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Briefs

Water coming to Bill Hall Branch

The citizens of Bill Hall Branch near McDowell got some good news during Monday evening's Beaver Elkhorn Water District meeting.

Charles Byers with Summit Engineering told board members Tommy Hall and Paul Gayle Bailey that the construction work has been completed on the Bill Hall Branch project, and citizens will be able to hook on the county water system as soon as the booster pump station is installed. Byers said this should happen soon.

Byers said a telemetry system yet needs to be installed but is not necessary for service to begin. He said the telemetry system monitors the water supply so that too much water is not pumped in to cause an overflow or too little pumped in, creating a shortage. He said these activities could be monitored on site until the telemetry system is installed.

The project came in at \$439,415.84 and was constructed on a 25 percent match with the water district. The district's cost for the project is \$109,853.96

The board also approved the purchase of a fax and printer for the district office. The total cost for the equipment was \$750.

The board held an executive session after the open meeting.

Bottle bill clears first hurdle

A far-reaching anti-litter bill filed by majority floor leader Greg Stumbo made it out of committee yesterday, but just barely.

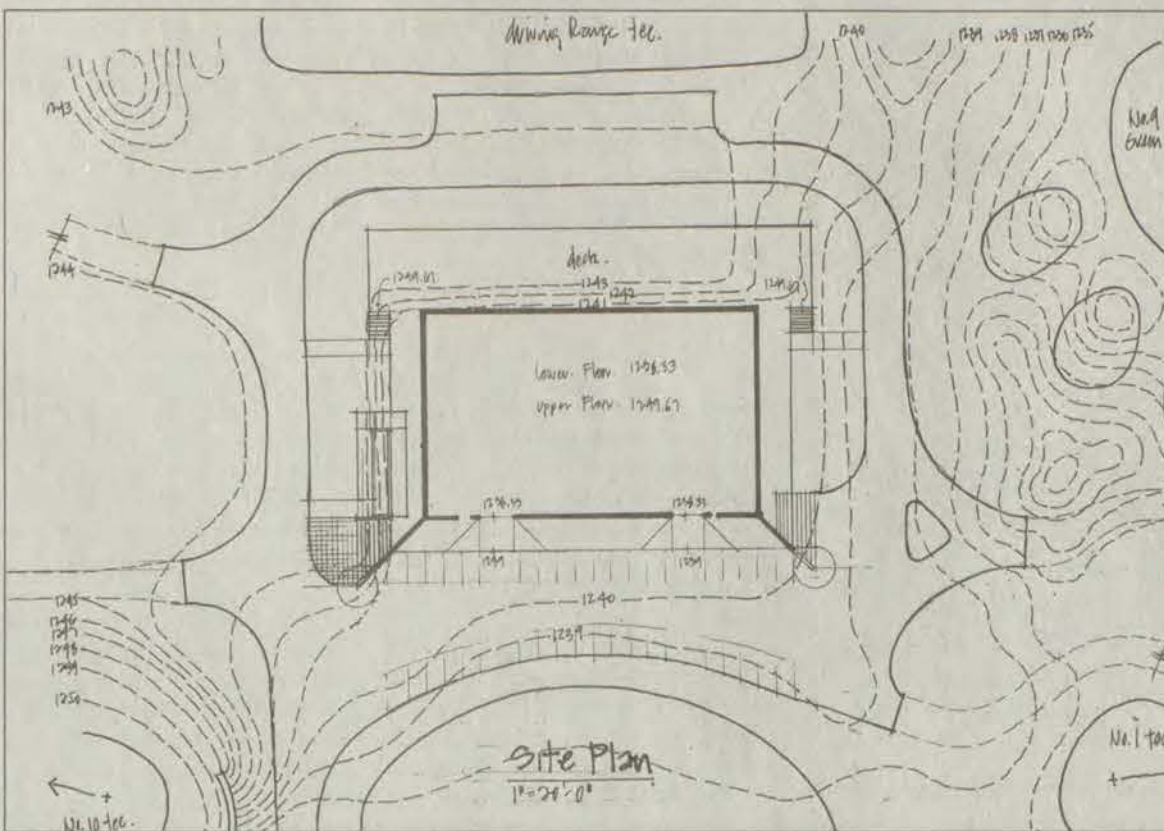
The bill, which would make garbage collection mandatory statewide and place a deposit fee on beverage containers, was approved by the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee by a 15-14 vote.

The bill now goes to the full House for consideration. Should it make it through that body, it must repeat the process in the Senate and be signed by the governor to become law.

Patton to pay a visit to PCC

Gov. Paul Patton will be in town Friday. The governor will stop by the Pike Auditorium at Prestonsburg Community College at 1:45 p.m. to tout his proposed budget.

Taking shape...



A preliminary set of plans were presented to the Prestonsburg Properties Commission for the proposed club house for the city golf course. The plans included a parking area for golf carts, a deck area, a dining room, a pro shop and snack bar.

Stone Crest Golf Course to be finished by end of May

Construction crews to return next month

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

Crews will be back on the job, ready to complete the Stone Crest Golf Course the second week of March, said Jack Sykes of Summit Engineering Inc.

With the weather permitting, Ranger Construction Industries expects to complete the golf course in mid to late May he said in Monday's meeting of the Prestonsburg Properties Commission.

Ranger will make a few changes to the proposed golf course when they do get back on the job. Sykes presented the properties commission with changes that will be made to the golf course. An invoice for additional topsoil, greens, and additional bunkers will cost the city \$77,419.69.

Holding water has been a problem for one of the course ponds. The ponds on the 18th hole will hold water for a period of time, said Sykes, but then dry up. He presented an estimated cost for liners for the ponds. The liners and the labor involved would cost the city about \$54,550. The topsoil lined pond may not hold water, Sykes said.

A liner company will be in the area soon to measure the ponds for exact configurations.

The 12th hole was modified earlier in the golf course's construction. Because of the changes the Department of Surface Min-

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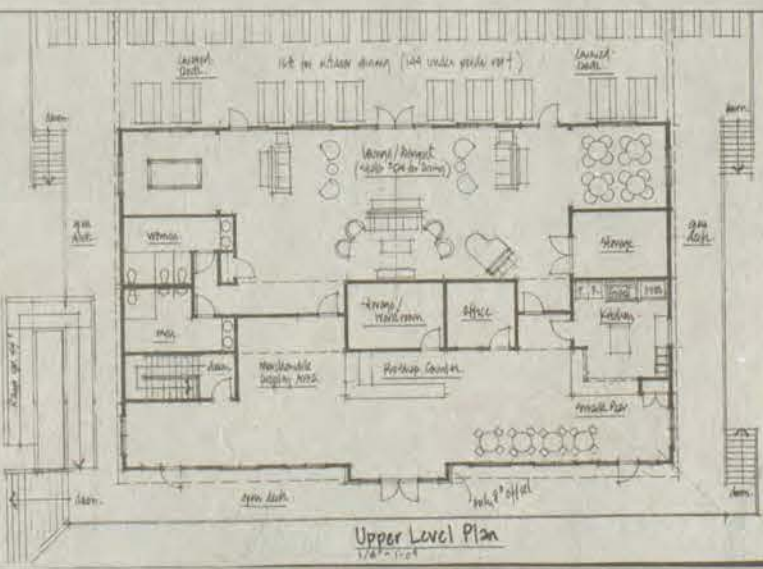
Advisory board divides to conquer

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

Electric or gas, buy or lease. These are not the questions of a California car shopper but the thoughts of the Prestonsburg Golf Course Advisory Board.

The board met Tuesday morning to discuss intricacies of the course. Two-member committees were set up to study elements of course operation.

Among topics on the members' minds was acquisition of golf carts. As he divided the topics into research groups of two members, Chairman Paul Hughes asked the board members to research the possibility of acquiring multiple bids for golf carts. The board would like to see as many companies as possible submitting bids for the golf carts that will be needed.



Artist's rendering of the upper level of the course's clubhouse.

The board discussed leasing the carts. A lease agreement would allow the city to make more money in rental fees and would eliminate the worry of maintenance.

A three-year agreement would also cover the life of the battery in the electric carts should the board decide to go that route. Gasoline carts are to be studied also.

Board is also looking into the permission for participants to use privately owned carts on the course. If the board chooses to allow private carts, a storage facility for those carts may be needed.

Private carts match course carts on many of the better golf courses. "The course does not need carts that look like Sanford and Son," said Fred Goble.

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MAC losses for 1999 add up to quarter-million

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

A baler for the recycling program, a new meeting time, a presentation of audits and an executive meeting made up a short agenda for the Prestonsburg City Council on Monday evening.

Audits for the park board, the Mountain Arts Center, and the city of Prestonsburg were presented for the council's approval. Mayor Jerry Fannin reported that the city and the park board both finished the year in the black, but the Mountain Arts Center was reported as finishing in the red.

While taking in \$965,495.95 in revenues, the MAC accumulated

\$1,223,364.17 in expenses leaving the MAC \$257,868.22 in the hole.

In other news, the council held its first reading of an ordinance that would change its noon meeting time on the fourth Monday of the month to 6 p.m. The next meeting, which will be held at noon, February 28, will see the second reading and a vote for the new time.

The 6 p.m. format is intended for more people to attend the council meetings.

A demonstration by the city fire department was announced by acting Fire Chief Mike Wells. The fire department will be trying a new foaming agent on a controlled fire.

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Brian is seated with his wife Rhonda with McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital assistant administrator Leigh Ann Maynard and Linda Hughes standing. (photo by Willie Elliott)

McDowell hospital staff rallies for local man

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer

The McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital took on a sea of red Monday as hospital employees, friends and local citizens continued their drive to help Brian Hughes in his fight with leukemia.

Administrator Deana Curry Sparkman and assistant administrator Leigh Ann Maynard initiated a "Have a Heart Day" in support of Hughes who will go to the University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center on Thursday to see if a match has been found for a bone marrow transplant.

About 80 percent of the employees in all departments of the hospital wore jeans and a red shirt on Monday and donated at least one dollar toward Hughes' fund to help the family in meeting travel and medical costs. All three shifts took part in the activity.

The nurses who could not wear red pinned heart-shaped pins and pendants on their uniforms to signify their support. At least two other local businesses, Stop and Shop and Citizens National Bank, joined in the show of support.

Several drives have already been held to support Hughes and others are planned. Both Brian and his wife Rhonda are optimistic that a match will be found and he will soon be well again.

Hughes said he did not let his illness get his spirits down, but "I do all that I can to keep busy."

Hughes worked at Morris Tackett's service station prior to his illness, so from time to time he goes to the service station to talk with his colleagues.

Rhonda took some time off from her job as manager at Shoe Show in Prestonsburg, but has returned to

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ing wants the drainage changed to another terrace. The 250-foot drain line, changing the runoff flow to the opposite side of the hill, will cost \$5,150.

Money for these changes have the commissioners a little stressed. The commissioners cannot approve the additional spending until a

source of funding can be found. The proposed gas tax bill, which will soon be in the state's General Assembly, will allow more funds to come into the area. Without the tax the commission is unsure of where further funding will originate. "Until we come up with more

money, I don't see how we are going to do anything," said Mayor Jerry Fannin. Monies for the course have become dependent on the state budget or the passing of the gas tax. With gas prices already high, the commissioners were concerned the golf course will be blamed for the impending gas hike. "There has nothing been easy about this project yet," said Paul Hughes. "But we do have a lot of promises." Other funds from the state cannot be accessed until the contracts have been awarded.

The commission approved the payment of \$77,419 to Ranger, \$825,259 for the club house and subdivision, \$449.15 to Francis-Henry-Francis, and \$2,865 to Big Sandy ADD. The change order for new drainage pipe on the 12th hole was also approved. The pond liners were tabled until the commission can acquire more money; a measure was requested. Bids are scheduled to be opened February 25 for the construction of the subdivision area. Sykes announced a pre-bids meeting scheduled for March 2.

Chris Crisman, architect for Summit Engineering, presented the commission with new plans for the golf course's club house. The plans would put the pro shop and the snack bar on the same level, reducing the need for extra employees in a bi-level clubhouse. With the pro shop and the snack bar on the same level, one employee could watch both areas on very slow days, said Ted Nairn. The new plans would make the clubhouse smaller in size. Banquet meals could accommodate about 120 and the deck area could seat 144. The building would make the course more efficient by reducing the operating expenses said Crisman. Final plans will be submitted at the next meeting for the commission's approval. Bids for the clubhouse are to be opened in March. Those delays in the laying of the lines will keep the course from going online until its completion. In other areas; BellSouth has asked the city for a location for a small telecommunications transfer building. BellSouth wants to run lines to the top of the hill and then underground to the building. The commission agreed to allow the building to be put near the sewer pump station.

The proposed lines will parallel the road to the site, which will allow the 40-inch wide ditch to be narrowed to 16 inches for utility lines. The underground lines and conduits will be laid on site at BellSouth's expense. Hughes and Fannin reported that there are interested parties asking about purchasing lots in the new subdivision. The city does not have the completed paper work for the opening sale of the properties. An easement was granted for a road to be built along a cul de sac along Spradlin Branch for fire control or other emergency traffic to the mountain top. \$2,000 was approved for an Enviro-scape model showing the effects of water pollution in the area. Sykes told the council a plan is needed for the industrial site on the mountain, when the city receives its aerial photographs. Sykes asked that an industrial site plan be developed "in order to keep things moving."

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Board

Also discussed was competitive rates in the greens fees, annual passes and other discounts for the course. A committee will research fees charged on quality golf courses across the state. "We need to compete well with local golf courses," said Richard Clark. "We've got to keep it on that range." The board, as well as the city, wants the course to turn a profit, even in its infant years. "We have to figure out a way to get 20,000 rounds in the year," said Hughes. Pass rates in the area were said

to be \$750 for a family and \$650 for a single person. Hughes said the course could not possibly run on rates that low. Gorman Collins suggested that groups could band together for membership drives to generate funds, but members agreed that would have to wait until the course is open. Tee off times should be held on the busiest days, the board agreed. Discussions will be held to schedule those times. Timed tee offs will allow the maximum number of people to play on the course at its busiest.

A dress code may be added to the board's mandates. "The dress code affects the image we are trying to set," said Collins. Members will look into the viability of such a code. With the board wanting to encourage women and children in the area to play golf, the code could include requiring collared shirts. A rental fee for a bag of golf balls on the practice range is another topic of discussion. The board wants to establish a fee that will contribute to the overall profit of the course. A decision on the opening of the course is also on the table. Members want to be sure of the completion date before deciding on the opening date. A late fall 2000 or spring 2001 date is in consideration.

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The new foam will replace the older product the city has used for several years. The demonstration is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at the city garage. In other issues, Bids were accepted in the city's quest for a new baler. Two bids were mailed in with one baler built specifically to the city's specifications. H. H. Hooper Machinery Company was awarded the contract for the baler for the bid of \$37,500. The council accepted the resignation of firefighter Tim Blackburn. Peggy Frailey and Becky Crum were appointed to the city's Main Street program.

Division asking residents to use extreme caution

The Spring Forest Fire Hazard Season officially began February 15, but, in reality, except for the recent snow periods, fires have continued to occur since July of last year. The Kentucky Division of Forestry is asking citizens to be very careful when conducting any outdoor burning this spring. Last year, more than 139,100 acres of Kentucky's forests were damaged by wildfire, making 1999 the worst forest fire year in the last decade. More than 100,000 of these acres burned last fall. "We do not want a repeat of last year. Drought conditions still exist in some areas of the state, making conditions conducive for forest fires. Many of the fires in 1999 were attributed to arson and the division is still investigating and

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Far right are Brian Hughes, his mother Linda and his wife Rhonda with a few of the people that wore red in support of Brian in his battle with leukemia. (photo by Willie Elliott)

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work now that her husband is feeling better.

The couple attend church regularly at Church of God of Prophecy at Hi Hat where Brian drives a bus to transport members. Don Fraley, pastor of the church, also works at ARH in the maintenance department and serves as the hospital's chaplain. Fraley leads a prayer group at the hospital every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Linda Hughes, Brian's mother, said, "Everybody has been so good," as she fought back tears. She said she wanted everyone to know how thankful she is for the outpouring of love shown to her son.

She always tells people what a "fine boy" (she refers to him as her baby even if he is 26 years old) Brian is and how little trouble he was growing up.

Both she and Brian insist, "Everything is going to be OK."

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Fire

prosecuting some of those cases. The division is committed to fully prosecuting anyone suspected of arson," said Mark Matuszewski, director of the Division of Forestry.

KRS 149.400 prohibits burning in or within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland, except between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. This

restriction is in effect from February 15 until the Spring Forest Fire Hazard Season ends on April 30.

While burning is allowed between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., no one should conduct outdoor burning unless the air is calm, and there is

adequate moisture in the air and ground to prevent the spread of fire. It is illegal to start a fire anytime of the year on or near timberland without taking all reasonable precautions to prevent it from spreading.

Reasonable precautions include clearing the ground around a fire and having tools and water readily available. The law also requires that all outdoor fires be attended until fully extinguished.

Fire

prosecuting some of those cases.

New tourism plan to market heritage, culture unveiled

FRANKFORT — A broad new endeavor to market Kentucky's unique culture and heritage was unveiled recently 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.

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 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."

Helm 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," 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."

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.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY...

In this world there are only two tragedies. One is not getting what one wants and the other is getting it.

Oscar Wilde—

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Editorial

UK project benefiting Elliott County

Some people look at Elliott County and see only the negatives. Twenty-one University of Kentucky students look at Elliott County and see its possibilities. And they are getting a lot of positive input from Elliott County residents in coming up with ideas to help develop the county's potential.

The young people from UK are fifth-year landscape architecture students who have taken on the task of developing—as a semester project—a conceptual master plan for land use in Elliott County. Although the students are not yet professionals and Horst Schach, chairman of UK's landscape architecture department, recommends that their plan be reviewed by professionals, Elliott County is receiving for free what it likely could not afford to do on its own. Not only is the Elliott County land use plan a practical, hands-on learning experience for the students, it is an excellent way for UK to extend its expertise to the region it serves.

The UK students made their first visit to Elliott County last week, and they were greeted by residents eager to assist in their work. About 50 county residents showed up for a meeting. At a time when many public meetings are attended by only a handful of people—and sometimes no one at all—that's impressive. It's a sign that many in Elliott are eager to participate in anything that can improve the county.

The negatives of Elliott County are well documented: With few jobs in the county, Elliott has among the highest unemployment rates in the state, and of those residents who do have jobs, 60 percent of them must go outside the county to find work. Of the 25 counties with the nation's lowest per capita income in 1997, Elliott County was the only one in Kentucky.

While the UK students acknowledged those negatives during their visit, their intent was to accent the positives. Elliott County is rich in history and folklore—the John Swift silver mine, Kentucky's only diamond mine, and remnants of old moonshine stills, to name just a few—and it is blessed with beautiful natural attractions like Laurel Gorge. The challenge is how to best capitalize on those and other assets.

That's some of the work the students will be doing in the weeks ahead. The more input they have from Elliott residents, the better their plan will be.

—The Daily Independent, Ashland



Letters to the Editor

Family land in jeopardy

Editor:

My mother fought for 30 years to keep our grandparents' farm safe, but one heir sold. Now a stranger has a part of this land. My mother is deceased. Her dream is gone. She always said this land is for the grandchildren, their inheritance from "popie." This is all he had for us to remember him by.

The reason my mother's dream is shattered is because of the undivided property law. As the law is now with the heirs of undivided property, if just one interest—as little as 1/20th—is sold to a coal company or outsider, then they have as much right to this property as the heirs.

If this is sold to a coal company, the company can strip mine over the objections of the rest of the heirs. They can remove the mountain tops. This is a way around the broad form deed amendment. This law needs to be changed.

This has happened to me. A coal company's has

already core drilled on my grandparents' land. My mother's dream to keep this land safe has been shattered. The law tells us that we are supposed to sit back and watch our family heritage be destroyed, even though the six (out of seven) families still holding onto their heirship are against the mining.

Kentuckians For The Commonwealth is working to change this unfair law. We believe that a majority of the heirs should control the property, not one interest having the right to destroy the land over the objections of all the others.

My family land is in Knott County, but I know there are families in Floyd County with similar problems. If you are having this problem, or want to help change this unfair law, call KFTC at 606-436-4988. And call your legislator at 1-800-372-7181, and tell them to right this wrong.

Patty Amburgey
Letcher



Guest Column

Lessons from Austria... and Germany

by Jacob G. Hornberger

Austrian Joerg Haider and his Freedom Party are causing waves of anxiety throughout the European Union, as well as the U.S. State Department.

Government officials on both sides of the Atlantic are expressing dismay at Haider's political and economic views. The controversy provides valuable lessons for the American people.

Officials are upset over Haider's position on immigration. Haider and his colleagues want to close Austria's borders to immigrants because foreigners, they say, are largely responsible for Austria's crime rate, drug problems, and welfare fraud.

Wait a minute! Haven't we heard these things before? Right here in the United States? "They're coming to the United States just to get on welfare." "They're bringing drugs and crime to America." "They're polluting our culture." "They don't speak English."

It sounds to me that American anti-immigrant diatribes would be right up Haider's alley.

Let's also not forget how our own president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the U.S. State Department, intentionally used U.S. immigration controls to prevent German Jews from immigrating to the United States in the 1930s.

Haider's praise of Nazi employment policies during the Great Depression is also upsetting European and U.S. officials. Were Hitler's economic policies in the 1930s, however, significantly different from those of Roosevelt, his counterpart in the United States?

On the contrary, there was a striking similarity between FDR's New Deal and the methods that Hitler used to get Germany out of the Depression. Both FDR and Hitler instituted massive government spending campaigns, including public-works programs, to bring full employment to their countries. In the United States, for example, there was the Hoover Dam. In Germany, there was the national autobahn

system.

