percy Lavon Julian, Dr. Allison Davis, Malcom X (El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz) and Madam C.J. Walker.

During the Patricia Roberts Harris commemorative stamp ceremony, Postal Service Governor Legree S. Daniels said of her "Patricia Roberts Harris stood tall for the needs of the disadvantaged and was a powerful advocate of fairness and equality for all Americans. She had a meaningful impact on African Americans and she is an appropriate addition to the highly respected roster in the Postal Service's Black Heritage Stamp Series."

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Women and heart disease

Most people know that February is National Heart Month. But they may not know that while heart disease is the leading killer of men, it is also the number one killer of American women.

More than 240,000 women die of heart disease each year—eight times the number of women who die from breast cancer. That's right, women's chances of dying from heart attack are far greater than their chances of dying from other causes, including breast cancer.

According to the American Heart Association, heart attack is the single largest killer of American women. Before you learn the warning signs of a heart attack, learn how to prevent one.

Women are increasingly becom-

ing more aware of their health and having regular Pap tests and mammograms, but it's equally important to have your doctor check your cholesterol level. It's the one figure most important to maintaining good heart health. Chances are you know what your husband's cholesterol level is, but not your own.

During February, National Heart Month, learn what your cholesterol level is and work to lower it, then begin to control your intake of cholesterol-rich foods, control the amount and kind of fat you eat, know what your weight should be and keep it at that level or below, know your blood pressure and have it checked regularly, exercise regularly (inactive people double their risk for heart disease), and don't smoke cigarettes.

Smoking is the biggest of all the risk factors you can change. Smoking damages the lining of the blood vessels and raises blood pressure.

Sounds like a lot to do, but you don't have to change everything at once. Begin slowly, the important thing is to be aware of your risk factors and begin to make positive changes in your lifestyle. Getting started or taking the first step is always the hardest part of any change, but it's your health and your life, and no one can do it for you.

Today more women work in full time jobs outside the home than ever before. Women in the workplace are exposed to the same stress factors as men and are equally at risk for having heart disease.

However, women don't always feel the symptoms or warning signs of heart disease the same way men do. For women, chest pain or a feeling of pressure may come and go. It may occur in the upper abdomen than in the center of the chest. A woman may also have trouble breathing or feel weak or tired when doing something that used to be easy. Or she may have heartburn or nausea that doesn't seem related to anything she has eaten.

If you've experienced any of these early warning signs, tell your doctor. It's better to have the discomfort in your chest be caused by "Cupid's arrow" than from the unrecognized early warning signs of heart disease.

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Public investment key to sustaining the earth's soil

(NAPSA)—Every grain of soil lost is a threat to the long-term sustainability of life on earth. Since the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, Congress has treated the protection of soil resources as a shared responsibility of the public and private landowners. The Natural Resources Conservation Service, formerly the Soil Conservation Service, has been providing funding and technical assistance to protect soil on private land for more than 60 years.

Although the need to protect our soil increases with every new inhabitant of the planet, the public sector's share in conservation has not kept pace, according to the Soil and Water Conservation Society. Federal spending on soil conservation programs totaled \$2.1 billion in 1999, or barely 40 percent of the inflation-adjusted value of conservation spending in 1937.

As the public share has declined, conservation progress has slowed. Government programs that fostered strong conservation practices by landowners have received less and less funding in recent years. As a result, there has been little improvement in the rate of soil erosion control or the overall health of the nation's soil.

Currently, only about 10 percent of the earth's land is being used for agricultural production. While agriculture represents the industry most closely tied to the soil, it also represents the industry whose practices pose a major threat to the long-term health of soil resources. Today, 30 percent of U.S. cropland - about 112 million acres - is eroding at excessive rates. Soils in urban and suburban areas are also under increasing threat as development diverts more water to soils,

speeding the rate of erosion.

Conservation management programs - including the use of conservation tillage, terraces, silt fences, buffer strips and contour farming - reduce erosion and the runoff of topsoil and its nutrients into creeks, streams and other waterways. These valuable conservation practices help preserve the soil by providing much-needed ground cover or by reducing the speed and force of water.

Soil by its nature is a renewable resource. But it needs the assistance of conservation management programs and methods to maintain its potential for sustainability. The use of these methods can help ensure an effective use of the land for years to come, and sustain the quality of life for those who use it.

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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.

Oscar Wilde—

Wednesday, February 9, 2000 A4

Editorial

Ethics for recruits

If parents don't do it, who is going to teach ethical behavior to today's young people? The military, perhaps?

"With the high rate of divorce, a lot of kids don't have a father or mother figure around. The transference of values is not always there," said Brig. Gen. Stephen Cheney of the Marines.

Nor have schools taken up the slack. Bogyman arguments about church and state have discouraged public schools from teaching ethical values. Only recently have states begun to mandate an emphasis on character and moral conduct.

Cheney is among the growing number of military commanders who see enormous benefits to the services and society from training that stresses selfless service, integrity, honesty and respect for others.

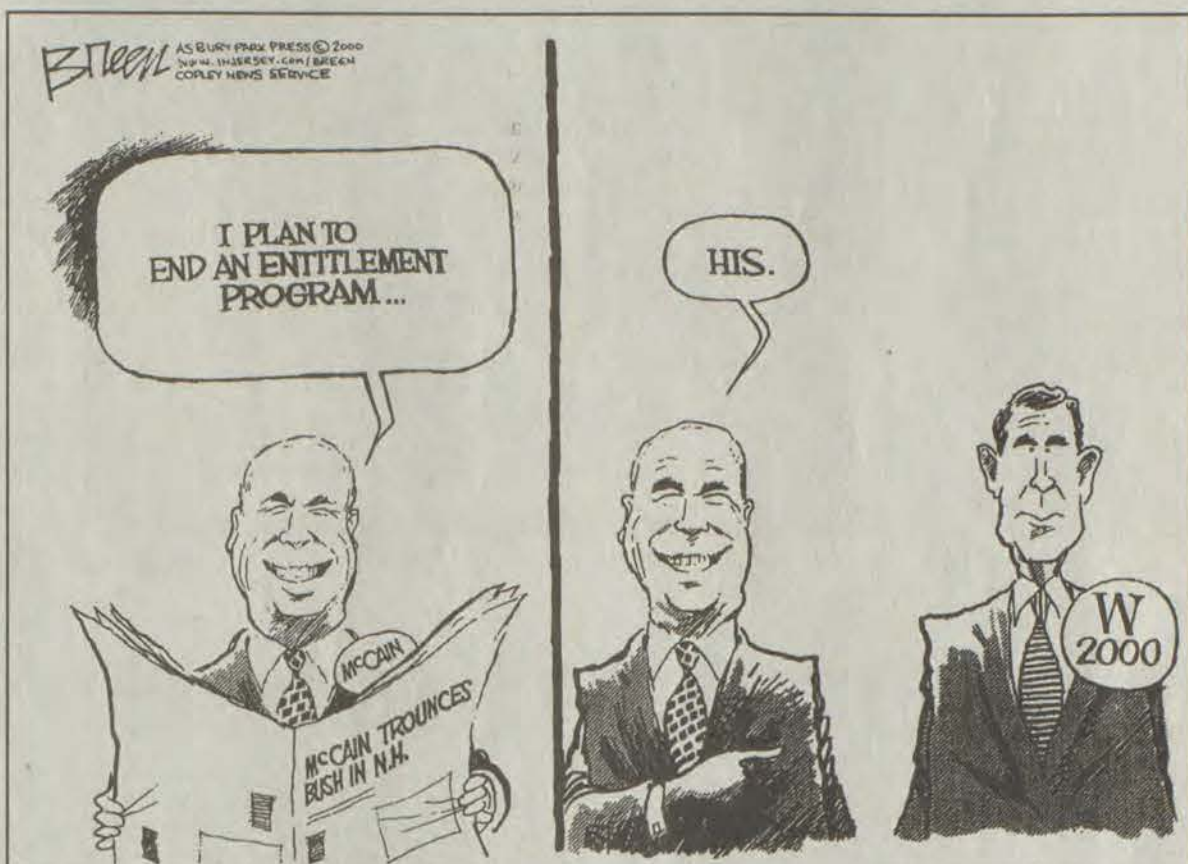
Another is Lt. Col. Mark Bounds of the Army's 39th Infantry Regiment headquarters at Columbia, S.C. He says absorbing skills such as how to shoot is easy but unless the person behind the rifle has a working set of values, skill may be irrelevant.

There is little but anecdotal evidence yet as to the impact of character formation. The Army, Air Force and the Marines adopted the policy roughly three years ago and the Navy more recently. Within a few months, however, the Army hopes to release a study on the subject.

For now, there are reports that the policy has wide support at every level, from recruits and drill sergeants on up. Also, fewer infractions such as shoplifting, fighting and thefts are said to be occurring.

Top-ranking officers don't believe that a course in military-style ethics will cure a sick society. But many of them are convinced that stressing courage and character will produce a better soldier now, and a better citizen later. That ought to be enough to recommend that the new policy be continued.

— Reprinted from the Indianapolis Star



Letters to the Editor

Opposed to I-66

Editor:

Without asking the Citizens of Kentucky, federal and state officials have decided to spend a billion dollars of our money on a highway we don't need.

Kentucky has countless roads, bridges and dangerous intersections in need of repair, yet money is being earmarked for construction of I-66, an interstate highway between London and Somerset in southeastern Kentucky.

This unpopular and controversial proposal would plow through the heart of the Daniel Boone National Forest, destroy farmland and bypass local communities and businesses. An existing (uncrowded) four lane highway already connects London and Somerset.

To date, engineers have ignored the human and environmental costs of I-66, whose path runs through subdivisions, into endangered species habitat and

over some of the largest concentrations of caves in the country.

In response, citizens have organized KICK 66, a campaign to stop the highway. Over a thousand individuals and two dozen groups across the state support the campaign, including Sierra Club, Kentucky Waterways Alliance, Kentucky Audubon Council, Kentucky Heartwood, Appalachian Science in the Public Interest, National Speleological Society, Sloan's Valley Conservation Task Force, Rockcastle River Rebirth and Somerset Concerned Citizens.

If you would like to join the Campaign or receive more information, contact Dr. Hilary L. Hopper at 606/299-4054 or hlhopper@prodigy.net.

Also, write your protest to Governor Patton and Congressman Hal Rogers.

Chris Schimmoller
Frankfort

Appreciation for help

Editor:

Thanks to all friends, neighbors and anyone who contributed and helped to make the Old Time Auction on January 22, and the Blood Drive on January 29, a huge success.

Special thanks to Steve and Alisha Dawson, the Price Community Club, Allen Fire Department, Marlee Sammons, Mike Johnson, the Gospel

Singers, Hall Funeral Home, Estill Carter, The Central Kentucky Blood Center, and a special thanks to Susan Gullette for all their help.

Please keep us in all your thoughts and prayers. May God bless each one of you.

Brian and Rhonda Hughes
Hi Hat

'Nothing but promises'

Editor:

A recent Floyd County Times article stated that the 911 committee wants to reinstate the 911 telephone surcharge. I believe that this is the most contemptuous, the most vulgar, insulting political statement you have published since the newspaper's inception in 1927.

In reality, this is like the Three Stooges asking for tax funds to support their space program. And there is every evidence that the Three Stooges would be more successful in implementing a space program than our fiscal court and its appointed committees would be on county projects.

There are few county projects so well documented which illustrate how terribly incompetent the "good ole boys" really are. The fiscal court has labored on the 911 project for more than 10 years, wasted perhaps \$2 million, had the county mapped several times, purchased useless, outdated equipment, and consistently lied to the people of Floyd County. We do not have a 911 system. We have, basically, a three digit emergency phone number, which cost us 11 years and about \$2 million to get in the efforts of the fiscal court. Any citizen could have purchased the same service with a \$17 telephone from Wal-Mart.

So let's stop the lies, the hoaxes, the pretends. We do not have a 911 system. We do not have accurate, working maps of the county, even after years of the asinine statement, "We're fine-tuning the maps." Our homes are not marked, our creeks and hollows are not marked by signs, and we must still tell the police that we live in the white house about a mile above the sawmill. So let's stop this cruel farce. The fiscal court wasted 10 years and our \$2 million in taxpayer funds.

I do not fault County Judge Thompson in the 911 fiasco. This did not happen on his watch. But most of the present commissioners were there as this farce unfolded. This project, and such others as Thunder Ridge, Garth landfill, RND and the truck body plants, suggest that they are not capable of administering the county's business. I feel that they have adequately established this point, but that is an argument for another day.

There is widespread belief in our county that the 911 money was stolen or wasted or used to fund streets and sewer for housing projects. Others believe that funds paid for mapping, etc., was make-believe work, that everything was a farce.

And they want to start up the monthly tax again? To do what? Fund more make-believe work, create some more non-existing county maps? I don't think so.

I have said previously that this fiasco, this charade, did not happen on Judge Thompson's watch, so he does not have a dog in this fight or an ox to be gored, to quote an old cliché. But Judge Thompson was elected by the people of Floyd County. Thus, he owes it to his constituents to determine what happened during the last 11 years of the 911 project that cost perhaps \$2 million and produced nothing, repeat, nothing but promises.

Thus, I make a public appeal to Judge Thompson to ask our state attorney general to convene a special grand jury to determine what did happen. Who wasted 11 years and used \$2 million to produce nothing?

I believe that our people are due this information before they have to start paying again.

Lloyd "Blue" Goble
Prestonsburg

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor are welcomed by The Floyd County Times.

In accordance with our editorial page policy, all letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author.

The Times reserves the right to reject or edit any letter deemed slanderous, libelous or otherwise objectionable. Letters should be no longer than two type-written pages, and may be edited for length or clarity.

Opinions expressed in letters and other voices are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the newspaper. Send letters to: The Editor, The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 391, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

Mountain Voices

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer



A role model for older folks

When we are young, we tend to look at figures in sports or entertainment as role models, which is probably the wrong place to look. But what do we do when we reach middle age?

I am middle aged since I just recently had my 57th birthday. You may say that I have passed middle age, but you have to keep in mind that the point one reaches this milestone goes up every year.

I beat around the bush this way to get to my topic: Someone to emulate when we reach middle age and beyond.

I would hope that when we get in our 70s and beyond we all can live up to the image we have of loving grandpas and grandmas. We have a person here in our midst who fits those qualities: Jimmy Goble.

We kid Jimmy and tell him he got off Noah's Ark and started working here at the paper. Being a man who likes a good joke, Jimmy just smiles and enjoys the humor with us.

Jimmy lives next door and each day he comes in with a smile and a bounce in his step that signifies that all is well with the world.

Anyone who teaches school or works at a newspaper will tell you that almost daily there is some writing that just doesn't say what the writer intended. Of course, it is our job to correct such items. Jimmy always shares those jewels with me.

One day Jimmy asked me a question about a story and I told him how the story could be improved by doing certain things. "I just wanted to know how to fix this. I didn't want a lesson in grammar," Jimmy told me.

Jimmy proofreads for the paper. He does it without reading glasses. Trying to get shoddy writing by him is like trying to get daybreak by a rooster. Jimmy never saw a comma that he didn't like. When you look at the writing, his commas may not be covered by any rules, but their use usually improves the chance for readers to get the meaning of the text, and isn't that what we're all about?

Pam Shingler told me the story about the celebration the family had for him when he was 70. The family gave buttons to the staff of the Times that read, "I work with the old buzzard" and his wife, Marie, had one that said, "I sleep with the old buzzard."

Jimmy is always kidding around with the staff. He asked one of the ladies here if he could go home with her if the snow got too bad (remember, he lives no more than 50 yards from the Times building). The young lady simply said, "I'll see that you get home."

I'm sure that there are times that Jimmy has bad days that he does not feel

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New tourism plan to market Kentucky's Heritage and culture sites unveiled

FRANKFORT, KY. (Jan. 24, 2000) — A broad new endeavor to market Kentucky's unique culture and heritage was unveiled today by two state government cabinets.

Cabinet Secretaries Ann Latta, Tourism Development, and Dr. Marlene Helm, Education, Arts and Humanities, presented the Kentucky Cultural/Heritage Tourism Strategic Plan, a cooperative effort of the two cabinets, to members of Kentucky's Tourism Council this afternoon in Frankfort.

Created in response to a need identified by the 1994 Economic Development Master Plan and the 1995 Tourism Development Master Plan, the new plan is designed to identify specific ways to develop and promote Kentucky's rich heritage and culture, according to Tourism Secretary Ann Latta.

"Kentucky was very important to the development of this country,"

Latta said, "We need to take advantage of its historic significance, rich culture and abundant historic sites and go after a bigger share of the cultural/heritage tourism market."

"These tourists tend to stay longer and spend nearly 45 percent more than other travelers."

Dr. Marlene Helm, Secretary of the Education, Arts and Humanities Cabinet expects the plan to act as a catalyst for increased historic preservation and new appreciation for Kentucky's arts and crafts industry.

"Kentucky already ranks fourth in the nation with the number of historic sites listed on the National Register," Dr. Helm pointed out. "As more communities across the state identify historic sites and recognize their tourism potential, the need to protect and preserve them will become even greater."

Dr. Helm believes Kentucky's

skilled artists and craftspeople create some of the finest products in the nation. "The strategic plan can help develop more programs for the benefit of these talented people and provide more opportunities to showcase their wares to the nation," she said.

The plan, containing five major goals, outlines strategies to increase the impact of cultural heritage tourism in Kentucky, offers an incentive program to encourage and reward local and regional initiatives and ensures the continued investment of state resources.

Public input for the new plan was attained through a series of five regional workshops offered across the state, with over 600 people participating.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation served as consultants for the project.

Latta also pointed out that a new bill introduced in the present General Assembly could supplement the state's efforts to strengthen

its cultural/heritage tourism marketing plans.

House Bill 43 would amend the Tourism Development Act to allow for the same tax break incentives for restoration or rehabilitation of historic structures for lodging purposes as the original act does for new or expanded tourism development projects.

She pointed out that this is another joint effort of the two cabinets as both are working to support it.

Mountain—

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like being the lovable human being we expect, but he always stays the same, calm and considerate.

I'm sure some of you remember Little Jimmy Dickens' song that had the line, "Jimmy cracked corn, and I don't care." We don't know if our Jimmy cracked corn or not, but we do care.

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Bicentennial Committee gets underway

The Floyd County Bicentennial Committee has begun organizing festivities for the county's 200th birthday this summer.

An official seal and slogan have been adopted: "200 years of history, 200 years of progress."

Two local leaders who served on the planning committee for the county's sesquicentennial celebration 50 years ago — Marshall Davidson and Clifford Wright — have been asked to serve as consultants to this year's committee.

Although more persons are being recruited to assist with the planning, the initial committees include



Marshall Davidson

- Media and promotion — Frances Brackett, chair; Fred James, Cindy Hackworth and Nina Ratliff.

- Finance and Programs — Mike Vance, chair; Sam Hatcher, Jim Daniels, Don Johnson, Sue Webb, Fred James and Rebecca Derossett.

- Education — Beverly Crisman, chair; Cindy Hackworth.

- Military Affairs — Don Johnson, chair; Owen Wright.

- Sports — Ed Taylor, chair.

The idea of hiring a photographer and writer to compile a historical and pictorial account of the bicentennial events has been discussed.

Fred James, director of tourism for the city of Prestonsburg, is heading the celebration planning.



Allen completes basic training

Air Force Airman Ricky S. Allen has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Allen is the son of Marla K. and Ricky Allen of Price. He is a 1998 graduate of Allen Central High School.

To All Floyd Countians

This May 23, 2000, you, the voters in the Democratic Primary Election, will choose the next Commonwealth Attorney for Floyd County. We have an opportunity to make a new beginning, because the next Commonwealth Attorney will be a full time public servant. This means he should devote all his time and energy to protecting you, your family, neighbors and community.



