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Patton proposes \$133 million for Floyd roads

Plan includes Minnie-Harold road, Town Branch Bridge

by **Ralph B. Davis**
Managing Editor

Under Gov. Paul Patton's proposed six-year road plan, Floyd County would see \$133 million in spending for local roads.

But the plan could face an uphill battle because it is tied to the governor's request for a seven-cent-a-gallon hike in the state's gas tax.

Patton's proposed six-year plan includes 20 projects in Floyd County, 17 of which

would be completed by 2006.

Several high-profile, big-ticket items are featured on the list, including a \$98 million project to create a connector between Minnie and Harold, the replacement of Town Branch Bridge in Prestonsburg and the three-laning of Route 1428 through the Black Bottom section of Prestonsburg.

Statewide, Patton's road plan would cost \$2.339 billion, \$872 million of which is expected to be generated from the gas tax.

In the event the gas tax hike is not

approved, the road plan would likely have to be trimmed, with projects funded solely by the state facing a 37 percent cut. Such projects make up over \$122 million of the \$133 million proposed for Floyd County.

Among the Floyd County projects in the plan are:

- \$38.12 million to reconstruct Route 979 from the mouth of Tackett Branch to Harold, as part of the creation of a Minnie-Harold connector. Construction beginning in 2003.

- \$26.1 million to construct a new route from Little Mud Creek Road to Parsons Branch, as part of the Minnie-Harold connector. Construction beginning in 2006.
- \$20.38 million to construct a new route from Route 122 at Minnie to Little Mud Creek Road, as part of the Minnie-Harold connector. Construction beginning in 2005.
- \$13.5 million for additional funding for construction from Route 122 at Minnie to Little Mud Creek Road. Construction beginning in 2006.
- \$9.5 million to construct an access road from Route 302 to a development site

near Jenny Wiley Golf Course. Construction beginning in 2002.

- \$6.45 million to relocate Route 122 at Meade Hill. Construction beginning in 2002.
- \$3.4 million for design, acquisition and utility relocation related to the widening of Route 114 from Richardson Creek to 0.7 miles west of Route 404.
- \$2.5 million to replace the old Town Branch Bridge at its current location. Construction to begin in 2001.
- \$2 million to widen to three lanes

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Witness fails to show, but Martin sent to grand jury

by **Randell Reno**
Staff Writer

"I don't want to stir things up if I don't have to," defense attorney Michael de Bourbon said as a preliminary hearing for Sheridan Martin began yesterday.

But as the proceedings got underway, the stirring began.

"I have always viewed a preliminary hearing as just that," said special Judge Darrel Mullins of Pike District Court.

An expected quick hearing turned into a two-and-a-half-hour marathon. The proceedings at times resembled a hearing on the whereabouts of the alleged victim, who failed to show, rather than an inquiry into whether a crime had been committed.

De Bourbon courted the press as he attempted to turn the preliminary hearing into a full scale trial. Questioning every witness in ways to discredit the alleged victim's allegations, de Bourbon was accused by the prosecution of attempting to impeach the woman before the case got to trial.

With each witness, de Bourbon returned to the question of where the complaining witness was. He repeatedly tried to have her husband, who was at the hearing, called to the stand to tell of her

whereabouts.

Mullins eventually ruled that her husband could not take the stand after being subject to the testimony of the other witnesses.

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Businessman arrested for imprisonment

by **Randell Reno**
Staff Writer

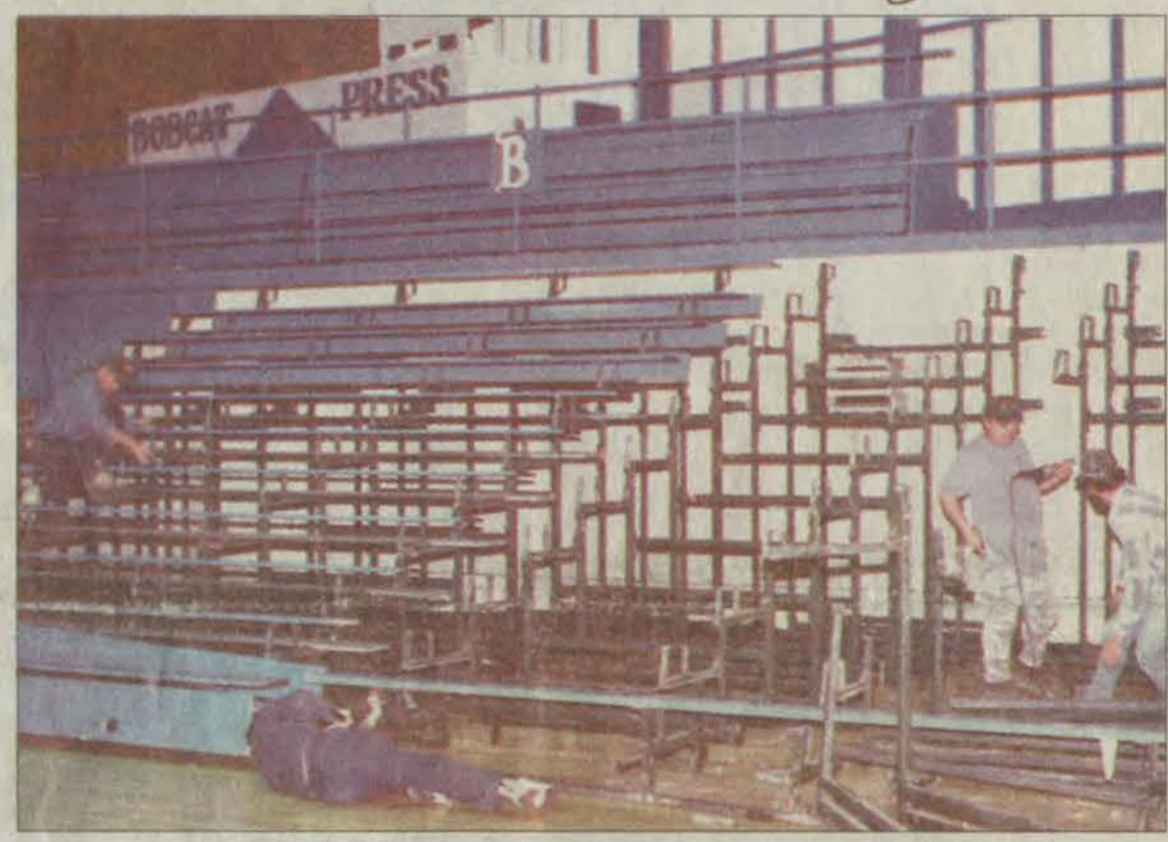
A well-known Prestonsburg businessman has been arrested on charges of unlawful imprisonment.

Gary McCoy, 52, of Prestonsburg was arrested Saturday for allegedly holding a man at gunpoint for 45 to 60 minutes.

McCoy is alleged to have held Wendell D. Burke against his will when he would pick up his gun or stand and put his hand on the gun and tell Burke to "sit back down" when he tried to leave.

The owner of Mountain Metal Company is scheduled for arraignment on March 15.

Not a seat in the house...



Workers from S&L Company of McDowell take out the old bleachers at Betsy Layne Elementary to make room for new ones that are expected this week. You might say worker Randy Bell in lying down on the job. Bell was taking bolts loose on the bottom bleachers. The gym is used by both the elementary and high schools. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Woman accused of stealing prescription pads after working for doctor one week

by **Randell Reno**
Staff Writer

A former Maryland resident has been arrested on theft and forgery charges after working for a doctor less than a week.

Traci Hedrick, 29, is accused of stealing three prescription pads from the office of Dr. Ray deGuzman of Martin.

Hedrick, now of Lancer, was allegedly in the possession of one

full book, a half book, and 12 leaves of the other. After discovering prescriptions at Wal-Mart and Rite-Aid, officers suspect she could have used the books to forge prescriptions at many area pharmacies.

The sheriff's office and officer Tommy Gearheart of the Prestonsburg Police Department discovered prescriptions for Lorcet, a controlled drug.

Hedrick told officers she has lived in the area a little over a year.

She was employed by deGuzman about three to four days before the alleged theft.

Hedrick was charged with six counts of obtaining a controlled substance by deception and another six counts of forgery of a prescription. Hedrick pleaded not guilty in her arraignment. She was released on a partially-secured \$5,000 bond.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for February 25. Police say further charges are pending.