The Nazis also imposed an extensive system of governmental control over German businesses. Was Roosevelt's approach any different? Consider FDR's pride and joy, his National Recovery Act, which was characterized by the infamous Blue Eagle. With the NRA, the U.S. government required entire industries to combine into government-protected cartels, and directed them

to fix wages and prices in their respective industries. If a businessman refused to go along, he faced prosecution and punishment, not to mention protest demonstrations from Blue Eagle supporters. (The Supreme Court ultimately declared the NRA unconstitutional.)

Let's also not forget the important paternalistic elements of Hitler's national socialism: Social Security, national health care, public schooling, and unemployment compensation. Sound familiar?

Hitler himself showed keen insight into this matter. In his biography "Adolf Hitler," John Toland writes, "Hitler had genuine admiration for the decisive manner in which the President had taken over the reins of government. 'I have sympathy for Mr. Roosevelt,' he told a correspondent for the New York Times two months later, 'because he marches straight toward his objectives over Congress, lobbies and bureaucracy.' Hitler went on to note that he was the sole leader in Europe who expressed 'understanding of the methods and motives of President Roosevelt.'"

In turn, Winston Churchill, in his 1937 book "Great Contemporaries," expressed his "admiration for the courage, the perseverance, and the vital force, which enabled [Hitler] to challenge, defy, conciliate, or overcome all the authorities or resistances which barred his path."

Haider's suggestion that German soldiers who fought for the Third Reich were victims rather than

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Mountain Voices

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer



Now, for the weather

Have you noticed that there has been little or no talk about global warming lately. I guess anyone who really believes in it has been afraid of bringing it up until the last few days for fear of being whipped.

Personally, I think the ice age is making a comeback, and the first glacier got its start on my driveway with some help from Karen Joseph's driveway. I told Karen that the last bit of snow to melt in the northern hemisphere was up Royal Hollow — specifically up my driveway.

Karen said she would bet that her hollow, up Prater Creek, is worse than mine and her snow would last at least a month longer than mine. I guess we are past the stage of "my brother can whip your brother" and into bragging on how bad our weather is.

I was at the lodge at Jenny Wiley the other day when I noticed that the lake is frozen over. It has been a long time since I have seen the creeks frozen over, and I don't ever remember the lake freezing over.

On the other hand, we don't have too many lakes up in Royal Hollow.

It appeared that someone had been out on the lake with some kind of vehicle, if anyone plans to have a party of this kind, don't call me.

I have often thought about the possibility of saving warmth and coldness. Wouldn't that be a wonderful thing? About now, we would open a gallon of heat that we canned back in July or August.

For you school children, we wouldn't waste any of it on roads that cause school to be called off. (That service, of course, would come with a nominal fee.)

About now we would be hoarding up these cold temperatures to cool us down in the summer. A gallon of coldness from the past few weeks would go well with those near-100-degree days that are coming up.

Winter is so long that it is best to break its passage into little chunks. Until Christmas, nothing counts. We would be happy if it snowed every day. We would go around yelling, "Merry Christmas and Happy Snow."

After Christmas, the first milestone is Groundhog's Day when we learn that it is going to be six more weeks of bad weather whether Pogy sees his shadow or not. Most years, that stretch from Christmas to Groundhog Day will contain the bulk of the bad weather.

Then the next goal is to get to March 1. I keep telling Linda that the frogs will be singing by that time. She keeps saying, "No, it will be later than that." Every year on or before March 1, the frogs are there.

Frogs get a bad name, but on March 1, they are princes.

Anyway, we can't have very much bad weather in March — we have to have March Madness and snow is not part of the scenario.

By that time Kentucky either is deep in the NCAA tournament or has lost and we either mope around because they have lost or exult that they are trying for another championship.

We don't even have time to watch the

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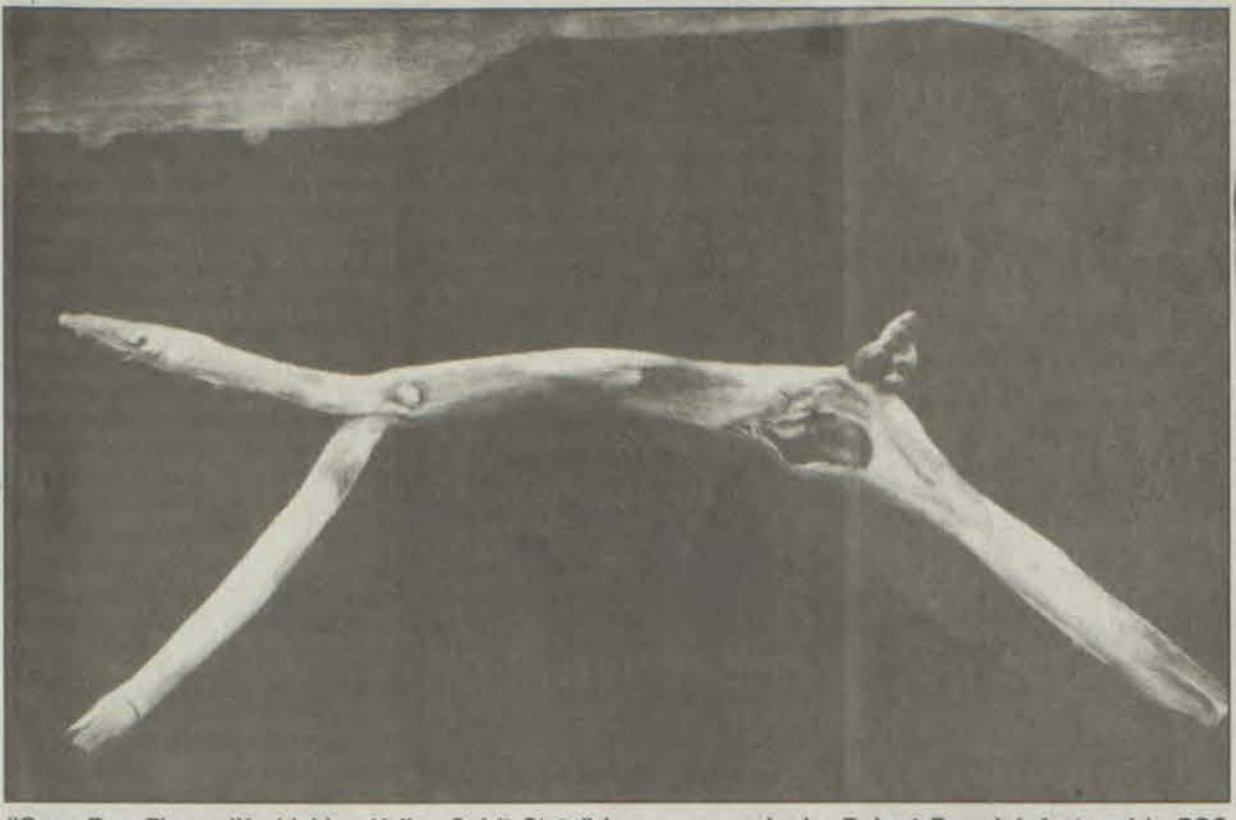
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"Cave Run Figure IX—Licking Valley Spirit State" is among works by Robert Franzini, featured in PCC exhibit.

Exhibit of prints and drawings at PCC

An exhibit by Robert Franzini, a Morehead State University professor, opened February 11, in the Magoffin Learning Resource Center art gallery at Prestonsburg Community College.

The exhibit of prints and drawings will be on display until Friday, March 10.

Franzini, maker of images, works in drawing and printmaking media. He creates art using the traditional subject matter of the human figure, landscape, and still life. His work often takes the form of a series of variations on a theme.

Themes represented in this exhibition include Cave Run Figure and Nude Composition. The Cave Run Figure series was inspired by found natural forms and by the Licking Valley region.

Printmaking media used in the creation of these pieces include crayonstone and tusche lithography, aquatint intaglio, relief etching, and plexiglass monotype.

Franzini is chair of the MSU

Department of Art.

Franzini, who was born in California, earned the BA degree in studio art from Stanford University and MFA degree in printmaking from the University of Iowa. He has lived and worked in Kentucky since 1980.

His work has been exhibited regionally, nationally and internationally and is represented in public and private collections including the Cincinnati Art Museum, the Portland Art Museum, the Honolulu Academy of Art and the University of Kentucky Art Museum. He has been a resident fellow at Yaddo Artist Colony in Saratoga Springs, New York, and received the Distinguished Creative Productions award from MSU.

A reception for Franzini is set for Tuesday, February 22, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Art Gallery. Refreshments will be served.

For more information about Art

Gallery exhibits, call Tim Sizemore at 606/886-3863, ext. 342.

Mountain

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Weather Channel, what with 55 basketball games on the tube every day. This takes us into April and April showers. . . you know the rest.

You probably heard about the lady who called the television station in reference to the previous evening's forecast. She said, "I just wanted to report that I have shoveled six inches of partly cloudy from my sidewalk this morning."

What about the way we give the forecast in Floyd County and other eastern Kentucky counties: "Tomorrow will be cloudy with a 50 percent chance of school being called off."

... Last Friday I was in Peebles at Pikeville when I struck up a conversation with a couple of the cashiers. I told them I worked at the Times and they said, "Say something nice about Susan and Jackie." They were nice. How nice? About as nice as those people on Geico commercials.

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I want to frankly state that I have no hidden agenda. I have no old quarrels to settle with any citizen of Floyd County. I have no bones to pick with anyone. I fully understand that every citizen must be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. However, dangerous criminals must be and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. You, the good people of our county, deserve no less.

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Guest

criminals is also upsetting European and American officials. But isn't the support of one's own government during war the guiding principle for patriotism for both European and American governmental officials?

During the Persian Gulf War, for example, didn't we hear countless congressmen repeatedly tell us, "Once the shooting starts, we have a duty to support our government and the troops"?

What lessons can we draw from the Austrian controversy? A government that has the power to do good things for people also has the power to do horrific things to people.

The solution lies not in trying to get "good" people to get into public office but rather in restricting the

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power of government to do good things for people. In this way, when a "wrong" person is democratically elected to office (as Haider, Hitler, and Roosevelt were), his power to abuse the citizenry is limited.

Finally, true patriotism entails standing for what's right, even if it means standing against one's own government and even in the midst of war.

Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Virginia

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Bill Isaacs

Bill Isaacs, 70, of Topmost, died Friday, February 11, 2000, at his home.

He was born in Letcher County, on October 3, 1929, the son of the late Richard Isaacs and Rinda Yonts Isaacs.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Green Isaacs.

Other survivors include three sons, Michael Isaacs, William Timothy Isaacs, both of Topmost, and Keith Isaacs of Kite; three daughters, Diane Sekic and Marilyn Little, both of Kite and Patricia Hall of Topmost; three brothers, Conard Isaacs of Paintsville, Lonzo Isaacs of Dry Creek, and George Jr. Isaacs; two sisters, Juanita Hall of Vermillion, Ohio and Geneva Nadaski of Ohio; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 14, 11 a.m., at the Providence Regular Baptist Church with Curtie Hall and Cluett Hall officiating.

Burial was in the Isaacs Cemetery at Dry Creek, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Eunice Howard

Eunice Howard, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, February 13, 2000, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Prestonsburg.

She was born July 25, 1913, at Prestonsburg, the daughter of the late Babe Howard and Pearl Calhoun Wallen.

She is survived by one half-sister, Mable Crisp of Prestonsburg.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 16, at 1 p.m., at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Manford Fannin officiating.

Burial will be in the Alex Banks Cemetery at Prestonsburg, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home.

Malta Music Rice

Malta Music Rice, 81, of Little Paint, wife of Russell Rice, died Sunday, February 13, 2000, at the Hazard Nursing Home.

She was born May 21, 1918, the daughter of the late Sam K. Music and Nora Davis Music.

Malta and her husband, Russell lived at Little Paint during most of their 58 years of marriage. They have been faithful members of the Little Paint First Church of God for more than 60 years. Due to Malta's health, she had not been able to attend church services during the past few years, but her life was a witness of her love for the Lord and the Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Sharon Kaye R. Watkins and one son, Clarence Russell Rice, both of Little Paint; one sister, Goldie Music Collins and one brother, Edward C. Music, both of Prestonsburg; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 16, at 11 a.m., at the Little Paint First Church of God, at East Point, with Rev. Wayne Burch and Rev. Ray Wyant officiating.

Burial will be in the Lakeview Memorial Cemetery, at Staffordsville, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Serving as active pallbearers are Montie Rice, Jack Rice, Jr. Setser, Steve Rice, Barry Rice and Jeremy Watkins.

Honorary pallbearers are John D. Rice, Clarence Rice, Alan Sublett, Jerry Meek, Jim Vanover, Bill D. Music, Jim Ward and Bill Williams.

Boone Bentley

Boone Bentley, 74, of Wayland, died Friday, February 11, 2000, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, following a long illness.

He was born September 3, 1925, in Lackey, the son of the late Arthur Bentley and Clara Turner Bentley. He was a retired miner; a World War II Army veteran; and a member of the UMW.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita Napier Bentley.

Other survivors include two sons, Larry Bentley of Wayland, Danny Bentley of Coolville, Ohio; three daughters, Bonnie Clark, Connie Slone and Peggy Stephens, all of Wayland; three brothers, Homer Bentley, Don Bentley and Charles Bentley, all of Elyria, Ohio; four sisters, Helen Hall of Topmost, Virginia Bates of Rockhill, South Carolina, Joyce Wireman of Augusta, Georgia, Shirley Dennis of Elyria, Ohio, 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 12, at noon, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergyman, Roger Hicks, and others, officiating.

Burial was in the Chandler Cemetery, at Lackey, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers were Larry Bentley Jr., Charles Bentley, Daniel Bentley, John Slone, Bobby Slone and George Clark.

Dayton Caller Hall

Dayton Caller Hall, 61, of Galveston, died Saturday, February 12, 2000, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born on March 29, 1938, in Floyd County, he was the son of Curt Akers of Tennessee and the late Ollie Adkins Hall. He was a disabled coal miner. He attended the Old Regular Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Christine Bentley Hall.

He is survived by his wife, Freddie Lynn "Linda" Hall.

Other survivors include six sons, Dayton Dwayne Hall of Harold, Terry Hall, Teddy Hall and Danny Hall, all of Galveston, Timmy Hall of Cynthia, Tommy Hall of Marrowbone; one step-son, Bennett Lee Farmer of Dayton, Ohio; four step-daughters, Becky Jane Perla of Ohio, Beverly Ann Bulen of Richmond, Virginia, Donna Sue Adkins of Regina, Karen Lynette Engle of Corbin; four half-brothers, Dennis Hall, Okie Hall, Bobby Joe Hall, Eddie Hall, all of Galveston; one half-sister, Pauline Hall of Coal Run; nine grandchildren and several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 15, at 1 p.m., at the Little Rachel Old Regular Baptist Church, at Galveston, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Adkins and Hall Cemetery, Galveston, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

William E. Wright

William E. Wright, 56, of Ashley, Indiana, formerly of Betsy Layne, died Friday, February 11, 2000, at Dekalb Memorial Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born on August 3, 1943, in Harold, he was the son of the late William "Bill" Hawkins Wright and Jenny Layne Wright. He was a disabled factory worker, and a member of the Zulu's Motorcycle Club.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Mary Wright.

Other survivors include three sons, Jeffrey Allen Wright and Christopher Wright, both of Detroit, Michigan, Timmy Wright of Clyde, Ohio; three daughters, Kimberly Wright of Lincoln Park, Michigan, Angie Erikson of Coldwater Michigan, Nicki Wilkinson of Alford, Florida; three brothers, Frank Wright of Taylor, Michigan, Price Wright of Willis, Michigan, Tommy Wright of Clinton Township, Michigan; two sisters, Phyllis Dillon of Lorain, Ohio, Virginia "Jenny" Mae Webb of Florida, and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 14, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Lori Vannucci officiating.

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

Goldie B. Akers

Goldie B. Akers, 80, of Hi Hat, died Friday, February 11, 2000, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness.

She was born, November 17, 1919, at Honaker, the daughter of the late Jim Brown and Clara Elizabeth Williams Counts. She was a member of the Jehovah Witness Prestonsburg congregation.

Survivors include one son, Eddie Akers of McDowell; one brother, Kermit Counts of Hillard, Ohio; one sister, Pauline Gilbert of Hi Hat; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 14, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Minister Christian Cuminotto officiating.

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

Serving as pallbearers were Darrell Counts, Don Watson, Jason Counts, Danny Homes, Joseph Akers, Ted Moore and Chris Kidd.

Scottie Crum

Scottie Crum, 51, of Martin, died Thursday, February 10, 2000, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington.

Born on March 9, 1948, he was the son of the late Silas and Yannie Samons Crum. He was a disabled coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth D. Crum.

Other survivors include four sons, Scottie Wade Crum of Norfolk, Virginia, Michael Lee Crum of Prestonsburg, Eric Wendall Shane Crum and Aaron Silas Crum, both of Harold; three daughters, Sharon Renee Crum Halbert of Martin, Rayne Elizabeth Crum of Printer, and Erica Dawn Crum of Harold; three sisters, Verdine Gayheart of Florida, Lula Belle Cole of Michigan, and June Blackburn of Prestonsburg; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 13, 2 p.m., at Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Ronnie Samons officiating.

Burial was in the Crum Cemetery in Martin, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers were Kevin Tackett, Vernon Samons, Lundy Samons, David Samons, David Samons Jr., Ted Samons, Lawrence Samons and Johnny Samons.

Honorary pallbearers were Charles Cole, Veron Gayheart, Larry Sexton, David Scott, Stanley Cole and Chuck Cole.

Helen Beatrice Lewis Hunt

Helen Beatrice Lewis Hunt, 73, of Banner, died Monday, February 14, 2000, at her residence.

She was born April 8, 1926, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Banner Lewis and Mary Mollett Lewis. She was a member of the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roland Hunt.

Survivors include one son, Robert Hunt of Stanville; one daughter, Helen Spradlin of Marion, Ohio; one brother, Andrew Lewis of Ivy Creek; one sister, Thelma Russ of Wellington, Ohio; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, February 17, 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with James Harmon officiating.

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

Religious poetry contest open

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by the New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to anyone who has ever written a poem. There are 28 prizes in all totaling more than \$2,000. The deadline for entering is March 17.

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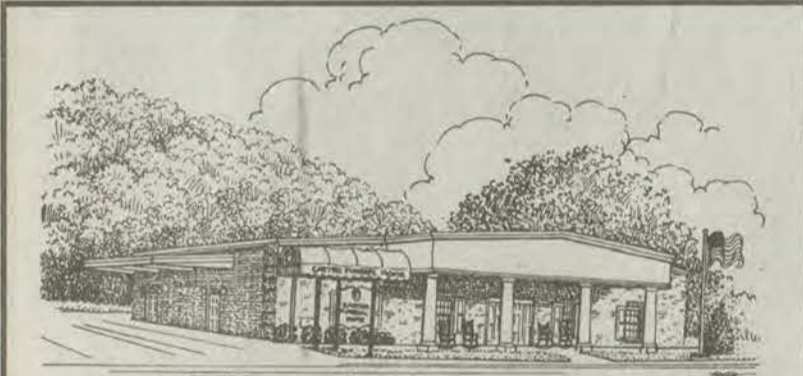
"We think great religious poems can inspire achievement," says Frederick Young, the organization's contest director. "We're especially keen on inspiring amateur poets, and we think this competition will accomplish that. Kentucky has produced many wonderful poets over

the years and we'd like to discover new ones from among the Prestonsburg-area grassroots poets."



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If you stand with your back to the source and your face to the mouth of a river, the left bank will be on your left and the right bank on your right.

Lora Conley, 92, of Mousie, died Wednesday, February 9, 2000, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center at Prestonsburg.

She was born in Knott County, on October 23, 1907, the daughter of Alex Moore and Rosa Hicks Moore.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wootsie Conley.

She is survived by two sons, Vernon Conley of Bledsoe and Paul V. Conley of Leburn; four daughters, Patty Jones of Banner, Cloteen Allen of Manchester, Barbara Ann Smith of Hindman, Katie Francis of Garrett; one sister, Ellen "Tokie" Hall of Florida; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 12, 11 a.m., at the Ball Branch Regular Baptist Church at Mousie, with Roger Hicks and others officiating.

Burial was in the Mountain Memory Gardens at Hindman, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Phillip Reed



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Kentucky's Education trust ideal for parents saving for college

Remember when a new family car cost \$7,000? Or the price of a movie ticket was \$2.50? Seems like ancient history, but those were the prices on those items about 20 years ago.

These days, that new family car costs about \$17,000, while the movie ticket runs more than \$6 (and that doesn't take into account the price of popcorn and soda).

Inflation is the culprit, and it has been exploding the cost of one of the most important expenses parents face today—funding their children's education.

For instance, new parents looking ahead 17 years to 2017 should expect the average cost of a four-year college education to have almost tripled to more than \$100,000 at public universities and more than \$200,000 at private colleges.

This is a continuation of a trend that has seen college costs rise by 38 percent above the national inflation rate over the last 10 years.

As costs have continued to increase, parents have not been saving adequately. Therefore, they have been paying a smaller percentage of their children's college education expenses; only 55 percent today compared to 69 percent in 1986. Consequently, more and more students are being burdened with larger and larger loans.

To help reverse this trend, states all across the country have been introducing college savings programs that offer attractive tax advantages.

Among the states offering such a plan is Kentucky, which has the Education Savings Plan Trust, a tax-favored college savings program for current and former state residents to use at eligible schools anywhere in the United States.

Created in 1988, the Trust has been a blueprint for other state plans and is designed to help make college affordable for all families by achieving investment returns above the rising cost of higher education.