I ask for your vote and support, because I am the candidate who has both the ability and desire to serve. As to my ability, I have practiced nearly every area of law, including serving the last two years as Assistant Commonwealth Attorney. My duties there have included every type of work a Commonwealth Attorney can do, and I've done them successfully.

As to the more important qualification, a desire to serve, I eagerly seek this office. I believe every attorney seeks a way to be both an attorney and to do good. For me, I have found it in the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, by protecting and serving others. If elected, my only concern will be the things that concern you, including making you and your families safer.

Remember, we have before us a great opportunity for something new — a full time Commonwealth Attorney. Let's not lose it by returning to the ways of the past. Rather, let's bring to it a new level of commitment to do this job right. If you will give me this chance, I will not fail you.

I promise you honesty, hard work, enforcement of the law, all tempered with openness, decency and fairness. Let's not settle for less.

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by Stan Stumbo & Vancel Thacker
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Homeowners who frequently make use of their fireplaces may find that, over the years, the mortar between the firebrick has deteriorated. If so, the fix can be as simple as applying refractory mortar (which is used to build modern fireplaces) from a caulk gun. The repair first involves the use of a flat-blade screwdriver to remove the loose mortar from between the firebrick. Next, a brush with stiff bristles should be used to remove the last bits of debris, followed by vacuuming with a wet/dry vacuum to get rid of dust. Then, fill the caulk gun with a tube of fireplace mortar and fill the joints in the fireplace. Finally, use a tuck-pointing tool to smooth the mortar in place.

With winter here, are you planning to use your fireplace? If so, make sure the mortar is OK. Do-it-yourselfers refer to **HINDMAN PROMART** as the hardware store with a difference. Our inventory of supplies such as caulking of all types, hardware, paints, and tools, as well as just about everything else you need, offer a wonderful array of possibilities. We're at #1 Pro St., Hindman (785-3151). Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7-5:30; Sat., 7-2. Most major credit cards accepted. Depend on us for all your building supply needs, including Peachtree doors and windows.

HINT: Be sure to have your fireplace flue cleaned annually.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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 Jerry's and the Dairy Cheer. For information, call Brenda Miller at 606/886-3863, ext. 280.

McDowell FRC services

The following events and activities will be held at the McDowell Family Resource Center.

- GED classes are held each Monday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Center. These classes are free for anyone wanting to earn the GED.

- Bi-monthly Advisory Council Meetings are held on the first Thursday of that month at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 6.

- Parents who are looking for new ideas on effective discipline techniques, assisting with homework, getting children to help with chores, how to provide healthier meals and snacks for their families, effective household budgeting, and other topics should attend the next Parent Support Group.

If you have ideas you would like to share or certain topics you would like to discuss, please attend; we need your input. Parent Support Groups are not for bad parents. They are for parents who want to do their very best for their families. Please attend either or both of the next two Parent Support Groups to be held at the McDowell Family Resource Center. The first group will meet on February 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. The other will meet on February 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

- Floyd County Health Department has a clinic open at the Center each Monday to see patients concerning school (head start, kindergarten and sixth grade) physicals, W.I.C., immunizations, female exams, well-child exams and other services. For more information or to make an appointment, call 377-2678.

- A counselor from Mountain Comprehensive Care is at the Center two days a week for students who are in need of counseling services. Call the Center if you feel your child could benefit from this service. 377-2678.

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 41256-9035.

Alice Lloyd College offers one stop program

The Kentucky Department for Employment Services and Alice Lloyd College have joined in helping both citizens of Kentucky and students of ALC find jobs, write resumes, and provide information on labor markets, career options, education and training programs, and much more. There are currently about 20 One Stop Program Offices statewide. The assistance received it's free of charge and more information may be obtained through the Alice Lloyd College Career Development Office. Both the One Stop Program Office and the Career Development Office are located on the second floor of the Student Center on the campus of ALC. Call the ALC Career Development Office at 606/368-6136, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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.

PCC Chorus seeks performers

Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" is the spring selection for the 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 4-5 p.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.

AARP Tax Aid service

Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), began its tax service for senior citizens and low-income taxpayers on 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.

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.



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Rescue Squad offers photos
The Floyd County Rescue Squad would like the people of Floyd County to know that there will be another Master Artist's Studio photography session from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 11, at the headquarters building just off North Highland Avenue.
All persons holding a certificate from our organization for a free photo session are encouraged to come on this date as it will be the last session of this year. Once again thanks to all who donated to our all-volunteer, non-profit, rescue squad.

Community band members needed
Community members who have played or who currently play in a concert/marching band are invited to join the Prestonsburg

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Card of Thanks

The family of Zeda Turner would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to Clergyman Wayne Stephens and the ministers of the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church 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 ZEDA TURNER

Card of Thanks

The family of Ruby Annette Tackett wishes to thank all of those who were so kind and considerate during our time of grief. We want to thank those who sent flowers and gifts of love. We especially want to thank the ministers, Billy Compton, Elsworth Lee Crum, and Marlene Burchett, for their 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

RUBY ANNETTE TACKETT

Card of Thanks

The family of Della Tucker wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the 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 DELLA TUCKER

Card of Thanks

The family of Lillian Bernice Hall Ratliff 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 Arnold Turner Jr., for his comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

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All of the body of Christ in unity of Faith and according to measure of Christ's gift. Some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers were all a part of the ministry of Jesus Christ that came and comforted us with prayer, God's Word, flowers, songs, food, love, money, cards and the final resting place. They are the Martin First Baptist Church, Pleasant Home Baptist Church, McDowell First Baptist Church, New Life Worship Center and members of other local bodies of believers.

Also, the visitors, those who helped with preparation of the grave, the military service, the Sheriff's Department and our friends at the Hall Funeral Home for the personal, kind and professional service of their staff and the owner operators.

Mother Jacqueline, Wolverton
and

The DeRossett Family

REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Magoffin County

Robert Reese "Sparky" Sparks, 40, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, January 25, in Magoffin County. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 28, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Beecher Risner, 94, of Lexington, formerly of Royalton, died Saturday, January 29, at St. Joe's East, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Versie Marshall Risner. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 31, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Bessie Bailey, 77, of Royalton, died Thursday, January 27, at the Morgan County ARH in West Liberty. She is survived by her husband, Frank Bailey. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mody Mullins Cole, 88, of Salyersville, died Friday, January 21, at Paul B. Hall Regional

Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 24, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Woodford "Woodie" Howard, 66, died Wednesday, December 22, at his home in Valparaiso, Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Mary Smith Howard. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 27, under the direction of Bartholomew Funeral Home.

Bessie Wireman Joseph, 97, of Gunlock, died Wednesday, January 26, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 29, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Darvin Ray Cole, 49, of Salyersville, died Sunday, January 30, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Dottie Fletcher. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 1, under the direction of Salyersville

Funeral Home.

Opal Harper, 85, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died Sunday, January 23.

Jackie Perkins, 91, of Salyersville, died Saturday, January 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 25, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Pike County

Berniece Justice Newsom, 65, of Little Creek, died Tuesday, February 1, 2000, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 4, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Bertha Rowe, 86, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, January 31, 2000, at Mountain View Health Care Center in Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 4, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

William W. Cecil, 72, of

Vandalia, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, January 13, 2000, in Vandalia. He is survived by his wife, Jane Rachel Hurley Cecil. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 17, under the direction of Morton & Whetstone Funeral Home.

Roscoe Kanes, 77, of Jenkins, died Tuesday, February 1, 2000, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Daisy Kanes. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 4, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Alta Jane Bartley, 73, of Bowling Fork, died Wednesday, February 2, 2000, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 5, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Oma Holloway, 93, of Upper Chloee, died Wednesday, January 26, 2000. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 29, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Visually impaired job seekers find help at Department for the Blind

Difficulty in finding a job can be frustrating and discouraging for anyone.

But what if you had been looking for two years and despite a nearly 4.0 grade point average, a bachelor's degree and two internships, no one would hire you? What if you had searched for a full-time job for nine years without being hired and even had one person wad up your application and throw it away in front on you? What if you had years of work experience but you had trouble getting an interview even though the economy was robust?

In each of these cases, the person kept trying. With help from Cabinet for Workforce Development agencies, they were all hired last year. But what was the problem. Vision.

Not the job seekers' vision but the prospective employers' mental picture of what a blind or visually impaired person can do. That's where Debbie Brizendine, a Department for the Blind (DFB) counselor in Bowling Green has made the difference for her consumers. In each of these cases, Brizendine supported her clients through various services and became a partner with them in their job search.

Kimberly Shain Parsley, 24, was devastated when she could not find employment for two years after she graduated from Western Kentucky University with a double major in public relations and government. She said she thought excelling in school would prove to prospective employers that she could do the work, but her achievements were overshadowed by her disability when she applied for jobs.

"It was a rude awakening. It didn't matter, because the only thing employers could see was the disability. It was hard not to take it personally," Parsley said.

In May, Parsley applied for two jobs she knew she could do and she wanted, but she was rejected without getting interviews. A Western professor told her about an opening at the university, but she said she felt so drained of hope that she almost didn't go for the interview.

Parsley mustered the courage for one more try and was hired by Western as a communication specialist in the public affairs office. As a writer and assistant editor of On Campus, a monthly newsletter, Parsley is using her education and skills.

"The Department for the Blind helped me to find job opportunities and look in places I would not normally have known about and to have the equipment to be successful," she said.

Parsley lost her sight in 1990 when she was a freshman at Butler County High School. Her mother contacted the DFB to learn about their rights and for guidance. Brizendine worked with school officials on accommodations for Parsley.

Brizendine said it takes some extra work for a school to make modifications for a student who is blind. "Most school systems need our guidance to make accommodations and then they go ahead," she said.

When Parsley went to Western as a college student, the department bought her assistive technology such as a computer and tape recorder and paid for reader services for library research.

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"Debbie Brizendine not only told me about the practical things I needed to do to be successful in college but she gave me a lot of support," Parsley said. "She encouraged me to find a way around or in some cases through difficulty."

Terry Willis was a manager at a Bowling Green grocery store for 18 years before his sight became so impaired that he felt he could no longer do the job and quit. Unfortunately, when Willis resigned he did not know about the department and its services that could have helped him retain his job.

Willis was referred to the DFB when he began receiving disability benefits from Social Security. He went to the department's Charles W. McDowell Rehabilitation Center in Louisville for rehabilitation services to remain independent and re-enter the workforce.

At the center, he learned to use software he needed to operate a computer and became interested in customer service work. Willis and Brizendine developed his resume and began a job search. They worked together on job contacts and while Willis had several interviews, he was not offered a job. She referred Willis to the Department for Employment Services to register for employment.

Lawrence Brame with the Department for Employment Services was knowledgeable about services that DFB offered and recognized Willis' potential. They worked together on job development and employer contacts. Brame contacted Quality Awning in Bowling Green about Willis, and the owners were interested. Brizendine and Dorothy Brame, a technology specialist, met with the owner of Quality Awning at the job site to explain DFB services and determined the software needed for Willis to use the company's computer system. Quality Awning hired Willis in May.

"It was frustrating but I never gave up. I knew there was someone out there who would hire me," Willis said. "Everything I needed to get my foot in the door was at my disposal to get a job."

James Gober of Bowling Green searched for nine years before landing a job with Brizendine's help at the Yellow Cab Company as a call taker.

In 1989, the DFB began working with Gober to train for a job. He participated in personal training classes at the McDowell Center and earned a GED. He tried a variety of training programs and worked for Life Skills Industries, a sheltered workshop, to learn work skills.

Gober applied for manufacturing jobs for several years without being hired. He said some companies were receptive but others did not even consider his application when they found out that he is blind. In one case, his daughter took him to a factory that was hiring. When he turned in his application for a job he knew he could perform, the woman taking the application wadded up the paper and threw it in the trash.

"It's been an uphill thing, because not many companies want to hire a blind person," he said.

Despite such discouragement, the 33 year old said he would rather work than sit at home. Before being hired by the Yellow Cab Company a year ago, he came into the company on his own time to learn the business and prove he could do the work. He also upgraded his computer skills at the DFB office and learned to use the assistive software. DFB has provided other assistive technology for him to use at work and at home. The company also made adjustments by computerizing its operation.

Like other workers Gober wants to keep growing and has goals.

"I've learned all there is to learn

in my job and I want to learn more. I want to be the person who gets the promotion when it comes around," Gober said.

DFB gave each of these consumers the tools and encouragement they needed to train and search for a job. All of them see these positions as a beginning point and want to build a career where they can contribute and grow. Like other workers, they just want an opportunity to show an employer what they can do.

"We need more employers to understand the abilities of persons with disabilities rather than focusing on the negative aspects. Employers are missing an available pool of job-ready and qualified applicants by not working with our agency," Brizendine said.

Card of Thanks

The family of John Boy Henson would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: those who sent food and flowers or just spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church; 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.

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Our thanks also to the staff at Floyd Funeral Home and the City Police who helped with our funeral procession. We will never forget each and every one of you. It's family and friends like you who made it possible for us to get through this time.

We were truly blessed to have had this wonderful husband and father in our lives for so many years, and we will miss him forever.

May God bless you all.

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Norma Wright - Daughter

Citizens National Bank sells Bank Jo building to board of education

In a community-minded decision affecting residents of the Big Sandy Region, Citizens National Bank sold the Bank Josephine building to the Floyd County Board of Education on January 4, for less than the appraised value.

"We knew about the potential facility needs of the Floyd County Board of Education," said Dennis T. Dorton, chief executive officer and president of Citizens National Corporation. "We are pleased that we could offer an alternative that is close in proximity to the Board's present location."

This favorable real estate transaction is a win-win situation for taxpayers, the school system, and downtown businesses in Prestonsburg and Floyd County at large. The taxpayers and school system got a valuable historical building in good condition at a reduced price. Downtown businesses benefit from the daily presence of people working in the area. With some renovation,

the central administration offices will be more efficient, helping the school board to continue working toward its goal of educational improvement district-wide.

"As a locally-owned and operated banking facility, it is our goal to continue to improve the communities we serve," Dorton said. "By selling the Bank Josephine building to the Board of Education, we hope to preserve the historical and architectural value of this building, while helping to improve education in the Big Sandy Region."

History of the Bank Josephine Building

Built in the early 1890's, the bank was named for Josephine Harkins, wife of the bank's founder. The building burned between 1910 and 1915, and was rebuilt following the fire.

Under the leadership of President and CEO Dennis T. Dorton, in October 1997, Citizens National

Corporation purchased the Bank Josephine, with six locations in Floyd County. A merger between Citizens National Corporation and Bank Josephine received regulatory approval, May 26, 1999, allowing the corporation to retire the Bank Josephine name and reopen each location under the Citizens National Bank name on June 1, 1999.

Citizens National Bank Sells Bank Jo Building

"When we united these two banks last summer, we knew we would have the opportunity to build on the best practices of both institutions," Dorton said. "The new size, scope, and competitive strength of Citizens National Bank has increased customer convenience, product selection, and value."

New higher education scholarships announced

To honor the unique heritage of this Eastern Kentucky banking institution, Citizens National

Corporation has established a scholarship fund under the Josephine name. Annually, four scholarships will be awarded to seniors from each of the four Floyd County high schools, enabling them to attend Prestonsburg Community College or Mayo Technical College.

"By creating the Josephine scholarship fund, Citizens National Corporation can assure the Josephine legacy and the history of this community will be remembered by our youth," Dorton said. "Citizens National Bank is dedicated to serving the people of the community in all of their lifetime endeavors. These annual scholarships are one of many ways we honor our commitment to the people in the Big Sandy Region."

Citizens National Corporation is the second largest locally-owned independent banking company in the Big Sandy Region. Currently, there are 11 Citizens National Bank locations in Floyd, Magoffin, and Johnson counties.

Food service vendors register by March 15

FRANKFORT — Food service management companies that plan to act as vendors for United States Department of Agriculture's 2000 Summer Food Service Program for Children in Kentucky are encouraged to register with the state on or before March 15.

The Summer Food Service Program provides nutritious meals to children at qualified public or private nonprofit, nonresidential institutions or residential camps during the summer months.

Regulations require that companies providing food for the Summer Food Service Program must be reputable and able to meet the terms of their contracts. In addition, under USDA's rules, food service management companies must provide states with detailed information on their operations for the past two years.

Information about the program and applications for registration are available from Jaci Williams, Child Nutrition Program Consultant, Summer Food Service Program, Division of School and Community Nutrition, 1024 Capital Center Dr., Frankfort KY 40601; phone 502/573-4390; fax 502/573-6775; e-mail jawillia@kde.state.ky.us.

In the operation of child nutrition programs, there is no discrimination regardless of race, color, sex, age, handicap, religion or national origin. Any complaints concerning discrimination should be directed to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.



State Representative Gregory D. Stumbo (left) and his wife, Mary Karen (right), welcomed Kentucky-born Muhammad Ali to the Kentucky General Assembly recently. Ali was visiting the Legislature seeking funding for a museum named in his honor, planned for a site in Louisville. Stumbo is Majority Floor Leader in the Kentucky House of Representatives and has been a member of the Legislature since 1980.

MSU slates eating disorders programs

Morehead State University will join in the observance of Eating Disorders Awareness Week (EDAW), February 10-18, in a number of activities sponsored by the Epsilon Theta Chapter of Chi Omega fraternity.

The 1990 documentary, "A Season in Hell," made by film maker Walter Brock of Louisville, will be shown Thursday, February 10, at 7 p.m., in East Room A of the Adron Doran University Center.

It tells the story of Regina Hatfield, a 1994 graduate of MSU, who was engaged in an overwhelming battle with the eating disorder, bulimia nervosa. The 57-minute film follows the dramatic and relentless course of Hatfield's illness from its onset during her freshman year of high school through her college years.

Dr. Hatfield, now a dentist and an assistant professor of prosthodontics at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, will share her experiences on Tuesday, February 5, at 7 p.m., in the Crager Room, ADUC.

In her presentation, entitled "Escape from Hell: Reclaiming My Life," she will speak about her recovery from bulimia nervosa after a nine-year struggle with the eating disorder that resulted in three hospitalizations and brought her near death.

A native of Raceland, she received a Bachelor of Science degree from MSU, a D.M.D. degree with specialty training in prosthodontics from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry, and further sub-specialty training in maxillofacial prosthodontics at Columbia University and the Bronx Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Dr. Hatfield taught at Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery for two years and at Case Western Reserve University for one year immediately following her training.

"Regina has been able to overcome her eating disorder with the help of her friends, a support group called Helping Ourselves with Problem Eating, her family and the skills she learned during her periods of hospitalization and treatment for bulimia nervosa," said Mary Jo Netherton, associate professor of French and chapter adviser to Chi Omega.

In other activities, Judy Krug, student wellness coordinator, will conduct an eating disorders screening on Wednesday, February 16. The activity will run from 4 to 6 p.m., in East Rooms A and B, ADUC.

The members of the Chi Omega

will present "Walking Shadows II," Thursday, February 17, at 7 p.m., in the boardroom of the Rowan County Board of Education building, located at 121 East Second Street in Morehead. The effects of eating disorders on the lives of nine different individuals will be portrayed in this production. A reception, featuring healthy foods, will follow.

The organization's members will collect used jeans for the Great Jeans Giveaway, Friday, February 18, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., on the second floor of the ADUC. The motto for the day will be "Don't fight your genes, just change your jeans!"

Everyone is encouraged to bring jeans that don't fit to the booth outside the cafeteria in ADUC, Netherton said. The jeans collected will be donated to the Rowan County Senior High School Youth Service Center: Project Breakthrough.

The activities for EDAW are free and open to the public. Additional information is available from Netherton at 606/783-2779.