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Briefs

Marrow donor found for Hughes

Brian Hughes, who has been featured in several Times stories about his fight with leukemia, has found a donor with an exact match that will enable him to receive a bone marrow transplant, according to his mother Linda.

Hughes goes today (Wednesday) to the University of Kentucky to take his physical, and if all goes well, Hughes could have the transplant sometime in March.

Linda Hughes said the family thanks all those who have helped Brian in his quest to overcome the disease.



Brian Hughes



Thomas Ross, with his father, Floyd County Board member Johnnie Ross, attended one of the Consolidated Plan meetings and had his own idea of what is important in education — drawing some nice pictures. (photo by Willie Elliott)

Local organizations show support for housing bill

by **Randell Reno**
Staff Writer

The Affordable Housing Trust Fund of Kentucky may get a boost over the next two years thanks to a bill which would extend the state's practice of earmarking unclaimed lottery winnings to the trust fund.

Currently, the lottery is allowed to keep up to \$6 million of unclaimed prizes each year to place back into the prize. Any money over that amount, however, goes to the trust fund.

That practice will expire June 30 as the law is currently written.

House Bill 392 would continue to fund the trust fund with unclaimed lottery winnings through June 30, 2002. After being posted on the House calendar for passage February 15,

however, the bill was sent back to the Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

Major funding grants have been allotted to various organizations in Floyd County from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The grants help low-income families gain housing, improving their standard of living which will hopefully allow them to get better jobs, said Eddie Patton of the county judge-executive's office.

A grant in the amount of \$20,000 was given to the Floyd Fiscal Court and is being used to build a home for a low-income family. Similar grants have been presented to other organizations for the sole purpose of helping those in dire need of affordable housing.

LINKS at the Appalachian Research Defense Fund received \$20,000, Floyd County Housing

received \$30,000, Mountain Comprehensive Care Corporation received \$42,000 and Floyd Fiscal Court just received another \$20,000.

Patton said over 400 families have applied to receive help in housing with the LINKS program.

"The bill needs to be out of the committee and back into the House," Patton said. "This is the only way I know to help some families."

Unclaimed prize money has been used for the past grants that have come into the area.

"It allowed us to get a grant to repair and refit some substandard homes," said Judy Music of MCCC.

MCCC distributed moneys for repairs to the homes of seven families from the grant.

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Martin

De Bourbon stuck to his guns for the length of the hearing, repeatedly telling the court he believed that the process had been or was being frustrated.

Special prosecuting attorneys Luke Morgan and Kurt Kruthoffer told the court, as did each witness, they didn't know the alleged victim's location. But that argument fell on deaf ears, as de Bourbon said the process was unfair.

Kentucky State Police Detective Stewart Howard was called as the prosecution's chief witness in the hearing.

Howard said he was notified by Sgt. Lowell Ward on December 13 to contact County Attorney Keith Bartley about a sex-related crime.

Howard said he contacted Bartley by cellular phone and set up an appointment for 4 p.m. that same evening to meet with the alleged victim.

The detective testified that the alleged victim had received a page from an unknown number about 9 a.m. on the morning of December 13. Upon arriving at the office, her co-workers, Heather Wells and Lisa Bailey, told her Martin had called and asked for her pager number, Howard said.

Howard testified the alleged victim called Martin, who was at home, and was asked to come by his house. Despite what he described concerns of her co-workers, the detective said the alleged victim went to Martin's home to inquire what he needed.

The detective said he was told Martin had a history of making lurid comments toward the alleged victim and had repeatedly sexually harassed her.

Upon arriving at Martin's, Howard said the alleged victim went to a glass door, where she could see the attorney inside wearing sweat pants and a T-shirt. He said she knocked on the door and was invited into the home with a motion from Martin.

After she entered Martin's home,

Howard testified, the Prestonsburg attorney walked through the home and called for her to follow.

After following him through the house, she realized she was in the bedroom, the detective said, where Martin was sitting on the edge of the bed. She told the detective Martin allegedly stood up, grabbed her by the back of the head and forcibly kissed her.

When she resisted, he allegedly grabbed her arm and stuck it into his pants onto his genitalia, Howard testified. The detective said she pulled away and told Martin she could not do that. She received a page about that time and told Martin she had to go.

That page came from Wells and Bailey, she told the detective. She returned to the office, where Wells told the court sometime later she was visibly upset.

Howard said the alleged victim stayed at the office a short period of time, gained her composure and went to the Floyd County Attorney's Office.

Upon meeting the alleged victim and Bartley, the detective gave an interview and later met the alleged victim at her home. While at her house, she received a page she recognized as the law office number. With her permission, Howard made a recording of the call she returned, which allegedly turned out to be to Martin.

A copy of that tape was submitted as evidence in the hearing. De Bourbon asked the judge if he could hear the tape before the proceedings could continue. He said he wanted to listen to it alone without facing the "wolves," but upon the prosecution's objections, he listened with the prosecution present.

On the tape, a voice Howard identified as Martin offered an apology to the alleged victim, saying he was having a hard time and knew

she was, too. He told her he had talked to his minister and had asked God for forgiveness and believed that he had been forgiven.

Martin said he had slipped from his Christian behavior. "God knows I'm a sinner and I want to change my life," he said. Martin told her he had acted inappropriately.

"It was the worst thing I ever did in my life," he said. "I am mercifully sorry."

De Bourbon began his cross-examination of Howard by attacking his lack of notes. He said he had asked the detective to bring his notes to the court.

The detective retorted he remembered much about the incident and didn't feel he needed them.

In an attempt to prove or disprove that the alleged victim was fearful of Martin, de Bourbon questioned the detective's interview of her.

Howard said he didn't ask the alleged victim if she had a previous relationship with Martin. De Bourbon countered that such a question is ordinarily normal procedure in such a case.

The officer said the alleged victim had told him Martin had harassed her from the beginning of her employment in September of that year. She allegedly told Martin, "If you continue to bother me, you will be wearing your (gonads) as earrings," Det. Howard testified.

De Bourbon established from the detective that no pictures were taken of the alleged victim proving her lipstick had been smeared. There was no tissue nor cloth to suggest it had been removed.

The detective said Wells had told him about the alleged victim's condition after the incident.

Gathering evidence for the eventual trial, de Bourbon estimated that the alleged victim was in Martin's home for about five minutes, based

on Howard's testimony. He also gleaned from the detective and other witnesses she was gone from the office no more than 10 to 15 minutes.

After repeated attempts to establish the alleged victim had a previous relationship with Martin or that the witnesses were acting out of spite towards Martin, Morgan objected, saying de Bourbon was "on a fishing expedition."

De Bourbon re-emphasized that he felt his case was being frustrated by the lack of appearance by the complaining witnesses. Morgan accused the defending attorney of trying to smear the alleged victim and of trying to intimidate the witness.

"The defendant has already made it clear that he will go to great lengths to prove his point," said Morgan.

Heather Wells testified that she and the alleged victim were upset because of the alleged act by Martin.

"She looked like hell," Wells said. "Her lipstick was smeared around her mouth."

In response, de Bourbon said Wells was upset because she believed the incident happened because of what the alleged victim said, not because she knew it actually happened.

Wells was granted a break in her testimony after she was shaken by de Bourbon's examination.

Bartley was also questioned as to his relationship in the case. But after covering much of the same ground, Mullins attempted to close the hearing by saying "We're dangerously close to discovery if not already there."

The hearing ended with the case being passed to the grand jury.

Mullins ordered Martin to have no contact with the alleged victim in any shape or form, either directly or indirectly.

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(NAPSA)-You wake up Sunday morning and scour the classified ads looking for properties for sale in your price range. Then you spend the rest of the day, driving around to open houses only to discover that the houses are either too small or the highway runs through the backyard or the nearest grocery store is five miles away. You think to yourself, "there must be a better way."

It isn't called the Information Superhighway without reason. The Internet hosts pages of information useful for homebuyers and sellers. Consumers can now do their home-

work on the housing market with just a few clicks of the mouse. In fact, in a recent survey,* 58 percent of potential homebuyers felt the Internet is a valuable tool when searching for a home. From detailed property searches to facts on the neighborhood, real estate Web sites have become the most convenient and timesaving method for house hunting. Homebuyers can choose the houses they would like to see and email an agent at the touch of a button.

Of course, the Internet cannot replace the knowledge and expertise of a real estate professional, nor the actual experience of touring a property. It is, though, a valuable tool for narrowing your housing search and saving hours of time. Listed below is just some of the information available on the Internet.