The Trust is administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), while investments are managed by TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing Inc., the manager of several state-sponsored college savings programs and subsidiary of TIAA-CREF, the largest pension system in the world. Key features of Trust include the following:

Tax-deferred earnings

Anyone—a parent, grandparent, relative or friend—can open a Trust account for a beneficiary (eventual student). The earnings on their contributions are tax-exempt from state income taxes and tax-deferred for federal income taxes until the money is withdrawn.

When the money is eventually used for qualified higher education expenses, it is taxed at the beneficiary's rate. Compared to taxable investments such as mutual funds, these tax advantages can translate into tens of thousands of dollars in additional savings.

In addition, savings not used by

the beneficiary can be transferred without penalty to another family member to pay for his or her college costs.

Appropriate for all income levels

Current and former Kentucky residents of all income levels can open a Trust account. The minimum contribution is \$25 by check, money order or automatic withdrawals from your bank.

You can also make contributions of as little as \$15 per pay period through payroll deduction. The maximum contribution limit is \$100,000 for all accounts for the same beneficiary.

Eligible college expenses

Money in Trust accounts can be used for tuition, certain room and board expenses, books, and required fees and supplies at eligible colleges—public or private—anywhere in the country. The Trust can also be used for graduate, medical, law and vocational school.

Financial Aid

Trust savings are excluded from the calculation of student financial aid eligibility at Kentucky state universities.

Professional management

Money that individuals invest in the Trust is allocated to the TIAA-CREF Growth (Stock) Bond and Money Market Institutional Mutual Funds. These investment portfolios are designed to provide an appropriate mix of growth and protection of principal and are rebalanced regularly as the beneficiary nears college age.

For instance, accounts for younger-age beneficiaries have more money placed in stocks to take advantage of their potential for greater long-term returns compared to bonds.

Conversely, money invested for older-age beneficiaries is placed more heavily in bonds and money market instruments for added safety in the years closer to college.

Keep in mind that returns from this program are not guaranteed, but the potential for growth is greater the earlier you start saving.

For free information about the Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust, call toll free 1-800-KY-TRUST (598-7878) or visit www.kentuckytrust.org on the Web.

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Do you suffer from premenstrual syndrome (PMS)? You may be more likely to have spinal dysfunction than women without PMS, according to a study in the Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics. Researchers found that women with PMS had a higher rate of spinal dysfunction than the women without PMS. The largest differences were found in cervical, thoracic and low back tenderness, low back muscle weakness and neck disability.

From the results of their study, the researchers concluded, "A relatively high incidence of spinal dysfunction exists in PMS sufferers compared with a comparable group of non-PMS sufferers. This is suggestive that spinal dysfunction could be a causative factor in PMS and that chiropractic manipulative therapy may offer an alternative therapeutic approach for PMS sufferers." If you suffer from PMS, check with your doctor of chiropractic to see how he/she can restore positioning of your vertebrae and ease any discomfort.

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Teed off because of crabgrass?

(NAPSA)-Finding crabgrass in a lawn is enough to tee off any homeowner. Fortunately, researchers and turf professionals are sharing information about some of their most effective and efficient methods to keep crabgrass in check.

The following are a few tips homeowners can take advantage of to achieve a good-looking, crabgrass-free lawn with less effort.

- **Mowing.** Set mower blade height to about three inches-keeping the lawn at that height enables the grass itself to provide shade. This helps to prevent weeds from sprouting.

- **When adjusting mower blade height,** also be sure to keep mower blades sharp. Sharp blades help prevent the tearing of grass. The simple act of mowing frequently, to a moderate height, increases the chances of a healthier lawn.

- **Water.** About one inch of water a week is the right amount for keeping grass green, healthy and strong. Be careful not to water too much.

- **Seeding.** The best time to spread extra seed to cover bare



The experience that professional golf course superintendents have fighting crabgrass is helpful to homeowners. Call 1-800-987-0467 for further information.

spots in a lawn is in the late summer or early fall, after the surface of the soil has been loosened. Fall seeding gives young grass shoots plenty of time to develop before the following spring.

- **Dandelion prevention.** Dandelions in a lawn may be an indication that the grass is too short, there is too little fertilizer, or the lawn has been watered too much.

The best defense against dandelions, or most other weeds for that matter, starts with building a healthy lawn through proper mowing, watering and overseeding.

If dandelions still appear, apply fertilizers formulated with weed preventers to help control them.

- **Use products that save steps.** Fertilizers formulated with a crabgrass preventer, such as DIMENSION manufactured by the Rohm and Haas Company of Philadelphia, PA, are easy to use and can help protect lawns for up to five months against crabgrass infestation. With these products, homeowners can fertilize and at the same time use the crabgrass preventer used most often by professional golf course superintendents around the country. Fertilizers formulated with DIMENSION crabgrass preventer give season-long control over this nuisance weed.

To learn more about crabgrass and how to control it with fertilizers formulated with crabgrass preventers, call 1-800-987-0467, or visit the web site www.crabgrass.com.

Anti-icing programs improve winter driving

(NAPSA)-Thanks to a new approach to snow removal, government services can minimize accidents and save taxpayer money as well.

Keeping public roads passable in winter weather is a basic government service. Many state and local governments are finding that using liquid calcium chloride to keep roads clear before ice and snow have a chance to adhere to the surface can save tax dollars and make for safer driving.

The technique is called anti-icing. It tends to reduce winter accidents by melting the snow as it hits the road, or by making it easier to plow down to bare pavement in heavier snowfalls.

In 1994 the State of Washington found a liquid anti-icing program kept a bridge safe and cost hundreds of dollars less than traditional methods using sanding.

The same held true for a stretch of Interstate highway, where the state of Washington spent \$1,360 in 1994 on a liquid ice prevention program compared to previous years when services with traditional sand/chemical treatment and frequent plowing cost \$4,179.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Mended Hearts Workshop to be held, Saturday

Big Sandy Chapter No. 220, of Mended Hearts will conduct a Visitation Workshop in the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg, on Saturday, February 19, at 9 a.m. This workshop is held annually in order for members to become accredited visitors to persons with heart problems, or those who have undergone surgery.

Election Tuesday

Election for one parent member to the Allen Central Middle School SBDM will be Tuesday, February 22.

Nominations must be submitted in writing to the office Friday, February 18, at 3 p.m. Parents may nominate themselves or another parent. A parent council member must be a parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in the school during the parent's term of council service. A parent council member cannot be a district employee at Allen Central Middle School, a local board member, or a relative of a local board member. Relative means father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or mother-in-law.

Any person of a child enrolled at Allen Central Middle School may vote to elect the parent council member.

Support for former addicts

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use of drugs with the help of Narcotics Anonymous. If you are still using and can't stop, we can help. Give yourself a break. Call 886-6760, 886-9167 or 1-888-987-7700 for more information.

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 is 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.

AARP Tax Aide service begun, February 1

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

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

ALC video conference

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

more information, contact Dr. Nancy Billingsley at 606/368-6090.

Pikeville Methodist Hospital Community Calendar February, 2000

February 17: CPR Community Class will be offered from 9-12 a.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Comette Building. Pre-register at 437-3965.

PANDA Program, a one-hour smoking cessation class, will be offered at 6 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Comette Building. Call to register at 437-3563.

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

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

February 29: So you're going to have a baby? An Epidural Class will be offered from 7-9 p.m., at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Comette Building. Pre-register at 437-3938.

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

Fibromyalgia group meeting

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

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

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

Clothing; articles found

Allen Central Middle School Y.S.C. has several coats and other articles of clothing brought in that have been found in the school. If you have misplaced your coat at school, come by the center to see if it has been brought to the Youth Service Center.

Apples for the students

James A. Duff is collecting Food

City receipts that will help us to get free computers and other items that we can use in our school. Help us by saving your receipts and either send them to school with your child or dropping them off at the Family Resource Center. You may also drop them off at the front office of our school. We would appreciate any help you could give our school with this project.

Open house

Betsy Layne High School will host an open house on Wednesday, February 23, from 4-7 p.m. Teachers will be available to discuss students' progress.

Safety seat demo

February 13-19 is National Car Seat Safety Week. The Floyd County Health Department will have a booth at Foodland on Thursday, February 17, from 1 until 3 p.m. Staff will be available to talk with parents about the importance and correct usage of child safety seats. There will also be a drawing for two car seats donated by the State Injury Prevention Program and the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center.

G.E.D. classes

Linda Bailey of The David School will teach G.E.D. classes at the Mud Creek Community Family Resource/Youth Service Center each Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes are free.

Blood drive at PCC

Prestonsburg Community College will be the scene of a blood drive on Tuesday, February 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Central Kentucky Blood Center, the drive will take place in room 102 of the Johnson Building. For information, call Dawn Wheeler at 606/432-4979.

Reptile specialist to visit Alice Lloyd College

Jim Harrison, a naturalist and herpetologist at the Kentucky Reptile Zoo located in Slade, will once again visit Alice Lloyd College on Tuesday, February 22, at 1 p.m., in the Estelle Campbell Center for the Arts Auditorium. Mr. Harrison has many years of experience in the areas of venom research and breeding reptiles. His lecture will focus on reptiles and include a display of live specimens. For more information, call 368-6136.

Clark SBDM council to meet

The SBDM Council at Clark Elementary School will have its regular monthly meeting on February 17, at

6 p.m., in the school library.

SCF to meet

Colonel Andrew Jackson May Camp No. 1897, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will meet Thursday night, February 17, 7 p.m., at the historical Samuel May House in Prestonsburg.

Area veterans slate meeting

Veterans from throughout the area are scheduled to meet Saturday, February 19, at 2 p.m., at Knott Central High School to discuss available benefits and services. Two physicians who work with the veterans center in Prestonsburg — Dr. Bill Fannin and Dr. Ronald Mann — are slated to speak at the meeting. Floyd County veterans are encouraged to attend. For information, call Joel or Shirley Stumbo at 606/478-2042.

Fund-raiser planned

Wesley Christian Academy is planning an activity to raise funds to purchase playground equipment. A \$10 donation covers dinner, door prizes and the chance to win \$1,000 in cash during the March 13 event from 6 to 8 p.m. For tickets, contact the school at 874-8328, or any student. Contributions are tax deductible.

Historical society to meet

The Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society will meet Monday night, February 21, at 7 p.m., in the Conference Room at the Floyd County Library in Prestonsburg. Everyone is welcome.

1st annual Jenny Wiley cheer and dance competition

The 1st annual Jenny Wiley Cheer and Dance competition will be held Saturday, February 18, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Prestonsburg High School gymnasium. First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded in 14 categories of cheer and dance divisions. For more information, or to pre-register, call Debi Manuel at (606) 886-0170, or Anita Coleman at (606) 874-2839. All proceeds will benefit the Prestonsburg High School Lady Cats Boosters Club program.

G.E.D. classes

Linda Bailey of the David School will teach GED classes at the James A. Duff Family Resource Center each Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Classes are free. If you need more information, call Judy Handshoe, at 358-9878.

CARD OF THANKS
The family of Stella "Nanny" Sweeney would like to offer their heartfelt thanks to all those friends, neighbors, and family who were so kind and considerate throughout her illness and upon her death. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, prayers, and came by. Thanks to the two ladies who prepared dinner after the funeral, Mary Click and Mary Whitten. Thanks to Joe Sublett, Mark Tackett, and Dan Heintzelman for their comforting words. Thanks to Buddy Jones and congregation for all their hospital visits and singing. Thanks, also, to Denny Whitten and Denise Porter for their angelic voices. Thanks to Dr. Burchett and staff, Floyd County Home Health Care, and Mountain Manor Nursing Home. Thanks to Mary Grace and Tony Skeans. Thanks to the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Floyd Funeral Home for their kind and professional services.
The Family

Card of Thanks
The family of Della Tucker would like to extend their appreciation to all friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.
The Family of Della Tucker

Card of Thanks
The family of Dennis Michael DeRossett 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 Renee DeRossett for her 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 Dennis Michael DeRossett

Card of Thanks
The family of George Johnson wishes 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 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 George Johnson

Card of Thanks
The family of "Ada" Ruth Ousley wishes to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to Clergymen Ted Shannon and Dan Heintzelman 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 "Ada" Ruth Ousley

Card of Thanks
The family of Siltania Jones Howard 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 Church of Christ, Clergyman Hubert Harmon for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.
The Family of Siltania Jones Howard

REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Magoffin County

Ramey "Jigs" Reed, 81, of Salyersville, died Monday, January 31, 2000, at the V.A. Medical Center, in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Ruie Watson Reed. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 4, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Katherine Alice Quinn, 85, formerly of Salyersville, died Thursday, February 3, 2000, at Frankfort Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, William M. Quinn. Funeral services are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Nancy M. Lewis, 71, of Lima, Ohio, died Wednesday, February 2, 2000, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 7, under the direction of Chiles & Sons-Laman Wayne St. Chapel.

Pike County

Myrtle Dotson, 88, of Hustonsville, formerly of Freeburn, died Friday, February 11, 2000, at the Charleston Health Care Center. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Zetta Justice, 97, of Pikeville, died Friday, February 11, 2000, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 14, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Ludwig V. Kauders Jr. of Baltimore, Maryland, died Friday, February 11, 2000. He is survived by his wife, Deanna Kauders. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 14, under the direction of Cvach/Rosedale Funeral Home.

Glen E. May, 78, of McVeigh, died Thursday, February 10, 2000,

at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Edna F. May. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 13, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Millard Lee May, 52, of Sidney, died Friday, February 11, 2000, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 15, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Helena Marie Farley Reed, 78, of Aflex, died Thursday, February 10, 2000, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 14, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Louise Robinson, 85, of Jonancy, died Saturday, February 12, 2000, at Parkview Manor Nursing Home. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Victor Sword, 77, of Virgie, died Friday, February 11, 2000, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Inez Milam Sword. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 14, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Jerry Tucker, 59, of Red Creek, died Saturday, February 5, 2000. He is survived by his wife, Rosie Lee Anderson Tucker. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 9, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Walter Milton "Mutt" West, 73, of Forest Hills, died Thursday, February 10, 2000, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Graveside services were conducted Saturday, February 12, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

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Employees graduate from KCTCS Leadership Academy

LEXINGTON — Twenty-seven employees of two-year colleges across the Commonwealth graduated recently from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System Leadership Academy.

KCTCS President Michael B. McCall presented certificates to the Leadership Academy Class of 2000. Here is a list of the graduates and the projects on which they worked with a mentor:

Ashland Community College - Kathy Riley (developed procedure manual for adjunct instructors).

Central Kentucky Technical College - Francis O'Hara and Karman Wheeler (studied the consolidation of colleges' functions, programs and services).

Cumberland Valley Technical College - Carol Evans (examined the formation of an alumni association).

Elizabethtown Community College - Jan Nemes (developed freshman orientation program).

Elizabethtown Technical

College - Dalton Jantzen (produced a brochure on gun safety).

Hazard Community College - Cluster Howard (worked in financial aid and admissions at the college); and Ella Strong (learned and performed duties of college division chair).

Henderson Community College - Larry Tutt (stimulated discussion on race in the community).

Hopkinsville Community College - Tommie Pniwski (created a class in the nursing curriculum).

Jefferson Community College - Rebecca Briley (worked on playwright and theater production workshop); and Shirley Ewing (promoted theater project at Carrollton campus).

Jefferson Technical College - Alan Naas (reported on consolidation of JCC and Jefferson Technical College electronics programs).

Laurel Technical College - Flora Murphy (analyzed the roles of community college presidents and technical college directors).

Lexington Community College - Gary Santana (examined a Weekend College model).

Madisonville Community College - Felecia Johnson (focused on making registration more acces-

sible).

Madisonville Technical College - Victoria Leal (created a project control for the college's business functions).

Maysville Community College - Linda Dunaway (studied attrition and retention of nursing students at the college).

Owensboro Community College - Linda Calhoun (compiled a history of the college).

Paducah Community College - Tom Butler (facilitated communication during consolidation of services by PCC and West Kentucky Technical College).

Prestonsburg Community College - Jackie Cecil (designed mentoring process for adjunct faculty).

Rowan Technical College - Deborah Sauer (assisted with planning of technical facility in Maysville).

Somerset Community College -

Linda Bourne (worked on collaborative nursing program with Somerset Technical College).

Somerset Technical College - Ruth Martin (worked on collaborative nursing program with Somerset Community College).

Southeast Community College - Lynn Cox (compiled a vital statistics index of the local newspaper); and Robin Haggerty (examined best practices of mandatory testing and placement).

West Kentucky Technical College - James Harper (studied the internal functions of the college).

At the graduation ceremony in Lexington, McCall and academy participants discussed the qualities and responsibilities of leadership.

"Leadership comes from the individual who creates the ideas and persuades people to come along with him or her and support those ideas," McCall said. "Leadership is a communication

issue. It filters down, from the leader's vision, from his or her experience.

"The mark of a good leader is the ability to take people where they would not normally go."

For the graduates, the ceremony on Jan. 21 concluded an educational process on leadership that began with a retreat at Shakertown in Mercer County last spring. Academy participants also attended retreats in Prestonsburg and Henderson.

Dr. W. Bruce Ayers, president of Southeast Community College, served as director of the Leadership Academy in 1999-2000. Judith K. Moore, a professor at Madisonville Community College, was assistant director.

The goals of the academy are to:

- Develop KCTCS leaders from the ranks of college faculty and staff.
- Increase the number of women

and minorities in leadership roles.

- Develop a model of leadership training and networking that can be used in other states.

The Leadership Academy was created by the community college system in 1990. The Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997 blended the community colleges and Kentucky's technical colleges in KCTCS.

The following year, the technical colleges were offered the opportunity to nominate employees for the leadership academy.

KCTCS provides accessible and affordable education and training through academic and technical associate degrees; diploma and certificate programs in occupational fields; pre-baccalaureate education; adult, continuing and developmental education; customized training for business and industry; and distance learning.

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All sixth grade students in Pike and Floyd counties are being exposed to "Slick Tracy," a curriculum that teaches about the dangers of alcohol use.

The goal of the curriculum is to prevent or delay onset of alcohol use among young adolescents, as well as to reduce use among those who are already drinkers.

The two school districts have agreed to participate in three years of intervention programs in schools with parents and in the community-at-large. Alcohol use among adolescents continues to be a major social and public health issue in contemporary American society.

The program is housed in the Regional Prevention Center in Prestonsburg, and is called the KIP Program. Don Bowling is the local KIP Director and is looking forward to working with all sixth grade teachers in Pike and Floyd counties.

"According to surveys completed in Pike and Floyd counties in 1999, more than 76 percent of 12th graders had tried alcohol at least once in their life, and 33 percent

reported recent heavy use (five or more drinks in a row in the previous two weeks)," Bowling said.

Students in the two school districts will be bringing home comic book activities for parental involvement. Parents are perhaps the most potent and significant role models for their children, and they also provide specific opportunities or barriers to adolescent alcohol use in their homes.

The "Slick Tracy Home Team" curriculum consists of four activity books and a family night at school. Each book includes introductory materials on a given theme presented in a comic strip form. These activities involve students and their parents.

Also included is a section for parents, providing information and tips on how to communicate with their children about alcohol use.

A family fun night at school follows the four weeks of activities with a display of posters created by the sixth graders around the "Slick Tracy" themes. In the next two years, seventh and eighth graders will be involved in alcohol prevention activities.

Bowling urges anyone who is interested in volunteering, or who have questions, to call 1-800-432-9337 or 606-886-6883.

Morehead State University job fair coming Feb. 29

More than 40 employers are scheduled to participate in Morehead State University's Spring Job Fair on Tuesday, February 29.

Any person interested in full-time employment, summer positions or graduate school may participate in the job fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

Among the employers scheduled to attend the job fair are AFLAC, Easter Seals Camp Kysoc,

Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort and Olsten Staffing Services.

"At the job fair, large employers such as Frito Lay, Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc. and K-Mart will be joined by those offering graduate programs," said Dr. Mike Hopper, career services director.

Employers will be available to provide employment information and accept resumes. Some may conduct initial interviews.

The job fair is free and open to

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The double-edged sword of snowfall prediction

by Scott Sabol
WSAZ-TV weatherman

Aside from a few occasional bursts of "partly cloudy" throughout our southern region, suffice it to say the 1999-2000 winter season can be summarized with the phrase "A lot of a little," assuming, of course, that we don't get dumped on between now and the first week of April.

Still, even though our amounts have been on the light side, predicting any amount of snow over any time period, in my opinion, is one of the hardest tasks a meteorologist can endure. People not only depend on your expertise in nailing down how much is going to fall, but also, when and where it will happen and ultimately, how it will affect them in their everyday life.

In my line of work as a broadcast meteorologist, the time before any given newscast is a period of constant bombardment. Information from many different sources, such as the National Weather Service, National Meteorological Center, Severe Storms Center, as well as the Internet, is funneled into the WeatherCenter every second.

You can become easily overwhelmed with maps, numbers and fancy computer model animations

very quickly, so the trick is, you have to know "When to say when." Too much information can be just as bad as a lack of information.

The process of prioritizing what you need is an ongoing one throughout the afternoon. Regardless of the information at hand, the one question that must stay at the forefront of your mind as a forecaster is "How is my forecast going to affect people?"

Keep one thing in mind, learning to balance the meteorology of a forecast with the psychology of a forecast is an art.

The balancing act begins with a look at the present situation. Is it snowing yet? If so, where and how hard? Sounds easy enough, but many observations can be biased either by the observer or the instrument taking the reading. Joe Q. Public down the street could be a little upset that he has to brush snow off his car. So, an inch of snow suddenly seems to be three or four to the angry car owner.

You have to weed out measurements and emotions that don't belong. Yes, sometimes bartender and meteorologist are one and the same.

Believe it or not, the science behind snowfall prediction is sometimes the easy part (sometimes, that

is). Four plus years of college education focused on math, radar interpretation, computer modeling and forecasting prepares you for all sorts of weather contingencies. There's even an equation that demonstrates why mountain communities like Summersville get 12 inches when Charleston only gets three.