Sponsors sought for summer program

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Department of Education is seeking sponsors to operate the 2000 Summer Food Service Program in Kentucky.

The Summer Food Service Program provides nutritious meals to children without regard to race, color, national origin, age (within statutory limits), sex or handicap during extended school vacation periods.

In most areas, the program operates from May until September. Meals and snacks are served to children in such places as schools, playgrounds and parks.

Public or private nonprofit schools; units of local, municipal, county or state government; and public or private nonprofit agencies may qualify as sponsors of the program. Residential summer camps whose enrollment includes needy children also may act as program sponsors.

Qualified sponsors are reimbursed for program operating and administrative expenses up to the current rates of reimbursement. To be eligible, sponsors must:

- provide continuing service to the community,
- serve meals on a regular schedule to children or provide meals as part of an organized program for enrolled children at camps,
- show they are financially and administratively capable of operating the program.

More information is available from Jaci Williams, Child Nutrition Program Consultant, Summer Food Service Program, Division of School and Community Nutrition, 1024 Capital Center Dr., Frankfort KY 40601; phone 502/573-4390; fax 502/573-6775; e-mail jawillia@kde.state.ky.us. Information also may be found at <http://www.kde.state.ky.us/odss/nutrition/>.

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"The greatest tragedy is that many injuries are preventable," says Ralph W. Semb, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Shrine of North America.

Each year in the United States, there are approximately 2,000 fires involving gas water heaters and flammable vapors, resulting in more than 300 injuries or deaths and \$26 million in property damage.

Boys ages 10 to 15 are at the highest risk for gasoline-related burn injuries. Young children face greater risks from burn injuries than do older children and adults.

It is up to parents and other adults to follow the correct safety precautions to keep young people from harm.

What You Can't See Can Kill You! Learn these life-saving facts:

Be aware that the vapors from flammable liquids, especially gasoline, can be ignited by open flames and sparks from power tools.

Know that flammable vapors can travel invisibly across the floor and be ignited by a gas water heater pilot light.

To keep your children safe, follow these tips from Shriners Hospitals:

- Store and use flammable liquids, such as gasoline, only in well ventilated areas, away from sources of ignition.
- Always store gasoline and other flammable liquids in a specially labeled safety can outside the home or living area.
- Use a funnel when pouring flammable substances to avoid spilling.
- Gasoline should only be used to fuel an engine; for other purposes, use the safest product available.
- Supervise older children and teens when filling engines such as lawnmowers with gasoline.
- Allow engines to cool before refueling.
- Follow manufacturer's installation instructions to elevate water heaters at least 18 inches above floor level.
- Keep flammable products locked up and out of children's reach.
- Keep matches and lighters out-



Flammable liquids like gasoline should be stored in a specially labeled can outside the home or living area.

of-sight and out-of-reach of children.

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The Shriners have been promoting Burn Awareness Week since 1988. For more information on burn prevention write to: Public Relations Dept. at International Shrine Headquarters, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631-3356 or visit their web site at www.shriner-shq.org.

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Army expands opportunities

The commander of the Army Recruiting Battalion Beckley announced recently that the Beckley Battalion will participate in a test of an enlistment program designed to expand recruiting markets and to increase opportunities for Americans to serve in the Army.

The test program is called "GED Plus—The Army's High School Completion Program." The program is available for recruits coming into the Army on or after February 3, 2000, and runs through September 30, 2003.

The Beckley Battalion is responsible for Army recruiting operations in southern West

Virginia, central and western Virginia, eastern Tennessee and eastern Kentucky.

The GED Plus program will allow up to 6,000 non-high school graduates to enlist annually. To qualify, they must score in the top half of the country on the Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) and also score 46 or above on the Assessment of Individual Motivation (AIM) test.

The Army will sponsor those applicants to complete an attendance based GED program while the individual serves in the Army's Delayed Entry Program (DEP). Applicants who are eligible to return to high school under state guidelines are not eligible for the GED Plus program.

Additionally, applicants with only minor traffic or other minor non-traffic violations will be allowed to participate. These are much stricter requirements than those regular high school diploma graduates must meet for enlistment.

"We are interested in expanding the availability of our opportunities by identifying larger segments of our area's population who have high indicators of trainability and retention," said Lt. Col. Thomas McCool, commander of the Beckley Battalion. "Today's Army

requires high-quality soldiers who are highly motivated and skilled in order to maintain our required readiness—this program will serve that need."

The test program will provide the Army a better idea of what nontraditional recruiting markets exist nation-wide and what policies should be incorporated into regular recruiting practices. Through specific screening criteria and attainment of education requirements prior to accession, the Army intends to keep the quality levels of the soldiers equal to, or better than those who participated in Operation Desert Storm.

The country will be divided into three test cells, where the Army will test various levels of enlistment incentives such as cash bonuses or the Army College Fund to gain additional enlistments from GED holders. This will create a flow of data that can be studied to determine if offering the incentives will have any effect on generating more interest in serving in the Army and completing an initial term of service.

The GED Plus program will target 4,000 enlistments for the active Army and 2,000 for the Army Reserve annually.

The Beckley Battalion will be part of the test cell in which the

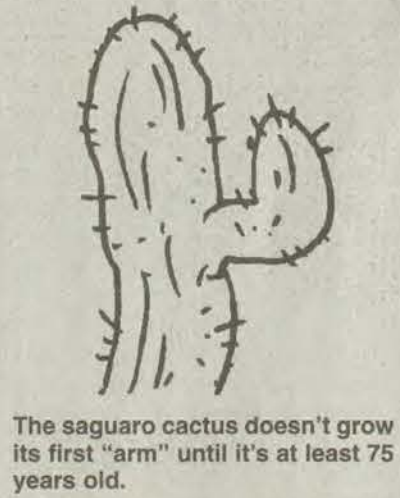
Army will offer the highest level of enlistment incentives (such as the cash enlistment bonuses of up to \$20,000 and the Army College Fund of up to \$50,000) to people who have already achieved their GED, or who achieve their GED through the GED Plus program.

Anyone who does not already hold an approved diploma or certificate (and if they meet the other standard eligibility requirements) can now be enlisted in the Army's Delayed Entry Program while they attend classes to complete their GED at government expense. This has never been available before.

Upon successful attainment of their GED, they will then complete the normal processing for an Active Army or Army Reserve enlistment and then report to basic training on the scheduled date.

"GED Plus is in keeping with the Army tradition of providing great opportunities and offering America's youth a route to success and personal self-importance," McCool said. "We expect this program to significantly benefit a number of quality young men and women in our area that previously did not qualify for Army service."

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Betsy Layne Preview

With district near, look for Betsy Layne to run ball more

by Ed Taylor
 Sports Editor

Only 19 days remain until the start of the 58th District basketball tournament at Allen Central

High School and not many games remain in that time span.

Like other teams, Coach Cassandra Akers and the Betsy Layne Ladycats have a need — they need to put together a more uptempo game, according to the Ladycat coach.

"We're not running the ball like we need to do," said Akers. "We're not outletting the ball and the forwards are having to bring it up the floor. That is slowing us down."

Betsy Layne opened the conference season with two wins to put them atop the conference standings. But the Ladycats have fallen on hard

times of late, losing two of their last three conference outings.

Both losses were heartbreakers for the Ladycats. At Prestonsburg, they were beaten with no time on the clock after regulation play. At Allen Central last week, they fell to the Lady Rebels in overtime.

Finding a spot to put your finger on as to the problem with this team, one has to look at two areas that need improving. Sometimes Betsy Layne appears a little too unselfish or the hesitation to shoot the ball may be a lack of confidence on taking the big shot.

Case in point was against Allen Central when they had excellent looks at the basket but their decision was to dish the ball off and that resulted in two crucial turnovers.

Another area that needs attention before time is playing the game like it should be played, with a lot of intensity.

"It has not been there for us," said Coach Akers. "We have not played with the intensity we need to."

Betsy Layne is one of the top 10 rebounding girls teams in the state, but against Allen Central, according to their coach, they faltered some on the boards.

"We had nine rebounds in the first half against them," said the Betsy Layne mentor. "It's just a lack of intensity on the boards and staying after it the whole 32 minutes of the game."

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Betsy Layne at South Floyd

Stumbo bails out South Floyd Raiders

Bobcats put scare in Raiders at home



by Ed Taylor
 Sports Editor

It was South Floyd's home crowd and it was a big one.

It was South Floyd's home game and it was loud gymnasium.

But someone forgot to inform the Betsy Layne Bobcats that they were in Raider territory and weren't suppose to play the way they did this past Saturday night.

In spite of the scare, it was South Floyd which avoided its first loss of the season in the Floyd County Conference race and rallied to pull out an 80-73 win over Coach Brent Rose's Bobcats.

The Cats had the Raiders on the proverbial "hook" but let them wiggle off thanks to "Big Man" Jimmy Stumbo, who had a combination of baby hooks and long-range threes in scoring 31 points, pulling in 16 rebounds and blocking six shots in the win over Betsy Layne.

The win continued to set school records at

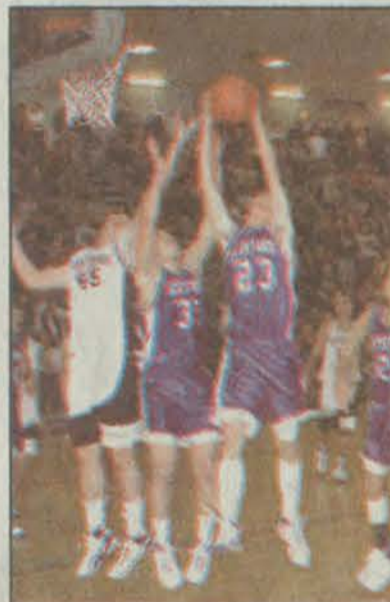
South Floyd as Coach Henry Webb's ballclub improved to 18-4 on the season and 6-0 in the conference race. The win assured the Raiders of no less than a tie in the final conference standings. They have a make up game with Prestonsburg and will travel to face the same Bobcats at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse this Friday night.

A win over Prestonsburg tonight would give the Raiders the conference title outright regardless how they do against Betsy Layne Friday evening.

If the Raiders should prevail, it would be the first such championship ever for the school.

Betsy Layne placed five players in double figures, with Adam Collins just missing double digits. Collins finished with nine points. Brock Keathley led the way with 18 points, coming off a scoreless night against Allen Central the night before. Bradley Brooks and Justin Bartley finished with 10 and 11 points, respectively.

(See RAIDERS, page two)



THE JIMMY STUMBO SHOW: South Floyd senior Jimmy Stumbo did it all against Betsy Layne last Saturday night scoring 31 points, grabbing 16 rebounds and blocking eight shots. (photo by Ed Taylor)

A Look At Sports



NORTH CAROLINA...
 Good friend Paul Jordan, of the hills of North Carolina, writes and is always ready to share some things with me. Paul is a diehard Reds and Kentucky Wildcat fan.

Now to straighten some things out first of all. Paul worked for the Associated Press for 10 years. I mistakenly put him at the Courier-Journal in a previous article. But he worked for AP as a newsman in both Louisville and Frankfort and had at least a 1,000 bylines in the

Was Roy Martin really the best guard to play in the county?

Courier-Journal (which makes one think he worked there).

Paul sent me a photograph of his home and the wooded area that surrounds it. But he also writes they are experiencing 22 inches of snow.

"The biggest snow in over 100 years," said Jordan of the blanket of white stuff. He advises all to "go south!"

Paul is a regular reader of The Floyd County Times and, I am glad to report, a reader of this column that appears three times a week.

(See SPORTS, page two)

Shelby Valley at Prestonsburg

Shelby Valley places three in double figures

by Ed Taylor
 Sports Editor

The Shelby Valley Lady Wildcats, the top-ranked girls team in the 15th Region, placed three players in double figures and posted a 63-51 win over sixth-ranked Prestonsburg Monday night at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse.

Shelby Valley outscored Prestonsburg 33-21 in the final two quarters after the two teams played to a 30-30 tie at the half in what was a well-played first two quarters for both teams.

Ashley Damron led all scorers with 16 points.

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RAMANDA MUSIC (33) scored on this short jumper against Shelby Valley Monday night. Music finished with 14 points in a 63-51 loss to the Lady Wildcats (photo by Ed Taylor)

Betsy Layne at South Floyd

Reynolds pumps in 26 as Betsy Layne holds off South Floyd

Hall leads South Floyd with 17 points

by Ed Taylor
 Sports Editor

Betsy Layne's Devon Reynolds hopes to have put behind the slump her coach, Cassandra Akers, said she has been logged in.

Reynolds scored a game-high 26 points to lead the Ladycats to an 84-72 win Saturday night over the South Floyd Lady Raiders at Raider Arena on the campus of South Floyd High School.

Betsy Layne improved to 12-11 on the season and went to 3-2 in the Floyd County Conference race with one conference game remaining against the same South Floyd team. The two will meet Friday night at Betsy Layne.

Reynolds led three players in double figures, with eighth-grader Whitney Lykens scoring 17 points. Jenny Parsons added 12 points.

Lindsey Hall led South Floyd with 17 points while senior Martha Crawford netted 16, including two three-point baskets. Minnie Tackett had a strong floor game finishing with 13 points.

It was another game of frustration for Kandence Mitchell as she followed the normal pattern that she has followed all season, picking up early foul trouble in the first two quarters, having a great third quarter only to foul out early in the fourth.

Mitchell scored five points in the game and all five came in the third period by completing a three-point play, scoring on a rebound basket and layup. In the fourth, with less than seven minutes to play, she picked up foul number five.

Reynolds responded to a player-to-coach meeting with Coach Akers on the bus trip to South Floyd, according to the coach.

"I had a talk with her on the way over here," said the Betsy Layne coach. "Devon has been in kind of a slump lately. She acts

(See BETSY LAYNE, page three)



BETSY LAYNE'S WHITNEY LYKENS (5) guarded South Floyd's Minnie Tackett (23) when the two teams met Saturday on the hardwood. (photo by Ed Taylor)

NCAA Basketball

Coach Jarvis peeved over NCAA

St. John's coach, Mike Jarvis let it be known that he wasn't too happy with the NCAA's ongoing investigation of basketball player Erick Barkley.

Barkley has been suspended for accepting the use of vehicle "from a friend." Jarvis compared the NCAA governing committee to "the Gestapo."

Kentucky moves up in polls

The Kentucky Wildcats moved up three positions in the latest AP basketball poll.

Coach Tubby Smith's ballclub went from 14th to 11th, just missing reentering the top 10.

The Cats moved up on the strength of victories over Tennessee and South Carolina last week.

Pro Baseball

Announcement on Griffey forthcoming

Looks like it is on again! The Seattle Mariner's are still trying to deal megastar Ken Griffey, Jr. to another club before spring training begins.

Griffey has said he will not accept a trade unless it brings him to Cincinnati where his father is a coach.

Mariner's management has said the trade could be made soon. Will Junior become a Red? We will have to wait and see.

H.S. Basketball

Raiders still number one

The South Floyd Raiders retained their number one ranking in 15th Region basketball this week followed by Johnson Central, Paintsville, Shelby Valley and Pikeville, rounding out the top five.

Coach Henry Webb's club avoided an upset attempt by Betsy Layne last week.



Girls

Betsy Layne 82	South Floyd 72
Shelby Valley 63	Prestonsburg 51
JCHS 57	Betsy Layne 44
Belfry 63	Elkhorn City 42
Paintsville 48	Lawrence Co. 42
Whitesburg 66	Pike Central 49
Sheldon Clark 52	Magoffin Co. 48

Boys

South Floyd 80	Betsy Layne 72
JCHS 75	Sheldon Clark 53
Magoffin Co. 66	Morgan Co. 39
Shelby Valley 85	Feds Creek 53

Games on tap

Girls

Thurs., Feb. 10
 Allen Central @ Magoffin Co.
 Betsy Layne @ Elkhorn City
 Millard @ South Floyd
 June Buchanan @ Piarist

Fri., Feb. 11
 South Floyd @ Betsy Layne
 Lee County @ Prestonsburg

Boys

Wed., Feb. 9
 Prestonsburg @ South Floyd

Thurs., Feb. 10
 June Buchanan @ Piarist

Fri., Feb. 11
 All Saints @ Piarist
 South Floyd @ Betsy Layne
 Millard @ Allen Central

Sat., Feb. 12
 Piarist @ Buckhorn
 South Floyd @ Bryan Station (Sweetheart Classic)

Sports

Paul says he has been around long enough to understand "the inner and outer" of sports and life in general.

Paul made a reference to Roy Martin's book he authored, "Tell It Like It Is."

"I am glad his son is coaching," said Jordan of Coach Johnny Martin at Allen Central. "Which leads me to your column of January 19th."

Branson was on target, notably on (Ed) Decoursey and Kelly Coleman, two Wayland boys. Ed had style, was a great center while Kelly had the eye for scoring, a proven fact."

It was Jordan who tagged Kelly

with the nickname, "King" Kelly. Jordan said he recalled many other fine athletes mentioned by Branson in the previous issue.

"But what I remember the most was the Inez team of 1941, I believe," said Jordan. "The little old mountain school won the state tournament. My buddies and I knew all their names. West was one but the fear of memory fails at this time."

Jordan said players then were role models for teenagers and "we acted accordingly." "We stayed out of jail and went on to war and peace after graduating," said Jordan.

Paul said he realized that Branson

could not name all in his comments but, "I can tell you as an eyewitness there were never any guards as great as Roy Martin and Charles "Greasy" Hughes (my uncle by marriage)."

Jordan said both were a sight to behold.

"Fast break down the floor with Roy on the left and Greasy on the right, on the edge of the court," recalled Jordan. "Each would throw up a running shot from their respective arm positions and would make the shot 60 percent of the time."

Jordan said basketball was in its purest form then.

"No height, no tricks, no nothing, just sheer mastery of shooting at the

worst angle on the court," he said.

Paul said he was always rooting for Garrett when they weren't playing Wayland. "For the young ones, we are talking basketball in the 40s," he said.

Jordan recalled fondly John "Dog" Campbell, who coached at Garrett for several seasons.

"He was a great competitor," he said. "A great coach, and a great friend to me. Two other Campbell boys were fine players too, French and the other one later served on the school board."

I really enjoy hearing from Paul, Branson and all the others who recall the good years of athletics in

Floyd County.

FROM CALIFORNIA...

Another one I heard from resides in Fullerton, California. I received a letter from Frankie Crum, a legend in his own right. I received the letter Tuesday and he sent me a photograph of the old 1951 Betsy Layne Bobcat team that featured the great Grady Wallace, who led the nation in scoring when he was at South Carolina.

"We won 24 or 25 games that year," said Frank, "and we lost eight. I am sure that Wayland and Martin accounted for at least five of those losses. Wayland went to the state

tournament that year. In reality we were third in the county that year and around fifth or sixth in the 15th Region."

On that same team, Ernie Joe Fannin went to South Carolina also and I went to Marshall."

Frankie said it was good to see all the articles on Betsy Layne in the sports section.

"When we went to school," said Crum, "Betsy Layne was sort of isolated as a "river school" and not on "the Beaver."

Thanks for the letters. We hope others from out of state will write.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Raiders

ished with 11 apiece, as did Nathan Tackett. Brad Daugherty finished with 12 points in a strong defensive floor game.

Stumbo led the way for the Raiders and was a show within himself as he dominated all phases of the game. He hit three three-point baskets in finishing with his career-high 31 points. Byron Hall netted 17 points and was a pivotal factor in the turnaround of the Raiders in the fourth quarter. His strong inside game and picture perfect moves gave the Raiders their first lead of the game with 5:46 to play. Rusty Tackett came off the bench and tossed in 10 points.