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National Family Day® joins Father's Day and Mother's Day as a celebration of the american family

(NAPSA)-Sunday, March 26, 2000 will mark the first nationwide observance of National FamilyDay®, a new holiday established to recognize and celebrate the importance of the American family. National FamilyDay will give families a special occasion to bond, share traditions and communicate values.

National Family Day was established by KidsPeace, The National Center For Kids Overcoming Crisis. It is being jointly developed by KidsPeace and the National Tabletop and Giftware Association (NTGA) in response to a nationwide survey completed last year. The study clearly indicated that Americans believe that many of the nation's social ills stem from a lack of consistent and meaningful communication within the family.

Other findings link quality family time to sharing family meals:

- Eighty-three percent of Americans feel it is crucially or very important for families to eat their meals together on a regular basis.
- Eighty-two percent believe family members who eat meals together have an opportunity to bond.
- Eating meals together offers an

opportunity to convey values to children, according to sixty-two percent of those surveyed.

• Sixty percent use meals to catch up on family news, while fifty-six percent see meals as an opportunity to



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teach manners to children.

Americans also believe that with today's hectic schedules, work pressures and children's activities, it is increasingly difficult for families to spend quality time together. Many Americans report they rarely find time to sit down and share a family meal, even once a day. Therefore, seventy-one percent of the adults surveyed support the idea of a national holiday aimed at bringing families together.

KidsPeace and the NTGA are currently seeking official governmental recognition of National FamilyDay, at both state and federal levels. But until

then, they encourage all American families to observe the new holiday by sitting down together and celebrating not just on National FamilyDay, but throughout the year. Good communication builds stronger families to help give kids peace.

"Communication and meaningful interaction between family members is key to raising healthy children," said C.T. O'Donnell II, President and CEO of KidsPeace. "National FamilyDay provides another opportunity for us all to take time to celebrate our families."

A brochure developed by the NTGA and KidsPeace offers a number of useful tips on how to reclaim the family meal and promote healthy family conversations. The brochure is available from the Pfaltzgraff Consumer Helpline at 1-800-999-2811, or visit www.nationalfamilyday.net.

Correction

In the listing of recent marriage licenses issued, in the February 13 edition of the Times, Gaylen Stone was incorrectly identified as Gaylen Slone. He and Jennie Ann Puckett applied for a marriage license. The Times regrets the error.

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 Maternal grandparents are Tommy Cooley and Valerie Cooley of Prestonsburg. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young of Pike County.

Museum scene of Civil War seminar

Highlands Museum and Discovery Center in Ashland will host a seminar on the Civil War on Saturday, February 26, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"War on the Borders: The Civil War in the Big Sandy River Region" will feature speakers, discussions and entertainment.

The event is organized by the museum, Eastern Kentucky Genealogical Society and the Eastern Kentucky Partisan Ranger Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Discussions will center on Confederate and Union armies, Middle Creek and other battles, civilian life, and genealogy.

Speakers include James Prichard and John B. Wells, co-authors of "May's 10th Kentucky Cavalry, CSA;" Randall Osborne, co-author of "The Virginia State Rangers and State Line;" John David Preston, author of "The Civil War in the Big Sandy Valley;" and Robert Perry, author of "Jack May's War."

Also on the roster are Tom Fugate, Kentucky Heritage Council; Susan Hughes, Shaker Village living historian; Sherri Pettit, genealogist and local historian; Marshall Steen, owner of Steen Cannons; Marlitta Perkins, 14th Kentucky Infantry, US historian; Robert Baker, owner of Bushwacker Bookseller; and Jimmie Epling, local historian and the Tree Shaker editor.

At 6:30 p.m., the Sandy River Minstrels will present a Civil War-era concert. Demonstrations and exhibits of weapons and other relics are also planned.

Registration is \$10, with a discount of \$5 for students and senior citizens.

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Editorial

A balance of power

Along with gasoline, the prices for home heating oil have shot up lately, and politicians all over the Northeast are starting to hear about it from constituents.

Unlike the Midwest, where natural gas and electricity are the main sources of heat, many homes in the Northeast rely on oil.

The Clinton administration is responding aggressively. The president has released \$200 million from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and said more is available if need be. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson was dispatched to Boston to meet with industry and consumer representatives. And the White House plans to ask OPEC nations next month to kindly increase production and thus lower prices for American consumers.

Already there's talk about tapping the strategic petroleum reserve to push prices down. And some Northeastern lawmakers have proposed establishing a separate 6.7 million gallon heating oil reserve to combat price spikes.

The Northeastern states do have other energy sources, of course, notably nuclear power plants. They generate some of the most expensive electricity you can buy.

By the way, did you catch the report the other day about the nuclear plant on the Hudson River that was venting radioactive steam into the evening air? Or the one about how Congress is again punting shamelessly on its obligation to develop a permanent repository for high-level wastes from the nation's nukes? All of which prompts us to wonder just why it is the Clinton administration seems so determined to shut down the Midwest's coal-fired power industry.

Times like these — when escalating oil prices highlight our dependence upon foreign energy sources — demonstrate why it is so important to maintain a balance in the nation's energy supply.

There's no mystery about why the EPA doesn't like coal plants. They're dirty, and the process of mining that coal is even worse.

Coal is an environmentally unfriendly fuel source, and it's not the most efficient way to generate electricity. The world will be a better place when we figure out how to meet our energy needs through solar panels, fuel cells or other clean, efficient technologies.

But until then our economy will rely on fossil fuels, and it makes sense to keep coal — with cost-effective pollution controls — as part of the mix.

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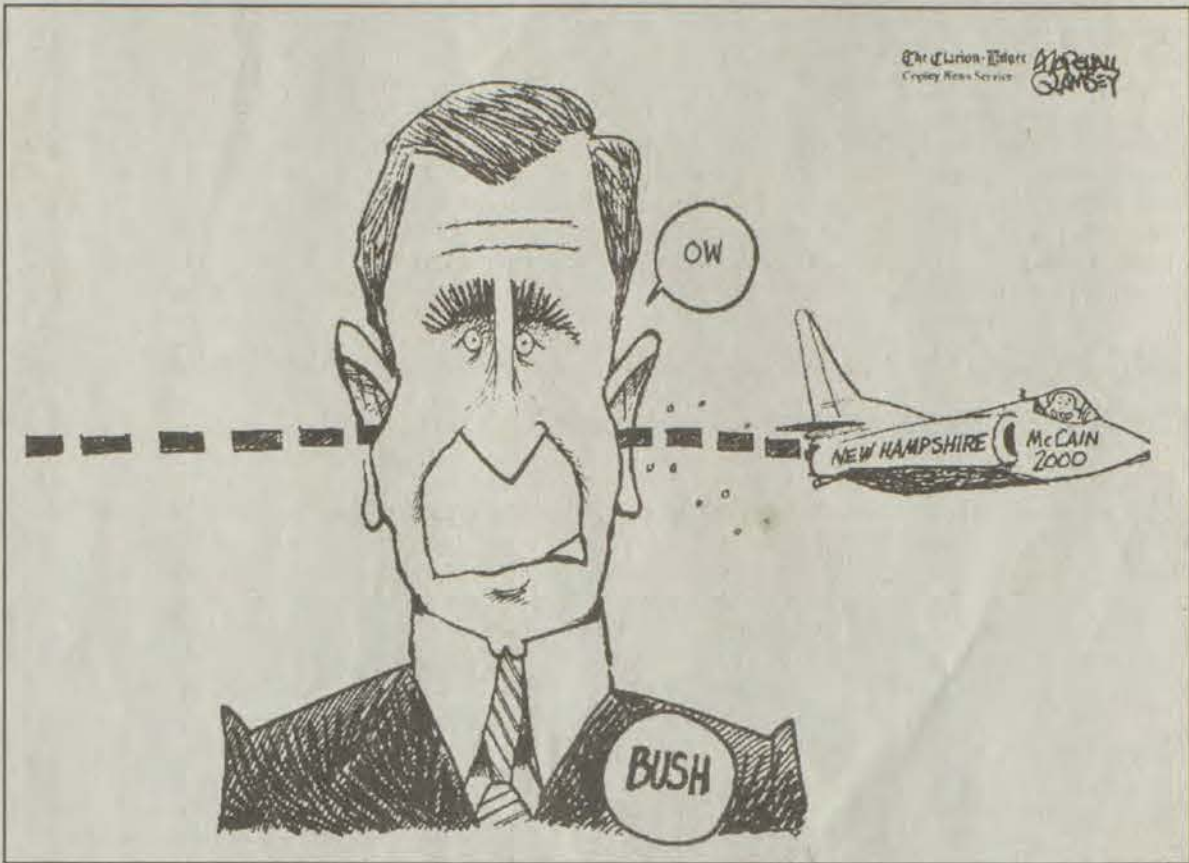
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Guest Column

For richer or for poorer

by Jim Campi
Citizens Against Government Waste

Someone once said that many torments lie in the small circle of a wedding ring. Certainly, every marriage has its ups and downs. But of all the problems that can conspire to thwart marital bliss, none are as burdensome and unfair as those imposed by the federal tax code.