Any grade school student can tell you it snows at 32 degrees. Snow mixing in with rain always throws a wrench in the works. For the most part, the cold equations don't lie (usually, that is).

Our region encompasses an area from Athens, Ohio, to Pikeville, Kentucky, in the south; from Portsmouth, Ohio, east all the way to Summersville, West Virginia. You're talking a good four-hour drive from one end to the other. Hundreds of towns and municipalities, large and small, eagerly awaiting a forecast that will determine whether or not kids have school, offices are closed, the amount of salt

spread on the roads, and how much gas is made available for heating.

In a nutshell, snowfall forecasts impact the local economy and everyone who relies on it. Who says being an Alan Greenspan-oops, I mean TV meteorologist is easy?

Many viewers still call what I do guesswork. My dad debates with me how a meteorologist can get paid for being wrong more than being right. Unfortunately for us, we might get the actual amount right, the time of day, where and how fast it fell. But how our forecast affects people can make or break your credibility along with your reputation as a TV Meteorologist.

You might have all of the science perfect, but the human condition always prevails over science. During the winter, as much as you try, you can't please everybody.

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Parent leadership institute seeks 200 applicants

The Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership is looking for 200 parents interested in higher academic achievement for their students in public schools.

The institute is sponsored by the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, and will mark its fourth year of training parents to work with teachers and other parents in local communities to raise academic achievement for all students.

"When parents become involved in their children's education at school and in the community, students benefit," said Robert Sexton, executive director of the Prichard Committee. "The purpose of the institute is to create a new level of parent engagement in Kentucky public schools, building a base for higher academic achievement for all students."

The 2000 Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership will be held at seven locations beginning in late summer: Lake Barkley State Resort Park, Owensboro, Louisville, Williamsburg, General Butler State Resort Park, Ashland, and Shakertown.

Participants will attend three 2-day sessions at these regional institutes as well as a statewide conference of all participants scheduled for later in 2001.

At the institutes, participants gather new knowledge and skills, and build on their own experiences as volunteers. They also commit to design and carry out projects involving other parents that have a lasting impact on student achievement.

Participants in the

Commonwealth Institute are selected through an application process. The cost of their tuition, meals, and lodging is provided.

"Applicants for the institute should be parents or grandparents of students in Kentucky public schools or other citizens who have been involved in working in local schools and school districts, and who want to reach out to other parents," said Bev Raimondo, director of the Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership.

"The ideal candidate for the Commonwealth Institute is someone who has been a leader in a local school and who wants to move his or her involvement to the next level," she said. "He or she is someone who has a deep commitment to increasing academic achievement for all students, not just their own."

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

Applications are available from the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence by calling (800) 928-2111 or by visiting the website at www.prichardcommittee.org. The e-mail address is cip1@prichardcommittee.org. April 14 is the application deadline.

Dates for the institute meetings at the Ashland Plaza Hotel are August 25-26, September 29-30, and November 10-11.

Governor announces Workforce Development Education Pays scholarship

Gov. Paul E. Patton has announced that the Cabinet for Workforce Development's second annual Education Pays scholarship program is accepting applications. The scholarship is for clients of cabinet's web range of employment and training programs and services.

Patton said that the scholarships help Kentuckians continue their education, while promoting the "Education Pays" concept.

"The Cabinet for Workforce Development is committed to helping Kentuckians prepare themselves for the jobs of the future," the governor said. "This scholarship program helps advance that mission."

To be eligible, applicants must be a client of at least one of the cabinet's services, which include adult education, vocational rehabilitation programs, unemployment insurance, job search, Workforce Investment Act training and sec-

ondary technical education, among others. Applicants must also be Kentucky residents and enroll in a Kentucky postsecondary educational institution for the fall 2000 semester.

Applications and complete eligibility guidelines are available through adult learning centers; local offices of the Department for the Blind, Department for Employment Services and Department of Vocational Rehabilitation; Kentucky Tech area technology centers; and adult education and Workforce Investment Act service providers. The completed scholarship application packet must be postmarked by April 17.

Applications and guidelines may be accessed at the cabinet's Web page at www.state.ky.us/agencies/wforce. The \$500 scholarships may be used for tuition, books, lab and technology fees.

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ALLEN CENTRAL COACH JOHNNY MARTIN gathered with his team during a time out. The Rebels will host the 58th District basketball tournament and face Betsy Layne in a first round game (photo by Ed Taylor)

■ Allen Central preview...

Allen Central has home court advantage in 58th District

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

A week and a half remains in regular season high school basketball, and then it will be tournament time across the state of Kentucky.

Who will carry the crown to Rupp Arena in March in representing the 15th Region?

That could be any number of teams, but first it all has to start at the beginning and that is on the district level.

Coach Johnny Martin and the Allen Central Rebels are the defending 58th District champions, but even the veteran Rebel coach recognizes that it is going to be hard to repeat. Allen Central will face a tough Betsy Layne team in the opening round.

The two teams have squared off in three games this season with the Bobcats holding a 2-1 edge and winners of the last two. The worst loss to the Bobcats came on Allen Central's home court, site of this year's tournament.

"We are going to be faced with an extremely difficult game with Betsy Layne," said Coach Martin. "I expect a real close game. It's not that we can't win, but they are a strong team."

Allen Central took the first meeting between the two schools with a one-point win at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse. The two met in the Coca-Cola Classic at Pike Central where Betsy Layne posted a win. They later won the second district game.

Asked where his team needs to shore up their game, Coach Martin said you can take your pick.

"Anything you name, we need to get better at it," he said. "Shooting, defense, rebounding."

All of it, we need to get better."

One thing the Rebel coach does like is the present attitude of his ballclub.

"It is better now than it was the first of the season," he said. "When we played at Millard the other night, we played in spurts. At times, we looked good."

Coach Martin said his team is using the rest of the regular season to prepare for their upcoming battle with Betsy Layne.

"We are trying to do some things we feel will help us against Betsy Layne," he said. "We're getting better."

Local fans know that when it comes district tournament time, Coach Martin has the Rebels ready for the task before them. Last year the Rebs were not picked to go far, yet they won the district tournament and played well in the region.

Jeremy Sexton leads Allen Central scoring and is considered the go-to person.

"This team has been sporadic all season, but Jeremy has been the one consistent player we have had all year," said the veteran coach. "Game in and game out, he has been consistent in scoring and rebounding for us."

The thing about Sexton is he was virtually an unknown last year but burst out of the gate at the start of the season and has blossomed as one of the region's top players.

"Froggy works real hard for us," said the Allen Central mentor. "He has not played a lot, but he has really come a long ways."

While the inexperienced Sexton showed up lacking in knowledge of plays, Coach Martin

(See ALLEN CENTRAL, page two)

■ South Floyd vs Simon Kenton

South Floyd keeps rolling with win over Simon Kenton

Hall, Tackett lead Raiders to 60-59 win

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The South Floyd Raiders stepped out of the 15th region and traveled to Lexington Saturday night to test their basketball awareness against an opponent outside of the region.

Coach Henry Webb's ballclub faced the state's 15th ranked team in the Bryan Station Sweetheart Classic, and it was the Raiders who brought home a 60-59 win.

The win improved South Floyd's overall record to 22-4 on the season and their fifth consecutive win. South Floyd last fell in the first round of the All "A" state tournament.

Sophomore Rusty Tackett and senior Jimmy Stumbo combined for 35 points to lead the Raiders.

Tackett scored a game high 19 points and Stumbo finished with 16.

It was the lowest point production of the basketball season for South Floyd, which continues to lead the state in scoring.

Simon Kenton placed two players in double figures, with Jordan Stower and Brandon Coppage scoring 12 points each. Donnie Bates added nine points.

"This was a big win for us," said Raider coach Henry Webb. "We went 4-0 for the week and finished it by beating a team ranked in the state."

Kenton, from northern Kentucky, had recorded wins over Highlands and Newport Central Catholic, the winner of the All

(See SOUTH FLOYD, page three)



Tonya Amburgy (14) goes in for a lay-up while Heather Hamilton (10) is in position for a rebound. In a very low scoring game, the Lady Patriots were able to come away with the one point win over the Lady Bobcats. (photo by Karen Joseph)

Hall has triple-double in win over All Saints

Piarist wins first game in two years

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The rains in the area have been heavy of late and the ground is just recovering from a heavy snowfall, causing locals to forget the drought of the past summer.

But another drought came to an end last week when the Piarist Knights ended a long dry spell of their own by picking up an 83-65 win over the All Saints team, of Corbin, at home Friday night — their first in two years.

George Hall was the man of the hour as he recorded his first-ever triple-double in leading the Knights to their first win since their inaugural season.

Hall scored a game-high 24 points, pulled down 15 rebounds and dished off 10 assists in all-star stats.

Five players scored in double figures for Piarist with Brett Hall and Robert Hall recording 14 points each. Shawn Rose netted 15 and Matt Goering scored 12. Brian Yates finished with two and Evan Muliken had one point.

Tim Ohler led the All Saints team with 23 points. Charles Jones tossed in 17, and Roger Hutton had 16.

The Knights hit eight of 21 three-point baskets with Hall and Rose collecting two apiece. Brett Hall led the Knights with 16 rebounds.

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■ Girls

58th District
Knott Central 47, Betsy Layne 46

15th Region
Pikeville 94, Phelps 55
Pike Central 65, Paintsville 56
JCHS 71, Belfry 61
Sheldon Clark 81, Phelps 33

Area
Harlan 67, Knox Central 36

■ Boys

58th District
South Floyd 60, Simon Kenton 59

15th Region
Millard 74, Elkhorn City 31
Paintsville 73, Sheldon Clark 51
Millard 95, S. Clark 94 (OT)
Paintsville 74, Belfry 42
Shelby Valley 66, Cumberland 47

Area
Knott Central 77, June Buchanan 56

Games on tap

■ Girls

Thurs., Feb. 17
Whitesburg @ Allen Central
Betsy Layne @ Pike Central
Piarist @ Rose Hill
South Floyd @ Sheldon Clark

Fri., Feb. 18
Piarist @ Riverside

■ Boys

Thurs., Feb. 17
Piarist @ Rose Hill

Fri., Feb. 18
Paintsville @ Allen Central
Johnson Central @ Betsy Layne
Piarist @ Riverside
Sheldon Clark @ Prestonsburg
South Floyd @ Shelby Valley

Sat., Feb. 19
Phelps at Allen Central

H.S. Basketball

■ Bobcat '80, '90 teams to be honored

Betsy Layne High School will bring back the 1980 and 1990 basketball players and cheerleaders this Friday night when the Bobcats are scheduled to meet Johnson Central.

The players and cheerleaders will be recognized at half time of the varsity game.

Baseball

■ Babe Ruth Registration

The Floyd County Babe Ruth and Bambino leagues will conduct an organizational meeting at the Allen Fire Department on Sunday, February 20, beginning at 5 p.m.

League president Harold Case urges all coaches and anyone interested in coaching to be at the first meeting of the year.

For more information, contact Harold Case at 285-9324.

Correction

■ Names omitted

The names of the three freshman Homecoming atten-

(See BRIEFS, page two)

■ 58th District Tournament

58th District to get new twist

Girls, boys championship games different night

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Economics could be the reason the 58th District high school basketball tournament, usually a three-night affair, will be spread over an entire week beginning Monday, February 28.

In a change of habit, the tournament committee voted to play the girls and boys championship game on separate nights with the girls finals scheduled for Thursday, March 2, and he boys on Friday, March 3.

The tournament will tip off on Monday night at Allen Central High School, with Johnny Martin the tournament manager.

According to a release, there will be "no passes, none will be printed, don't ask!" Simply put, if you get in, you pay to enter the tournament gates.

At the meeting, Martin announced a sponsor for the tournament this year that will cover the cost of about \$5,000 to put the tournament on. With coverage of the cost, schools will receive a larger share this season.

Site selection for the upcoming seasons were put in order with Betsy Layne hosting the district in the year 2001; Prestonsburg, 2002; and South Floyd, 2003, with the tournament returning to Allen Central in the year 2004.

The committee also approved the use of Mike Howard as tournament scorer; timer,

James Collins; public announcer, James Stone; and stats, Allen Central Stat Crew. Each will receive \$125 for the tournament.

Other tournament expenses were broken down as follows:

- Parking, \$750
- Workers, \$700
- Janitorial, \$500
- Security, \$200
- Tournament secretary, \$200
- Scorebooks, nets, \$50

- KAPOs Judges, \$150-\$200
- Officials, \$1,100
- Trophies, \$1,100

On a four-year rotation, the host school of the tournament will receive 15 percent of the revenue the tournament generates.

The issues were passed unanimously by the five school representatives: Allen Central, Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg, Piarist and South

(See DISTRICT, page five)



ED TAYLOR
times sports editor
A Look At Sports

When the 58th District basketball tournament gets underway Monday, February 28, either the Allen Central Lady Rebels or Betsy Layne Ladycats will carry the number one seed.

At presstime, Prestonsburg still had a conference game remaining with South Floyd (Tuesday night). If the Lady Blackcats win over the Lady Raiders, then they, Allen Central and Betsy Layne would have identical district records of 4-2 and a three-way tie.

By the contention draw, Allen Central got the number one seed and will face South Floyd, the four seed in the first round of the

Allen Central or Betsy Layne girls top seeded team

tournament.

Should South Floyd win, then Betsy Layne and Allen Central would finish with 4-2 marks and Prestonsburg would be 3-3. By the second contention draw, Betsy Layne drew then number one seed.

South Floyd Raiders finished with a perfect 8-0 district mark and the number one seed. Allen Central, by the draw, was seeded two and Betsy Layne three. Prestonsburg received the fourth seed and Piarist fifth.

The tournament tips off Monday with a doubleheader. South Floyd will receive a first round

(See SPORTS, page two)

Allen Central

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had to change some things around for his top scorer. But after a full season starting, Sexton has become well versed in the game.

Allen Central has always been an "in your face" defensive team. There is an area that Coach Martin said needs improvement more than any other.

"Defense. No question about it," he said. "This year has been the worst ever since I have been coaching. And really it has not been the lack of hustle, of sorts. I have two players who hustle all the time. Then we have some

who hustle when it suits them. It seems we are not all going on the same page."

Allen Central is currently 11-8 on the season (not counting last night's game at Belfry) and Coach Martin said that is not horrible.

"It really hasn't been a terrible year for us," he said. "It is not as good as what we've had in the past. Defense has always been our strong suit. We like to change defenses and we like to press."

Martin said his team could be one of those teams that is sparked by getting a first round

win in tournament play.

"If we win a game, we are going on to the region," he said. "I have seen teams that weren't expected to do much get a win and go all the way."

He is hoping this could be that kind of season for the Rebels.

Coach Martin said he is not telling anything he has not already told his team, but he has

been disappointed in this year's juniors.

"I expected more out of them," he said. "I have told them this. I think next year they will be a good team. They know what they have not done this year and know what they have to do next year"

The Rebel coach said the schedule this year did not act in

favor of Allen Central.

"We had too much time off and that was my fault," he said. "We had a very bad schedule. I tried to correct that and get in some tournaments but couldn't."

One player who has picked up his play late in the season has been senior Josh Howell.

"He has really worked hard and is playing so much better,"

said Coach Martin. "I am really pleased with what Josh has done."

Allen Central is one of the top 10 scoring teams in the state, averaging right at 81 points per game.

"We are just going to use the rest of our time looking toward the district tournament," said the Allen Central coach.

Briefs

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freshman Homecoming attendants at Prestonsburg High School were inadvertently omitted from a story in Sunday's Sports section. They are Tess Collins, Heather Leslie and Celina Rowe.

BSUA looking for umpires

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

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

Anyone interested in umpiring high school baseball or softball is urged to contact regional assign-

ing 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.

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. Drop your schedule off at the Times office on South Central Avenue in Prestonsburg; or fax 606/886-3603; or e-mail fctimes@eastky.net.

Sports

byc, but Prestonsburg (4th seed) will meet Piarist (5th seed) in a 6 p.m. start. The girls game, Betsy Layne/Allen Central versus Prestonsburg, will start about 25 minutes after the first game ends.

On Tuesday, February 29, Allen Central/Betsy Layne will meet South Floyd in a girls game at 6 p.m. In game two, South Floyd will face either Piarist or Prestonsburg at 8 p.m.

A single game will be played on Wednesday night pitting Allen Central against Betsy Layne in a boys match up.

The girls finals will be played on Thursday night, beginning at 7 p.m., and the boys championship game will be Friday night at 7 p.m.

BIG MATCH-UPS IN 57TH, 59TH

The seedings are completed in the 57th District and Magoffin County gets the number one seed. Coach Danny Adams' team will face Sheldon Clark on Tuesday on the Hornets home floor. Magoffin has two wins over the Cardinals this year.

Either Johnson Central or

Paintsville will miss the big show this year when the regional tournament begins. The two giants will face off in a first round game with the winner moving on and the loser staying home.

We have pretty much the same up in the 59th District. Pikeville and Pike Central will square off in a first round game with the loser packing it in for the season.

So, two of the top five teams in the region will not make the dance come the second week of March. Of course all the winners and runner-ups are hoping to draw a 60th District team.

The 60th is way down this season and about all the teams, with the exception of Belfry, has had a rebuilding season. Feds Creek is capable of winning it all. Elkhorn City has had a horrible year while Phelps has been on the down side.

I look for a Belfry/Feds Creek final over there.

In the girls 57th, one seed Sheldon Clark will meet Paintsville and surprising Magoffin County will face Johnson Central.

Belfry will be the top seed in the girls 60th and Coach Cindy Halbert's ballclub should have little trouble winning yet another district championship.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL, BASEBALL COACHES

If you would like for your schedules to run in the next issue of Sporting Times, then get a copy of your schedule to us no later than next week.

BABE RUTH

Harold Case, president of the Floyd County Babe Ruth League,

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announced a meeting of all coaches and those who are interested in coaching, to meet at the Allen Fire Department this Sunday at 5 p.m. for an organizational meeting. The meeting is for all Babe Ruth and Bambino coaches. If you need more information, call Harold at 285-9324.

BASKETBALL SIGN UPS

The Sheriff's Junior Mentoring Basketball League will conduct sign ups for boys and girls 5-14 at the Community Room at Grigsby Heights on Wednesday, February 16. No time was given but you can obtain more information by contacting Rita C. Whicker (285-3260), Billie Conley (285-9336) or Ginger Halbert (285-3570).

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Christy Lykens cheers her sister, Whitney Lykens on in the game against Knot County Central. Whitney scored 10 points in the game, but the Lady Bobcats came up one point short against the Lady Patriots. (photo by Karen Joseph)

South Floyd

"A" state championship last month.

South Floyd, normally a dead-eye team from the outside, struggled offensively the whole game but played well enough down the stretch to pull out the win.

"They controlled the ball against us," said Coach Webb. "They really hurt us on the boards. We shot the ball poorly the first half, but we worked hard on defense."

Coach Webb went with four guards in the second half and caused match up problems for Simon Kenton.

"Our kids showed a tremendous amount of heart to come from behind on an excellent team and pull it out," said Webb.

Kenton came out firing in the first quarter and raced out to a 17-9 first quarter lead over the visiting Raiders. Byron Hall, who finished the game with eight points, scored six of those in the

first period to keep the Raiders in the game. Ryan Piper ripped the net for six points and Jeff Setters hit a three-point basket.

Tackett, who had one point in the opening quarter, scored seven the second period hitting the first of two treys. But it was Kenton with a 35-24 half-time lead.

Coming out of the locker room, the Raider defense found a new meaning, as their defense held Kenton in a 17-13 quarter that saw the Raiders trailing 48-41 heading into the fourth quarter.

Tackett scored nine of his 19 points in the final period in leading a South Floyd comeback. Stumbo hit a three and had five points in the final stanza. South Floyd outscored Kenton 19-11 in the final quarter to secure the win.

Guards Michael Hall and Ryan Shannon had an off night with just four points each. Kyle Tackett had four, and John

Meade finished with five. All four players are averaging in double figures for the year.

South Floyd hit 15 of 32 shots in the first half, making one of five three-point attempts. They were eight for 20 in the second half with one of six from the three-point arc.

Stumbo had five blocked shots in the game and pulled in seven rebounds. Meade had seven rebounds and dished out three assists.

The Raiders will have a big challenge this Friday night as

they visit Rodney Rowe and the Shelby Valley Wildcats in what could be a record night for three-point attempts.

The Raiders only hit three treys against Kenton — low for a team that has been averaging close to 10 a game.

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Sports In PERSPECTIVE Denis Harrington

There can be little doubt that Jack Nicklaus is the greatest tournament golfer of the past 100 years.

And this is true if for no other reason than his record in the major competitions — the U.S. and British Opens and the Masters and U. S. PGA Championships.

When Gene Sarazen was asked who he thought was the greatest player of all time his response was forthcoming, sans even a hint of hesitation.

"It has to be Jack Nicklaus, without any question," he observed. "Nobody's ever going to match his victories in the major events."

Just for the sake of record, Nicklaus won the U.S. Open four times, the British Open three times, the Masters six times and the PGA Championship five times along with two U.S. Amateur titles for a total of 20 triumphs in all.

Perhaps no one so intimidated the opposition in his heyday as did Nicklaus.

Said Lee Trevino, "Jack was the best. And everyone knew it. If you could beat him then you had really done something, something memorable."

Added Tom Watson, "Nobody dominated an era like Nicklaus. He

was the man to beat for so long it seemed as though he would go on forever. To win against him was a scrapbook item."

When it came to playing the major tournaments Nicklaus knew where he stood relative to the rest of the lesser mortals.

"There are usually 150 players in the field," he said. "But only about eight of them had the game and the mental attitude necessary to win. But of this eight, just five actually think they can. Me and four others. I know who they are and they know it. And most important, they know that I know it."