South Floyd, which lives and dies with the up-tempo game, only had seven treys in the 32 minutes of basketball. Kyle Tackett had two of the seven and finished with seven points.

The Betsy Layne defense had pushed senior point guard Ryan Shannon out of his range and the lefthander put up some shots beyond his capabilities. He finished with just two points, two free throws. He had seven assists in the game.

Freshman Michael Hall, like Shannon, found no room to put up his patented three-point shot and

had to settle with just six points. All came from the charity stripe, where he hit six of eight.

But while Betsy Layne was pushing the Raider guards outside, they forgot about stopping Stumbo, and his "baby hook" was more that the Bobcats could handle inside.

The large South Floyd crowd looked on in disbelief as they watched their Raiders fall behind early and by a substantial margin in the first half, falling behind by as many as 15 points, 25-10, at one point.

Betsy Layne went to the locker room with a 35-23 halftime lead.

South Floyd was getting the looks at the basket but not where they normally would. The outside defense of Keathley, Bartley and Daugherty kept the long-range bombers shooting bricks.

Betsy Layne could do nothing wrong in the opening minutes of the game as they ripped out to a 12-3 lead on the play of Adam Collins and Brooks. Brooks tip in at the buzzer gave the Bobcats a 19-8 first-quarter lead.

In the second period, there was no change as South Floyd struggled and Betsy Layne was on fire. Except for the play of Stumbo, the Raiders got little done. Stumbo had nine of the first 11 points in the early going of the second quarter.

It was a game where both coaches tried their best to help the three assigned officials call the game. The Betsy Layne bench received a stern warning from referee Jerry Hurley.

With 5:49 left in the third quarter, Daugherty hit one of two free throws to give Betsy Layne a 39-30 lead and after that, the Bobcats went cold from the floor as South Floyd was double teaming the ball and forcing Betsy Layne to take some ill-advised shots.

Led by the hook of Stumbo, South Floyd began the climb back and by the end of the third period, had erased all but three points of the Betsy Layne lead, trailing 53-50.

It was the tandem of Stumbo and Kyle Tackett that gave the Raiders the second surge in avoiding a defeat. The big man hit a hook, was fouled, converted the free throw. Tackett hit two charity tosses and again the hook made it a six-point game, 39-33.

Coach Brent Rose called a timeout to regroup his Bobcats as they appeared to become unraveled. A steal by John Meade, a three-pointer by Tackett and a layup by Rusty Tackett off the steal and it was a 42-40 margin. Again, Betsy Layne wanted to talk about it.

Out of the timeout, Adam Collins scored inside for a four-point game. But on a set play, Stumbo was left open at the top of the circle and canned a three-point basket and it was a 44-43 game. Keathley hit a 14-footer at the 2:06 mark, but "the hook" strikes again and South Floyd trails 46-45.

Betsy Layne got a little room when Brooks completed a three-point play for a 49-45 lead and after Rusty Tackett's three-point try went

off to the right, Brooks scored on a rebound basket to send the Bobcats back out to a 51-45 lead. It looked as if the Bobcats had weathered the Raider storm, but Stumbo drilled a trey with 34 seconds left and with 12 seconds, grabbed a rebound, scored and was fouled. His team trailed 53-50 after three quarters in what was a very fast paced third period.

No longer did the fans have time to grab a breath and sit for a moment, they were right back on their feet as the fourth quarter unfolded.

Betsy Layne led 55-52 but a tip in by Stumbo with 7:10 to play cut the lead to one, 55-54.

With both coaches pleading their case before the tribunal on the floor, at the 5:55 mark, Stumbo's rainbow shot found nothing but net and the game was tied for the first time at 59 as the Raider side exploded. It was a new game.

Byron Hall gave the Raiders

their first lead, 60-59, by hitting the front end of a two-shot foul. The noise level grew.

Keathley took advantage of a South Floyd turnover and hit a short jumper and Daugherty hit a free throw that gave the Bobcats the lead at 62-60. But on a strong move inside, Byron Hall tied the game at 62.

The game was tied at 64 but Michael Hall's two free throws gave the lead to South Floyd, 66-64. Three free throws from Adam Collins and Keathley netted the Bobcats the lead at 67-66 but that would be the last time the Bobcats held a lead over South Floyd. A rebound basket by Byron Hall and a basket inside by Hall off a Shannon assist opened up a 70-69 lead. A three-second call, seemingly called by the fans, gave the ball to the Raiders and Rusty Tackett made it a three-point game, 72-69, before Stumbo scored on a great play inside from Hall. The Raider lead

went to five points and grew to seven on two free throws from Michael Hall.

Taking care of the basketball, South Floyd was able to preserve the win.

After the game, Coach Webb and Coach Rose, former teammates at McDowell, embraced in a show of sportsmanship at midcourt.

For the Raiders, they had their lowest shooting percentage of the season, hitting only 35 percent for the game. Betsy Layne shot an even lower 34 percent, in part due to a 34-percent second half.

Scott Collins did not have the game he was capable of having but was instrumental on the boards and defense. He finished with one point for the game.

Kyle Tackett netted nine points for South Floyd. Meade tossed in five.

The two teams will meet again on the hardwood this Friday night at Betsy Layne.

Preview

Games are won and they are lost at the free throw line and the percentage from the charity stripe has become a concern for the coaching staff at Betsy Layne. One player whose free throws shooting has taken a dip is junior center Jenny Parsons.

"Jenny is a rock out there. You are guaranteed 10 rebounds every game from her," said Akers. "But her free throw shooting has gone by the wayside. We need to work with her on that because she is going to get fouled a lot. She is very active around the basket."

Young players dot the Betsy Layne roster but no one has made an impact like eighth-grader Whitney Lykens. Lykens has moved into the starting rotation after finishing her grade school season two weeks ago.

"She has been a steady player for us all year," said the Betsy Layne coach. "Now that her grade

school season is over, she can concentrate full time on playing high school ball."

As the 58th District tournament arrives, Betsy Layne will need more point production from both guards, Heather Hamilton and Devon Reynolds. Reynolds showed signs of busting out of a slump with 26 points against South Floyd last week. However, it is likely the Ladycats will be playing Allen Central in the first round of the tournament and on the Lady Rebels' home court. Both guards are guilty of passing up open shots.

"Devon and Heather both have been contributing," said Coach Akers. "Amber (Roberts), Kim (Tackett) and Tabatha (Mitchell) have given us good minutes. Natasha (Stratton) and Kim Clark have helped off the bench."

Coach Akers said she is able to go nine deep off her bench and said that is going to be important come

tournament time.

"I think that is what is going to be the difference," she said.

Coach Akers knows what to expect when her teams faces an Allen Central, Prestonsburg or even South Floyd.

"Allen Central, they come ready to play," she said. "We had our chances to win there last week but we just didn't execute down the stretch."

Coach Akers considers Prestonsburg as the tournament favorite — right now.

"South Floyd is a tough bunch," she said. "I think it is up for grabs. Anything can happen."

Five games remain on the Ladycat schedule for 1999-2000 and Coach Akers will use those remaining games to fine-tune her ballclub for a turn at district title and a berth in the 15th Region tournament at Elkhorn City.

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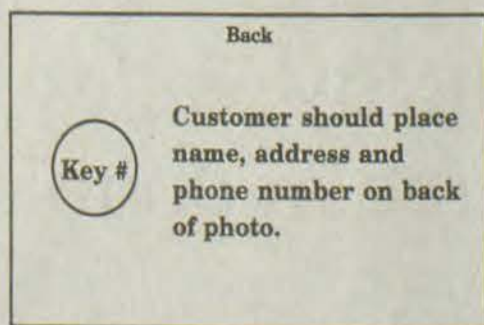
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001 July 4, 1920, Ray & Elliott Department Store at Main and Central having clearance sale; no trolley on the track. (Photo courtesy of James Smith)

Thanks
Sandie Briggs

Kentucky Sportsline by Tom Leach



conduct this season, too, but his NBA draft status is no doubt soaring as he answers more and more of his opponents with points and rebounds instead of elbows.

And Magloire is not always the sender when it comes to cheap shots in the low post area.

"Throughout the course of the season, I've gotten hit quite a few times and I don't mind that. For some reason, I kind of enjoy it," Magloire said recently. "I'm not going to retaliate. What I'll do is

I'll score or I'll rebound the ball. With that, we've had tremendous success."

And that's exactly what he did Saturday against the Gamecocks, and what he's done against other teams as they have directed more and more defensive attention (and fouls and, yes, the occasional cheap shot) at Magloire.

"My style of play is real physical and people are going to be intimidated. What the difference is now is that a lot of teams are try-

ing to get back at me instead of doing what they're supposed to," Magloire continued, "and when you do that, you take yourself out of the game. I kinda like that."

"I see that more this year, that they're paying a lot more attention to me and doing things they wouldn't have done in the past," he added, noting that he thinks some opponents try to bait him into an altercation. "I know what to do and when to do it to win games. I'm not going to retaliate."

By walking away from more fights than he starts, Magloire may win enough respect around the league to get the recognition he deserves for the way he's playing. Chris Porter was the preseason pick for player-of-the-year in the SEC, but any reasonable voter would surely have to consider only two names right now — Magloire and Vandy's Dan Langhi.

The fact that winning such an award was an incredible longshot

for either one of them just a couple of years ago tells you a lot about the importance of patience and persistence.

RECRUITING NOTES

Kentucky knocked off the sixth-ranked basketball team in the country, which just happened to be the Tennessee team that beat the Wildcats twice the year before, and by the middle of the following week, that topic was NOT number one on the discussion list of Big Blue fans.

That spot was reserved for football recruiting and it speaks to the enthusiasm Hal Mumme and company have generated for their sport since arriving in Kentucky.

Bobby Burton's Rivals.Com internet site ranked the Wildcats' class 34th overall and ninth in the SEC while the CBS Sportsline.com site put UK at number eight in the league recruiting standings. That's certainly not as high as Kentucky fans would like, but my perception is that the gap between this group of UK recruits and the ones at the top of the league is much more narrow than it's been in a long, long time.

(See Sportsline, page four)



It was game time as the Betsy Layne Bobcats broke through the paper banner before they faced South Floyd Saturday night. The Cats dropped a 80-73 decision to the Raiders (photo by Ed Taylor)

Asked to name the MVP of the SEC this year, South Carolina coach Eddie Fogler last week used the question to take a pot shot at Bret Bearup, and indirectly, the Florida Gators' program, because of his long-running feud with Billy Donovan over recruiting.

That's what made headlines, but Fogler did provide a serious answer to the question, too.

He mentioned several candidates, but the first one out of his mouth was Jamaal Magloire.

Through the first three-and-a-half seasons of Magloire's tenure at UK, such an idea would have been laughable. But as the Wildcats hit the midway point of their SEC schedule on Saturday, with a 76-63 win over South Carolina aided by Magloire's ninth double-double of the campaign (23 points, 11 rebounds, four blocks), Magloire should be the morning line favorite to win that honor.

Because he has too often crossed the line between tough defender/intimidator and cheap shot artist, Magloire might have a tough time winning the votes of some coaches and sports media types around the league. But if they look at the situation objectively, they'll see Magloire walking away from more volatile encounters than he instigates.

Certainly, Magloire has still suffered an occasional lapse in

Betsy Layne

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BETSY LAYNE'S DEVON REYNOLDS (12) drove past South Floyd's Lindsey Hall (20) The two conference teams met on the court last Saturday. Reynolds scored 26 in the game. (photo by Ed Taylor)

like she is afraid to shoot the ball." Against Allen Central the night before, in overtime, Reynolds passed up an open layup and passed the ball off, only to throw it away in what proved a costly turnover for Betsy Layne.

But against the Lady Raiders, there was no hesitation on the part of the junior point guard as she dominated the third period of play, scoring 12 points in the quarter.

Coach Akers played a lot of players from her bench, something she expects to help her team at district tournament time.

"That always helps when you have a chance to play a lot of your players," she said. "We ran out to a big lead and South Floyd made a run at us and I had to put my starters back in the game and they went back in cold."

Betsy Layne had built a 25-point advantage early in the fourth quarter, 72-47. But South Floyd would not go away as they rallied to pull to within 10 points of the Ladycats with a 9-0 run.

South Floyd could not score over the final two minutes of the game as Betsy Layne maintained a 12-point cushion.

The Lady Raiders took the early lead on back-to-back baskets by Minnie Tackett to give South Floyd a 4-1 lead. Betsy Layne's first lead came on a basket by Lykens on a nice assist from Reynolds. The final lead for South Floyd was at 6-5 when Kandence Mitchell scored on a short jumper.

Reynolds completed a three-point play that gave Betsy Layne the lead for good at 8-6. The Ladycats extended the lead to 17-8 on a three-point basket by Reynolds. Crawford's trey cut the lead to six but Betsy Layne led 18-11 at the first stop.

After a Stephanie Skeans free throw to open the second, the Ladycats scored the next eight points to lead 26-12. Lykens had an old-fashioned three-point play and later hit a three-pointer for the lead.

Betsy Layne led by as many as 15 points but Valerie King hit a trey

to cut the lead to 12, 33-21. But over the final three minutes, the Lady Raiders could not score and trailed Betsy Layne 41-23 at the half.

Coach Akers said she was pleased with the way her team came to play.

"I was impressed with the intensity level in which they played with," she said.

Betsy Layne led by 23 points, 68-45, after three periods.

Betsy Layne will travel to Elkhorn City Thursday night before hosting the same Lady Raiders Friday night.

Prestonsburg

(Continued from page one)

while Summer Jones added 14. Tasha Bakey and Ashley Ratliff finished with 12 points apiece.

Ramanda Music led Prestonsburg's scoring with 14 points, including a rare three-point basket. She pulled down 10 rebounds and had four assists.

Megan Hyden netted 13 points and dished off five assists. Amelia Conley, who played in foul trouble, finished with nine points. Brook Coleman, Brandy Wells and Stephanie Adams scored five points each.

Both clubs executed well in the first half with few turnovers for either team. Neither team reached the bonus shot in the opening two stanzas.

Prestonsburg held a 16-15 first-quarter lead behind Hyden and Conley. Conley's rebound basket tied the game at 2 after a basket by Damron got the scoring underway. Hyden hit a short jumper and Prestonsburg led 4-2.

The game was only tied twice in the first period and the second came at 4-4. There were seven lead changes. Music's basket with less than a minute to play gave the lead to Prestonsburg.

Coleman drilled a three-point basket that gave Prestonsburg a 20-17 lead at the onset of the second quarter.

After Music grabbed a rebound and went coast-to-coast with it to give Prestonsburg a 26-23 lead,

Jessica Justice tied the game with a long three-point basket. The game was tied at 28 on a basket by Hyden and the Lady Blackcats led 30-28 on a short jumper by the point guard. But Jones' lay-in tied the game as the two teams headed to the locker room.

Tied at 32 early in the third period, Shelby Valley began to put some distance between them and the host Lady Blackcats. Two turnovers and a third personal on Conley hurt Prestonsburg in allowing the Lady Wildcats to build a 37-32 lead. Jones scored underneath and hit her second three-point basket of the game to give Shelby Valley a 40-34 advantage. Shelby Valley took a 12-point lead on consecutive baskets by Damron.

Prestonsburg pulled back to within seven on a basket by Wells and Music's three-point basket. Shelby Valley led 51-44 after three quarters.

Jones scored six of her points in the fourth quarter, helping the Lady Wildcats to their biggest lead, 61-47, midway through the final period. Hyden completed a three-point play for the final 63-51 margin.

Prestonsburg's defense was of the slow moving variety, allowing Shelby Valley uncontested openings to the basket.

Prestonsburg will host Lee County this Friday night. After the Lee County game, the Lady Blackcats will have a 10-day lay-off until they meet Sheldon Clark on February 21.

Floyd County Basketball Standings

WOMEN

Team	Conf.	Overall
Prestonsburg	3-1	13-8
Allen Central	3-2	11-9
Betsy Layne	3-2	11-12
South Floyd	0-5	6-12

MEN

Team	Conf.	Overall
South Floyd	6-0	18-4
Betsy Layne	5-1	9-6
Allen Central	4-3	9-8
Prestonsburg	1-4	3-17
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Sports In Kentucky

by Bob Watkins

Football harvest puts UK on the map (better hold the phone)

While we sit here still waiting for national media reportage of an Eddie Fogler-Billy Donovan handshake after the South Carolina-Florida game, Feb. 2...

As UK football coaches and fans dance in the streets, a thought: As Cawood Ledford used to say with such elegance: Hold the phone!

To borrow a metaphor from the political landscape, University of Kentucky football apparently got a nice bump last week with its 21 signees. But a harvest that has put Wildcat Football "on the map," as UK's hometown newspaper chortled, moves one to ask: Just how provincial is this map?

And what other geographic points are included? Alas, a close

er look tells us the map points include familiar bullies — Gainesville, Knoxville and Tuscaloosa.

If we bite on prep recruiting guru analysis then we have to swallow the whole meal. Florida and Tennessee ranked 1-2 nationally in recruiting class this year. UK rates anywhere from 25th to infinity.

Let us sober up a bit. Of UK's 21 signees, offensive tackle prospect Antonio Hall, is the lone name found among the Top 101 (The Sporting News). Three other 101 top prospects sought by Kentucky signed elsewhere.

One out of 101, while Florida and Tennessee signed 6-7-8 blue chips each, adds a bit of perspective, doesn't it?

Yet, the entire package considered and compared against its own track record, UK football enjoyed a three-and-half-star (out of five) recruiting year.

The true worth of UK's campaign won't be known for awhile. And there is comfort knowing generally experts don't know much more than you do beyond an athlete's size and speed in the 40-yard dash. Virtually ignored (because information is confidential) are academic records. A 6-4, 275-pounder who runs a 4.4 40 is impressive only if he can do college work.

Still, there is a rare air around UK football after first signing day. As if Wildcat football hit a jackpot.

Kudos to Claude Bassett, chief recruiter, and Coach Hal Mumme. Among 21 signees are elements of modest riches and sunny days ahead if most are as good as advertised.

As much as the traditional keyword for UK's all-time winningest basketball team is "pass-pass-pass," Kentucky football might be on the cusp of a rally word its own "depth-depth-depth." A commodity in short supply for too many years.

Significantly, Kentucky landed a fistful of athletes who chose UK over factories like Florida, Michigan, Ohio State, Tennessee and Alabama. This is progress.

Signing eight linemen, four defensive backs, a kicker and a quarterback are central elements to UK moving up on SEC rivals.

The mystery remains how many will qualify academically, and how soon they will be ready

for SEC trench warfare, but there are good reasons to believe Kentucky did well. Here are a few.

■ Antonio Hall, 6-foot-5 and 295 OT is a prize and probably the best signee at his position since All-American Warren Bryant (1976). UK landing an Ohio youngster sought by Michigan and Ohio State is news. Hall, a music major, is determined to duplicate Kip Sixbery's achievement, start as a freshman.

■ Dewayne Robertson, a 6-3, 308 DT from Memphis chose UK over Alabama. How long since Kentucky signed a mammoth lineman of this quality?

■ Josh Jagers (6-4, 290) is being touted as a break-through prospect at center, maybe as early as the 2000 season.

■ Shane Boyd, 6-foot-2, 219 and not yet 18 years old. One of those "I always wanted to be a Wildcat" types. From all accounts the Henry Clay High quarterback has skills and aptitude to push Jared Lorenzen either forward or out of the way.

■ Antwoine Lias, sturdy 6-3, 195 receiver who has the size and skills of a strong safety, but wants to see first if he can become the SEC's next Peerless Price.

■ Sleepers. Chad Scott, 5-11 180 running back from Florida is one, and so is cornerback Leonard Burress, a 5-11, 183-pounder from Memphis.