For years, Congress has been trying to balance out two competing interests — progressive tax rates and fair treatment of married couples. And as with most things Congress sets its collective genius to accomplishing, it has failed abysmally. Since 1948, lawmakers have allowed small disparities to creep into the tax code that have, with changes in demographics, become yawning chasms.

You see, unlike most industrial nations, the United States imposes taxes on couples, not individuals. The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants estimates that there are at least 63 provisions in the internal revenue code where tax liability depends on a taxpayer's marital status.

To make matters worse, the tax code actually penalizes couples for being married. For example, the standard deduction for single taxpayers is \$4,250. Therefore, the deduction for a married couple should logically be \$8,500 — twice that amount. But it's not. The standard deduction for a married couple is only \$7,100 — \$1,400 less than it would be if the two remained unwed.

The tax brackets themselves are equally unfair. Under current tax law, a single taxpayer enters the 28 percent tax bracket at \$25,350. However, a married couple enters that bracket at just \$42,350. With a more equitable tax code, the benchmark for that bracket would be \$50,700 — twice that of a single filer and considerably more than current law.

Despite these drawbacks there is an upside — at least for some people. According to the Congressional Budget Office, some couples actually receive a so-called "marriage bonus" — a lower tax liability than they would have received if they filed as individuals. Bonuses most often occur when there are large discrepancies between the incomes of the two earners, or when one spouse earns nothing at all.

According to the Congressional Budget Office,

"If marriage penalties and bonuses were small, they would be of little consequence. Taxpayers would not perceive as unfair the small differences in taxes created by marriage ... But the penalties and bonuses can be large."

About 21 million married taxpayers are victims of the marriage penalty, which amounts to an additional \$1,400 per couple in tax liability. In some cases, the penalty can reach as high as \$20,000 annually.

Some pundits maintain that there is nothing wrong with the marriage penalty. After all, more married couples actually receive a marriage bonus than a penalty. Last year, USA Today argued that eliminating the penalty is nothing more than a tax cut for the rich, claiming that the penalty rarely affects couples who make less than \$50,000 a year.

Of course, using this ridiculous line of reasoning, one would have to conclude that a husband and wife making \$26,000 apiece were rich, since marriage penalties most often affect couples earning similar incomes.

As with any other tax cut proposal, President Clinton is eager to appear both for and against it simultaneously. In response to a question about the marriage penalty, Clinton remarked, "[O]n principle, I don't like the marriage penalty ... I don't think any American could. On the other hand, it's like every other tax cut — there are a lot of tax cuts that might be desirable, but how would you pay for them?"

The most equitable solution to the marriage penalty would be instituting either a flat tax or national sales tax. However, given the current political environment, neither seems likely to be implemented in the near future. In the meantime, Congress is considering less comprehensive reforms to address the marriage penalty, such as expanding the 15 percent tax bracket and increasing deductions for married couples. These adjustments alone would save married taxpayers an estimated \$182 billion over 10 years.

Simple justice dictates that marriage shall not increase tax liability. The time has come for Congress to tackle the marriage penalty. Legislation to eliminate the penalty would not only give 21 million taxpayers much needed relief, but would also demonstrate Washington's commitment to both fairness and families.

Kentucky's death penalty — expensive and counterproductive

By Carl Wedekind

Kentucky has a golden opportunity to reduce violence and save taxpayers millions of dollars.

The way to accomplish this is to abolish the death penalty. In its place, defendants convicted of capital murder with aggravating circumstances will be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of probation or parole, a penalty established by our legislators in 1998.

There are many reasons to replace the death penalty. It doesn't deter anyone, it wastes tax dollars and it often doesn't comfort victims' families. Even worse, it increases crime and sometimes kills people who are innocent.

Testimony before the Kentucky legislature's Interim Joint Health and Welfare Committee on October 20, 1999, established beyond doubt that the death penalty in Kentucky does not deter murder. Official police statistics disclose that the current rate of homicides per 100,000 population is 3.6 in nondeath penalty states, compared to 7.1 in death penalty states. Eighty-one percent of all executions now occur in the South, where the homicide rates average 9 per 100,000 population, compared to a rate of 5.4 in the Northeast, where only 2 percent of the executions occur. In Kentucky, we had a 35-year period (1962-1997) when there were no executions, and during that time period the homicide rate decreased by one-half.

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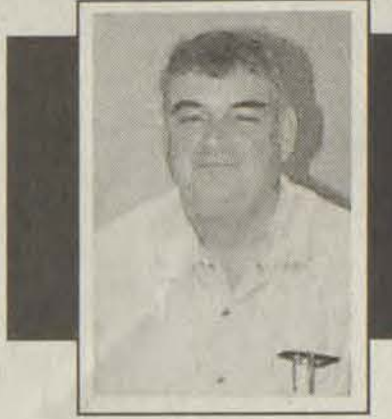
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Mountain Voices

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer



The woes of writing

"Can't think of anything to write this week. So this is my column."

I turned this in to my editor and, of course, he looked at me as if I had flipped my cookie. I wanted to know why I couldn't use that as a column. Students use that excuse all the time.

The editor said, "Yes, but we have a certain number of lines to fill and those 12 words won't make a dent in the space."

"Yes, and when I was a teacher, I had grades to figure, and it was hard to figure a grade for a scribbled, 'I can't think of anything to write.'"

So I taught the kids the same technique that I am using here — just wander around on the page and maybe something will happen. If not, what have you lost?

I know some of you are going to have the urge to say, "That's how I thought you wrote all your columns." I usually have some idea of a point or two to make, but this time I have no clue.

We also taught a little technique in which we told students to write, "I can't think of anything to write" until something comes to mind. I can now understand their frustration at this advice — nothing is coming to mind.

I could wait until something interesting happens, but the staff has told me we can't postpone the paper from Wednesday until Thursday so I can think of something to write. Anyway what is the prospect of anything interesting happening this week?

Patton was in town on Friday. So what? He comes every month or so. It is true that he gives out money, but I don't see any of it or have any say in how it is used. No, can't use that.

We have had a couple of board meetings but the members have all been on their best behavior — they know I'm waiting for them to do something entertaining so they just do the opposite. Time was I could count on them for at least one column a month.

I pulled out my copy of "Write to Learn," (by Donald M. Murray) a wonderful book that every English teacher should own. (Since I am not an English teacher any longer, I will sell you my copy for \$8 — just ask any language arts teacher and he/she will tell you that is a steal.) Did you notice the sneaky way I inserted a free ad? If you caught that, don't tell the management — they frown on giving free ads.

Ninety-nine percent of the time Donald Murray's "Write to Learn" will permit the user to make words pour off the page. Unfortunately, I got stuck trying to use the book on that rare one percent.

I want some of my students who said this just writing wouldn't work to take note. I started out with nothing (and still have most of it) and ended up with something. I know this writing won't be considered an example of good writing, having audience, purpose, details and all those good things we look for in effective writing. It is however, worth at least a C-minus, and with grade inflation what it is, maybe even a B-minus. After all, I spelled and used awl the words correctly.

If you have some good column topics, send them to me. I will use one of them

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Guest

One reason for this is that executions have a brutalizing effect that encourages even more violence.

A 56-year study of violence in New York found a pattern showing that two more homicides than average occurred in the month following each state execution.

During the same hearing, experts testified that it costs Kentucky taxpayers over a million dollars more for

the state to prosecute a death penalty case than to prosecute the same crime for a penalty of life without possibility of probation or parole, including the price of lifetime incarceration. In a death penalty case, because of its irreversible finality, attorneys on both sides must take many more steps and contest each issue as if it alone were the deciding issue. As a result, costs mount.