Even as a young boy Nicklaus could hit the ball a long way. Back then he had a dock worker's build and a cool nonchalance under fire that reminded one of John Dillinger robbing a bank with police bullets whizzing around his head.

As a collegiate golfer, Nicklaus spread-eagled the simon pure establishment like few players before him or since. His two victories in the U.S. Amateur came at a time when there were any number of standout non-remunerated competitors abroad.

The PGA Tour wasn't yet a lucrative undertaking and many a fine

player opted not to turn pro but pursue other means of livelihood instead. As a result the amateur ranks were loaded with talented personnel and wins proved hard to come by. It truly meant something to reign as the main man in those days.

While a mere 20-years of age Nicklaus was runner-up in the 1960 U.S. Open, just two strokes off the winning pace. He played the final round of the event with Ben Hogan and drew high praise from the legendary Texas Hawk.

Said Hogan, "I played with a kid today who should have won the tournament. With my experience he would have finished ahead of the field by eight shots. He's really going to be something."

At the height of his powers, Nicklaus traveled the world, picking up silver on every continent of the globe. He won the World Matchplay Championship in England, individual honors in the World Cup and the Australian Open on six occasions to mention only a few of his foreign conquests. In the course of so doing, he raised the interest in golf wherev-

er he went and incited young men in many lands to dream of one day playing golf for a living.

Greg Norman, the big, blond Aussie, would come to the United States and make both a name for himself and millions of Yankee dollars.

"I watched Nicklaus play in my country," he said, "and I was flat inspired. I learned the game from one of his instructional books. He has always been my hero, the only player I ever wanted to model myself after."

Now, at age 59 and slowed with an artificial hip, Nicklaus doesn't play much tournament golf anymore. But every now and again he'll put in an appearance and place well up on the leader board.

Old friend Gary Player said recently, "If Jack Nicklaus was in his prime today I can promise you he would win just as readily as was the case those few decades ago."

Said Bobby Jones, "He (Nicklaus) plays a game with which I am not familiar."

Jack Nicklaus — one of a kind.

Lexington Pro baseball LPBC ticket sales a grand slam

New franchise shatters old ticket record for single day

The Lexington Professional Baseball Company shattered the South Atlantic League record for season ticket sales in a single day, with 1,950 seats reserved for the team's inaugural season.

"This is more than a home run — it's a grand slam," said LPBC President Alan Stein. "The fans today showed tremendous support and proved that Lexington can't wait to play ball."

The previous record was held by the Charleston Riverdogs, which sold an estimated 1,500 season tickets in a day in 1997. South Atlantic League President John Henry Moss said the news from Lexington was "truly outstanding."

"I'm tremendously excited about the Lexington Professional Company's vision and enthusiasm," Moss said. "Lexington is proving to be a model for Class A level markets."

The first fan in line, David Cottingham, had been waiting for tickets since Monday. After he purchased two season tickets, Stein awarded him with a personal lifetime pass to the ballpark and a grandfather clock donated by Lexington Furniture.

Cottingham, a University of Kentucky student from Newport, had been driven from his room at the Sigma Pi fraternity after a Sunday night fire. The LPBC also donated \$500 to the fraternity's renovation.

"This young man waited outside

in a tent all week," Stein said. "He needed to be recognized for that kind of dedication. We're fortunate to have fans like him who care so much about baseball. God bless America."

At midnight Friday, February 11, the line had swelled to 35 people. Local businesses handed out prizes, including a microwave, a set of golf clubs, \$1,000 prize package, UK paraphernalia, and a pool cue.

By 9 a.m., when the ticket drive officially kicked off (Saturday, February 12), a line of 200 people stretched outside the Hyatt Regency lobby and around the corner from Rupp Arena.

Each fan who gave a \$100 deposit received a number and a certificate honoring them as a founding inaugural season ticket holder. The numbers will be used in April to an event to personally select seats.

Several fans were wearing Houston Astros caps and jackets. The LPBC is operating under a working agreement with the Astros to be its Class A affiliate in the South Atlantic League.

The team opens play in April 2001. Single game tickets will be available later this year.

The Lexington team will compete against 14 other South Atlantic League teams from Maryland to Georgia. The season will consist of 142 games, 71 played at home.

Construction will start soon on the Lexington team's 6,033 seat stadium on North Broadway.

"This is great reflection on the broad support this project has all over Central Kentucky," Stein said. "And it's going to be great for other minor league teams to see how much support that we're bringing to the field."

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The Racing Reporter

Dale Jarrett is on a winning roll

by Gerald Hodges
The Racing Reporter

DAYTONA BEACH — Dale Jarrett took Daytona like a blue tornado last weekend. First, he qualified on the pole for Sunday's Daytona 500.

Second, since he had not won any Bud Poles in 1999, he had to run in the Bud Shootout qualifying race. He beat that field by four-seconds to the finish line. This qualified him to run with the other 14 drivers in the 25-lap Bud Shootout.

Starting from the tail end of the field, he worked his blue No. 88 Quality Care Ford up to third spot with seven laps remaining.

When Ricky Rudd, his teammate got tangled up with Bobby Labonte and wrecked, Jarrett took the lead and the win. That made it two victories and one pole in two days.

Finishing second in the Bud Shootout was Jeff Gordon.

"I didn't know what to expect, and I still think they've got us beat a little bit on raw power and speed, but we can draft with them and we can handle with them. We can make an interesting race when it comes to the draft," said Gordon.

"I was sitting back there just holding it wide open and waiting. Sterling said his car was tight and my car started getting tight. I was just hanging on for fifth, hoping they would start shuffling up. Sure enough, it looked like the 28 car went to make a move on Sterling.

"The 88 got a run and got to the outside of him. When they shuffled up, Schrader was trying to pick which car he was going to go with. It looked like he was going with the 28.

I had some momentum, so I went with the 88. Schrader got in behind me and gave me a heck of a run coming to the start-finish line. I guess that was with two or three to go.

"The 88 and 28 were sitting there side by side and I just stayed on the outside and shot down to the bottom. I didn't think it would work, but I got inside of him. I said, 'What am I doing sitting here in second all of a sudden?' It was a fun move. I got behind Sterling, and I didn't think there was anything I could do.

"I thought the race was over when I got one to go. When I got into second, I thought that was the white flag. Luckily I stayed on the floor. I didn't lift. I got some momentum coming off two and I got under Sterling. When he and I got side by side like that, it slowed us down. The 88 had a ton of momentum and was able to get by us."

Finishing order: 1. Jarrett, 2. Gordon, 3. Sterling Marlin, 4. Tony Stewart, 5. Kevin LePage, 6. Ken Schrader, 7. Rusty Wallace, 8. Joe Nemechek, 9. Kenny Irwin, 10. Ward Burton, 11. Bobby Labonte, 12. David Green, 13. Ricky Rudd, 14. Mike Skinner, 15. Mark Martin.

David Keith wins ARCA Pro2Call 200

DAYTONA BEACH — David Keith of Owensboro, KY, came from the 24th starting spot to win his first career ARCA Series race, the Pro2Call, Sunday, February 13.

Unofficial finishing order: 1. David Keith, 2. Bobby Gerhardt, 3. Bob Strait, 4. Mike Harmon, 5. Kirk Sheldermine, 6. Andy Hillenburg, 7. Dan Pardus, 8. Andy Belmont, 9. Robert Burroughs, 10. Jerry Hill, 11. Dave Steele, 12. Lyndon Amick, 13. Shawna Robinson, 14. Ronnie Hornaday, 15. Cavin Councilor, 16. Mike Swaim Jr. 17. Joe Cooksey, 18. Joe Nott, 19. Brian Ross, 20. Shane Huffman, 21. Bill Baird, 22. Marc Brenner, 23. Norm Benning, 24. Jeff Streeter, 25. Dill Dittymore, 26. Tracy Leslie, 27. Curt Piercy, 28. Ron Cox, 29. Rick Marckle, 30. Mark Stahl, 31. Mark Voight, 32. Chuck Webster, 33. Frank Kimmel, 34. Ed Kennedy, 35. Mark Gibson, 36. Randall Ritter, 37. Bob Schacht, 38. C.W. Smith, 39. Kerry Earnhardt, 40. Chad Chaffin.

Dale Jarrett and Fords are on front row for Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH — Dale Jarrett, the Defending Winston Cup Champion failed to capture a pole during 1999, but he led the way in qualifying for Sunday's Daytona 500.

But that was only one-half of the story. The outside pole was claimed by his teammate, Ricky Rudd.

Both drive Fords owned by Robert Yates.

"Dale Jarrett was nothing out there today," said Jarrett. "Anybody who doesn't mind getting close to 200 mph can get in that car and do the same. I'd like to take some credit, but I can't take any. It's all the crew that did this."

Rudd, who struggled last year after his sponsor, Tide, announced they were pulling out, sold his team and went to work as driver of the No. 28 Havoline Ford, also owned by Yates.

"It's just nice to sit in a car that goes fast," Rudd said. "I mean, that's all I really wanted. I feel like now we have what it takes to win races."

Speeds will not be as fast as 1999 due to new shocks and rear-springs that have been mandated by NASCAR. But for Chevrolets, shocks might not be their only problem. The only Chevrolet to run in the top-15 was the No.31 driven by Mike Skinner.

"We're in for a lot of trouble," Skinner said. "We (Chevrolets) can't keep up with the draft. They need to jack the spoilers up on the Fords and Pontiacs."

Top-10 fastest drivers in first qualifying session: 1. Dale Jarrett, 2. Ricky Rudd, 3. Bill Elliott, 4. Mike Skinner, 5. Mark Martin, 6. Ward Burton, 7. Rusty Wallace, 8. John Andretti, 9. Scott Pruett, 10. Dave Blaney.

The first two positions are the only guaranteed starting positions for the

2000 Daytona 500. Positions 3 through 30 will be set based on the results of the Gatorade 125s on Thursday.

Positions 31 through 36 will be determined by the final qualifying times and the remainder of the 43-car field will be filled as provisional positions based on the 1999 NASCAR Winston Cup owner points standings in accordance with the NASCAR Winston Cup rule book.

A Chevrolet has won six of the last seven Daytona 500s.

Nearly everyone agrees the Daytona 500 is the most important race on the Winston Cup schedule.

But based on last year's results, a bad Daytona doesn't ruin your chances of finishing well in the final NASCAR standings. In 1999, none of the top five points finishers fared any better than 25th at Daytona.

Bad 1999 Daytona—Good Season

- a. Jarrett finished 37th at Daytona but finished first in 1999 points.
- b. B. Labonte finished 25th at Daytona but finished second in 1999 points.
- c. Martin finished 31st at Daytona but finished third in 1999 points.
- d. Stewart finished 28th at Daytona but finished fourth in 1999 points.
- e. J. Burton finished 35th at Daytona but finished fifth in the 1999 points.

Good 1999 Daytona—Not so good season.

- a. J. Gordon won Daytona but finished sixth in the 1999 points
 - b. D. Earnhardt finished second at Daytona but finished seventh in the 1999 points.
 - c. Irwin finished third at Daytona but 19th in the 1999 points.
 - d. Skinner finished 4th at Daytona and tenth in the 1999 points.
 - e. M. Waltrip finished fifth at Daytona but 29th in the 1999 points.
- Johnny Benson, driver for Tyler Jet Motorsports says the Daytona 500 is the big race of the year, but consistency throughout the season is more important.

"No doubt about it, Daytona is the most important race of the season for us. But by the same token it doesn't make or break your season. In fact if you look last year, if you had a bad Daytona you had a good season and if you did well in Daytona you probably struggled later in the season," Benson says.

"It's funny how that worked out. Nobody who finished in the top five in the points finished any better than 25th in last year's race. It's a cliché, but you have to remember that no matter how much we test, no matter how hard we work or how long we stay down here, this race is worth the same amount of points as Rockingham, Bristol, Martinsville or Sears Point.

"Our point system rewards consistency and that is what it is going to take to get on the stage on New York City at the banquet. What's kind of cool is that a lot of people are going to come out of the race on Sunday and say, 'We are ahead of where Jarrett was this time last year.' That is a good feeling."

Jarrett became the fifth repeat Bud Pole winner in the last 11 NASCAR Winston Cup races at Daytona. He joins Dale Earnhardt, Bobby Labonte, Mike Skinner and Jeff Gordon — each with two Bud poles at Daytona since 1995.

Cale Yarborough (1968, 1970, 1978 and 1984) and Buddy Baker (1969, 1973 and 1980) lead all drivers each with four Daytona 500 Bud Poles.

Only three times has a driver scored three consecutive Daytona 500 Bud Poles: Fireball Roberts (1961-1963), Bill Elliott (1985-1987) and Ken Schrader (1988-1990).

The Daytona 500 has been won from the pole eight times. Only two drivers have won the Daytona 500 from the pole more than once: Cale Yarborough (1968 and 1984) and Bill Elliott (1985 and 1987). The other drivers to win from the pole were Fireball Roberts (1962), Richard Petty (1966), Buddy Baker (1980) and Jeff Gordon (1999).

Bobby Labonte won three of the four restrictor-plate Bud Poles in 1998 (both Daytona races and the Diehard 500 at Talladega). In 1999 Joe Nemechek won two of the four restrictor plate poles (the Pepsi 400 at Daytona and the Winston 500 at Talladega).

Only three of the top 10 drivers in the final 1999 NASCAR Winston Cup points standings have posted Daytona 500 victories: Dale Jarrett (1993 and 1996), Jeff Gordon (1977 and 1999) and Dale Earnhardt (1998).

Several drivers have competed in many Daytona 500s without scoring a victory in the prestigious race. Dave Marcis had made 32 consecutive Daytona 500 starts with his best finish begin sixth (1975 and 1978).

Other notable drivers with a high number of Daytona 500 starts without a victory: Ricky Rudd (22), Terry Labonte (21), Kyle Petty (18), Rusty Wallace (17), Mark Martin (15) Ken Schrader (15) and Michael Waltrip (13).

Five of the 2000 NASCAR Winston Cup Rookie-of-the-Year contenders posted times in the top-25: Scott Pruett (ninth), Dave Blaney (10th), Stacy Compton (13th), Dale Earnhardt, Jr. (22nd) and Mike Bliss (25th).

Daytona Trak Facts:

- Size: 2.5-miles
- Degree of Banking on Corners: 31 degrees
- Degree of Banking on Straights: 3 degrees backstretch
- 18 degrees tri-oval
- Length of Frontstretch: 1,900 feet
- Length of Backstretch: 3,000 feet
- Weekend TV Racing Schedule
- Friday, Feb. 18, Craftsman Truck Series, Daytona 250
- Starting Time: 11 a.m. (EST) TV: ESPN
- Distance: 100 laps/250 miles
- Defending Champion: This is the inaugural event
- Saturday, Feb. 19, Busch Series, NAPA Auto Parts 300
- Starting Time: 12 noon (EST) TV: CBS
- Distance: 120 laps/300 miles
- Defending Champion: Randy LaJoie
- Sunday Feb. 20, Winston Cup Daytona 500
- Starting Time: 12 noon (EST) TV: CBS
- Defending Champion: Jeff Gordon

Racing Trivia Question: The 1976 Daytona 500 was the first stock car race to be televised live. The last two laps were a dog-fight between David Pearson and Richard Petty. Their two cars touched, bumped and banged together three different times on the last lap. Who was the winner?

Answer To Last Week's Question: The Teamster's Union attempted to unionize NASCAR in 1961. Bill France Sr. suspended several drivers but it was five years before he reinstated Curtis Turner, the organizer of the movement.

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District

Floyd.

A 13-man All-District team will be chosen by coaches from their respective teams. The breakdown will be as follows for boys, with 13 players named:

- District champions, five players
- District runner-up, three players
- District semifinals (2 teams), 2
- District losers, one

The Piarist School gives the boys district five teams, thus the need for an extra All-District trophy.

Theresa Kelly, athletic director at Piarist, wanted to see the number raised from one to two for the district loser. The motion failed.

The girls, with four teams, will receive 12 All-District awards with the same breakdown as the boys with the exception of the fifth team.

Other trophies include first and second place cheerleaders and first and second place finishers for both boys and girls. The winners and runners-up in each class will receive medallions. The rotating sportsmanship trophy, won by Piarist last year, will return.

OTHER NOTES

The tournament committee also voted on no advance ticket sales, and the tournament will not host a hospitality room. No noisemakers of any kind, nor confetti, or any thrown objects will be allowed.

The committee voted not to allow any "student tunnels" with the introduction of players.

Majorettes or dance teams will be allowed on the floor only with pre-approval of the tournament director and will be limited to three minutes.

Bands may not play during live-ball situations, nor are they allowed to play during 60-second time-outs if cheerleaders are on the floor.

Phil Paige was in attendance at the meeting and urged the tournament director to notify the sponsors of dance teams of their time limits and the number of times they can perform.

Shawn Ousley, athletic director at Betsy Layne, questioned how many times a dance team can perform and if it is only at the games their school participates in. There had been problems in past tournaments. It was determined the dance teams could only perform once and that should be on the night their team plays.

Cheerleading competition will strictly follow KAPOs rules and use their judges.

In case of inclement weather, games will be moved to the next day.

Admission to the tournament will be \$5 for adults and \$4 for students.

Martin stressed that radio and television stations will be required to do a public service announcement for the tournament sponsor while broadcasting the tournament games.



These Lady Bobcats cheerleaders cheered for their team Monday night in the game against Knott County Central. Even though these girls cheered hard, the Lady Bobcats fell to the Lady Patriots by a score of 47-46. (photo by Karen Joseph)

Pikeville College Sports

Pikeville Bears fall to Lindsey Wilson big time

Lindsey Wilson College dominated nearly every aspect of the game, knocking off Pikeville 97-67 Saturday night.

With the win, Lindsey improved to 21-5 overall and 4-1 in league play, and clinched the KAC championship.

Lindsey opened hot early and never slacked off. In building a 53-27 half-time lead, the Blue Raiders hit 20 of 29 from the field (69.0 percent) and were just as good from the arc (10 of 19, 52.6 percent).

Despite the loss, Pikeville hit 25 of 61 for the game for 41 percent. However, it struggled from the line, hitting only 11 of 26 for 42.3 percent.

The victors had five players in double figures, led by junior Lamont Barnes' 17. He hit five of six from the arc. Former Kentucky Mr. Basketball, Brandon Davenport, tossed in 15 and added six assists.

Brent Conley finished with 13 while Richie Sutherland and Torian Richards added 10 each.

Brian Russell paced Pikeville. The senior, playing his final home game, finished with 16. Ricky Freeman tossed in 15, and John

Mims added 10 and five assists.

Lindsey won the battle of the boards 35-34, with Richards leading the way with six. Freeman led all rebounders with nine.

Pikeville, which committed only 12 turnovers, forced 17 from the Raiders.

Pikeville sweeps tennis opener

KIAC champion Pikeville College opened its spring season by sweeping Transylvania 9-0 Saturday afternoon at the Kentucky Tennis Academy. Pikeville is 2-0 on the young season.

Rodrigo Puebla defeated Lan Ortenberger, 6-2, 7-5, in a singles match. Leo Lopez won over Keith Cecil in two matches, 6-1, 6-2.

Todd Kitchen posted identical 6-2, 6-2 scores to defeat Ben Proctor. Hunter Doerr won in three matches over Britt Chandler, 6-3, 4-6 and 7-3.

Jesse Rudd and Chad Sellers completed the sweep with Rudd winning over Eli Thomas 6-4, 6-2

and Sellers defeating Jay Lakhani, 6-4, 6-2.

In doubles matches: Puebla/Kitchen defeated Ortenberger/Cecil, 8-2.

Lopez/Doerr teamed to win over Proctor/Chandler, 8-6, and the duo of Sellers/Boone defeated the tandem of Thomas/Lakhani, 8-0.

Lady Bears upset Lindsey Wilson

Pikeville College's Lady Bears placed five players in double figures and blew open a two-point half-time advantage to knock off Lindsey Wilson 84-62 Saturday afternoon.

Pikeville (15-10, 1-1) led 35-33 at the break, despite missing its first 11 shot attempts of the game. After that, the Lady Bears were 12 of 22 in the half.

Despite the start, the Lady Bears were 31-65 from the floor.

A basket by Celeste Sullivan tied the game at 35 with 19:15 to play. But the Lady Bears went on a 10-1 run over the next three minutes, and when freshman Amanda Collins

scored back-to-back layins, the lead was 45-36 with 16:25 left.

Lindsey (17-8, 3-1) got back within 10 with 12:11 left, but another 8-1 run ended with 1:02 remaining, when a three by sophomore Nicole Stanley made the count 84-59.

Freshman Tecco Gallion had 17 points and seven rebounds to lead the Lady Bears. Sophomore Charity Burke finished with 15 points and a team high eight rebounds.

Collins and junior Jamie Hefflen had 14 points. Stanley tossed in 12.

Sullivan, a junior from Chicago, had game-highs of 20 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Lady Raiders.

Pikeville owned the battle of the boards 47-42. Neither team turned the ball over very often, with Pikeville finishing with nine and Lindsey with 13.