■ Could-be stars after a red-shirt season: Linemen Daniel Burnett (6-5, 250) and Jeremy Caudill (6-3, 301). And, in the James Whalen Jr. tradition, watch for Gerad Parker, a receiver from Lawrence County and a first rate student.

Stay tuned.

UK-TENNESSEE

Kentucky beating Tennessee in Lexington is lots of things but upset is not on the list. Not even when the Vols are top 10 ranked and road-good. College Basketball Universe simply is not constructed that way.

The Wildcats' chart-topping 81-68 victory over the Vols last Tuesday was...

1. A splendid college game. Hotly contested and a showcase for superbly gifted individuals forging their skills into team-ness. Beautiful.

2. Important to moving Kentucky closer to a high seed in the NCAA Tournament next month. It was the Wildcats' eighth victory against teams ranked in the Top 25.

3. Keith Bogans. You knew the freshman with picturebook jumper off the dribble and cat-quick first step was going to break out. That he did it against the SEC's best team says much about his grit and it fulfills analyst Larry Conley remark: "At some point a high school player gets to be a senior, then he gets to be a (college) freshman. Then he gets to be a veteran."

4. From a newspaper quote on in, Tennessee's C.J. Black had his man. Drawing Jamal Magloire away from a run of lovely performances back to indulging in thuggery. Magloire's line? Two rebounds, two points and three turnovers.

Other things...

Saul Smith: 12 points, five assists and six rebounds. My... Marvin Stone is almost ready,

Almost rrrready. ... The BTBs. Blade-Thin Boys, Jules Camara is becoming a prize small forward and Tayshaun Prince is adding Clutch to his game.

All things considered, a body cannot resist a bit of reflection here. Two months ago, Coach Tubby Smith was being beaten up by a small mob given a megaphone by metro media Barney Fife-types. Today, Kentucky is not only 16-5 and better than their No. 16 ranking, Tubby's Wildcats are blending because Smith and his staff have done and are doing a superb job.

TRAVIS FORD

Campbellsville U. lost a close one to host and No. 2 Georgetown College Saturday, but the visitors' coach, Travis Ford, showed again reasons why he will be part the next wave of Div. I coaches, and perhaps an outstanding one.

The Tigers, who had won four of their last five against perennial power Georgetown, showed up well prepared and steeled for the overflow and partisan crowd. Principally because Ford willed it with his driving personality, Campbellsville played well, kept the game close.

Ford's game management was superb and he kept his poise even

when a technical foul against one of his players late in the contest proved critical to game's outcome.

Travis Ford is a coach to watch.

BITS 'N PEOPLE

■ Cleveland Browns new defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel was co-captain of the 1969 Western Kentucky Hilltoppers.

■ Say didn't you used to be Roy Williams, hottest prospect to be the next coach at North Carolina? If Kansas fans continue making Roy testy, maybe he will be.

■ Is SirValiant Brown (George Washington) best name in college hoops? No, it's Stromile Swift (LSU).

CHEERS 'N JEERS

CHEERS. Western Kentucky U. decision to have a ceremony to retire three-time All American Clem Haskins' jersey.

JEERS. With XFL breaking story (snicker) and Derek Jeter signing for \$10 million available, USA Today devoted Friday lead story space to Dennis Rodman's return to the NBA.

CHEERS. Marty Brennaman's election to Baseball's Hall of Fame.

CHEERS. Effective immediately, the NCAA turns over responsibility to high schools, in particular school principals, to decide whether or not a student-athlete is eligible to accept an athletic scholarship (ready for college work?). This should be interesting.

JEERS. Baseball Players Union showing its insensitivity by protesting Bud Selig's ruling on John Rocker's insensitivity. The Atlanta pitcher should have been suspended for a season instead of one month.

CHEERS. Dick Vermeil. Not so much for going out on top as recognizing there are other more important things in life like family.

CHEERS. Travis Atwell. Kentucky's Mr. Football gets a full athletic scholarship from Toledo University.

PARTING SHOT

Rick Pitino: "Chris Wallace is the (Celtics) general manager. Every decision that has been made has been made by Chris Wallace, his staff and myself. Although I do like the moves that we've made, they haven't been my moves."

Uh huh. And so it goes.



PRESTONSBURG'S BROOK COLEMAN (14) drove past Shelby Valley's Tasha Bakey (32). The Lady Wildcats posted a 63-51 win over Prestonsburg Monday night (photo by Ed Taylor)

(Continued from page three)

Sportsline

Led by recruiting coordinator Claude Bassett, Kentucky signed four players out of talent-rich Memphis and beat out a rival SEC school in each case. And in Antonio Hall, UK landed the player that some services have ranked the top offensive lineman prospect in the entire nation.

It's one thing to land players like Tim Couch, Dennis Johnson and the latest Parade All-American, Prestonsburg's Jeremy Caudill, but those players came from Kentucky high schools and had a born-in allegiance to the blue-and-white. It's quite another story for Mumme to land blue-chippers from outside the

Commonwealth and it makes a strong statement about the direction in which this program is now heading.

Remember, though, that we're talking about high school seniors here, so it will probably take some time before their full impact is felt. Kentucky may be closer to a conference title than it's been in a long time, but there's still a long way to go, too.

Finally, a few notes and observations in the aftermath of national signing day:

■ Antonio Hall says in the latest edition of the Cats' Pause that he was told that the starting right tackle job was his to lose, but I

think that's not quite right. Now, Hall may very well be in that spot for the opener this September, but he'll have to beat out a veteran player to get it.

■ You can look for last year's starting right tackle, Omar Smith, to move to guard. As noted by Coach Mumme in this space last week, there are no starting spots set in the offensive line going into spring practice.

■ Defensive line coach Tommy Adams says Memphis' Dewayne Robertson can certainly make an instant impact, thanks mainly to his strength (Robertson can reportedly bench press well over 400 pounds already). That

strength is what enabled Kip Sixbery to play in the O-line as a true freshman last season;

■ Don't be surprised if Derek Homer stays at running back in the spring. From what I understand, Mumme will let Homer decide whether to play there or wide receiver, since it's Homer's last chance to make an impression on NFL scouts.

■ Cornerbacks coach Tim Keane thinks Leonard Burress can earn immediate play as a fifth defensive back when opponents go to passing formations. It'll be a big help for Kentucky to be able to put a speedier player in that role than a safety.

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Sports In PERSPECTIVE

Denis Harrington

by Denis Harrington

Looking back at this century, baseball historians will undoubtedly focus on the saga of the home run, beginning with Babe Ruth, who set all the standards, and then end with Hank Aaron and Mark McGwire, the reigning champs for career and single-season round trippers.

Somewhere in this reckoning process, the name and deeds of Roger Maris will probably rate mention, if no more than a footnote. For reasons ill-defined, Maris has been accorded the role of antihero in the four-bagger drama played out over the past 100 years.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Let's roll back the clock to Yankee Stadium on October 1, 1961. Former Yankees great Phil Rizzuto is announcing the game:

"Here comes Roger Maris. They're standing up, waiting to see if Roger is going to hit No. 61! Here's the windup ... the pitch to Roger ... WAY OUTSIDE, ball one. (Boos) The fans are starting to boo ... Low, ball two. That one was in the dirt. And the boos get louder. Two balls, no strikes, on Roger Maris. Here's the windup ... fast-ball HIT DEEP TO RIGHT! THIS COULD BE IT! WAY BACK THERE! HOLY COW-HE DID IT! 61 HOME RUNS! ... They're fighting for the ball out there. Holy cow ... another standing ovation for Roger Maris!"

Even as Maris' monumental blast was settling into the seats,

members of the media and other critics, some of them from Ruth era, were saying his accomplishment should be accompanied by an asterisk in the record book. After all, it was done in a 162-game season while Ruth hit 60 home runs in a 154-game slate. Given eight more starts, Ruth would very likely have hit a few additional long shots.

When informed of this reasoning Maris responded tersely, "A season's a season."

Even as the chill winds of winter set in, the controversy continued with no less intensity. More interviews ensued and Maris came further out of his shell.

"Maybe I'm not a great man," he said, "But I damn well wanted to break the record."

How about a repeat?

"As a ballplayer, I would be delighted to do it again," he said. "As an individual, I doubt I could

possibly go through it again."

Later he added, "It would have been a lot more fun if I had never hit those 61 home runs. All it brought me was headaches."

During the pursuit of Ruth's record, Maris suffered the tortures of the damned, both physical and mental.

"Every day I went to the ball park - in Yankee Stadium as well as on the road - people were after me," he lamented. "Microphones, tape recorders and questions and more questions. It was hell for me, I was drained of all my desire to play baseball."

As the years rolled past, Maris emerged as a self-effacing, modest man devoid of any burning ambition.

"I never wanted all that hoopla," he said. "All I wanted was to be a good ball player, hit 25 or 30 homers, drive in around a hundred

runs, hit .280 and help my club win pennants. I just wanted to be one of the guys."

On the day Maris hit the 61st home run, he quickly sought refuge in the New York dugout.

Recalled Mickey Mantle, "The fans wanted Roger to come out. He wouldn't, so the players pushed him back out. They forced him to come out and take a bow. That's the kind of guy he was. He was great, and I really liked him."

Did he have talent?

"I feel that I was a good all-around player," Maris said. "I had good speed, a good arm and could play the outfield."

Said Yankees manager Casey Stengel, "I give Roger one point for speed. I give him another point because he can slide fast. Then I give him a point because he can bunt. I also give him a point because he can field, very good

around the fences. Next, I give him a point because he can throw. He's got five points before I ever come to his hitting. I would say this is a good man."

Maris certainly deserves a better shake than history has given him.

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FROM THE TACKLE BOX

by Jim Lyon

Fishing tips for 2000

We are beginning a new year at the fishing hole. This is the time of the year when most anglers are taking inventory, buying, repairing and collecting their fishing equipment for another year. This is a very good idea, and will assure our readiness for the coming year.

It is just as important as we get ready to consider the rules and regulations for the coming year. Fishing licenses must be the first order of business, starting March 1, 2000. The annual fee this year will be \$12.50 for a residential fishing license. Everyone must fill out and carry their license to fish in Kentucky waters. An additional fee of \$5 is required if you plan to trout fish. In addition to the places that sell sports equipment and all the usual places where licenses may be purchased, you can now purchase them through the internet. To do this you can visit the Wildlife Marketplace, www.kydirect.com/kdfwr.

Each year there are free fishing days offered. During these designated days, a fishing license is not required for residents and nonresidents. This offers an excellent opportunity for those who don't normally fish to go down to the fishing hole and try it. You may have more fun than you expected. The days designated for the year 2000 are June 3 and 4. It is important to remember that all other regulations are still in effect during these days. The free days are to promote fishing. If you have never fished, I suggest you take advantage of this free time. My wife had never fished in her life. I bought her a license in 1998, took her fishing and we had a great time. She goes fishing with me very often now. It is a great opportunity to have fun with the whole family. The kids are not required to purchase a fishing license until they reach 16 years of age. It isn't expensive to enjoy a day fishing with the family.

Remember when fishing on farmland, only the resident owner and his dependent children may fish on those lands without a license. Tenants, their spouses and dependent children may fish on farmlands where they live and work. Servicemen on leave more

than three days may fish statewide without a license. He is also required to carry on his person and show evidence of his leave status.

An American disabled veteran that is 50 percent disabled by a service-connected disability, and a senior citizen of 65 years and over may purchase a discount fishing license for \$5.

When fishing, and you plan to keep your catch, it is a good idea to know the fish species you have, creel limit, and how to measure it. A fish is measured by laying it flat on a rule and measuring it from the lower jaw to the tip of its tail, with the tail lobes pinched together in a point. If you are not familiar with the various fish species, it is a good idea to fish with someone who may help you identify them. When fishing it is always a good idea to be thoroughly familiar with the regulations. These regulations may be acquired at the place where you purchase your license.

For the veteran angler, it is important that everyone familiarize themselves with new regulations for the year 2000. Some of these are:

■ Beaver Lake located in the Salt River Basin has a new size limit for largemouth bass of 15 inches.

■ All brook trout caught in the waters of Dog Fork in Wolfe County, Parched Corn Creek in Wolfe County, Poor Fork in Letcher County, and Shillalah Creek Bell County, shall be released.

■ Dale Hollow Lake has a five-fish daily limit on walleye of a 16-inch size limit.

■ The Wolf Creek Fish Hatchery has a five-fish daily limit on rainbow trout.

Anglers planning to fish in these waters should make note.

It is very important for all anglers to practice good release procedures for fish not meeting the size limit, or if you are practicing catch and release. A very good rule to follow is to keep the fish in the water as much as possible. I try not to keep the fish's head out of the water longer than I would want the fish to keep my head under the water, remembering the fish cannot breathe out of the water and I cannot breathe under the water. Some fish are more susceptible to delayed mortality following their release than others. Try to release a healthy fish back into the water. A fish that meets the creel limit and is badly wounded by the hook should be kept if possible.

Another bit of information that anglers should be aware of is the Fish Consumption Advisories. This advisory is jointly issued by the Fish and Wildlife Resources, Departments of Environmental Protection, and Health Services. This advisory can be found in the Kentucky Sport Fishing and Boating Guide and is published to alert those who frequently eat their catch of fish to levels of contaminants in streams, such as Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) and chlordane product found in the water.

Carry a 2000 Kentucky Sport Fishing and Boating Guide with you. When in doubt consult the guide, be safe and have a great time.

Betsy Layne Training League Tournament

Game 1

Junior Training League Blackgold vs Red

Jason Case led the Blackgold over the Red team in the opening game of the tournament on Friday. Jason Case finished with 12 points in the game. Megan Hamilton scored 10 points in the game and Ricky Newsome finished with two.

For the Red team, they were led in scoring by Andrew Roberts with 8. Landon Hale and Bradley Hicks each had two points each. To make the final score 24-12.

Blackgold had a two point lead at the end of the first quarter of play. The score was 4-2 in favor of

Blackgold at the end of the first period of play.

But in the second quarter, the Blackgold team was able to increase their lead to 8. They outscored the Red team by six points. Jason Case scored all eight points in the second period for the Blackgold team. The Blackgold team went into the dressing room with a eight point advantage, 12-4.

Again, in the third quarter, the Blackgold team managed to outscore the Red team. This time by four points. Megan Hamilton had six points in the third quarter, while Ricky Newsome had the other two. Andrew Roberts scored all four points for the Red team at the charity line. The Blackgold widen the margin at

the end of the third quarter by a score of 20-8.

In the fourth and final quarter, both teams scored four points, but the Blackgold team came away with the win, 24-12.

Jason Case scored all four points for the Blackgold team while the Red teams points came from Andrew Roberts and Landon Hale. Again as in the third quarter, all four points came at the free-throw line for the Red team.

Black Team vs Blue Team

In the second game on Friday, the Black team, coached by Jim Clark, took on the Blue team, which is coached by R. Lawson. The Black team had a big fourth quarter to come from behind and defeat the Blue team 24-19.

Adam Howell led both teams in scoring with 17 points. Bryce Adkins was the leading scorer for the Black team.

The Blue team jumped out to a big lead in the first quarter. Adam Howell had all nine points for the Blue team in the first quarter. While Bryce Adkins had two points and Tyler Johnson had a free throw for the Black team. The score at the end of the first quarter had the Blue team on top by a score of 9-3.

In the second quarter the Black team outscored the Blue team by one point. Casey Adkins had the only two points for the Blue team. While Cody Kinney had a basket and Lindsey Martin hit a free throw for the Black team. But the Blue team continue to lead at the half by a score of 11-6.

In the second half, the Black team scored three points again in the third quarter. Lindsey Martin had all three points for the Black team. For the Blue team, Adam Howell scored all six points in the third quarter. But the Blue team continued to lead at the end of the third period of play 17-9.

But in the fourth and final period, things were different. Adam Howell fouled out of the game with two

points in the fourth quarter. That was the only points for the Blue team. Bryce Adkins got hot for the Black team. Bryce scored 12 points in the fourth quarter and Tyler Johnson scored three to bring the Black team from behind to capture the victory with the final score being 24-19.

Training League

In the third game on Friday, the Blue team took on the Black team in the Training League division. Trey Whitt lead both teams in scoring with 12 points. Dustin Collins and Kory Henry each had three for the Blue team. Adam Gearheart finished with two points and Jason McKinney ended up with one point for the Blue team to give them the 19-5 victory over the Black team.

The Black team led at the end of the first quarter, 2-1. Colby Newsome scored two points in the first quarter for the Black team and Kory Henry had a free throw for the Blue team.

The Black team failed to score in the second quarter, while Trey Whitt scored all the points for the Blue team. The Blue team had a 5-1 lead at the end of the half.

In the third quarter, Kory Henry scored three points for the Blue team. Dustin Collins, Adam Gearheart, and Trey Whitt each had two points. Waylon Nelson had the only two points for the Black team.

In the fourth and final quarter the Blue team outscored the Black team by the score of 6-1. Trey Whitt had four points for the Blue team while Dustin Collins and Jason McKinney each had one point. For the Black team Kayla Case scored the only point which made the final score 19-5.

In the final game on Friday, the Green team took on the Red team in the training division. Samuel Keathley led both teams in scoring. Keathley finished with 12 points. The Red team was led in scoring by Cody Rogers. Rogers finished the game with 8. This was a very close game,

but the Green team managed to outscore the Red team by three points and grab the victory by a score of 26-20.

The Red team failed to score in the first quarter, while the Green team scored four points. Samuel Keathley and Justin Kurkowski each had two points for the Green team.

In the second quarter, the Red team outscored the Green team by two point. But the Green team continued to maintain the lead by two

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Sports Calendar

■ BSUA looking for umpires

Have you ever aspired to be a high school baseball or softball official?

Well that opportunity has come knocking as the Big Sandy Umpires Association in search for both this coming high school season.

Anyone interested in umpiring high school baseball or softball are urged to contact regional assigning secretary Robert Staggs before April 1.

Also, there will be a meeting of the Big Sandy Umpires Association Sunday, February 27, 2 p.m. at the Pikeville College Gym. Anyone interested in calling high school games needs to attend this important meeting.

For more information on both subjects, contact Robert Staggs at (606)432-1807 or (606)432-9235.

■ Pikeville College schedules conference

Hal Smith, president of Pikeville

College, will hold a press conference Thursday for the purpose of sharing a major development.

The media is invited to the Pikeville College Gym at noon for the announcement.

"We hope the media will join us on Thursday," said Smith. "We have the opportunity to do something special at Pikeville College, and that begins this week. We want to thank the media for assisting us in getting the word out to the people of our area."

Ron Damron, vice-president for enrollment and student services as well as athletics director, will join Mr. Smith for the announcement.

■ Baseball, softball schedules needed

The Floyd County Times sports department is in need of baseball and softball schedules for the upcoming high school season. The schedules will be published in the March issue of Sporting Times.

The Racing Reporter

NASCAR is part of America's heritage

NASCAR has taken the sport of stock car racing from its humble southern roots to the top of the sports world and corporate boardrooms. Under Bill France Jr.'s leadership, NASCAR Winston Cup attendance has increased each year since 1972, the year he took over from his father, Bill Sr. In 1999, 17 of the top-20 attended sporting events in the country were NASCAR Winston Cup events.

As NASCAR heads into the new millennium, it trails only the NFL in television sports viewership, and the end is not yet in sight. One of the reasons for its popularity is that fans are still able to relate well to the players of the sport — the drivers.

"It's simple," said France. "If we lose touch with the fans, we will stop growing. Losing touch with the fan is not an option with us. We must all make a commitment to our fans, regardless of what challenges the day brings."

"NASCAR is no longer our sport. It is a living, growing thing made up of people — millions of people. It is America's. It is part of America's heritage."