In addition, many victims' families who have suffered great personal loss through violence have discovered their anger and grief is not abated by executions. In fact, they have formed a group, Murder Victim's Families for Reconciliation, which campaigns for the abolition of the death penalty. In their grief, these families have come to realize it makes no sense to kill people to teach people that killing is wrong. Executions only cause another loss to another family.

Even worse, there is always the possibility we will execute an innocent man. Since 1976, 85 defendants on death row across the United States are now known to have been wrongfully convicted and have been released. For every eight people executed there is at least one person on death row who should not be there. The odds are increasing that one or more of the 39 men currently on death row in Kentucky did not commit the murder for which he was convicted.

It is not politically impossible for Kentucky to abolish the death penalty. Last year, because of fears about executing an innocent person, the Nebraska legislature passed a moratorium on executions.

Recently, the governor of Illinois declared a moratorium, and bills to halt executions are pending in 12 states.

When Kentucky's leaders and ordinary citizens learn the truth about the death penalty, they respond very positively to the abolition movement. The Urban Research Institute of the University of Louisville conducted a statewide poll on this issue in December 1999. Results indicate that when Kentuckians are asked to tell which of two penalties they prefer — life without parole or death — they overwhelmingly choose the former: 53 percent support life without parole and only 36 percent select death. Eleven percent remain undecided. Kentuckians are clearly ready to live without the death penalty.

Kentucky can become a leader in reducing violence in the South and in the nation. We should take the money and energy we waste on executions and put these valuable resources into more effective efforts to protect our citizens by reducing violence and crime.

Wedekind is director of the ABO-LITION 2000 Campaign, a coalition

of 38 religious and civic organizations throughout the state working to abolish the death penalty.

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New tool maps women's death from heart disease in Kentucky

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's public health community has a new tool to help address the number one killer of women in the state-heart disease. The tool is the state's first-ever, county-specific mortality map, titled "Women and Heart Disease: An Atlas of Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Mortality."

The atlas, which includes demographics for the entire nation, was released recently by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and West Virginia University (WVU). The American Heart Association was a reviewer of the draft atlas and is collaborating with CDC and WVU on dissemination.

"For the first time in history, this atlas provides information to assist Kentucky health care providers in identifying communities of women at risk for heart disease for each of five racial and ethnic groups," explains Dr. Stephen Wheeler, past president of the Heart Association's Ohio Valley Affiliate, which includes Kentucky.

"The atlas will help Kentucky tailor heart-healthy programs and policies to those in need," he said.

Heart disease, the number one cause of death and a major cause of disability among women in the United States, kills about 370,000 American women of all races and ethnic groups — more than all forms of cancer combined. In Kentucky, 4,512 women die every year from heart disease and African American women have a higher death rate than any other group.

The new county-level maps show racial and ethnic disparities in heart disease death rates among U.S. women. The Atlas includes three maps showing geographic patterns within Kentucky's boundaries of heart disease death rates for the years 1991-1995 for African American women, American Indian and Alaska Native women, Asian and Pacific Islander women, Hispanic women, and white women.

The Kentucky maps highlight the substantial racial and ethnic disparities in heart disease and the marked geographic differences in the burden of heart disease within each racial and ethnic group.

"The American Heart Association has long worked to raise awareness that there is an epidemic of heart disease in women and enthusiastically endorses this atlas as a resource for tackling the problem at the local level," says Lynn Smaha, M.D., Ph.D., president of the American Heart Association.

"The American Heart Association's extensive network of professional medical volunteers will work with Kentucky's health department to disseminate heart health information to women throughout Kentucky," Smaha adds.

The Kentucky Department for Public Health already is working on cardiovascular disease on several fronts.

They include the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program (smoking is a risk factor for cardiovascular disease); the Diabetes Control Program (poor nutrition and obesity are common risk factors among cardiovascular disease and diabetes); medical nutrition therapy that is provided through local health departments that have registered dietitians and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children nutrition program.

A grant from the Centers for Disease Control has allowed the department to develop a program specifically targeted toward reducing cardiovascular disease in Kentucky.

As part of this grant, the department will convene a coalition of private and public, for profit and non-profit organizations this year to write and implement a statewide cardiovascular health plan.

"The Atlas of Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Mortality" will aid the coalition in the planning process by allowing interventions to be targeted to the populations most in need," said Jackie Walters, the program coordinator for the cardiovascular health program in the department.

Nationally, the atlas shows that a woman's risk of dying depends in part on where she lives. Women who live in parts of the rural South, including the Mississippi Delta and Appalachian regions, have dramatically higher rates of heart disease death than women living in most parts of the western U.S. and upper Midwest, according to the atlas.

Women in most major cities had low to moderate heart disease death rates, except for New York City, Chicago, Detroit and New Orleans, where the death rates were higher compared to most of the rest of the country.

Also nationally, African American women had the highest death rate from heart disease (553 deaths per 100,000), followed by white women (388 per 100,000), American Indian and Alaska Native women (259 per 100,000) and Asian Pacific Islander women (221 per 100,000). The death rate for Hispanic women of all races was 265 per 100,000.

For more information on women and heart disease call the American Heart Association in Kentucky at 1-800-282-0291. Additional information about the atlas, including a downloadable version of the report, can be found at the West Virginia University's website: <http://oseahr.hsc.wvu.edu>. Maps and state-specific data from the Atlas are also available at the CDC website: <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/cvd/womensatlas>.

The American Heart Association spent more than \$326 million during fiscal year 1998-99 on research support, public and professional education, and community programs. With more than four million volunteers, the American Heart Association is the largest voluntary health organization fighting heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases, which annually kill about 953,000 Americans.

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when I am again caught in this condition — and that is how I write myself out of a slump.

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Jesse Gene King
Jesse Gene King, age 62, passed away February 5, 2000, at Magnolia Hospital in Corinth, MS, with his family by his side.
Originally from Bevinsville, Ky., he moved to the Dayton area where he was employed at McCalls Printing for 24 years. He resided in Corinth the past 21 years and retired from World Color Printing in '95.

Survived by wife, Billie Sue Frazier King, of Corinth, MS; son, Michael Gene King, of Corinth; and daughter, Melynda Brown, and son-in-law, James Brown, of Tipp City, Ohio; four grandchildren, Stacy King-Marlow of Ohio, Dylan King of Corinth, and Jai and Missy Brown, of Tipp City; father, Estill King, of Corinth, MS; and brother, Donald, and sister-in law, Gloria Jean King, of Indianapolis. Jesse leaves many good friends and neighbors.

Preceded in death by mother, Edna King, of Corinth, MS; two sisters, Louise Amberg and Phillis Gray, of New Lebanon, Ohio.
Memorial services were held Feb. 7, at Memorial Funeral Home in Corinth, MS. Pastors officiating were Tackett, Culp and Dawson.

Jesse was a loving husband and father, and a devoted grandfather.
(paid obituary)

Mable Mitchell
Mable Mitchell, 61, of Pikeville, died Friday, February 18, 2000, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.
Born on July 28, 1938, in Pikeville, she was the daughter of the late Lewis and Oma Hall.
Survivors include one son, Jimmy Franklin Mitchell of Detroit, Michigan; three daughters, Flora Lay of Virgie, Neva Delayne Blackburn of Pikeville, and Delores Rice of Phelps; five brothers, Everett Hall, Raymond Hall, Vernon Hall, Elize Hall and Clifford Hall, all of Melvin; four sisters, Verna Johnson of Price, Opal Younce and Ruth Keens, both of Melvin, and Ruby Hall of Detroit, Michigan; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 21, at 11 a.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, at Melvin, with Monroe Jones, Ellis Holbrook and others officiating.

Burial was in the Annie Young Cemetery, at Shelbiana, under the direction of R.S. Jones Funeral Home.

McKinley Hunter
McKinley Hunter, 83, of Cow Creek, Prestonsburg, died Monday, February 21, 2000, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness.
Born on January 10, 1917, in Woods, he was the son of the late Lack and Ella Clark Hunter. He was a retired factory worker, and member of the Trinity Freewill Baptist Church, in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Esta Blackburn Hunter.
Survivors include two sons, Lackey C. Hunter and James L. Hunter, both of Ypsilanti, Michigan; two daughters, Barbara H. Abernathy of Ottawa Lakes, Michigan, Judy Marsillett of Madison, Indiana; two brothers, Astor Hunter and James W. Hunter, both of Cow Creek; 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.
Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 23, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Gordon Fitch and Jim Smith officiating.