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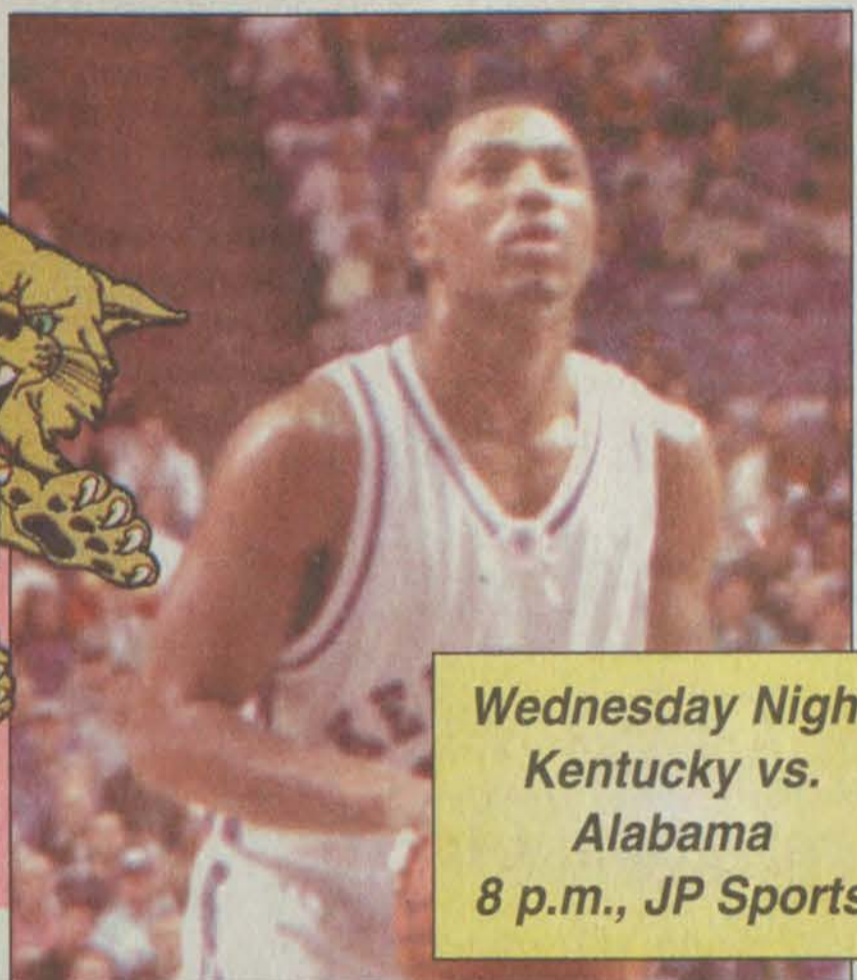
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(NAPSA)-Staying trim is a sweet victory for Sarah, The Duchess of York. No longer caught up in the futility of yo-yo dieting, she finally has a handle on her weight now that she has learned through Weight Watchers the basics about nutrition and healthy eating.

In a new audio tape from Weight Watchers called "Making the Difference with the Duchess," The Duchess of York vividly recounts how losing weight helped her to regain control of her life, health and self-esteem. It's like a personal conversation with the world's most famous Weight Watchers member.

Throughout the 45-minute tape, the Duchess speaks frankly about the obstacles that used to throw her off course and undermine her best intentions to lose weight. As she recalls the days when she would eat uncontrollably out of loneliness, insecurity and stress, it's clear that she has a lot in common with anyone who has a weight problem.

Since successful dieting means changing what's in your head as well as what's on your plate, the Duchess offers a new outlook on

A new audio tape by Sarah, Duchess of York, may give many people the encouragement they need to lose weight.



the emotional aspects of losing weight. She explains how the impact of losing just 10 percent of your body weight equals a 100 percent motivational jump-start towards a healthier lifestyle, which is how she looked at her weight loss.

Listening to her story is like talking to a friend who will help inspire you to lose weight and change your life for the better. She offers these tips:

Redefine your relationship with food-Never think that dieting means deserting your favorite foods. You can prepare comfort foods in a healthier style and use portion control to enjoy every meal.

Bolster your self-esteem-Learn to accept compliments and stop being your own worst critic. Strive to express one positive thought about yourself each day.

Act on your determination-Invest the time in keeping a food and activity diary. This self-monitoring requires a time commitment and proves your determination.

Adapt to personal relationships-Don't fall prey to the sabotage of friends and family. Explain to others how they can support

your efforts and perhaps learn valuable new habits for themselves.

Get a grip on stress-Overeating is only a temporary solution to conquering boredom, depression or anger. By replacing stress -and thus the craving to eat- with physical exertion and time management, it can be easier to combat.

Make exercise a habit-Learn to integrate exercise into your life without overburdening yourself by finding activities you truly enjoy which fit into your lifestyle. Try learning a new sport that requires a partner or play with your kids.

Take control of your meals-When eating out, ask how dishes are prepared and request simple changes to accommodate your needs. When traveling, bring along your own healthy snacks or request a special meal.

Forgive setbacks and move on-When lapses happen, try to discover the root of the problem and get back on plan as soon as possible. Remember, this is only a temporary setback, not failure.

Don't postpone feeling successful-Weight loss is well within your reach. An initial loss of just

10 percent of your current body weight provides significant psychological and health benefits, like dropping a dress size or lowering blood cholesterol.

"Making the Difference with the Duchess" is a 45-minute audio cassette that retails for \$5.95 and is available at all Weight Watchers Centers. For a listing of local locations or for more information about Weight Watchers, call 800-651-6000 or visit www.weight-watchers.com.



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OUR YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago (February 14 & 16, 1990)

An order by the state Corrections Cabinet to limit holding time in the Floyd County Jail to four days may dramatically increase prisoner transportation costs for the county and require rapid county action to build a new jail. Floyd County Judge-Executive John M. Stumbo received a letter Friday, informing him of the Cabinet's decision to reduce the jail to a 96-hour prisoner holdover facility, beginning March 1... Members of the Prestonsburg City Council spoke as one Monday night when they voted on a resolution to ask the Floyd County School Board to reconsider a decision to replace Prestonsburg High School with a new county high school outside the city... A routine check of a parked vehicle at the intersection of KY 3 and US 23 Sunday by Prestonsburg police resulted in the discovery of a stolen vehicle and two juvenile runaways, and the arrest of a Paintsville man... State regulations, recommended by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson's office, may shut down the Floyd County landfill and dozens of other landfills across the state... Only one out of five persons applying for an entertainment license at the Floyd County Court hearing Thursday was approved. Jack Patton, who operates Jack's Place near Hueysville, had his renewal application for a bar carryout, with pool table and jukebox, approved by Judge-Executive John M. Stumbo... The first official step to address long-term water problems in the Weeksbury, Melvin and Burton areas of southern Floyd County was taken by the state Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet this week. There died: Gaynell Clark May, 85, Sally Stephens Branch Road, Martin, Feb. 13, at her home; Mary Margaret Richmond Webb, 84, Prestonsburg, Feb. 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ona Lee Clarke, 73, Manassas, Virginia, formerly of Auxier, Feb. 13, at Prince William Hospital; Otto Fannin, 92, Martin, Feb. 12, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Isaac Lee Case, 89, New London, Ohio, formerly of Honaker, Feb. 12, at his home; Thomas Jay Hunt, 69, Stanville, Feb. 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Daisy Harris McCarty, 78, of West Prestonsburg, Feb. 9, at HRMC; Thomas Jefferson "Jeff" Vaughan, 85, Prestonsburg, Feb. 7, at HRMC; Richard Akers, 63, of Norwalk, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Feb. 11, at the home of his sister Opal Maynard; Luther Hensley, 76, Melvin, Feb. 10 at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington; Virde Jones, 89, Prestonsburg, Feb. 8, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Raymond Hicks, 84, Hippo, Feb. 13, at HRMC; Winona Tufts Fitzpatrick, 64, Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Estill, Feb. 7, at Riverside Hospital. Columbus; Opal G. Wiley, 73, Homer, Michigan, formerly of Ivel, Dec. 30, at Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall, Michigan; Edna Mae Conley, 89, Bypro, Feb. 11 at her residence.

Twenty Years Ago (February 13, 1980)

A coal company operating in this county

has become the first in the nation to be given approval by the Office of Surface Mining to create an alternative approach to one of the environmental production standards of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act... City officials will meet with members of the Floyd County Solid Waste Inc. with a view to discussing the possibility of Prestonsburg participating in the proposed countywide trash collection system... Lack of supervision at the John M. Stumbo Grade School has resulted in older students abusing younger students on some occasions, according to Sally Adkins who presented her complaint to the Floyd County Board of Education last week. Her suspicions were confirmed by Dr. Ellen Joyce of the Mud Creek Clinic who has treated said students... State Rep. Greg Stumbo introduced a resolution to the House this week concerning trains blocking railroad crossings in the county. His action followed the death of a Dwale woman being transported by an ambulance last November that was halted on the way to the hospital for 20 to 25 minutes by a train. Stumbo is hopeful that passageways beneath or above the tracks may be provided... Schools are scheduled to reopen tomorrow after a 12-day layoff because of snow and ice on some roads. The 2-3 inch snowfall Saturday night compounded travel problems for school buses. Main highways had been cleared of an earlier 7-inch snowfall but some secondary roads were still covered... There died: Maryland (Joe) Hall, 93, of Banner, Tuesday at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Delphia Smallwood, 79, of Melvin, Thursday at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Lonzo Vanderpool, 53, Monday, February 4 at his Gunlock home; Bishop McKinney, 84, of Printer, Sunday at MARH; Lura G. Cox, 86, of Lima, Ohio, formerly of Garrett, Feb. 3 in Lima; Margaret Gibson, 91, of Wayland, last Wednesday at the home of her daughter; Bess Marshall Osborne, 84, Sunday at her home in Town Branch; June Cook, 84, of Frenchburg, formerly of Knott County, Friday at UK Medical Center; Benjamin Shepherd, 84, of Salt Lick Creek, near Hueysville, Friday at Riverview Manor; Bill W. Hall, 63, of Teaberry, last Wednesday at MARH; Philmon Johnson, 53, of Wayland, enroute to HRMC; Mandy Jane Edwards, 69, of Hi Hat, Tuesday at her home; Nancy Amburgey, 80, of Prestonsburg, Feb. 1; Claude Short, 54, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Mallie, Thursday at Mount Carmel Hospital in Columbus.

Thirty Years Ago (February 19, 1970)

Floyd County's rural roads, usually in poor condition at this time of the year, are now possibly at their worst, County Judge Henry Stumbo said Monday... Expanded home mail delivery, principally in small communities, had been implemented by a new postal service program which affects 80 eastern Kentucky towns, 22 of which are in Floyd County... The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been asked by Sheriff Frank Leslie to join in the investigation of wire thefts in this county which have affect-

ed companies in interstate commerce... First Sgt. Ronald B. Osborne, formerly of Martin, has been awarded the Bronze Star for combat duty in Vietnam... There died: Esther Bond Bever, 66, of Winter Haven, Fla., formerly of Prestonsburg, Feb. 9 at Winter Haven; Melvin Green, 46, of Wayland, Sunday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Allie Collins Burchfield, 60, native of this county, Saturday in Utah; Rosa Lily Ward, 85, of Van Lear, Wednesday at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Maggie Ward Goble, 76, Floyd County native, Sunday at Louisa; Maudie McGuire Scutchfield, 88, of Munith, Mich., formerly of this county, last Tuesday at Munith; Kelly Frasure, 48, last Thursday at his home here; Lawrence Tackett, 67, of Melvin, Saturday at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Everett T. Moore, 49, Sunday at his home at Price; Jack Stanley, 75, of Garrett, Feb. 9 at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Forty Years Ago (February 18, 1960)

That Old Man Winter still packs a wallop was evident last week when a 10-inch snowfall blanketed eastern Kentucky and brought traffic to almost a standstill over a wide area. Schools reopened Thursday only to be closed at noon by the second blast of snow that struck today (Thursday)... As announced in last week's paper, residents of Wayland and Prestonsburg will be able to call each other without going through an operator... The town of Martin not only is ready for urban renewal involving snow clearance and a parking area, but also has set in motion the machinery to bring to it a low-rent public housing. Work on the project is expected to start in a matter of a few months... The first meeting of the newly-organized Jenny Wiley Drama Association is scheduled here Sunday. Some of the huge problems to be solved are organization, housing facilities for tourists, production and many others... Kentucky made a historic break with the past Wednesday when Governor Bert T. Combs presented a billion-dollar budget to the General Assembly. Spurred by his interest in low-rent public housing Tom O. McGuire recently looked in on such a project at Mt. Sterling. This week he gave an enthusiastic report on his findings... There died: Osie Kendrick, 55, of Allen, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Noah Harris, 84, of Prestonsburg, at Beaver Valley Hospital; B.D. Friend, 91, of Prestonsburg, at Franklin, Tenn.; Perlina Ousley Prater, 69, of Blue River, at the home of a daughter; Dona Caudill, 49, of Bypro, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

Fifty Years Ago (February 16, 1950)

Purchase of the Glogora Coal Company buildings at Glo, this county, by George F. Evans Jr., and associates, was announced here this week... The school "recess" in protest against failure of the legislature to provide funds asked by teachers began in

Floyd County shortly after noon Thursday with the closing of the Martin Consolidated School... Floyd County officers and US deputy marshals Friday reduced the number of moonshine stills by four and the possible weekend supply of liquor by the destruction of approximately 750 gallons of mash... The Floyd County Board of Education voted Wednesday afternoon its official acceptance of the Prestonsburg Board of Education's plan for county ownership and administration of the Prestonsburg and Floyd County High School... The Floyd County Fish and Game Club this week announced winners of its 1949 fishing contest. They are Billy R. Fannin, first; Charles E. Holbrook, second and Mrs. Clark L. Pelphrey, runnerup, in the bass division. Circuit Judge Edward P. Hill was winner in the Pike division... The Prestonsburg VFW Ramblers, state champions for two consecutive years, suffered its first defeat in nine starts here Monday night to the N.Y. Colored Clowns, 73-66... There died: Ada Conn Layne, 40, at her home at Hunter, Monday; Belle Langley Flanery, 89, native of Spurlock, in a Washington, D.C. hospital; Thomas M. Hereford Sr., 73, of Cliff, in Prestonsburg General Hospital, Tuesday; William Henry Collins, 22, of Van Lear, last Thursday at the home of his grandparents at Melvin; Julia Stumbo Mosley, 92, at her home at Emma, Monday; Etta Perkins, 21, at her home at Manton, Friday; Sarah Jones, 62, at her home near Odds in Johnson County.

Sixty Years Ago (February 15, 1940)

Wayland, considered by many a prominent contender for the championship of the 58th basketball district (Floyd County) and Auxier are the only teams to play in the first round of the net tournament to begin at Garrett February 29... Superintendent Town Hall Saturday was authorized by the County Board of Education to contact Levi J. Dean, architect, of Huntington, for plans for a new gymnasium at Wheelwright Junction, which will serve Wheelwright High School... Continuing the fight for an improved fire department here to comply with requirements of the Kentucky Actuarial Bureau and thus to gain a reduction in fire insurance rates, the Prestonsburg Cooperative Business Association Friday evening organized a volunteer fire department of 14 men... If the Floyd Fiscal Court accepts lowest bids on WPA commodity deliveries to the warehouse here and on to the 26 distribution points of the county, the work will be done at a total cost of only \$1320 a year... For 25 cents, a woman bought a baby boy at Garrett, Floyd County Health Department records reveal... There died: Margaret Baldrige Compton, 68, native of Abbott Creek, at her home near McGuffey, Ohio, Thursday, February 1; Geneva Smiley, 13, Tuesday at Betsy Layne; Lucille Kuykendall Loar, 31, former teacher at Betsy Layne, at her home in Pittsburgh, Penn., last Thursday; Scott Hall, 90, of Amba, died at the home of his son-in-law, John Compton, at Martin.

NEW ARRIVALS

Highlands Regional Medical Center

January 24: A son, Mohammed Moaz, to Randa and Baheer Alhoms...

Nicole, to Melissa and Dennis Stacy of Inez; a daughter, Emily Marie, to Carolyn and Jessie Lee Patrick...

January 29: A son, Zackery Austin, to Miranda and Christopher Blevins...

January 30: A daughter, Kimberly Rose, to Crystal and Richie O'Brian...

January 31: A daughter, Baylee McClay, to Stacy Lynn and...

Christopher Lee O'Brian of Keaton.

February 1: A son, James Dale, to Polly and Jason Collins...

February 3: A daughter, Ariann Renea Elste, to Chasity Blackburn...

February 4: A daughter, Kaitlyn Elizabeth Teel, to Sabrina Stevens...

February 5: A daughter, Haley Nicole, to Marus and Diana Hinkle...

February 6: A son, Dustin McKay, to Janet and Marvin Shepherd...

Cook-Off

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Need a little help getting started? Linda Carman, the Martha White cornbread and baking expert...

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All kinds of recipes have been selected as semifinalists in the National Cornbread Cook-Off, including meaty casseroles with cornbread baked on the top...

To get you cooking, try Stuart Boone's 1999 winning recipe Tamale Skillet Pie. It's an easy combination of Tex-Mex ingredients...

Cornbread. Another Martha White Kitchens main dish favorite is Country Italian Sausage Pie. This time the filling is Italian sausage, tomatoes, green peppers and onions...

You'll find more inspiration and winning recipes in the new anniversary cookbook "Southern Traditions, 100 Years of Recipes from the Martha White Kitchen," available in bookstores everywhere...

Tamale Skillet Pie. Stuart Boone, Nashville, Tennessee. 1 lb. ground beef, 1 (6-oz.) package Martha White Mexican Style Cornbread Mix, divided...

Remove from heat; stir in 1 cup of the cheese. Set aside. In medium bowl, beat egg; add milk and remaining cornbread mix. Blend until smooth...

Country Italian Sausage Pie. 1 lb. mild or hot Italian sausage links, 1 tablespoon oil, 2 large green or red bell peppers, cut into thin strips...

Heat oven to 400° F. Cut each sausage link into 4 pieces. Heat oil in 10 1/2-inch cast iron skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add sausage; cook and stir until browned.

Add bell peppers and onion; cook until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in tomatoes; cook 2 to 3 minutes.

In small bowl, combine cornbread mix, milk and egg; stir until smooth. Spoon batter around edge of mixture in skillet. Bake at 400° F. for 25 to 30 minutes or until topping is golden brown.



Kevin and Rhonda Blackburn of Banner announce the birth of their son, Jonathan Kyle Blackburn, on December 9, 1999...



Brandon and Sabrina Hicks announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Kaytlyn Rose, on January 19, 2000.

Poison Oak

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would eat a nasty old parasite.

The article went on to say that although eating dirt is not generally unhealthy, one does run the risk of constipation if he overdoes it. As a matter of fact, the practice of eating dirt in the first place may be the result of an early folk cure for those who may have consumed too many green apples...

Come to think of it, that kid I knew who ate the mud pies always seemed to have a big smile on his face. Perhaps he knew something the rest of us didn't.

Consumer

For a list of corporate contacts, a sample complaint letter and contact information for consumer protection agencies nationwide, go to www.nacaanet.org.

Another source for help is the National Elder Care Hotline at 1-800-677-1116 or at www.aoa.dhhs.gov.

Watch Out For Fraud

Legitimate businesses use many different ways to promote their products and services. But fraudulent individuals and companies masquerading as reputable ones are increasingly taking advantage of consumers who shop from home.

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Direct mail marketing is a growth industry because it enables sellers to target individuals in specific geographic, demographic or interest groups for their advertising.

It's illegal for anyone to use the mail as part of a scheme to cheat people out of money. Federal mail fraud laws apply whether the mail is used to send solicitations to consumers, to receive consumers' payments or to transmit information from one company location to another.

In addition, it's illegal to use the mail or any private or commercial delivery service to send lottery solicitations or tickets across state lines or from another country into the United States.

To report mail fraud, call the local US Postal Inspection Service or postmaster. More information is posted at www.usps.gov.

Internet

The World Wide Web has greatly expanded the opportunity for consumers to shop from home, and an ever-growing number of consumers and vendors are entering the cyber-marketplace.

But many of the same types of scams that use the phone or mail can now be found on the Internet as well. Since anyone can create a flashy web site or send what appears to be a friendly e-mail

message, identifying fraudulent vendors can be difficult.

When you shop on-line, many marketers want to know as much about you and your buying habits as you are willing to tell. This is valuable information to sellers who may use it to tailor future advertising to you, or share or sell it to other vendors — often resulting in you being bombarded with unwanted advertising.

It's only natural that some people get nervous about using their credit card to make on-line purchases. But if you shop on a secure server, your credit information is protected.

The way to confirm that you're on a secure server is to look for a locked key or padlock at the bottom of the browser screen. These symbols mean that the information you are sending is encrypted — turned into a secret code — for on-line transmission.

When ordering on-line, it's also important to guard your passwords. If the seller requires you to use a password to make a purchase, don't use the same password you use to log on to your computer or network.

If you suspect Internet fraud, report it to the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov or by calling the toll-free helpline at 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357).

On-line Auctions

If you're looking for a hot collectible or simply a good deal, on-line auctions may appeal to you. But before you place a cyber-bid, consider how on-line auction houses work. Like at a traditional "live" auction, the highest bidder "wins."

If you're the highest bidder, the seller typically will contact you by e-mail to arrange for payment and delivery.

accept credit cards. Many sellers require payment with a check, certified check or money order, but it's important for consumers to recognize that these payment methods don't offer the same consumer protections as credit cards.

Some on-line sellers have put items up for auction, taken the highest bidder's money and never delivered the merchandise. Consumers who paid by check or money order had little recourse when it came to getting their money back.

To help protect yourself when shopping through an on-line auction, ask about using an escrow service, which collects your payment and forwards it to the seller when you confirm that you have received the merchandise.

For more information, visit www.fraud.org or www.ftc.gov.

Telemarketing

Although most phone sales pitches are made on behalf of legitimate organizations offering bona fide products and services, some telemarketing calls are fraudulent. Telemarketing fraud is a multi-billion-dollar business in the United States, and every year, thousands of consumers lose money — sometimes their life savings — to telephone con artists.

Telephone fraud knows no race, ethnic, gender, age, education or income barriers. Anyone with a phone can be victimized by telemarketing scam artists. You may get a call from a stranger who got your number from a telephone directory, mailing list or "sucker list" of people who have already lost money through fraudulent promotions or merchandise sales.