Part of the NASCAR 2000 campaign is for increased fan interaction at the tracks on Saturday and Sunday and through television coverage. At the forefront of the program are the crew chiefs, owners, engineers, sponsors ... and drivers.

Can Dale Jarrett make it two in a row?

The 2000 season is going to be filled with storylines and headlines about many drivers. By now, almost everyone knows Dale Jarrett, driver of the No. 88 Quality Care Ford owned by Robert Yates, won the 1999 Winston Cup Championship. The odds are he

will be close to the leader when the checkered flag falls on this year's season.

Jarrett, the son of Ned Jarrett, who won the 1961 championship, was the model of consistency, week-in and week-out. He won four races, finishing in the top-five in 24 of the 34 events. It was also the first time car owner, Robert Yates or crew chief Todd Parrott had experienced a Winston Cup championship.

Winning the championship was an act of perseverance. Jarrett has been competing on the Winston Cup circuit since 1984. His first victory came in 1991. Since then he's won 21 more.

"My opportunity to win this championship should inspire others trying to make it," said Jarrett. "It took a lot of time, but it can be done with hard work and dedication. You just have to keep trying."

"It was 1987 before I really got a good ride. In those days, I never thought of a championship. I was never with an organization I felt could win a championship. It took time and being in the right place at the right time."

In 1998, Jarrett had health problems, but in 1999, with good health, he showed what he was capable of. There is ample reason to believe that 2000 will be just as good a season for him and his team. Crew chief Todd Parrott returns. Jarrett is in his prime, and with the addition of Ricky Rudd as a driver of the No. 28, the Robert Yates Racing Teams should be title contenders again in 2000.

Will the Intimidator intimidate in 2000?

Until the second half of the 1999 Winston Cup season, many racing insiders were saying it was time for the father to move over and make way for his son. But that's not what car owner Richard Childress believes.

"We're going to win that eighth championship," said Childress. "That's our number one goal. Dale

Earnhardt can still do it and anyone who doubts it has made a big mistake."

According to Earnhardt, the team found itself behind most teams in technology at the beginning of the 1999 season. NASCAR didn't accept the new Monte Carlo and Earnhardt and his team were unable to make their 1998 cars competitive until about midway through the season.

"1999 was a pretty good turnaround for us," said Earnhardt. "We won three races and we felt like we could have won a few more. It was a pretty good year, all-in-all. I'm looking forward to the year 2000 when I think we can do even better."

"We're looking really good for 2000. We've done a lot of testing and after Talladega and Homestead with the 2000 Monte Carlo, things are coming together well."

Earnhardt and his crew chief, Kevin Hamlin will begin their second full season as a team. They seemed to be working well at the end of the 1999 season, and if that chemistry can remain intact, Earnhardt might top Richard Petty as the all-time Winston Cup Championship leader.

Even though he won three races, he did not win a pole and won't be in the Bud Shootout.

Will rebuilding efforts pay off for Jeff Gordon?

For most teams who lost a crew chief and five team members, it would mean the 2000 season would be a year in which to rebuild, and not even think about winning the championship, but not Gordon. The 28-year-old has won three championships (1995, 1996 and 1998). He thought he and his Rainbow Warriors would have another successful season in 1999, but little did they know what was in store for the No. 24 Dupont Chevrolet Team.

In September, crew chief, Ray Evernham announced he was leaving his duties to take over his own team of Dodges in 2001. This moved Brian Whitesell into the

crew chief position. Gordon talked a good talk, and even though he won two races with Whitesell at the helm, the intensity just wasn't what it was with Evernham.

Promptly after the season-ending NAPA 500, it was announced that Whitesell would be moved to team manager and Robbie Loomis was appointed the new crew chief for Gordon. In addition, five team members resigned to work for Ricky Rudd in his new ride for Robert Yates.

What all this means can't be

interpreted yet. Gordon is one of the best drivers of the 1990s. He's young, clean and determined. He still has an awful lot of fire in his belly. He wants that fourth championship, in a bad way. Money is no problem for Rick Hendrick Motorsports. The team will have the best equipment, and one of the best drivers. Whether Gordon wins his fourth will depend on the performance of Loomis and the new team.

While we have singled out these three drivers, there are at least four

others who are capable of winning their first championship. Mark Martin and Jeff Burton are terrific drivers. So are Bobby Labonte, who finished second to Jarrett, and his running mate, Tony Stewart. And Jarrett's teammate, Ricky Rudd, could very well become a contender.

Jarrett, Earnhardt and Gordon will be the favorites to win another championship based on their organizations, and having the best and most qualified personnel, both on and off the track.

Training

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continued to maintain the lead by two points, 8-6. Justin Kurkowski scored all four points for the Green team. While Richie Tackett had four points and Douglas Hall had two points for the Red team. The score at the half had the Green team on top by two points, 8-6.

In the third quarter, Samuel

Keathley scored the four points for the Green team, while Cody Rogers had five points and Richie Tackett had two points for the Red team. At the end of the third quarter, the Red team had managed to gain some ground on the Green team, but the Green team continued to lead by a score of 16-13. But in the fourth and final quarter,

the Green team, behind the six points by Samuel Keathley, was able to hold on for the victory. The other four points for the Green team came from Brady Conn and Brandon Mulkey. For the Red team in the final quarter, Cody Rogers had three points, while Austin Case and Douglas Hall each had two.



The Prestonsburg Blackcat pep band was on hand and in good tune as they entertain the crowd during the Shelby Valley/Prestonsburg game. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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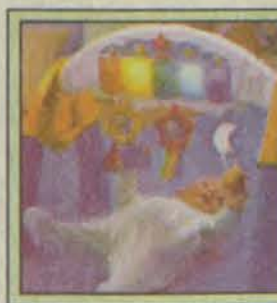
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SHELBY VALLEY'S SUMMER JONES (33) went for a block of Brandy Wells shot. Prestonsburg dropped a 63-51 decision to the Lady Wildcats. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats



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Traditional art with modern touch



Jean Watson

Today, decorative quilts are as apt to be hanging on a wall as draping a bed.



Gypsie Jones



Alice Rowe



Imogene Branham & Freda Hicks



Mary Sue Moore



Freda Hicks

Quilters keep heritage alive

Story and photos by Pam Shingler

Gypsie Jones has been quilting since she was a child. "I learned when you quilted quilts for warmth," says Jones, adding she learned the traditional art at home where quilt frames hung from the ceiling in the bedroom during winter.

Today, the Prestonsburg woman quilts decorative pieces that are as apt to be hanging on a wall as draping a bed.

One of her quilt designs, reminiscent of a painting by a French Impressionist artist, won a blue ribbon in a state Homemakers Club competition.

Imogene Branham of Bull Creek says she learned to quilt "at my mother's knees with a thimble at my head." She laughs and explains that a thimble pop on the head "was the way our mother corrected us."

Branham sticks to traditional quilting modes, specializing in brightly colored fabrics in patterns that have been handed down through generations.

Jones and Branham are among a couple dozen women who meet the first Wednesday in every month — sometimes more often — to share their passion for quilting.

The Floyd County Quilting Guild has been gathering for about a decade, a modern version of the old-fashioned quilting bee, where pioneer women helped each other clothe their beds.

The group, which is part of the Kentucky Historical Quilt Society, is open to beginners, as well as life-long quilters. "It's not a formal meeting. We don't take minutes," Jones says. "It's just great fun, another form of art expression."

Jean Watson of Martin says she has "two or three projects going at a time." She spends an hour or so in the morning and another three or four hours in the evening on the quilting projects.

"It's addictive," she says.

The women bring in some of the quilt projects they're working on. They share ideas, encourage one another, give tips, work and talk.

(See QUILT, page four)

The big guy with muscles

The further we get into 2000, the more I realize that more than my car is depreciating; so am I. And what gives that little secret away is the fact that everything seems to trigger a memory or two of how things used to be. From what I've read in books over the years, when one begins to realize that his yesterdays far outnumber his tomorrows, that's what happens, and that's what's been happening to me.

For instance, the other night when I was channel hopping, hoping in vain to come across something on TV that I could watch without feeling as if I were eavesdropping in someone's bedroom, I came across some body builders on ESPN, and it sent my mind reeling backward to when little brother Joe and I were avid funny book readers. Regardless of the titles we read, all those funny books had something in common: that full-page ad inside the back cover urging us to enroll in the Charles Atlas body-building course.

I'd be wealthy today if I had a dollar for every time I read the little cartoon strip about the big guy with muscles who kicked sand into the face of the little puny guy with the caved-in chest and the pretty girlfriend. The little puny guy with the caved-in chest would then discover the Charles Atlas ad and mail in his coupon. Then, in the last frame, he'd still have the little puny guy's head, but he'd have a body just like the first guy with all the muscles, except better.

The once-little puny guy would mash the big guy's mouth and say, "Take that, you bully."

I'd sit and look at the picture of Charles Atlas flexing his muscles and wearing his leopard-skin trunks and try to imagine my head on his body and rehearse the line that would finally make me a man: "Take that, you bully."

All the while I'd wonder if it would be worth the effort on my part to try and raise enough money to pay for that course and enroll in it myself. I can't remember what it would have cost me, but I can remember thinking that I'd have to gather up a right smart bit of pop bottles before I could ever come up with that much cash. And, if I could have by some miracle gotten my hands on that much, I'd probably have ended up spending it on more funny books.

Anyway, I guess that if you know me now, you realize that I never ever mailed that coupon. I guess I just figured that the little puny guy with the caved-in chest already had the pretty girlfriend, and if he'd taken her to a good double-feature movie instead of the beach, he wouldn't have had sand kicked on him in the first place. Then, he wouldn't have had to waste all his money building muscles that didn't match his head.

SMALL WORLD by Aileen Hall



To Lose A Friend

I had planned to write a feature article about Ervin Akers. He and I had talked about it, and I had mentioned it to both Janice Shepherd and Pam Shingler, my editors at the Floyd County Times. But I kept postponing it because I felt I couldn't do justice in portraying the person I knew him to be.

Having missed the opportunity to write about him in his lifetime, for he passed away January 31, I would like very much to express a few thoughts that would have been included in any

account I could have put together. I had such respect for his integrity, his business abilities and fairness, and the warm human qualities that made him a giant among men. Most of all, I admired him for his humility and his great faith in God that sustained him through the good and bad things that came his way.

Had he been the type who boasted about his achievements, or who wanted any attention for any contribution he ever made, it might have been easier to write about him. He would have

volunteered information that so impresses writers and their readers, but he was such a quiet, unassuming man that he would do none of that. He simply let his record speak for itself.

And what a record he had! There are so many beautiful buildings, such as May Lodge, the schools, churches and private homes he built that are a reflection of his character—solid and straight, with foundation firm and a purpose to serve. These will all stand as a monument to the man who built them.

But those are the obvious things—buildings of stone and mortar, lumber and nails. The building contractor was the public person many people knew. But that was just one facet of the man his family, his friends, and his church knew him to be. He was also a builder of character who knew the importance of those relationships the world does not see, the times set aside for his special Doris, the children and grandchildren, and for doing things for others

with no thought of praise or reward more than being able to love and to be loved in return.

In the Bible we read about the apostle Paul urging the church in 1 Thessalonians 4:11, "that you aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your hands..." If he were writing those words today, he could simply say we should live our lives as Ervin Akers did, for that is the pattern he gave us. Neighbors on Prater Creek and beyond knew him as a man of integrity, of friendliness and honest dealing.

The final service for Ervin was a beautiful tribute from people who knew him best—family members who shared their personal experiences and regard for him, church family who sang the songs he loved, and a very loving pastor, Rev. Belmont Johnson, who knew the great spiritual strength that added yet another dimension to this kind man we will miss so much.

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KET looks at fugitive slave movement and underground railroad

By the middle of the 19th century, more than one-fifth of Kentucky's population was held in bondage. More than 200,000 enslaved African-Americans built the houses, tilled the fields and raised the children of many white Kentuckians. For their efforts, many were chained, beaten and separated from their families.

Thousands of slaves attempted to escape. Some found help, some made it on their own. Many did not

make it at all.

KET looks at the fugitive slave movement in the new one-hour documentary, "Kentucky's Underground Railroad—Passage to Freedom," Monday, February 14 at 9 p.m. on KET, and Friday, February 18 at 8 p.m. on KET2.

"The underground railroad is in your mind," explains Nona Marshall of Maysville's Underground Railroad Museum. No stations were built and no tracks were laid, but the underground railroad (as it was originally and negatively penned by angry slave owners) existed in the form of individuals, black and white, who assisted slaves in their flight.

Because Kentucky itself was bit-

terly divided over the issue of slavery and because the state shares 700 miles of Ohio River border with the North, many Kentucky people and sites played fascinating and critical roles in the story of slavery, abolitionism and the underground railroad.

"Kentucky's Underground Railroad—Passage to Freedom" brings the stories to viewers using resources from the University of Kentucky and Transylvania University libraries, The Filson Club and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. In research and production for more than two years, the program was shot on location in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan,

Pennsylvania and Ontario, Canada. Free blacks in towns such as Louisville, Maysville, and Covington, Kentucky; New Albany and Ripley, Indiana; and Cincinnati, Ohio, played major roles in the race to freedom. Abolitionists in these towns used their proximity to the Ohio River—the dividing line between non-slave and slave states—to further the cause of freedom, and these communities were very influential in the history of slavery and abolition in America.

In fact, Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin" after visiting friends in Washington, Kentucky, and witnessing the brutal treatment of men, women and children during a slave auction.

"They resisted slavery with their feet. And they are to be much admired for that and remembered," said Larry Gara, author of "The Liberty Line," describing the non-violent action of running. Moving

tales of bravery, resourcefulness and triumph are contrasted with tragic stories of those who failed and suffered the consequences. Some paid the ultimate price in what has been called America's first civil rights movement.

Much of that history was necessarily secret and is in danger of being lost. For many years, historical sites have been ignored, undocumented, or worse, destroyed. KET, with the cooperation of the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission, and the Kentucky Heritage Council, provides preservation information online at <http://www.ket.org/underground>.

The site provides information on grant applications, reports of current research projects and findings, methods for documenting sites and forms to document findings. The site is designed to enhance viewers' understanding of Kentucky's under-

ground railroad, offer teachers and students additional resource material in many areas of humanities content and provide a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the documentary.

Partial funding for Kentucky's Underground Railroad's Web site is provided by the Kentucky Humanities Council and The Kentucky Department of Education Division of Equity.

"Kentucky's Underground Railroad—Passage to Freedom" is a KET production, produced and directed by Guy Mendes. Mary Marshall Hester is associate producer, and Lynda Thomas is Web site editor.

The program is closed-captioned for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. Viewers can find out more about programming on KET by visiting the KET Web site at <http://www.ket.org>, a Kentucky.com affiliate.

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"Kentucky's Underground Railroad - Passage to Freedom" is featured on KET, February 14.

OUR YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago (February 7 & 9, 1990)

A Melvin man was shot three times by a Weeksbury man early Friday morning during an argument at B & R Arcade in Melvin. State police reports allege Charles Ray Johnson, 38, of Weeksbury shot Kenneth B. Younce, 41, during a scuffle that broke out between the two at about 12:15 a.m. on February 2... A full-scale drug search was conducted Monday at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, using four drug-sniffing dogs from the Kentucky State Police Canine Unit. The search netted only a single, partially smoked marijuana cigarette, found in the student common area... The collapse of a railway tunnel under KY 550 near Hueysville on January 19 and the subsequent closure of the road for repairs has taken an economic bite out of area businesses... An Eastern man received 10 days in jail, a \$57 fine and was put on probation for 170 days for illegally dumping trash in his backyard... According to Cleveland Tackett, Floyd County ecology officer, Millard Little has been a long time offender of state littering and trash disposal laws... The Floyd County Fiscal Court and Property Valuation Administrator Lovel Hall were given their yearly reports from the state Auditor of Public Accounts this week, receiving equal measure of praise and criticism. There died: Herbert Robinson, 85, Lackey, February 2, at his residence; Opal G. Wiley, 73, of Homer, Indiana, formerly of Ivel, December 30, at Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall, West Virginia; Seymore Samons, 65, Martin, February 2, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Lexington; Sadie Walters Hatfield Click, 87, Calf Creek, Emma, January 30, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg; Thomas Lee Setser, 72, Auxier, February 1, Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mitchell Gibson, 81, Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, January 28, at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton; Darwin "Blackie" Clifton, 68, Prestonsburg, January 30, at St. Joseph's Hospital; Grace Shepherd Patrick, 90, Pearisburg, Virginia, formerly of Topmost, February 1, at the home of her stepdaughter in Pearisburg; Betty J. Harmon, 65, Mansfield, Ohio, formerly of Banner, February 2, in Lexington Court Care Center; Loretta Rose Spears, 43, Shelby, Ohio, formerly of Hueysville, February 1, at Shelby Memorial Hospital; Jay Shelton, 79,

Robinson Creek, formerly of Drift, February 5 at his residence; Tonya and Travis Burchett, infant twins of Lorinza and Melissa Whitt Burchett, Tutor Key, February 7 at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Dorothy Loretta Cole, 30, Pikeville, February 5, at Morehead.

Twenty Years Ago (February 6, 1980)

With a \$310 million deficit in the state general fund expected over the next two years, and legislators understandably hesitant about imposing new taxes, we should expect at least a more rigid enforcement of existing tax laws. The delinquency rate is presently running at near 20 percent while property value assessments in the county are an average of about 18 percent below fair market value...Told of a proposal by the Floyd Housing Authority to build a public housing project on Mare Creek, residents of that area have made it clear that they will tolerate such a project only if it is limited to the elderly and handicapped...With temperatures near zero the courthouse had further troubles Tuesday when a water jacket in the heating system ruptured, automatically shutting off all the heat in the building. If the service man is unable to repair the job which will get heat to all parts of the building except the circuit and district courtrooms, all court sessions would be canceled and prisoners evacuated...Ashland Howard of David and other residents feel that the town's plans for extensive housing development could be jeopardized unless a way is found to control mining activities in the area, and they are hoping that a bill proposed for consideration by the General Assembly this year will provide them with the tool they need...Enterprise Association of Baptist churches has filed with the superintendent of Schools Pete Grigsby Jr., a request that school activities, including basketball games and Board of Education meetings be rescheduled so that they will not conflict with the traditional Wednesday night services of area churches...There died: Elder Mitchel Chaffins, 66, of Minnie, Saturday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Will Cecil, 90, of Harold, Tuesday, Jan. 29 at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Lonzo Vanderpool, 53, Monday at his home at Gunlock; Mary Music Brown, 88, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, Jan. 23 at HRMC; Wilma L. Johns Rohr, 60, of Bloomingdale,

Ind., formerly of Floyd County, Sunday, Jan. 16; Blanche Cooley Castle, 65, of Winchester, formerly of Floyd County, last Tuesday at Clark County Hospital; Anna Hunter, 81, of Betsy Layne, Jan. 30 at her son's residence in Sarasota; Charles E. Allen, 87, of Pikeville, formerly of Eastern, Tuesday at Methodist Hospital; Ira J. Hamilton, 70, of Midway, Ohio, formerly of McDowell, Friday, January 25; Wilbur "Si" Reynolds, 62, of South Rockwood, Mich., Jan. 26; Bertha Williams Cranford, 59, of Prestonsburg, Sunday at HRMC; Howard J. Perry, 55, Thursday, Jan. 31 at his home on Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek; Ollie E. VanHoose Taylor, 66, of Nora, Va., Monday at the home of a son at Hunter; Dorothy Ann Kephart, 57, of Hagerstown, Md., formerly of Auxier, Jan. 21 at Hagerstown.