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

Rev. Marvin Booth
Rev. Marvin Booth, 65, of Columbus, Ohio, died Monday, February 14, 2000. He had been in the ministry since 1962, and founded Friendly Freewill Baptist Church in 1966 where he pastored for 25 years. He was currently pastor of Reese Community Church.
He is survived by his wife, Ruth Booth.
Other survivors include one son, Brian K. Booth; one daughter, Sheri L. Race; two brothers, Edward Booth, Clarence Booth; one sister, Faunetta Hamilton; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday, February 24, at 1 p.m., at Reese Community Church, Columbus, Ohio, with Rev. Henry Litteral and Rev. Harold Young officiating.

Burial will be in the Obetz Cemetery, in Columbus, Ohio, under the direction of O.R. Woodyard Co. Chapel.

Anna Hyden Rice
Anna Hyden Rice, 70, of Nashville, Tennessee, died Saturday, February 19, 2000.
Born in Langley, she was daughter of the late James F. and Fannie Click Hyden.

She is survived by her husband, Benjamin Martin Rice.
Other survivors include one daughter, Gayle Nevils; one son, Tim Rice; two sisters, Lucille Gibson and Loretta Wash, both of Prestonsburg; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 22, at 10:30 a.m., at Woodbine Funeral Home, Hickory Chapel, Nashville, Tennessee, with Wendell Byrd officiating.
Burial was in the Woodlawn Cemetery, under the direction of Woodbine Funeral Home.
Serving as pallbearers were Brian Pate, Jason Pate, Jim Wash, David Wash, Joe Wash and J.T. Wash.

Charles Brent Gibson
Charles Brent Gibson, 43, of Lexington, formerly of Langley, died Sunday, February 20, 2000, at the Saint Joseph East Hospital, in Lexington.
Born on June 1, 1956, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of Joyce Ann Ellis Gibson of Langley, and the late Charles Laban Gibson. He was a truck driver, employed by the G & J Pepsi Distribution Company.
He is survived by his wife, Debbie Gail Sturgill Gibson.
Other survivors include one son, Jeremy Ellis Gibson of Lexington; one daughter, Leann Nicole Gibson of Lexington; and one brother, Michael Glenn Gibson of Lexington.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 23, at 2 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergyman, Bennie Blankenship, officiating.
Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Elige Combs
Elige Combs, 86, of Leburn, died Sunday, February 13, 2000, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center.
He was born in Knott County, on May 14, 1913, the son of the late Bryant Combs and Maggie Calhoun Combs.
He is survived by his wife, Tina Gibson Combs; five sons, Ernal and Billy Ray Combs, both of Dayton, Ohio, Jack Combs of Columbus, Ohio, Larry Combs of Garrett, and Claude Combs of Leburn; six daughters, Vivian Reck of Lynchburg, Ohio, Doris Huff of Blanchester, Ohio, Jean Thacker, Glenna Combs and Marlene Combs, all of Leburn, and Reatha Wyse of Hindman; one brother, Glen Hall of Dayton, Ohio; two sisters, Wanda Ross and Chelsea Marks, both of Dayton, Ohio; 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 16, at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel, with Roger Hicks officiating.
Burial was in the Combs Family Cemetery, at Leburn, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Hattie Ferrell
Hattie Ferrell, 89, of Stopover, died Sunday, February 20, 2000, at his residence.
Born on December 28, 1910 in Majestic, the daughter of the late Melvin and Matilda Chapman Sanson.
She was a retired cook from Freeburn Grade School for 13 years and a member of the Freeburn Pentecostal Church for 70 years.
She is survived by one daughter, Janie Lou Hurley of Stopover and two sons, Melvin "Ann" Ferrell of Stopover, and Stuart Ferrell of Stopover; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 24, at 1 p.m., at the Freeburn Free Pentecostal Church of God, at Freeburn, with Revs. Kenny Chapman, Darris Casey, Archie Dotson, Larry Riff, Dewitt Furrow and Phillip Damron officiating.
Burial was in the Sanson Cemetery, at Majestic, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.
Serving as pallbearers will be Homer Estep, Darrell Wolford, Mack Blankenship, Allen Wolford, Kevin Isom, Michael Lester, Hershel Rife Jr., Gerald Fields Jr., Ronald Paul Hurley and Andrew Grigsby.
Honorary pallbearers were Judge Charles Lowe Jr., Howard Keith Hall, Charles "Fuzzy" Keese, Judge Eddy Coleman, Reo Johns, Marshall Hopson Jr., Judge Darrell Mullins, Judge Larry Thompson and Judge Kelsey Friend Jr.

Clarence "Dollar Hide" Hayes
Clarence "Dollar Hide" Hayes, 82, of Langley, died Thursday, February 17, 2000, at the McDowell ARH, following an extended illness.
Born on April 29, 1917, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Coit and Rebecca Henton Hayes. He was a general laborer.
Survivors include one brother, Glen Hayes of Prestonsburg.
Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 23, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Chuck Hall officiating.
Burial will be in the Hayes Cemetery, on Turkey Creek, at Langley, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier 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.
To enter, send one poem only, of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., PMB 70, Linden, NJ 07036. Or enter on-line www.freecontest.com.
"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."

Mellie Moore
Mellie Moore, 81, of Murray, formerly of Hi Hat, died Saturday, February 19, 2000, in the Murray Calloway County Hospital.
She was born July 31, 1918, in Hi Hat, a daughter of the late Ben and Martha Tackett Tackett. She was a member of the Little Nancy Regular Baptist Church, at Hi Hat.
Her husband, Nokomis Moore, preceded her in death.
She is survived by two sons, James Ray Moore of Alexander, North Carolina, Terry Lee Moore of Mio, Michigan; two daughters, Beatrice May of Murray, Ethel Faye Johnson of Romulus, Michigan; two sisters, Fannie Newman of Lexington, Martha "Mae" Howell of Laurelville, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 22, at 11 a.m., in the Little Nancy Regular Baptist Church, at Hi Hat, with the Regular Baptist ministers officiating.
Burial was in the Newman Cemetery, at Hi Hat, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Marcqueline "Marcie" Reynolds
Marcqueline "Marcie" Reynolds, 65, of Sassafras, died Sunday, February 13, 2000, at the Vencor Hospital at Louisville.
She was born in Anco, on October 1, 1934, the daughter of the late Joe Couch and Maude Feltner Couch.
She is survived by her husband, Bert Reynolds.
Other survivors include one daughter, Becky Hall of Kite; three brothers, Hobert Couch of Anco, Farmer Couch of Sassafras, and Donnie Couch of Hazard; and 5 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 16, at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel with I.D. Back and Glenn Noe officiating.
Burial was in the Rest Haven Memorial at Jeff, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

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"YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR THOU ART WITH ME." Psalms: 23

Melungeon gathering scheduled for May

The multi-ethnic people known as the Melungeons have been a part of Appalachian folklore for more than 200 years. In May, the Melungeons and their descendants will have an opportunity to explore their heritage at a four-day workshop in Wise, Virginia.

Third Union: A Melungeon Gathering will be held on the campus of the University of Virginia's College at Wise, from Thursday, May 18 to Sunday, May 21.

Third Union will feature lectures from Melungeon scholars, genealogy workshops, and family chat groups. The event is sponsored by the Melungeon Heritage Association, a non-profit group that promotes the study of Melungeons and other multi-ethnic, multi-racial people.

Speakers and workshop topics will be announced at a later date. Topics of discussion will include the history of the Melungeons, genealogy, genetics and health issues, and family groups. Organizers plan to hold a Children's Day for area school-children on Thursday, May 18.

The Melungeons are a multi-racial and multi-ethnic people who were first documented in the Appalachian Mountains at the end of the 18th century. Since that time, they have become a part of Appalachian folklore—"sons and daughters of the legend."

Prior to the Civil War, some were classified as "free persons of color." More recently, anthropologists and sociologists have identified the Melungeons as "tri-racial isolates"—an amalgam of European, Native American, and African-American ancestry.

They faced discrimination, both legal and social, and tended to settle in isolated communities such as Newman's Ridge in Hancock County, Tennessee, or Stone Mountain, in Wise County, Virginia.

Over the years, Melungeons kept to themselves—or moved to other areas where their heritage was not suspect. Oral history among Melungeon families was often not shared with succeeding generations. "Melungeon" had become an epithet, even if no one knew where the word originated.