Fortunately, there are laws to help protect you. The Federal Trade Commission's Telemarketing Sales Rule as well as state laws require telemarketers to make certain disclosures and prohibit misrepresentations.

Telemarketers cannot call before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m., and it's illegal for a telemarketer to call you if you've asked not to be called.

Telemarketers are required by law to tell you they're making a sales call and who they represent before making their pitch. It's illegal for them to misrepresent any information, and they must tell you the total cost of the products or services offered and any restrictions on getting or using them.

promotion, they must tell you the odds of winning, that no purchase or payment is necessary to win, and any restrictions or conditions of receiving the prize.

If you have the slightest doubt about a telephone offer, tell the caller to send you the information in writing and check it out before putting your money on the line.

For more information, visit www.fraud.org, www.ftc.gov, www.usdoj.gov, www.aarp.org and www.usps.gov.

Door-to-Door Sales

Some businesses sell their goods and services by sending their salespeople out to ring doorbells or arranging for home parties. Many consumers enjoy shopping "the old-fashioned way," but as in other types of sales, it's hard to know how to determine if a seller is legitimate.

If you're approached by a salesperson at home, ask for identification verifying the person's name, the name of the business and the business address. Tell any salesperson who can't provide this information to leave, and report suspicious salespeople to your local police department.

Even if you're satisfied with the information provided, don't feel pressured into buying something. Be wary of sales pitches that require you to make an on-the-spot decision or offer "free" gifts with a purchase.

If you've made a door-to-door purchase of \$25 or more, the Federal Trade Commission's Cooling-Off Rule and some state laws give you three days to cancel the transaction.

For more information, visit www.ftc.gov and www.aarp.org.

Flea Markets and Yard Sales

One person's trash is another person's treasure. But while you can get great bargains at flea markets and garage sales, it's wise to be on the lookout for potential problems — among them, those related to product safety. It's possible that an item being sold has been recalled or even banned

because it doesn't meet current safety standards. This is especially important if you are considering buying used children's products such as cribs, car seats, strollers and playpens.

Be aware that some products sold at flea markets and garage sales may be counterfeit. And although they may look just like the real thing, they're often poorly made imitations.

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Generalized Anxiety Disorder: What everyone should know

(NAPSA)-Life is busy-very busy-and often stressful. However, it is more than the hustle and bustle that can trigger anxiety. In fact, approximately five percent of the population, mostly women, suffer from a potentially serious medical disorder called generalized anxiety disorder (GAD).

GAD is one of the most commonly underdiagnosed anxiety disorders. Unfortunately, many people who suffer from GAD don't recognize the signs and symptoms or even realize that treatment for GAD is available.

Here's a quick guide to help you tell the difference between what is typical stress and what may be GAD:

What is GAD?

What are the symptoms?

GAD is defined as excessive and uncontrollable anxiety and worry that has occurred on more days than not for at least six months and is associated with physical symptoms. GAD can inhibit normal functioning. It can make concentrating on the simplest tasks difficult. For some sufferers, sleeping becomes very difficult. This disorder

can have a tremendous impact on daily living, causing or exacerbating unrealistic worries about job responsibilities, finances and the health and well-being of family members. It also can trigger exaggerated concerns about common issues, such as car repairs, household chores or tardiness.

The physical symptoms of GAD include trembling, twitching, muscular aches or soreness, sweating and abdominal upsets. GAD also can cause one to feel restless, edgy or easily fatigued. It is a chronic disorder, with symptoms fluctuating and often worsening during stressful events. The symptoms of GAD often start appearing gradually during childhood and adolescence. It is less common for initial GAD symptoms to appear in adulthood. GAD may be accompanied by symptoms of depression.

What does having GAD feel like?

Imagine the feelings you experience when you've lost your wallet or have to give a presentation to a senior manager that



could make or break your job. Most of us would experience normal stress in both of these scenarios. People with GAD live with similar apprehension. But their worry and anxiety are excessive and have lasted for six months or longer.

How do you know if you have GAD?

Are you plagued by excessive worry or constant anxiety? Have these

feelings persisted for periods of six months or longer?

- Does your life consist of one tense moment after another?
- Do you often:
 - feel restless, keyed up, or on edge?
 - have trouble concentrating?
 - get easily fatigued?
 - have difficulty sleeping?
 - feel exhausted, even after sufficient rest?
 - feel irritable?
 - have muscle aches and pains or muscle tension?

If you answered "yes" to experiencing three or more of the above symptoms, and they cannot be explained by another psychiatric or medical condition, you may have GAD. Talk to your doctor, because medications, such as Effexor XR (venlafaxine HCl), the only product indicated to treat GAD and depression, are available to treat GAD. To learn more about GAD and to obtain free educational materials, such as the "Worrying" brochure, which provides details about GAD and depres-

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(NAPSA)-Finding home furnishings to satisfy both Venus and Mars can be a challenge. Gender differences — coupled with a galaxy of style choices — can throw the home decorating planets out of orbit.

Given polar viewpoints, can Venus and Mars find stylistic harmony under the same roof? According to two renowned design experts, it's not only possible, but easy if you know how.

Designers Meg and Steven Roberts, the married authors of "A Home for All Seasons," say it is important to select furnishings for your home that reflect who you are as a couple and make you both feel at home.

"Your furniture is part of who you are — it makes your house your home," says Steven Roberts, co-president and chief marketing officer of The Echo Design Group Inc., a New York City company that creates home furnishing designs, as well as world-famous designer scarves and neckties.

"It's important that you both feel relaxed sitting on your sofa, comfortable eating at your kitchen table

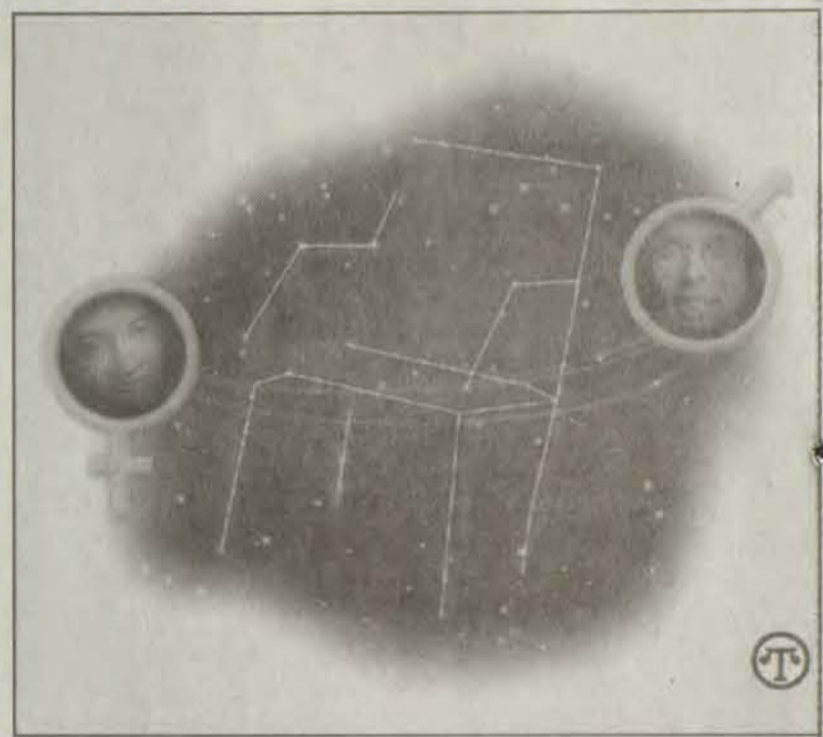
and happy entertaining family and friends in the living room."

Men and women traditionally don't look for the same things in furniture. "We find men seek comfort and function when it comes to furniture," says Steven. "Whereas, women make style a higher priority. Today, with such a variety of furniture available in all price ranges, couples can marry comfort, function and style in a home that suits them both."

Meg and Steven know firsthand the issues couples face when decorating their homes. In addition to their career experience, the two designers have been married to each other for 16 years.

"Our tastes and needs have changed over the years, and so has our furniture," says Steven. "We haven't always agreed on how to decorate our home, but we always find a way to work it out. There are solutions out there."

Meg agrees. "Furniture manufacturers are offering so many different styles and prices, you will find something that pleases you both. And, you'll be even more satisfied knowing your partner is



happy, too." The Roberts also offer advice for couples on deciding what furniture is right for them. "Above all," says Steven, "trust your own sense of style. If you like an item, buy it."

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Let the winter games begin!

(NAPSA)-People love to ride the snow during winter-whether skiing, snowmobiling, ice skating or tobogganing. But what many people don't realize is that in addition to donning safety equipment and layers of clothing, exposed skin and lips need to be protected as well.

Since lips are one of the most exposed areas of the body, they are one of the first areas to be affected by cold, windy winter air. In addition, they have little natural defense against dry air or damage from the sun.

Lips have an extremely thin, outer layer (stratum corneum) and few, if any, sebaceous glands. As a result, lips are vulnerable to chapping, cold sores and moisture loss. To alleviate dryness and discomfort, people often exacerbate the problem by licking their lips. When saliva evaporates from the lips, they become even drier. Saliva also acts like a lens, intensifying the sun's damaging rays.

Speaking of the sun, lips should be protected from harmful UV rays, even in winter. "Lips contain little to no melanin, the natural pigment responsible for skin color and tanning after sun exposure. That's why lips don't tan, but they do burn," explains Dr. Charles Zugergerman, associate professor of clinical dermatology at Northwestern University Medical School.

People often disregard the sun's intensity in winter and don't take the proper precautions. Participation in winter sports often involves snow and/or high altitude, both of which can act to increase sun exposure. Snow can reflect up to 85 percent of sun's rays. Sun intensity increases with altitude. A person's exposure to ultraviolet light is one of the key factors in the development of skin cancer.

"Protecting lips while outside provides more than immediate



comfort, it prevents long-term damage to vulnerable lip skin. The damage may not be immediately visible, but prolonged exposure to the elements can cause changes in collagen, the protein that gives lips body and resilience, which can lead to premature aging and even melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer," said Dr. Zugergerman.

Dr. Zugergerman recommends lip care products that combine conditioning with sun protection such as Blistex Ultra Protection (SPF 30).

To treat chapped lips, Dr. Zugergerman recommends new Blistex Herbal Answer, a soothing lip protectant containing Aloe, Chamomile, Avocado, Jojoba, Shea Butter and SPF 15. For fast relief of dry lips or to help heal cold sores, try Blistex Lip Medex, with medicated ingredients to provide cooling relief, or Blistex Lip Ointment, with penetrating analgesics to soothe sore lips and moisture to rehydrate lips.

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Brenda Hamilton served refreshments to Susan Boyd and H.P. Hughes during Customer Appreciation Day — appropriately, Valentine's Day — Monday at the Citizens National Bank branch on North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg. Each branch of the tri-county banking company offered goodies and prizes all day. (photo by Pam Shingler)

Stapleton is Holiday Inn's Employee of the Year

At the annual luncheon in December honoring the Employees of the Month for 1999, Bruce Stapleton was named Employee of the Year.

Stapleton has been employed in the maintenance department at the Holiday Inn since March of 1999.

To be considered for Employee of the Month, a staff member must meet the following criteria:

- Keen awareness of guest needs and extraordinary service levels;
- Oral and written comments from guests and/or fellow employees;
- Dedication to the job;
- Service records: attendance and promptness;
- Attitude, disposition and friendliness;

- Quality of work;
- Suggestions and ideas submitted;
- Uniform appearance; and
- Performance "above and beyond" the call of duty.

Nominations for Employee of the Month are submitted by the hotel's staff members and then voted on by supervisors and management. Hotel employees who were voted as Employees of the Month during 1999 were eligible for Employee of the Year honors.

These staff members include Peggy Collins, Marvella Hood and Jeri Lafferty of the housekeeping department; Micky Ratliff of the food and beverage department; Lisa Whitt, guest service representative; and Neil Wicker, night auditor.



Sheila Dotson was honored as the Employee of the Month for January by the Holiday Inn. Dotson, who has been employed in the food and beverage department since June 11, 1999, is presented with a plaque by General Manager Paul B. Spencer. (photo by Willie Elliott)

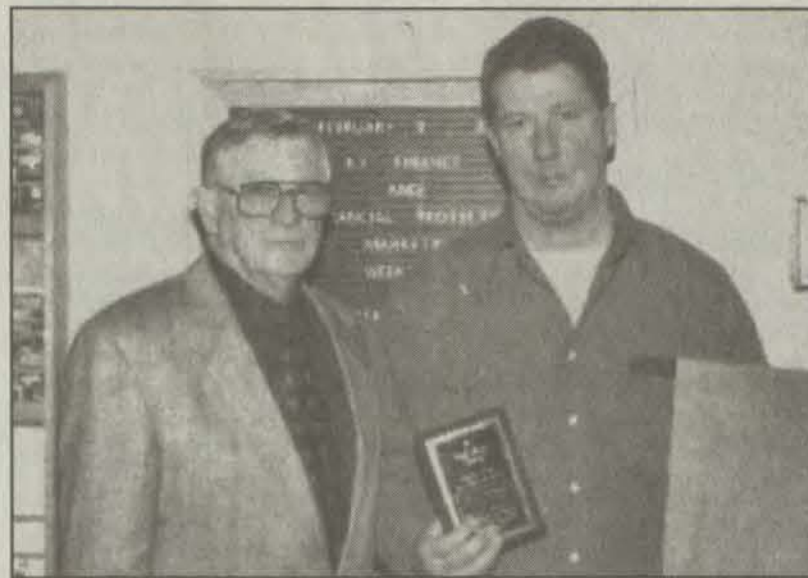
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Holiday Inn General Manager Paul B. Spencer presents Bruce Stapleton with Employee of the Year plaque. (photo by Willie Elliott)

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Carla Coburn spoke to an overflow crowd at the February 7 meeting of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce. Coburn is director of the Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center in Hindman, charged with assisting craftspeople and artists in the region to improve their business skills and market their creations. In addition to establishing a gallery to display local handmade wares, she is developing a resource library and establishing internet links for marketing. The center is part of the multi-million-dollar Community Development Initiative, designed to turn Hindman into a mountain arts community. (photo by Pam Shingler)

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(NAPSA)—With the oldest Baby Boomers now in their 50s, employers nationwide are beefing up retirement plans in an overall effort to create more competitive benefits packages. A survey of 100 human resources managers reveals that 93% of companies offer retirement plans. No wonder. Employees value 401(k)/retirement plans (53%) and health insurance (94%) above all other benefits.

The survey-sponsored by Assurex International, the world's largest privately held commercial insurance brokerage group—found:

- 87% of HR people rank benefits as very to somewhat effective in attracting and retaining qualified employees.
- 51% of employers have increased benefits over the past 5 years.

Insurance is a popular perk: 97% of companies offer life insurance; 82% long-term disability insurance; 80% short-term disability insurance; 39% executive life insurance; and 24% long-term care insurance. Popular voluntary products: additional life insurance (17%); accidental death and dismemberment coverage (13%); and

cancer insurance (11%). Programs designed to keep employees healthy and productive are popular. Smoking cessation, blood pressure testing, health club memberships, and weight-reduction programs appeal to employees across all industries.

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Business/Professions

Taking care of the family business

by Pam Shingler

David Lafferty didn't just inherit the family business.

No, first, he left home and proved he could be successful on his own, then he came back home and entered the family business.

The head of Ramey Insurance grew up in an insurance office. When his stepfather, Roy Ramey, worked for Commonwealth Insurance, Lafferty played in the office at Richmond Plaza on Saturdays and after school, running the adding machine and pretending he was conducting business.

When Ramey and Lafferty's mother, Joyce Ramey, started their own business in the mid-1980s, the young man's interest in business grew. And, though he could have stayed home and easily stepped in, Lafferty chose to make it on his own.

He went to Transylvania University in Lexington where he earned a degree in business admin-

istration with an emphasis in management and a minor in computer science. He then worked for three years in the university's computer science department.

His interest in and skill with technology led him to start his own computer rental company, operating in Lexington and Louisville. He found a niche in which he supplied computers and other electronic accessories to trade shows, conventions and training programs.

He also operated the Lexington office of Ramey Insurance and managed rental property.

In 1996, he sold his computer company and began to make arrangements to come back to Prestonsburg as his mother and stepfather eased into retirement.

The transition turned out not to be as gradual as the family had envisioned. Roy Ramey's unexpected death put Lafferty and his mother in charge of the business.

It also put them in the middle of a dispute with their primary insur-

ance carrier, a dispute that ended with the Ramey company switching to another company that was unknown to the area.

"We were able to turn a potential problem into a good situation," Lafferty says.

There were no other agents for Cotton States Insurance in eastern Kentucky, which could have been either a boon or a bust. It turned out to be a boon. Almost three years into the partnership, Ramey Insurance has been among the Georgia-based company's top three producers in Kentucky.

"Cotton States is easy to sell," Lafferty says. "It's great when you have good rates."

Ramey Insurance is charged with handling Cotton States accounts in the eastern part of the state, but its primary focus is Floyd, Pike, Johnson and Knott counties, with clients also in Perry, Lawrence, Martin and Magoffin counties.

The local agency does work with other insurers. Lafferty describes the operation as "kind of like a mall, with Cotton States as the anchor."

Ramey Insurance concentrates on personal lines of insurance — auto, homeowners and life, but the company also issues health, Medicare supplements and disability policies.

"The best thing in the insurance business is being small and knowing your clients," Lafferty says. "We could have done a lot more than we have, but we're trying to get the right business. That's the only way to keep rates low."

In addition to Lafferty, the agency has two full-time employees — Kenneth Hall and Diane Osborne. Joyce Ramey is semi-retired.

"We have always done what we can do to serve our clients and to treat people fairly," Lafferty says. "Mom and Roy had a good reputation, and we really try hard to maintain it."

The agency recently relocated from its long-time corner spot at Glyn View Plaza to a renovated, historic house on South Lake Drive, across from the Municipal Building and next to the Municipal Parking Lot in downtown Prestonsburg.



David Lafferty, managing agent at Ramey Insurance, succeeded in business in central Kentucky before coming back to Floyd County to take over his family's business. (photo by Pam Shingler)



Paul Fuqua, right, state sales manager for Cotton States Insurance, presented an award to David Lafferty and Ramey Insurance for ranking among the top three producers of auto and homeowner insurance for the company in Kentucky. The presentation was made during the January 12 Cotton States Awards Banquet. For information, visit the Cotton States web site at www.cottonstatesinsurance.com or Ramey at www.rameyinsurance.com.



The crew of Ramey Insurance pose on the porch of their renovated offices on South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, from left, Kenneth Hall, Diane Osborne and David Lafferty, whose mother, Joyce Ramey, is co-founder of the agency and still works part-time. (photo by Pam Shingler)

New office preserves the past

by Pam Shingler

"We would not have insured it," David Lafferty says of the building in downtown Prestonsburg that houses his company, Ramey Insurance. "It was in terrible shape."

Lafferty bought the stone block house, believed to date to the early 1900s, last year after it had been empty for about a year.

The insurance agent calls it a miracle that the house had not burned. Electrical wiring was frayed in several parts of the building, and in at least one place, telephone wire had been substituted for standard electrical wire.

Termites had eaten away at the wood floors in the living room, which were hidden by ugly shag carpet. A series of jacks held up the house in the unfinished basement.

The last tenants, two elderly women, had stayed in a back room of the main floor, where a small, unvented gas heater was the primary source of warmth.

Lafferty has had the house completely renovated, turning the downstairs into offices for him and his staff, Kenneth Hall, Diane Osborne and his mother, Joyce Ramey, who works part-time with the business she created with her late husband, Roy Ramey.

All plumbing and wiring have been replaced, and some dividing

walls have been installed or moved, but Lafferty has been adamant about maintaining the original look of the house. "I wanted it to be an old, historic home, but with modern mechanicals," the owner says.

The old structure now has central heat and air, underground wiring, and every room — even those in the unfinished upstairs — is equipped for computers and video. From a panel in his desk, Lafferty can control lighting in the public rooms.

The living room of the South Lake Drive house is a conference room for the agency. A sun room to the left of the large foyer-reception area is a pleasant place for clients to wait to see an agent. When he first saw the bright area with windows all around, Lafferty knew exactly what its function would be. "I said, 'Wow, this would be a wonderful waiting room.'"

Lafferty's office is in the former dining room, and two offices were made of a single room across the back of the building, which was probably a closed-in porch.

The blues and browns on the wall are paint colors that were commonly used on interior walls in the early 1900s, and wherever possible, hardware and light fixtures replicate those found in houses of that era.

The basement was divided into rooms, mostly for storage, but also



Renovation of what is now the Ramey Insurance building began last year with replacement of the porch. The building is believed to have been constructed in the early 1900s.

for offices and safekeeping of the equipment centers. A kitchen-lounge is also in the basement. The old kitchen on the main floor is a work room for duplicating, faxing and the like.

The second and third floors have largely been renovated, but Lafferty is still mulling over how he will use them.

"If I had it to do over, I'd hire an architect," he says. "A total plan to begin with would have made the project smoother." Lafferty did map out a plan on his computer, but changes had to be made as he found out more about the condition of the house.

The insurance agent says he was prompted to invest in the old house after he witnessed the destruction of the Frazier-Stumbo house on Court Street. "I went to the (former) post office after they had burned the house, and I was really saddened."

Lafferty, who has experience with restorations in Lexington, says he is disappointed by the lack of interest in historic preservation in this area.

Occasionally, people will walk into the office just to see what work has been done to it. "We welcome visitors," Lafferty says. "We even tell them there's no purchase required for tours."



Faulty wiring and plumbing, termites, and the forces of age meant extensive reconstruction needed to be done on the South Lake Drive house, which has been turned into offices for the Ramey Insurance Agency.



If you have to wait, this is the perfect place to do it. The sun room in the renovated house was a natural for a waiting room for Ramey Insurance clients.