Thirty Years Ago (February 12, 1970)

Congressman Carl D. Perkins said last week he was "greatly disturbed" upon learning that President Nixon's budget as submitted to Congress contained no funds for the Martin local protection project...The Prestonsburg City Council at its meeting last week authorized the borrowing of \$117,700 to finance repair of the damaged drain in the vicinity of the Second Street flood protection installation...The contract for construction of \$5.3 million regional hospital on US 23 near Auxier, was signed last Tuesday, and the contractor is now preparing for the beginning of foundation work...Floyd county's teachers are overwhelming in favor of following the lead of the Kentucky Education Association in deciding if they shall, or shall not call a work-stoppage in protest against the failure of Governor Nunn and the Kentucky Legislature to provide increased teacher salaries. There died: Mallie Shepherd, 60, Monday at her home at Hueysville; Ezra Mayo, 72, of Martin, last Wednesday at Jenny Wiley Rest Home, Paintsville; Ben H. Tackett, 79, last Thursday at his home at Grethel; Sarah Slone, 89, Mousie, last Thursday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

Forty Years Ago (February 11, 1960)

A recent division of the Kentucky Court of

Appeals will probably cost the Floyd county school system \$137,715 it was calculated by County Superintendent V. O. Turner. It will put the county revenue back near where it was 12 or 13 years ago unless the present legislature gives relief, he added...A resolution requesting the Department of Education to study the need for a new four-year college to be located in Eastern Kentucky was introduced in the General Assembly, Tuesday, by Rep. Ollie Robinson, of Prestonsburg. Adoption was immediate in the House. The \$516,000 tax assessment made by the Floyd County Board of Supervisors against the McDowell Memorial Hospital was annulled by order of the State Tax Commission, county officials were notified this week. If Governor Combs record-breaking general fund budget of \$438 million is approved, teacher salaries may be boosted \$750 a year...Governor Bert Combs returned home Saturday to be honor guest at an appreciation dinner sponsored by the Floyd County Bar Association...There died: Elsie Layne, 59, of Mare Creek, at Pikeville Hospital; Lewis Shepherd, 73, of David, at the house of a son, on the Middle Creek road; Anna Cook, of Adams, in a Louisa hospital; Rosa Griffith, 58, of Pyramid, at Beaver Valley Hospital; Jarvey Tackett, 81, of Langley, at the home of a daughter; Molly G. Conn, 68, of Printer, at the home of a daughter; Hester Wilson, 66, of Tram, at the home of a daughter; Lee Johnson, 47, of Garrett, at the McDowell Hospital; Sirdly Craft, 88, of Prestonsburg, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

Fifty Years Ago (February 9, 1950)

Prestonsburg's snarled school situation was untangled Tuesday with the acceptance by the Floyd County Board of Education of the proposal by the Prestonsburg Board of Education to sell its interest in the high school here...For the part they allegedly played in the Kentucky precinct vote fraud at last year's primary election the precinct's four election officers were named in an indictment reported Saturday by the grand jury, charging them with willfully receiving the vote of persons other than qualified voters...John L. Lewis will attempt to get a contract settlement in some way before it gets to a vote of the men on the operators' last offer," predicted David L. Francis, presi-

(See Yesterdays, page three)

Stop Crabgrass Before It Starts

(NAPSA)-Crabgrass is "public enemy number one" if you want a beautiful lawn. The tenacious weed not only chokes out healthy grass, but leaves unsightly brown patches later in the fall when it dies off after the first

frost. According to lawn care experts, the best way to defeat crabgrass is to get to it early. You need to use a crabgrass preventer on your lawn before the weed germinates in the spring.

Because the weed doesn't germinate until soil temperature reaches 55°F, early treatments give homeowners the advantage. In most parts of the country, crabgrass begins to sprout early to mid-spring-once the soil has warmed up after the winter thaw. With the use of an effective preventer, treatment can begin as early as February or March.

It is becoming increasingly popular to use fertilizers containing crabgrass preventers such as Dimension. This preventer has been formulated with many popular fertilizers found in home,

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WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS



Saturday wedding planned

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Woods of Prestonsburg announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Missy Woods, and Mark Compton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jack Compton of Prestonsburg. The couple will exchange vows Saturday, February 12, at 1 p.m. at Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church of Allen. An open ceremony will be observed.

Porcelain versus ceramic tile

(NAPSA)-What's out is what's in fashion for home decorating in the new millennium. Designs and colors from the Great Outdoors are a major influence on the way we decorate the insides of our homes.

We keep looking back-back to nature and natural materials-cottons, sisal and ceramic tile-that have been around for centuries. Today, however, natural materials aren't found only in nature. Many manufactured materials may look like "natural beauties," but offer man-made advantages like lower cost, longevity, and easy care.

Certainly, the Luddites, those anti-industrialists of early 19th-century England, would be impressed by some of the new

(See Ceramic, page four)

Try something different

by Price Pritchett

I'm sitting in a quiet room at the Milcroft Inn, a peaceful little place hidden back among the pine trees about an hour out of Toronto. It's just past noon, late July, and I'm listening to the desperate sounds of a life-or-death struggle going on a few feet away.

hope for survival. Ironically, the struggle is part of the trap. It is impossible for the fly to try hard enough to succeed at breaking through the glass. Nevertheless, this little insect has staked its life on reaching its goal through raw effort and determination.

This fly is doomed. It will die there on the windowsill.

would be so easy.

Why doesn't the fly try another approach, something dramatically different? How did it get so locked in on the idea that this particular route and determined effort offer the most promise for success? What logic is there in continuing until death to seek a breakthrough with more of the same?

No doubt this approach makes sense to the fly. Regrettably, it's an idea that will kill.

Trying harder isn't necessarily the solution to achieving more. It might not offer any real promise for getting what you want out of life. Sometimes, in fact, it's a big part of the problem.

If you stake your hopes for a breakthrough on trying harder than ever, you might kill your chances for success.

Two Friends, One Dream...
Chicken Soup for the Soul
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There's a small fly burning out the last of its short life's energies in a futile attempt to fly through the glass of the windowpane. The whining wings tell the poignant story of the fly's strategy: Try harder.

But it's not working. The frenzied effort offers no

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Yesterdays

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dent of the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company, David, in an address here Tuesday evening before the Lions Club...An annexation ordinance to include within the corporate limits of Prestonsburg all that section between the southern city limits and Ball Alley was voted by the City Council at its Monday evening meeting...Tracking it down by following the "trail" of its former locations till the last stand was found, Constable Johnny Caudill and deputies Enoch Hatfield, Green Johnson and Cain Blackburn, Sunday morning, shortly after midnight, captured a 40-gallon copper still brimful, on the Justice Branch, two miles from Hi Hat...There died: James Conley, 74, Tuesday at the home of a daughter at Garrett; Seymour Mayo, 81, Monday at his home near Allen; Edward Fraley, 40, native of Right Beaver, Wednesday at Albuquerque, N.M.; Isaac Goble, 84, Feb. 1 at his home at Lancer.

mines of the Elkhorn Coal Corporation apparently had ended Monday as approximately 1,400 miners in the two towns had returned to work...Of the \$79.80 realized to date in this county from the "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign, \$45.88 was contributed from Wayland and only 80 cents was known to have been paid into the fund in Prestonsburg...Claiming that they were damaged in the amount of \$7,043.60 as the result of the, Turner Elkhorn Coal Company, Drift, to carry out their part of a contract involving the furnishing of empty coal which the plaintiffs say they were able to produce, George Morgan, Russell McCown and Marion McCown filed a suit seeking the recovery of the amount, plus interest...Plans are under way for the entertainment of the 58th district basketball tournament at Garrett Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 29, March 1 and 2, Lewis Campbell, tournament manager, announced this week. There died: Stella Kazee, 62, of Betsy Layne, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Nelson Hamilton, 84, at his home at Martin; Susan Stephens Allen, 72, of Langley, at the Martin General Hospital; Virgil Goble, 26, of Ivel, after being hit by a train.

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Quilt

Often, they each work on quilts with a common theme. For instance, several last year made Christmas quilts, each with variations on the seasonal focus.

Although they've all pretty much mastered traditional patterns, most are open to new techniques. Many use appliqué, where designs are raised and stuffed to create a multi-dimensional effect.

Some, including Jones, have incorporated a Japanese technique, called sashiko, which is akin to origami, the decorative art of paper folding. In sashiko, fabric is folded and worked into a quilt design.

Guild chairperson Mary Sue Moore of Prestonsburg has used sashiko on a wall hanging with fabric folded and stuffed to resemble three-dimensional flowers.

At the February meeting, Susie Huessman of Magoffin County joined the group to share her knowledge of a technique called English paper piecing, which uses stiff paper forms that are removed after fabric designs are pieced together.

Besides practicing their art, members of the quilting guild also take trips to places where they can meet or see the work of other quilters.

Several have visited the new Kentucky History Museum in Frankfort which features a number of historical quilts.

In April the group is sponsoring a trip to eastern Missouri, which will include visits to cloth shops and the preeminent quilting museum in the world at Paducah, Kentucky.

County extension agent Theresa Scott, who has been quilting for about 10 years, assists the guild,

which meets at the extension office.

Anyone interested in joining the quilting group and/or taking part in the April tour should contact Scott at 606/886-2668 or stop by the Extension office at 921 S. Lake Dr. in Prestonsburg.

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It's easier to be beautiful inside and out

(NAPSA)-How you look is often a reflection of how you feel-the luxurious new fabrics used for intimate apparel are making it easier to feel and look your best.

Thanks to these textile developments, new styles are designed with dazzling, colorful effects and seamless comfort along with luxuriously soft, easy care and long-lasting performance qualities.

Fashionable new elements include the robust, two-tone color effect created by fabrics such as Tactel® Strata™ and the vibrant, iridescent color found in Tactel® Diabolo™.

Vanity Fair recently introduced its Illumination collection that highlights the two-tone effect of Tactel® Strata™ with an array of innerwear styles and colors from silver gray to ruby red.

This year, Warners introduced its New Dimensions collection of glamorous innerwear in Tactel® Diabolo™.

Seamless intimates have been embraced by women who

demand stylish comfort from their inner garments. These fashions are now being offered by top manufacturers such as Jockey, which has introduced a complete line of seamless intimates made with Tactel® for the new season. A variety of modern styles such as bandeau tops, string bikinis and thongs are available in festive colors-silver bell, holly red and regal purple.

Jockey's seamless offerings in classic black and white include a French cut brief and string bikini. The collection also includes a camisole top, which can be worn with or without straps, and has a hidden bandeau bra top for extra support.

The features of these new materials don't end with rich, dynamic color and seamless comfort. Garments made with Tactel® have all the performance benefits for which nylon is known-they're lightweight, shrink-and-fade-resistant, quick-drying and machine washable and dryable.

Can classical music for infants enhance Lifelong Potential?



The benefits infants derive from listening to classical music may be music to a mother's ears.

(NAPSA)-Every mother who has ever sung her baby to sleep knows that music can affect a child, even in the earliest years, but the effects go beyond soothing. From baby's earliest days, classical music can provide a springboard for the development of lifelong skills.

The power of classical music has been the subject of recent research and media interest. According to Don Campbell's book, The Mozart Effect, research at the University of California at Irvine shows spatial intelligence is greatly enhanced in students who listened to Mozart for ten minutes before testing.

Other studies show that children given a basic music education program show dramatically higher spatial and temporal intelligence than children taking computer lessons or given other training. Classes, such as those utilizing the Suzuki Method, founded in Japan, teach very young children to play classical music. While these classes create their share of musical prodigies, most educators emphasize the role music plays in developing the total child, whether that child becomes a virtuoso or an avid listener.

Popular children's activity programs, such as Gymboree, now offer Play and Music classes in which children can sing, dance, clap, bounce and rock to the music-all the while enhancing physical, emotional and cognitive development.

Research has demonstrated that

infants can respond to music with adult-like capabilities, discriminating between differences in frequency, pitch, rhythm and tempo. Babies will also respond to stimuli that deliver music as a reward.

Toys, such as the new Sparkling Symphony line by Fisher-Price, are designed to expose infants to the enriching benefits of classical music as well as traditional children's songs. Experts agree that the development of an appreciation for music, much like language development, is best started at an early age. The Sparkling Symphony Gym provides infants with a selection of classical music and children's tunes. For toddlers, the gym can be converted into a stand-up piano, allowing babies to create their own music.

Other Sparkling Symphony musi-

cal toys include a mobile with remote control power; a piano and xylophone that let baby hear and create music; a mirror that rewards baby's natural bating motions and an inventive stacking product in which babies stack sparkling star-shaped rings to create a classical music piece.

Experts are expected to continue researching and debating the affects of classical music on childhood development. In the meantime, one thing they can agree upon is the enriching benefits of a variety of music, including classical music. And, many parents find that these toys strike just the right note.

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'Breathe easy' treatments for sleep apnea

Treatments for sleep apnea are tailored specifically for the individual patient based on that person's medical history, physical examination and the results of the polysomnography or sleep study.

Dr. R. V. Mettu, board certified in Sleep Medicine and medical director of Pikeville Methodist Hospital's Sleep Lab, will make a diagnosis following the study and discuss treatment options with the patient at that time.

Behavioral changes are an important part of the treatment program and in mild cases behavioral therapy may be all that is needed. The individual should avoid the use of alcohol, tobacco and sleeping pills which make the airway more likely to collapse during sleep and prolong the apneic episodes. Overweight people can benefit from losing weight.

Even a 10 percent weight loss can reduce the number of apneic events for most patients. In some patients with mild sleep apnea, breathing pauses occur only when they sleep on their backs. In such cases, using pillows and other devices that help them sleep in a side position is often helpful.

There are physical and/or mechanical therapy that are very common and very helpful. Continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) is the most common effective treatment for sleep apnea. In this procedure, the patient wears a mask over the nose during sleep and pressure from an air blower forces air through the nasal passages.

The air pressure is adjusted so that it is just enough to prevent the throat from collapsing during sleep. The pressure is constant and continuous. CPAP prevents airway closure while in use, but the apnea episodes return when

CPAP is stopped or used improperly.

Dental appliances that reposition the lower jaw and tongue have been useful to some patients with mild sleep apnea or who snore, but do not have apnea. Both CAP and dental appliances have some side effects, but the overall sleep improvement outweighs those effects.

Some patients need surgery. Although several surgical procedures are used to increase the size of the airway, not all are completely successful or without risks. More than one surgical procedure may be needed before the patient realizes any benefits.

Some of the more common procedures include removing the adenoids and tonsils, nasal polyps or other growths or other tissues in the airway and correction of structural deformities.

Those people in Eastern Kentucky who have already been diagnosed with sleep apnea have formed a support group that meets on a regular basis. For more information on sleep apnea, its causes, diagnosis or treatment options, or the CPAP support group, contact Pikeville Methodist Hospital's Sleep Lab at 606/218-3989.

East Point Masons

East Point Masonic Lodge 657 will be conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree on February 12 at 7 p.m.

District Deputy Grand Master Sheldon Sammons will make his official visit.

Refreshments will be served. All Master Masons are welcome.

BIRTHDAYS



Wesley is one

On December 12, 1999, Wesley Dalton Stone, son of Virgil Jr. and Robin Stone of Hi Hat, celebrated his first birthday with a party at the Allen Park Convention Center. The party theme was "Sesame Street," with a special visit from "Elmo." Many friends and relatives helped him mark the birthday with cake, ice cream and pizza. He is the grandson of Charles and Rosetta Collins of Prestonsburg, Virgil Sr. and Joyce Stone of Hi Hat and Jerry and Denise Robinette of Virginia Beach, Virginia.



Turns two

Kateland Elizabeth-Rose McDonald, daughter of Ted and Stephanie McDonald of Prestonsburg, celebrated her second birthday on December 24, 1999, at her home. The theme of her birthday party was "Barney." Among friends and relatives who attended the celebration were her parents; her brother, Nicholas; Seth and Krissy Marcum and Mary and Jeff McDonald, all of Prestonsburg; Karen Wallen of Hueysville; Dean R. Merritt of Emma; and Deanna May, Robert, LaDonna, Rory and Alex Patton, Joyce, Dane and Ashton Sizemore, and Calvin, Ann, Brandon and Shannon Sizemore, all of Martin. Sending gifts but unable to attend were Karen Marcum of Cow Creek, Charles and Delores Reichenbach of Prestonsburg, and Naze Patton of Martin.

Ceramic

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tiles from Crossville Porcelain Stone/USA, the only manufacturer of large-size porcelain tiles in the U.S. The company's designers have turned ordinary natural materials-earth, fire and water-into look-alikes for natural stones, marble, slate and limestone.

Crossville's "Limestone" porcelain stone tiles look as if they've just been brought up from a richly veined quarry. Actually, porcelain stone tile is man-made of natural ingredients and fired at extremely high temperatures, so it offers greater durability than natural stone

(30 percent harder than marble) and won't stain or fade on even tough floors.

The color of porcelain tile goes all the way through, unlike ordinary ceramic tile which is color-glazed only on the surface. Keeping porcelain tile clean requires soap and hot water-no waxes or sealers are needed.

Frost-resistant porcelain tile can be used outdoors as well as inside. "Vermont" porcelain slate-look-alike tiles are rugged and handsome, so a tile floor can start inside a kitchen or great room and run across the patio into the garden and around the pool.

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Business/Professions

Pikeville shop has 'ambiance'

Ambience opened its doors at 1004 Hambly Blvd. in Pikeville on November 8, under the ownership of Teddie Flynt of Salyersville and Peter Girouard of Providence, Rhode Island.

Ambience features gifts, original art and antiques. "Where the unusual is common" is the store's tag line.

"We look for items that we think people will find interesting and unusual," says Girouard. "We try to appeal to all different tastes and

styles. We like to think that anyone can walk into Ambience and find something they like."

Ambience features hand-made wooden crafts, hand-painted children's furniture and Pilgrim glass products, including the popular Cranberry glass.

It also has hand-woven baskets by Jasper Basketworks, made from strips of maple wood. The baskets come in different sizes, have a variety of uses and come with a lifetime

guarantee.

The store has candles and candle accessories by Aspen Bay, Willowbrook and Lighthouse, as well as birdhouses, both decorative and functional.

Also, if you are looking for an accent piece for a decorating theme, Ambience carries a variety of items in apple, birdhouse, chicken, light-house, cat and bear motif.

Ambience also features original art by local artists. The store has limited edition prints, as well as original paintings, by Clayborn Dotson, who features railroad and mining scenes. Original framed photographs by T.J. Johnson, instructor of photography at Pikeville College, are for sale, as well.

Ambience's collection also includes works by Will Mullins of Paintsville, a sculptor who specializes in painted relief of blues characters. Works by Tom Whitaker, professor of art at Prestonsburg Community College, have recently become available.

In addition, Ambience carries oil paintings, acrylic paintings, charcoal and folk art.

Select antiques are also among the store's inventory. "Most of the antiques are larger items such as furniture, although we do have some smaller items," Flynt says. "As a matter of fact, we just introduced a line of reproduction antiques that are beautifully done in mahogany, but much less expensive than the originals."

Ambience can provide custom-made gift baskets. "A gift basket makes a great present for any occasion — birthday, anniversary, wedding, house warming, Mother's Day, Valentine's Day — whatever the occasion may be," Flynt says.

"You can pick out the items you want to include for a custom basket or simply pick from our bestsellers

which are already made up and ready to go."

According to Girouard, Ambience is more than just a gift store. It is an idea store. "Our aim is to make the Ambience experience fun," he says. "During Christmas we ran a contest in the store where we gave away \$100 cash, not a store coupon, but cash. Everyone who participated had fun with the contest and we had fun interacting with our customers."