Jean Patterson Bible wrote in 1975 that generations of intermarriage have resulted in near racial dissolution: "They'll be gone in a generation or two, except for an occasional dark-complected [sic] child as a reminder of the past."

Instead, many Melungeon descendants are coming to recognize and embrace the diverse heritage that is theirs. They've been encouraged and inspired by Dr. N. Brent Kennedy, author of the 1994 book "The Melungeons; The Resurrection of A Proud People; an Untold Story of Ethnic

Cleansing in America."

Kennedy, in researching his own family background, concludes that the Melungeons were descended from groups of Spaniards, Portuguese, Turks, Berbers, Moors, Jews, and others who arrived on these shores between the arrival of Columbus and the establishment of Jamestown.

Generations of intermarriage with Europeans, Native Americans, and African-Americans resulted in the people now known as Melungeons.

Other recent books by Manuel Mira, Eloy Gallegos, and Pat Elder also explore the origins of the Melungeons. These recent books join earlier works by Bonnie Ball, Jean Patterson Bible, Brewton Berry, and Henry Price.

Participants may pre-register before May 1 for Third Union by sending a check or money order to: Third Union, P.O. Box 4042, Wise, Virginia 24293. Admission to the event is \$25 for each pre-registered participant (before May 1), and \$30 for those who register after May 1, and for on-site registrants. On-site registration begins Thursday, May 15, at 9 a.m.

The Melungeon Heritage Association Inc. (MHA), a non-profit organization formed in 1998, organizes this event. MHA was an outgrowth of the highly successful First Union, a

Melungeon Gathering held in Wise in 1997. In 1998, MHA sponsored Second Union, an even larger gathering which featured sessions and lectures on history, social issues, and medical issues, as well as genealogy.

The gatherings are only a part of the work of MHA. The organization is also dedicated to several other tasks, including continued research and writing, telling the story of the Melungeon people, and contributing to the mosaic of a past that has been hidden too long.

At the same time, MHA plans to collect and preserve the research and artifacts of the past, forming the basis of a Melungeon Research Center to give these materials a permanent home. MHA's mission is to document and preserve the heritage and cultural legacy of mixed-ancestry people of the Southern Appalachians.

While the focus will be on those of Melungeon heritage, they do not restrict themselves to honoring only this group, but believe in the dignity of all such mixed ancestry groups. MHA is committed to preserving this rich heritage of racial diversity and harmony.

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(NUE) - In 1999, 147 Internet companies raised \$11.6 billion, a ten-fold jump from the \$1.4 billion raised by 30 companies through IPOs (Initial Public Offerings) for Internet-related business ventures in 1998.

We've seen companies like Red Hat with a \$14 per share initial public offering open at a price of \$46 on its first day of trading and close on the same day at \$52. And recently, Red Hat closed at \$141.25! Who is getting rich? The company? Small investor? No. It's the brokers and their associates who bought up the IPO shares at \$14 and sold them at \$46.

Anyone who has watched the skyrocketing IPOs of dot com companies is probably asking themselves, "How can I get in on that?" The answer is, you couldn't — until now.

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Scott Zufelt, president of WorldIPO.com Network. "Currently, IPO shares are mostly divided up among a firm's top institutional investors and clients. What these Wall Street investment bankers do is set aside shares for friends and other people the bankers think can generate the most business in the future."

Investment banks set a final price for the shares, which are then sold to the market. The difference between the final price and the market price can cost a company millions of dollars in the amount of money raised. This has been evidenced by several hot IPOs that have first traded at three or four times higher than their initial offering price.

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The family of Goldie Akers would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in any way in the loss of our loved one. Those who sent food, or just being there, meant a lot to us. Special thanks to Minister Christian Cuminatto for his comforting words; also thanks to the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF GOLDIE AKERS

Card of Thanks

The family of Ottis Mitchell would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent flowers or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to Charlie Mitchell and his family for all the food; Kennel Mitchell for all his help; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service; and the Floyd County Detention Center for their assistance in the preparation of the grave.

THE FAMILY OF OTTIS MITCHELL

Card of Thanks

The family of Ezra Hatton Turner 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 Minister Brad Tackett for his comforting words; all the members who took part in the Masonic service and the military service; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF EZRA HATTON TURNER

Card of Thanks

The family of Hazel Conn Jarrell Boyd would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: those who sent food and flowers or just spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the Little Salem Regular Baptist Church; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF HAZEL CONN JARRELL BOYD

Card of Thanks

The family of Ervin Akers wishes to thank all those friends, colleagues, neighbors and family who graciously expressed their heartfelt sympathy during the loss of our loved one. We would like to thank those of you who visited, sent flowers, food or cards, participated in the funeral, and offered a prayer or comforting words. A special thank-you to Pastor Arnold B. Johnson and Rev. Jack Hunt, and also, the ministers of the Old Salem Regular Baptist Church, whose words were very comforting; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The Family of Ervin Akers

Card of Thanks

The family of Hattie Fain would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends neighbors and loved ones who helped during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to all the girls at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home who were so good to our mom. We would like to thank Louis Ferrari and the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The Family of Hattie Fain

In Memory of Chad Nicholas Goodman

On Tuesday, January 18, 2000, a tragic accident took our beloved son, Chad Nicholas Goodman, from us. Since then, we have seen how kind, considerate, and loving a community could be. We can never begin to thank each person, that by some small word or deed, has touched our lives in this sorrowful time. However, we feel as though we need to try to express our gratitude in some small way.

We would like to thank everyone that came to our home that darkest of evenings to show their concern and support: the State Police, Sheriff's Department and the Coroner's office for the caring way they handled such a horrible situation; everyone that came to the funeral home to express their sorrow, sent flowers, cards and letters, brought food, made monetary donations or offered a caring touch; the kind people at the Hall Funeral Home and Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for taking the time to personally deliver their condolences; and all who have, in the days and weeks since, taken the time to offer our family the support we so desperately need; the students and faculty of Prestonsburg High School; the Sheriff's Department for their traffic control and escort for the procession; and our friends at Floyd Funeral Home.

We have been dealt a terrible blow to our lives, but with God's help and the continued support of the wonderful people around us, we will somehow find a way to survive. We, the family of Chad Nicholas Goodman, do thank each and everyone of you for all you have done and all you will do. May God Bless you and watch over you.

Thank you,
Taulbee and Linda Goodman, Parents
Michael Todd, Angie and Miles Goodman, Brother and Family
Shawn Goodman, Brother

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.

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

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.

Exams for census extended

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

Support for former addicts

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Pikeville Methodist Hospital Community Calendar February, 2000

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 & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3938.

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

Domestic violence?

Have you ever heard: "I promise I will never hurt you again?" Have you been told "you were ugly"? Or fat? Or stupid? Or heard some other put down that made you feel bad about yourself? Is the person saying these things an intimate partner? In Kentucky, on the average 5,400 women and children seek shelter from domestic violence, on a yearly basis. You are not alone. Call our crisis line 886-6025 or 1-800-649-6605. There is help available; we offer shelter, support, counseling and referrals, educational programs groups and court advocacy. We are here 24-hours a day, because "Love doesn't have to hurt."

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.

Martin High alumni

Mark your calendar now for Martin Purple Flash Bash, 2000 on Memorial Day weekend, 2000. This will be perhaps the last Martin Purple Flash Homecoming. The event will begin on Friday evening and end Saturday night with the alumni dance.

SSI representative to visit Mud Creek Clinic

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

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

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

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.

Big Sandy Abuse Center

If you are a victim of abuse, remember it is not your fault! The abuser is responsible for their behavior. If there is no intervention, the abuse will only get worse over time. Break the cycle of abuse; call the Big Sandy Family Abuse Center's 24-hour crisis line to find a way out of victimization. Call 886-6025, or out-of-the-area 1-800-649-6605. Remember: Love doesn't have to hurt!

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.

Depressed Anonymous

Are you feeling lonely, hopeless and trapped in a self-constructed prison and can't overcome it or get out? This support group is not for those people who need it but for those people who want it. We understand. For more information, call: Randall, 886-0483; Jim, 886-3027; Jane—886-8219; Sue—789-8712.

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.

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.

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.

SF Youth Service Center

Walking track is open to the general public, 7 a.m. till 5 p.m. (walking track is closed during special events). The Center is sponsoring several guest presentations. Contact the center for time and subjects. The center has a One-stop Career Station satellite, available to the community as well as to the students. Stop in Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Anyone interested in Adult Education should contact the center.