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NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CIVIL ACTION NO. 99-CI-615 CONTIMORTGAGE, PLAINTIFF VS: JACKY SLONE, DEB-

BIE SLONE, COUNTY OF FLOYD, and COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, DEFENDANTS BY VIRTUE OF Agreed Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 29th day of December, 1999, in Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled cause, against the primary Defendants, jointly and severally, upon the promissory note as set forth in the Complaint for the following sums:

Principal \$ 14,968.80
Interest from 1/27/99 \$ 2,043.64
Advancement for the protection of the property, including taxes and insurance (negative escrow) \$ 2,431.75
Attorney fees (KRS 411.195) \$ 950.00
Total \$ 20,394.19

together with interest at the rate of \$7.38 per diem from the above date until paid plus costs herein and any sums expended by Plaintiff for insurance, ad valorem taxes or for preservation of the real estate until date of sale.

I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 2nd day of March, 2000, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, together with any and all improvements, appurtenances and/or fixtures located thereon, lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at Estill Little's property at the road; thence running to the top of the hill with Estill Little's line and Jim Bob Elswick's line, thence running around the ridge to Island Creek Coal line and continuing with Island Creek Coal line back down the hill to the highway (Rt. #122); thence back down the highway to the beginning point, the Estill Little property.

Being the same property conveyed to Jack Slone and Debbie Slone, his wife, by deed dated September 14, 1984, of Record in Deed Book 287, page 444, in the office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

The property hereinabove described cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and the value of the plaintiff's lien thereon and therefore will be sold as a whole by the Master Commissioner of the Court with the proceeds therefrom distributed to the parties as set out hereinbelow.

The property hereinabove described shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth in order to satisfy the debt owed the Plaintiff, interest, costs, attorney fees, and Floyd County Ad Valorem taxes owed by the primary defendants, jointly and severally.

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

The Plaintiff, Contimortgage is adjudged to have a first and superior mortgage lien (subject only to any appropriate liens of Floyd County, Kentucky) upon the hereinabove described real property.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 down, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

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

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County real property taxes for the fiscal year 1999, and all subsequent years not yet due and payable. Any preceding year delinquent Floyd County real estate taxes shall be paid from the sales proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed, against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

This the 7th day of February, 2000.

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE This is to certify that the original was forwarded to Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, with true and correct copies of the foregoing duly mailed, postage prepaid, this the 7th day of February, 2000 to:

Hon. John R. Cummins Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss 120 East Fourth St., 8th Fl. Cincinnati, OH 45202

Jacky Slone Debbie Slone Box 150, Highway 122 Hi Hat, KY 41636

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

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner

NOTICE OF 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) Cassidy, 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE The following item will be offered at public sale on February 25, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 01/15/99.

Hydraulic lift gate. All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Call Mike Haney for location, 606-886-2321. First Commonwealth Bank 311 N. Arnold Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I CIVIL ACTION NO. 89-CI-648 FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF HAZARD, KENTUCKY, PLAINTIFF VS: HARGIS HURT AND PATRICIA HURT, HIS WIFE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION and FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DEFENDANTS

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 9th day of March, 1992, in the above styled cause, for the sum of Twenty - Two Thousand Eight

Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and thirty-two cents (\$22,868.32), together with interest thereon at the rate of thirteen percent (13%) per annum or at the legal rate from the date specified in the Judgment and Order of Sale, and continuing thereafter at the contract rate or legal judgment rate, whichever is greater, until paid, plus costs, and attorney fees in the amount of Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 2nd day of March, 2000, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described property, lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, to-wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the waters of the Big Sandy River, and being thus described:

Located in the Mayo Subdivision of Lancer, Floyd County, Kentucky, and being Lots Nos. 74, 75 and 10 feet of Lot No. 76 as shown by plat of said subdivision on file in the office of the Clerk of Floyd County court, in Deed Book 139, page 629, to which reference is made for a more specific description of said property.

Being the same property conveyed to Hargis G. Hurt and Patricia A. Hurt, his wife, by deed from Dora Mitchell, dated October, 1982, and recorded in Deed book 271, page 60, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

The property hereinabove described cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and therefore will be sold by the Master Commissioner of the Court with the proceeds therefrom distributed to the parties as set out hereinbelow.

The property hereinabove described shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth in order to satisfy the debt owed Plaintiff Bank, interest, costs and attorney fees owed by the Hurt Defendants, jointly and severally.

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

(1) The Plaintiff, First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Hazard, Kentucky, in the amount of \$22,868.32, with interest thereon at the rate of 13% from February 5, 1991, until paid, plus court costs and attorney fees in the amount of \$2,500.00 (subject only to any appropriate liens of Floyd County, Kentucky).

(2) The Cross-Plaintiff United States of America, Small Business Administration, in the amount of \$14,318.02, with interest thereon at the rate of \$3.02 per day from March 6, 1990, until judgment, and thereafter at the full amount of interest allowed by law on judgment until paid (subject only to any appropriate liens of Floyd County, Kentucky).

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of

sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or make a cash deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price, with the balance on credit for ten (10) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

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

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all real property taxes for the fiscal year 1999, and any prior years for which taxes are due and owing, and subsequent years.

(e) In the event the successful bidder or bidders is or are a party to parties to this action, which or who have been adjudged to have a lien on any of the property bid upon, then and in such event, said party or parties shall not be required to make any cash deposit or bond.

In the event said party or parties is/are a junior lienholder and lienholders, as the case may be, then at the end of ten (10) days said party or parties shall pay the full purchase price.

Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

This the 7th day of February, 2000.

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE This is to certify that the original was forwarded to Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, with true and correct copies of the foregoing duly mailed, certified, postage prepaid, this the 7th day of February, 2000 to:

Hon. Stephen B. Barker 600 High Street, Suite 203 P.O. Box 860 Hazard, KY 41702-0860

Floyd County Attorney Floyd County Justice Center Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

Hon. David Middleton Assistant United States Attorney Eastern District of KY P.O. Box 1490 Lexington, KY 40591

Mr. Hargis Hurt 1108 Willow Avenue Prestonsburg, KY 41653

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner

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 BOND RELEASE In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that Pen Coal Corporation, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606-886-2330), intends to apply for Phase II Bond Release on Permit No. 836-0248 which was last issued on March 11, 1998. The permit covers a surface area of approximately 236.95 acres, and does not involve any underground area. The operation is located approximately 0.57 miles northwest of Colliery in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.64 miles southwest from KY 80's junction with KY 122, and is located 0.37 miles west of Eel Branch. The latitude is 37°35'20" and the longitude is 82°45'00", and is located on the Harold and Martin 7 1/2 minute USGS quadrangle maps.

The performance bond (Surety) currently in effect for the operation is \$150,200.00. Approximately 80% of the original bond amount (surety) of \$708,400.00 is included in this request for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in Spring 1996. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan.

Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601, by March 18, 2000.

A hearing dated for this bond release request has been set for March 20, 2000 at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 18, 2000.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a hearing must be received by the Director, Division of Field Services by March 18, 2000.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the construction of an addition to the existing Sandy Valley Transportation Services Inc., building, 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, Ky., will be received at the office of the director at the above mentioned facility, until 3:00 p.m. local time, February 29, 2000, and then at said office, publicly opened and read aloud.

The work for which bids are to be submitted consists of the construction of a two story wood frame addition to the existing building. All as shown on the drawings and described in the specifications.

The information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following:

Randall Burchett - Architect
637 North Lake Drive
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
(606) 886-3929

F.W. Dodge Corp.
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Lexington, KY

Dodge Plan Room
405 Capital St., Suite 509
Charleston, W.V. 25301

Copies of the Drawing in full size, the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained from Randall Burchett - Architect, 637 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Each set will be \$100.00. Fifty percent will be returned to bona fide bidders. No bidders may withdraw his bid within forty five (45) days after the actual date of bid opening.

Bidders must certify they do not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated or based on race, color creed or national origin.

Minorities and small business are encouraged to submit bids on the Project.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any bidding informalities and to reject any or all bids.

The sealed bids for this Project shall be marked on the outside of the envelope: "BID FOR SANDY VALLEY TRANSPORTATION ADDITION, Greg Hamlin, Sandy Valley Transportation, 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 4653. All risks involved with the proper and timely delivery of any bid shall be assumed by the Bidder. Any bid which is not received on a timely basis or the proper form shall be rejected. Facsimile transmissions ("Faxes") will not be accepted.

A certified check or bid bond, made payable to the Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc., in the sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Base Bid must accompany each bid. The bonding company must be licensed in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Floyd County Fiscal Court is submitting an application to the Rural Housing Service for a Rural Housing Preservation

Grant. A statement of planned activities is available in the office of Judge Paul Hunt Thompson, for public review and comment from February 12-March 23, 2000. Call the Floyd County Fiscal Court at (606) 886-9193 for more information.

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AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

DLVLSION NO: II CIVIL ACTION NO: 95-CI-00956

WILLIAM FOLEY, PAUL FOLEY and JENNIFER FOLEY, his wife, PLAINTIFFS VS.

FIRST COMMON-WEALTH BANK, PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, DEFENDANTS

The property described herein having previously been withdrawn from public sale by Notice dated December 30, 1999, in order to clarify a discrepancy in the description of the property, the discrepancy having been resolved and a proper description, as set out herein having been provided, the following Amended Notice of Sale is hereby given.

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court rendered at the November 18, 1996, Term, in the above styled action in the sum of FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED, EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS AND ONE CENT (\$59,981.01) with unpaid interest upon said sum in the amount of \$8,925.81 of September 26, 1996, and continuing to accrue at the contract rate of \$16.8440 per day until the date of Judgment and at the rate of 12% per annum thereafter, until paid; as well as the sum of THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHT FIVE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$3,885.50) with unpaid interest upon said sum in the amount of \$1,941.43 as of September 26, 1996, and continuing to accrue at the contract rate of \$1.1976 per day until the date of Judgment and at the rate of 12% per annum thereafter, until paid; together with attorney fees in the amount of \$4,522.36 as of September 26, 1996, the Defendant's court cost and all other sums required to preserve and recover the property, I, the undersigned Special Master Commissioner, shall proceed to offer for sale on the steps of the Old Floyd County Courthouse, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 2nd day of March, 2000, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., same being a day of the regular term of the Floyd Circuit Court, the following described property, on a tract-by tract basis or as a whole, whichever method shall realize the highest price, to wit:

TRACT NO. I BEING THE SAME property conveyed to Paul Foley, by Deed dated the 20th day of August, 1979, from W.T. Foley and Pauline Foley, his wife, who retained a life interest therein, which is duly recorded in Deed Book 241, Page 257, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk and is more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a stake at the county road; thence with the private driveway 360' to a stake at Cow Creek; thence southeasterly 250' to Ed Hunt's line; thence with Ed Hunt's line 250' more or less to the county road; thence with the county road 240' to beginning.

The herein described property shall be sold by the Master Commissioner as more particularly set forth to satisfy the debt owed the

duly recorded in Deed Book 281, Page 498, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk and is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at Russell Blackburn's line and corner of Ed Hunt's line; thence running west down Cow Creek; thence approximately 200 feet; thence thence [sic] across the bottom to a marked poplar tree and an iron stake at the back of the bottom; thence running a straight line to the top of the point 800 feet to a marked oak tree about 12 feet from Russell Blackburn's line; thence running with Russell Blackburn's line to the beginning.

TRACT NO. II BEING THE SAME property conveyed to Paul Foley, by Deed dated the 6th day of July, 1984, from William T. Foley and Pauline Foley, his wife, who retained a life estate therein, which is duly recorded in Deed Book 329, Page 182, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk and is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake on east side of Woods Branch and also joining line with Laura Bell Herald approximately 40 feet from culvert of state road following the center of Woods Branch to the mouth where it empties into Cow Creek to an iron stake; thence running west down Cow Creek approximately 300 feet to a poplar at Jack Mosley's line; thence running with Jack Mosley's line to the top of a high knob; thence joining Russell Blackburn's line down the point to Cow Creek; thence with Ed Hunt's line crossing state road to the top of point to Laura Bell Herald's line; thence down point with old fence to the beginning at Woods Branch.

There is excepted from Tract No. 2:

That certain property conveyed to William T. Foley and Pauline Foley from Family Federal Savings & Loan Association by deed dated November 5, 1984, and of record at Deed Book 289, Page 71, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk to which reference is made for a more exact description.

There is further excepted from Tract No. 2 those properties described as Tracts 1 and 3 herein, those tracts having derived from Tract No. 2.

TRACT III BEING THE SAME property conveyed to Paul Foley, by Deed dated the 20th day of August, 1979, from W.T. Foley and Pauline Foley, his wife, who retained a life interest therein, which is duly recorded in Deed Book 241, Page 257, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk and is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake at the county road; thence with the private driveway 360' to a stake at Cow Creek; thence southeasterly 250' to Ed Hunt's line; thence with Ed Hunt's line 250' more or less to the county road; thence with the county road 240' to beginning.

Defendant Bank upon its Counterclaim, interest, costs and attorney fees by the Plaintiffs Paul Foley and Jennifer Foley, jointly and severally.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale shall include costs of advertising of this sale and the fees and commissions for conducting this sale. The lien of the Defendant, First Commonwealth Bank shall attach to the proceeds of the sale of the real property in the amount of FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED, EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS AND ONE CENT (\$59,981.01) with unpaid interest upon said sum in the amount of \$8,925.81 of September 26, 1996, and continuing to accrue at the contract rate of \$16.8440 per day until the date of Judgment and at the rate of 12% per annum thereafter, until paid; as well as the sum of THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHT FIVE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$3,885.50) with unpaid interest upon said sum in the amount of \$1,941.43 as of September 26, 1996, and continuing to accrue at the contract rate of \$1.1976 per day until the date of Judgment and at the rate of 12% per annum thereafter, until paid; attorney fees in the amount of \$4,522.36 as of September 26, 1996, the Defendants court costs and all other sums required to preserve and recover the property.

The purchaser shall be sold free and clear of any liens or encumbrances subject only to any lien for unpaid ad valorem taxes or assessments upon said property for the 1996 tax year, any subsequent year for which such taxes or assessments remain unpaid, and subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's office and any right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all real property taxes for the fiscal year 1999, and for any prior years for which taxes are due and owing and for subsequent years.

The purchaser shall be required to pay the sum of 10% of the bid price down in cash at the time of the sale with the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days at the rate of 12% per annum. Further, the purchaser shall be required to execute a bond or bonds with sufficient surety or sureties thereon, which shall have the force and effect of a judgment upon said property in order to secure payment of the balance of the purchase price. In the event the successful bidder is a party to this action adjudged to have a lien on any of the real property bid upon, then and in that event, such party shall not be required to make any cash deposit or bond. In the event said party is a junior lien holder, then at the end of the thirty (30) days said party shall pay the purchase price in full. All bidders must be prepared to comply with these terms.

Announcements on the date of the sale shall take precedence over printed material herein.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, this 3rd day of February, 2000.

CLYDE F. JOHNSON SPECIAL MASTER COMMISSIONER FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid to the following:

Hon. Richard Fitzpatrick P.O. Box 351 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

Hon. E. Martin McGuire P.O. Box 1257 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

This 3rd day of February, 2000.

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NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CIVIL ACTION NO. 99-CI-00660

DAVID MAY; and LOIS MAY his wife, PLAINTIFFS; VS.

QUENTIN HARRIS, DEFENDANT; BY VIRTUE OF Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Final Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 4th day of January, 2000, in Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 2nd day of March, 2000, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate together with all improvements thereon and appurtenances hereunto belonging and the rents, issues and profits, lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Being the same property conveyed to Joe T. Harris (now deceased) pursuant to the Will of Mary E. Harris, deceased, dated November 20, 1972, and recorded at Will Book C, Page 211, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk; also being the same property conveyed to Joe T. Harris (now deceased), individually, from W.R. Harris and Florence Harris, his wife, by deed bearing date February 5, 1946, and recorded at Deed Book 129, Page 405, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk; and being all of the interest of Grantors herein which they inherited by reason of the intestate death of Joe Talmadge Harris which is evidenced by the Affidavit of Descent of Joe Talmadge Harris dated November 27, 1990, and recorded at Deed Book 342, Page 528, in the office of the Floyd County

Clerk. Being three tracts of Real Property located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, at or near the area known as Brandy Keg, bordering what is now known as Jenny Wiley State Park, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

TRACT NO. I: (Sallie Harris, et al, to J.D. Harris as Guardian of Mary Harris, January 28, 1905, Deed Book 15, Page 542).

A certain piece or parcel of land lying and being in Floyd County on the waters of John's Creek and part on the waters of Brandy Keg and bounded and described as follows, viz: -Beginning at Walnut stump near county road beginning corner of the widow Sally Harris with her line to the top of the hill, thence a north course around the top of the hill and with same to the divide point between the Well Branch and Hi Jarrell Branch, thence down said point to the oak tree at county road corner tree between T.J. Harris and J.D. Martin, thence up the road and with same to the beginning.

This tract also includes the following, which is contained in that certain deed from Sallie Harris, et al., to J.D. Harris as Guardian of Mary Harris, Deed Book 15, Page 542, to-wit:

It is agreed by the parties of the first part herein that at the widow's death Sallie Harris that said second party line shall include the following of the widow's thirds beginning at the mouth of the drain on Hi Jarrell Branch at a sycamore and walnut and at the mouth of second drain on right-hand side as you go up, thence up drain and with same to the top of point, thence up same to top of high knob and round top of hill to line between Sallie Harris and J.D. Harris &c thence down the hill with same to the mouth of said drain the beginning and being same two-fifths interest sold by J.B. Harris and wife to J.D. Harris, Guardian, and Mary Harris, his infant daughter.

TRACT NO. II: (William Martin and Belle Martin to Mary Harris, April 23, 1906, Deed Book 98, Page 568).

A certain tract of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the waters of John's Creek and bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a small elm bush a corner between the heirs of J.D. Martin, deceased, and John W. Harris; thence a straight line up the hill to the top of the point; thence with the center of the point to a black locust on top of the ridge; thence with the lines of S.W. McGuire to the line of T.J. Harris, thence with T.J. Harris line down the hill to the county road; thence with the road to the beginning, containing 75 acres more or less.

There is excepted herefrom and not conveyed hereby as having been previously conveyed that property described in that certain deed of conveyance dated January 2, 1962, by and between Joe T. Harris and Mary Harris, Kentucky Department of Parks and recorded at Deed Book 179, Page 487,

in the office of the Floyd County Clerk to which reference is made for a more particular description.

TRACT NO. III: (W.R. Harris and Florence Harris to Joe T. Harris, February 5, 1946, Deed Book 129, Page 405).

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the waters of Brandy Keg Creek, containing 82 acres more or less, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning on the line of the heirs of J.B. Harris; thence up the point with said line to the top of the hill to lines of J.W. Mayo, C.B. Harris, Mayo line; thence around the top of the ridge a north course to top of knob; thence down the divide point between the Hi Jarrell Branch and Brandy Keg to the county road; thence crossing the road and running a straight line across the bottom and up the hill a straight line to top of high knob to back line of T.J. Harris, deceased, thence to the line of the heirs of J.B. Harris; thence with said line down the hill to black oak standing on the point between Brandy Keg and Burnt Cabin Branch; thence a straight line down the hill to the county road and the road and crossing same to the beginning, and also to include the tract known as the widow's dower; beginning from the top of high knob a west side of said creek down the hill a straight line to a small chestnut near a slip infield and thence down the hill a straight line to forks of drain and down the drain to small poplar and thence a straight line to the branch and up same to county road and crossing same and up Hi Jarrell Branch with same to second drain on right-hand side of said mouth of drain and with said drain to the top of hill, the above two descriptions, joining each other.

There is excepted herefrom and not conveyed hereby as having been previously conveyed, that property described in that certain Commissioner's Deed between Joe Harris and Mary Harris, his wife, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky (Department of Highways) dated January 5, 1967, and recorded at Deed Book 192, Page 146, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, to which reference is made for a more particular description; and also that property described in that certain deed between Joe T. Harris, individually, and C.R. Harris and Mary Anna Harris, dated June 4, 1973, and recorded at Deed Book 216, Page 553, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk to which reference is made for a more particular description.

The property hereinabove described cannot be divided without materially impairing its value and, therefore, will be sold as a whole by the Master Commissioner of the Court with the proceeds therefrom distributed to the parties as set out as follows:.

(2) Defendant, Quentin Harris, shall receive Twenty-Five percent (25%) thereof.

Floyd County is adjudged a first, prior and superior lien on the hereinabove real property and the Master Commissioner shall first apply the proceeds of sale to satisfy any and all liens held by Floyd County against the hereinabove real property, and thereafter the Master Commissioner shall apply the remaining proceeds to the Commissioner's fee and sale costs and expenses.

TERMS OF SALE.

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than a party to this action, shall either pay, cash or 10% down, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

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

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County real property taxes for the fiscal year 1999, and all subsequent years not yet due and payable, and any preceding year delinquent Floyd County real estate taxes will be paid by the Master Commissioner from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event that the successful bidder is a party to this action, which has been adjudged to have a lien on that certain tract or parcel of real property bid upon, then and in that event, said party shall not be required to make any cash deposit or bond. In the event said party is a junior lienholder then at the end of thirty (30) days, the said parties shall pay the full purchase price.

(e) The parties hereto shall have ten (10) days after the sale of the real property in which to abandon said property. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. This the 7th day of February, 2000.

(606) 886-2812

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This is to certify that the original was forwarded to Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, with true and correct copies of the foregoing duly mailed, postage prepaid, this the 7th day of February, 2000 to:

Hon. Gerald DeRossett 124 W. Court Street Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Hon. John Kirk P.O. Box 246 Inez, KY 41224

Hon. Earl Martin McGuire P.O. Box 1257 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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1993 Subaru Pickup S/N 4361.

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Call Mike Haney for location, 606-886-2321.

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