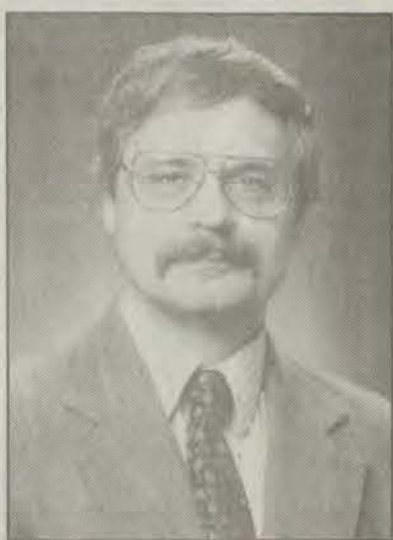
"We will continue to have in-store promotions because it is our way of getting to know our customers," he says.

The owners also encourage anyone interested in these types of contests to sign up for the Ambience mailing list to be invited to participate in special promotions and giveaways.

"We encourage people to come in and look around," Girouard says. "We are a user friendly store."

Store hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. The phone number is 606/432-0266. The shop is located in the former Flowers' Bakery building.

Dr. Martin Caliendo, ObGyn, joins Highlands medical staff



Dr. Martin Caliendo

Martin J. Caliendo, M.D., obstetrician and gynecologist, has joined the medical staff of Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Originally from Chicago, he received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Aurora College in Chicago, his medical degree from Rush Medical College in Chicago, and completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Loyola University Medical Center.

He is Board Certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is Certified in Critical Care Obstetrics.

Before coming to eastern Kentucky, Dr. Caliendo was in an obstetrics/gynecology practice in the Chicago area.

"Chicago is medically overserved in ob/gyn care. In the area where my practice was located, there were 26 obstetricians. I felt as if I were just a number and that wasn't why I decided to become a doctor. I wanted to help people and to make a difference in their lives," he said.

"My wife, Paula, and I had talked about moving for some time. She is originally from Knoxville, Tennessee, and has always wanted to be closer to the family. The weather in eastern Kentucky is much more temperate in climate than in Chicago and that appealed to us, and there seems to be a real need in this area for ob/gyn care."

"When we put all of these things together, and after our visit to the area late last spring, we decided to make the move to eastern Kentucky," he added. "My practice

is getting busier every day. I enjoy obstetrics and I'm here to take care of patients."

Dr. Caliendo was recruited to the area by Highlands Regional Medical Center. His Board Certification in Obstetrics/Gynecology and Certification in High Risk Obstetrics is an added plus for patients in the area due to the high incidence of gestational diabetes.

Gestational diabetes is a type of diabetes that only occurs during pregnancy. It poses an added risk during pregnancy and can cause premature delivery and possible complications to the baby.

As a specialist in high risk obstetrics, Dr. Caliendo will treat gestational diabetics and adjust insulin dosages as needed. In addition, he will also treat a variety of other complications associated with pregnancy.

Although most pregnancies are uncomplicated and result in good outcomes, there are many problems that can occur during pregnancy and delivery. Having the expertise of an ob/gyn doctor certified in high risk obstetrics is a major advantage for any hospital and especially one in a

rural setting.

The physician said the most important factor for promoting a healthy pregnancy is early prenatal care and good patient education.

A woman's body undergoes many changes during pregnancy as the baby develops. It is important that she understands the physiologic changes occurring to her body as well as how the baby is developing at each stage of pregnancy. This is especially true for first time mothers who have many questions, especially concerning what to expect during delivery.

However, good prenatal care for the duration of the pregnancy greatly improves the chance for an uncomplicated delivery.

Dr. Caliendo's office is located in the Women's Care Offices in Highlands Medical Office Building. He is in practice with Dr. Brendan McKenna, a Canadian Board Certified Ob/Gyn specialist trained in the treatment of OB patients with high risk complications and special medical needs. Certified Nurse Midwife, Ann Moore, R.N., is also a part of the Women's Care Ob/Gyn team.

HCC's Scott Reynolds to go to Harvard



Scott Reynolds

Scott Reynolds, coordinator of Institutional Research and Planning at Hazard Community College, is looking forward to going to Harvard University this summer for specialized leadership training.

Reynolds, who also serves as assistant to the President at HCC, has been selected for admission to

the Harvard Management and Leadership in Education program. Reynolds will participate June 11-23 at sessions held at the campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Reynolds will be refining leadership skills that he has sharpened during his nine years of employment at HCC. During the last three years, he served in research, prior to that he was the assistant dean of Student Affairs and Registrar for four years, and before then, he was the Student Support Services coordinator for two years.

"Scott Reynolds has served in a multitude of roles at Hazard Community College, and no matter which 'hat' he's worn, he has shown his keen skills in leadership, organization and planning," noted G. Edward Hughes, HCC president. "This is a highly selective program and his being accepted is quite an honor."

Reynolds holds a master's degree in education, specializing in student personnel services, from Eastern Kentucky University, where he also attained

his bachelor's degree in industrial education and technology. Right after receiving his bachelor's degree, he was an industrial arts teacher.

The college's institutional visioning and institutional effectiveness plan received the David Pierce Organizational Leadership Award given by the National Initiative for Leadership and Institutional Effectiveness

(NILIE) in March 1998.

Reynolds headed up the visioning and effectiveness plan for the college. He was chosen as the college's representative to the University of Kentucky Community College System Leadership Academy in 1995.

In the spring of 1998, he was named Employee of the Semester. In July 1996, he was named Employee of the Month.

Patton's initiative wins top honors

FRANKFORT — Business Facilities magazine, a leading economic development publication, named Metropolitan College the country's top workforce training program in their December issue.

Metropolitan College developed from a meeting Gov. Paul Patton held in December 1997 with local officials, leaders in the business community, and deans of educational institutions in Louisville, encouraging them to find a plan that would increase the workforce at the United Parcel Service (UPS) and create economic advantages for the community.

"In an effort to continue economic growth in the state, I challenged the leaders of the community to come up with a solution that would ensure that UPS had a qualified and efficient workforce to carry out the mission of the business," Governor Patton said.

"As a result, the Metropolitan College was created providing, the needed pool of workers, while giving those workers the opportunity for an advanced education."

Metropolitan College is a partnership between the University of Louisville, Jefferson Community College, Jefferson Technical College, and UPS. Qualified participants receive tuition assistance and employment opportunities with benefits at UPS.

Applicants must be employed at the UPS Next Day Air Operation and be admitted to one of the participating educational institutions meeting the Metropolitan College admissions requirements for that school.

Board member honored

At a recent meeting of the board of Sandy Valley Water District, board members honored one of their own by passing a resolution of appreciation for Jack Branham, who was the original board chairman.

The highlights of the text of the resolution follow:

"...Whereas, the chairman and board members of Sandy Valley Water District have discussed and passed a motion to honor its original chairman, Jack I. Branham, of Branham Hill, Betsy Layne, Kentucky, for his service to the community and surrounding communities; and

"Whereas, Mr. Branham was instrumental in bringing water service to Harold, Betsy Layne, Stanville, Coal Run, Mullins, and other communities in Pike and

Floyd counties; and

"Whereas, Mr. Branham has been involved with other civic organizations, such as establishment of the fire department in Betsy Layne and an active member of his church, as well as a successful and respected businessman; and

"Whereas, Mr. Branham has always been available to assist the board and the Sandy Valley Water District at times when a question or problem arises which he may help resolve; and

"Therefore, be it resolved that this board wishes to express our gratitude to Jack I. Branham for his service to the community and its citizens."

The resolution was signed by Joseph G. Jacobs, acting chairman of the board.

Chalothorn joins Big Sandy Health Care

Dr. Narong Chalothorn has recently joined Big Sandy Health Care Inc. as a part-time OB-GYN physician at the Hope Family Medical Center in Salyersville.

Known to his patients as "Dr. Charlie," he earned his M.D. from the Mahidol University in Bangkok, Thailand. He did internships at Siriraj Hospital in Bangkok and Southside Hospital in Pittsburgh. His OB/GYN residencies were completed at St. Francis General and Shady Side Hospitals, both in Pittsburgh.

Seeing many people, especially women, with preventable health problems motivated Dr. Chalothorn to become a doctor. Through preventive medicine, he wanted to improve health care and help people avoid serious problems.

The most positive aspect of his work is "helping people and making a contribution," Dr. Chalothorn says.

Dr. Chalothorn has worked at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville and Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin. He has received numerous Physician's Recognition Awards for Continuing Medical Education in women's health issues.

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Business/Professions

Businesses should be aware of changes expected in census

Small businesses must know their customers even better as they face corporate competition, an aging population and other dramatic changes on the horizon. The key is to find a niche.

"Niche" is a relatively new term. We started talking about segments and now we talk about segments of segments," said Steven J. Skinner, a University of Kentucky management professor.

While big box stores have drawn the ire of Main Street shops across the country, new businesses are emerging to fill the gaps left by large corporate retailers, offering hope to small business owners.

For example, upscale carryout restaurants are providing young professionals with quick, convenient gourmet meals, and dog walkers are making a living at freeing time for busy dog owners.

In evaluating the consumer, small businesses also need to keep in mind the dramatic demographic changes on the horizon. The population is aging as Baby Boomers enter retirement age.

"I think small businesses need to look particularly at the fact that the population is living longer," Skinner said.

That might mean making deliveries or making stores more acces-

sible for those facing the physical challenges of aging. Small businesses need to keep in mind the change in priorities that occurs as consumers progress from young singles to parents to retirees.

"I laughed at mini-vans, but now that I have two kids and, well, my wife can walk right down the middle of a mini-van to get to them," Skinner said.

However, small businesses should not forget the young generation just behind the Baby Boomers.

"They're demanding customers," James H. Donnelly, a University of Kentucky marketing professor, said. "They grew up in successful families and some wondered if they could keep up the same lifestyle once they were on their own — and it appears they can."

"Opportunities abound," Donnelly said. "People will spend money to save time, or spend time to save money. Any business needs to know how its target views time. A small business needs to decide what its target is — if it gets it wrong, it'll crash."

Consumers do not decided only to save money or only to save time. Every consumer has a value system. Some might buy a cheap washing machine to save money but are willing to spend a lot on a good meal. Others might buy the most expensive washing machine and avoid going out to eat.

However, one common element to be found among consumers today is a demand for value.

"Quality has become so important," Skinner said, crediting increased competition, especially global competition.

New production methods are allowing companies to respond to the demand for quality by offering more customized products. While the Industrial Revolution saw craftsmanship give way to mass production, there now seems to be a merger of craftsmanship and machine, Donnelly said.

Questionnaires for this year's census are scheduled to be distributed in March to about 120 million homes, with home visits beginning at the end of April for households that have not returned a questionnaire.

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Three locals pass CPA exam
 Three persons from this area passed the Uniform CPA Examination given last November. They are Philip Dale Greene of Prestonsburg, Brenda S. Languedoc of Paintsville, and Jennifer Lynn Medley of Pikeville.

Only 166 persons out of a total of 1,438 Kentucky candidates passed. The new accountants will be honored at the spring awards banquet, sponsored by the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants, on March 31 at the Seelbach Hotel in Louisville.

Spurlock appointed
 Burl Wells Spurlock, president of First Commonwealth Bank, has been elected to the board of directors of Kentuckians for Better Transportation. He is the only person from this region on the board.

Food City leader to head

Valley earnings up
 Valley National Gases Inc., which has an operation in Floyd County, reports that net earnings for the second quarter, ending in December, increased 19.7 percent to \$0.9 million or \$1.0 per diluted share, compared to \$0.8 million, or \$0.8 per diluted share, for the same quarter last year. Sales for the second quarter were \$30.4 million, a 23.4 percent increase over the same period last year.

The company is based in Wheeling, West Virginia.

Rate goes up
 Firstar Corp. announced last week that it has raised its prime lending rate to 8.75 percent from 8.5 percent. The last change was in November, when the rate went from 8.25 percent to 8.5 percent.



Pikeville College senior, Brent Blankenship, has been awarded the Lowe's Scholarship, sponsored by the Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse of Pikeville, managed by Craig Clemons. It represents a student, school, and business partnership with its educational foundation. This scholarship program offers the student an opportunity to study a discipline represented in Lowe's stores while applying knowledge as an employee at Lowe's. Blankenship's major is psychology with an emphasis in human services. He is the son of Harold Blankenship of Stopover and Sharon Blankenship of Pikeville.

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Our Learning Environment District Safety

Visitors are required to sign in
Procedures for drug detection are in place
Procedures for weapon detection are in place
Staff are trained in crisis prevention
Students get drug prevention instruction
Parents are involved in crisis prevention planning
All parents received district discipline code

YES	NO
X	
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X	X
X	X

Percentage of classrooms in districts with telephones able to access outside lines

Violation	Number of reported incidents	Number of students suspended or expelled for this	Number of students transferred to alternative placement for this
Aggravated assault (with intent to cause injury)	4	2	2
Drug Abuse Violations	41	37	4
Weapons Violations	5	4	1

Student Resources

Spending per student	Student/Teacher Ratio	Student/Computer Ratio	Percentage of classrooms with at least one student workstation with Internet access
\$ 6,192	16.3:1	5.2:1	100 %
\$ 6,498	18.2:1	7:1	77 %

District State

Awards and Recognitions

Please refer to individual school report cards for information on school level awards and recognitions. Many individuals have achieved success in academic and/or co-curricular areas and this district wishes to applaud their efforts.

What We Are Doing to Improve

Organizational improvement for the district is centered on the development and adoption of a series of guiding statements. These statements address the district's vision, mission, goals and core beliefs about children, community, and educational and personal achievement.

The focus for instructional improvement in Floyd County is the district's curriculum alignment/development project. This process will link together three important components of teaching and learning: what we want to teach, how we want to teach it, and how we will test to measure results. Currently work is being done at both the individual school and district level that is scheduled to produce an alignment document by May of 2000.

Fiscal and operational improvement stems from a needs assessment determined at the school level, a district budget commitment that reviews, evaluates and prioritizes those needs, and a local board that uses available resources to address those needs. Two examples of this process are additional funding for textbooks and program staffing in arts and humanities, physical education and library/media services.

How To Get More Information

For more information about our district, call the Superintendent or Central Office administrators. For information about your child's school, call the Principal.

Board Member	District
Rev. Johnnie E. Ross	1
Terry L. Dotson	2
Don Roberts	3
Carol Stumbo	4
Jody Mullins	5

Central Office Staff	Department	Telephone Number
Dr. Paul Fanning	Superintendent	886-4502
Woodrow Carter	State Manager	886-4551
Phil Paige	Director of Instruction - North Team	886-4521
	Adams Middle Duff Elementary	
	Allen Central High May Valley Elementary	
	Allen Central Middle Opportunities Unlimited	
	Allen Elementary Prestonsburg Elementary	
	Clark Elementary Prestonsburg High	
Susan Compton	Director of Instruction - South Team	886-4507
	Betsy Layne Elementary South Floyd High	
	Betsy Layne High South Floyd Middle	
	McDowell Elementary Stumbo Elementary	
	Osborne Elementary Floyd County Technical High	
Brenda Fish	Special Education	886-4522
Joyce Watson	Mathematics/Science	886-4531
Debbie Daniels	Professional Development/Language Arts	886-4506
Linda Rice	Attendance	886-4524
Vivian McGarey	Headstart/Preschool	886-4516
Jennifer Martin	Health Services	886-4518
Pete Grigsby	Family Resource/Youth Service Centers	886-4512
Greg Adams	Maintenance	874-9569
Sharon Jarvis	Food Service	874-8144
Andy Lyons	Finance	886-4534
Jane Meek	Human Resources	886-4519
Jody Sword	Transportation	285-9443

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The McDowell Elementary School is requesting sealed bids on the following properties:
Selex 7260 Copier with stand featuring Stapler/Sorter. Good condition/comes with 8 boxes of toner.
Canon NP-3050 with stand. Needs glass top replaced.
Kimball Piano. Needs tuning.
Sealed bids may be mailed or hand-delivered to Mrs. Jerri Turner, Principal, at McDowell Elementary School, located at PO Box 282, Route 680, McDowell, Kentucky 41647. Bids will be opened February 28, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., in the principal's office. The Floyd County Board of Education has the right to reject any and all bids.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to 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, Bevinville, 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 underlie 382.00 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 6, 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.
This is the final advertisement of the application. All com-

ments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE TO BID

The City of Prestonsburg will be accepting bids for a Horizontal Baler until February 14, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. The specifications are as follows:
(2) 6 inch hydraulic cylinder, 20 H.P. motor, 60x36 Feed Opening, 48x60x30 Bale Size, Photo Eye Start/Stop System, 52 Second Ram Cycle Time, 104600 Ram Thrust, 1850 P.S.I., 16700 Total Baler Weight, 18' Feed Conveyor, Single Phase Power only.
Please send "sealed bids" to City of Prestonsburg, 200 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. If you have any questions, please call (606) 886-2335.

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION AND NOTICE OF

HEARING TO CUSTOMERS & RESIDENTS OF MUD CREEK WATER DISTRICT AND BEAVER ELKHORN WATER DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that Mud Creek Water District and Beaver Elkhorn Water District have filed a Joint Petition To Annex Territory, Joint Petition To Change Territorial Boundaries, & Joint Petition To Approve Merger with the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive for the proposed merger of Mud Creek Water District and Beaver Elkhorn Water District to form the Southern Water and Sewer District. To accomplish the proposed merger, the County Judge/Executive must conduct a hearing to determine whether the combination of the existing boundaries of

Mud Creek Water District and Beaver Elkhorn Water District, thereby changing the territorial limits of these districts to form the Southern Water and Sewer District, is reasonably necessary.

The Joint Petition To Annex Territory, Joint Petition To Change Territorial Boundaries, & Joint Petition To Approve Merger was filed with the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive on January 27, 2000. The hearing regarding the Joint Petition To Annex Territory, Joint Petition To Change Territorial Boundaries, & Joint Petition To Approve Merger will be held at 11:00 a.m. on March 13, 2000, at the Floyd County Fiscal Courtroom, located on the Second Floor of the Floyd County Courthouse at 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Any corporation, association, body politic, customer or resident of either water district, or any other person may protest the proposed action by filing objections and exceptions at the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive within thirty (30) days from February 9, 2000, the date of the publication of these Notices.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the Joint Petition To Annex Territory, Joint Petition To Change Territorial Boundaries, & Joint Petition To Approve Merger by contacting Mud Creek Water District at P.O. Box 51, Kentucky Route 979, Grethel, Kentucky 41631; Telephone # (606) 587-2455 or Beaver Elkhorn Water District at P.O. Box 769, Kentucky Route 3188, Martin Kentucky 41649; Telephone # (606) 285-3856 or the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653; Telephone # (606) 886-9193. A copy of the Joint Petition To Annex Territory, Joint Petition To Change Territorial Boundaries, & Joint Petition To Approve Merger is also available for public inspection at the offices of Mud Creek Water District, Beaver Elkhorn Water District and the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0198 major Revision No. 2 In accordance with the Provisions of KRS 350.00, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501 has applied for a major revision to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.0 miles east of Dana in Floyd County. The major revision will add 25.7 acres of surface disturbance acres making a total area of 424.67 acres within the revised permit boundary.
The proposed major revision is approximately 1.1 miles southeast from Hunts Fork County Road's junction with KY 1426 and located 0.3 miles north of Prater Creek. The latitude is 37°33'18". The longitude is 82°39'10".
The proposed major revision is located on the Harold U.S.G.S.

7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected by the major revision by either additional acres or land use change is owned by Industrial Fuels Minerals Company, Peter Justice, Randy Hayes, Bonnie (Waston) Cassady, Grady Watson, Lee Kidd, Joe Jarrell, and Leonard and James Hall. The operation will use the area method of mining.

The major revision proposes to add access roads, change the post mining land use, change to incremental bonding, and delete areas that have not been disturbed.
The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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