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

McDowell FRC services

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

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

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

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

If you have ideas you would like to share or certain topics you would like to discuss, please attend; we need your input. Parent Support Groups are not for bad parents. They are for parents who want to do their very best for their families.

REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Johnson County

Earnest Lewis Blackburn, 66, of DeBord, died Monday, February 14, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Betty Harless Blackburn. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 16, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Gertrude Preston Hudson, 95, formerly of Johnson County, died Saturday, February 12, at Burke County Hospital, Waynesboro, Georgia. Memorial services were conducted Wednesday, February 16, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Lorrene Burchett, 79, died Monday, February 14. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 18, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Lloyd Elwood Hammonds, 58, of Salyersville, died Friday, February 11, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Judy Gambill Hammonds. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 15, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Rebecca "Becky" Louise Lemaster, 30, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, February 14, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Friday,

Please attend either or both of the next two Parent Support Groups to be held at the McDowell Family Resource Center. The first group will meet on February 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. The other will meet on February 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

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

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

Clark Family Resource Center Calendar

Nursing services: A nurse from the Floyd County Health Department is in the center on Fridays. Services available: Physicals for 5th grade students entering 6th grade in the next school year; pre-school, head-start, and kindergarten physicals, physicals for any student, age birth-21 years old; blood pressure screening, TB skin tests, baby shots. Call the center at 886-0815 for an appointment. These services are available to anyone in the community.

After school child care is Monday through Friday, school days, from 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m. There are currently openings for enrollment in after school child care. Call the center for more information, 886-0815.

February 18, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home.

Howard C. Meade, 66, of Marion, Ohio, formerly of Magoffin County, died Monday, February 7. He is survived by his wife, Phoebe Howard Meade. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 10, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Arnold Rice, 78, of Salyersville, died Monday, February 14, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Susan Elam Rice. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 17, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home.

Maetta Faye Montgomery, 63, of Salyersville, died Saturday, February 12, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. She is survived by her husband, B.S. Montgomery. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 15, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Maudie R. Whitaker, 73, of Marion, Ohio, died Wednesday, February 9, at the Riverside Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Luther G. Whitaker. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 14, under the direction of Boyd Funeral Home.

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■ Girl's Regional
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Blue Crew rocks Raiders

Shelby Valley connects on 14 treys in 83-69 win



SOUTH FLOYD'S RYAN SHANNON went strong to the basket against Shelby Valley last Friday night in one of the top regional match ups. The Wildcats posted a 83-69 win over the Raiders (photo by Ed Taylor)

by Ed Taylor
 Sports Editor

What is the old saying? "You fight fire with fire!" That is what the Shelby Valley Wildcats (20-4) did Friday night in hosting top-ranked South Floyd (22-5). Coach Rodney Rowe's ballclub buried 14 three-point baskets in rolling past the Raiders 83-69 in regional play at Shelby Valley.

But the accuracy from the three-point arc is not surprising. The Wildcats have hit as many as 18 in one game this season.

Usually it was South Floyd pounding the opposition with deadly shooting from beyond the arc, but this night the Raiders would only connect on two of many attempts.

Big man Jimmy Stumbo scored a team-high 18 points for South Floyd to lead four players in double figures. Ryan Shannon totaled 17, after struggling early. Michael Hall added 11 and Kyle Tackett knocked down 10. Byron Hall finished with eight.

Shannon Akers led all scorers with 23 points, hitting four three-point baskets. Jamie Bartley netted 19 and three treys. Terry Wright fin-

ished with 11 and two three-point baskets. Jeremy Akers had 16 points and hit four three-point baskets.

The loss was the first for South Floyd since they dropped an opening round game in the boys All "A" to Highview Baptist. Four of the five losses have come to three different regional teams.

The Wildcats set the tempo for the (See RAIDERS, page three)

■ South Floyd (69)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Shannon	6	0	6-5	17
Stumbo	7	1	1-1	18
K. Tackett	5	0	0-0	10
B. Hall	3	0	2-2	8
M. Hall	5	0	3-1	11
Meade	1	0	0-0	2
R. Tackett	0	1	2-0	3
totals	27	2	14-9	69

■ Shelby Valley (83)				
players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Bartley	3	3	4-4	19
Collins	1	0	0-0	2
Hall	3	0	4-2	8
S. Akers	6	4	0-0	23
Wright	2	2	3-1	11
Riddle	0	1	0-0	3
J. Akers	1	4	2-2	16
totals	16	14	13-9	83

South Floyd.....	9	17	14	31 - 69
Shelby Valley.....	13	18	28	24 - 83

■ A Look at Sports

Another Reds bar falls



The Cincinnati Reds continues to let down the bars of being different from the rest of the major leagues and will allow their players to wear, of all things, earrings this baseball season.

I have always respected the Reds organization because they took a definite stand about some things, but now that Marge is gone, they are following the trend of the other teams. That's sad.

I want the Reds to be different. I don't like the image the rest of baseball puts forth for our younger generation. There are not that many role models anymore for the younger and upcoming generation anyway.

Basketball has gone south. Football is getting that way. Baseball has hurt itself over the past years and it seems the last of the real heroes are Sammy Sosa and Mark McGuire.

Now Junior has joined the Reds, and like Greg Vaughn of a year ago, another long standing rule of the Reds goes

down. Griffey, like most major leaguers, wears an earring and now everyone on the Reds team can wear one.

(See SPORTS, page three)



JOHN MEADE (923) OF SOUTH FLOYD FOUND no room as he charged into a Shelby Valley defender Friday night at Shelby Valley. The Raiders fell 83-69 to the Wildcats (photo by Ed Taylor)

■ JCHS at Betsy Layne

Johnson Central rolls over Betsy Layne

Eagles place five in double figures

by Karen Joseph
 Sports Writer

With one week remaining in high school basketball season, teams are preparing for the district and regional tournaments. Last Friday night, two regional teams faced-off at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse. The Betsy Layne Bobcats (14-9) faced the Johnson Central Golden Eagles (17-6).

The Bobcats were playing without their starting forward, Adam Collins. Collins hurt his elbow earlier in the month and then re-injured it at practice this week. Eric McKinney, who usually comes off the bench and gets a lot of playing time, is out with a foot injury. Daniel Knausz, who plays on the junior varsity, was also injured in practice and is unable to play.

The absence of Collins on the inside really hurt the Bobcats and the Golden Eagles were able to come away with a big win over the Bobcats, 84-62.

Justin Bartley led both teams in scoring 16. The only other Bobcat to reach double figures

was Brad Daugherty. Daugherty finished with 12 on the night.

Johnson Central placed five players in double figures. Tommy McKenzie and Jimmy Burchett led the Eagles with 15 points each. Marvin Fannin and Heath Castle followed with 13 each and Mitchell Coleman finished with 10 points.

Johnson Central took an early lead and never relinquished it. The

Bobcats had a very difficult time beating the tough press of the Eagles. The Bobcats committed seven turnovers in the first quarter, while Johnson Central only committed two. This helped the Eagles to gain a 10-point lead at the end of the first quarter.

Johnson Central got the tip and McKenzie quickly scored to get the game started.

Betsy Layne was unable to score on their first two trips down the floor. Their first points came from a free-throw by Bradley Brooks.

Johnson Central went on a 7-1 run to begin the game.



(See JCHS, page three)

■ Phelps at Allen Central

Sexton scores 24 in win over Phelps

JEREMY HAYES (35) OF ALLEN CENTRAL put up a three-point shot against Phelps Saturday night at Allen Central. The Rebels won over the visiting Hornets. (photo by Ed Taylor)



by Ed Taylor
 Sports Editor

The Allen Central defense forced the Phelps Hornets into 24 turnovers but it took a second-half surge by the Rebels to shake the pesky Hornets Saturday night.

Senior Jeremy Sexton scored a team-high 24 points to lead the Rebels to an 86-70 win over visiting Phelps and improved the Allen Central record to 13-9 on the season.

Game scoring honors went to Phelps' Dallas Cline with 29 points.

Before the game, the 1990 Allen Central team was recognized, a team that reached the semifinals of the regional tournament that year.

Three others scored in double figures for Allen Central, with Josh Howell scoring 15 points off the bench. Leslie Slone netted 12 points and Rodney Scott tossed in 11. It was the third straight game for Scott in scoring double figures. Larry Mullins had nine points.

The Hornets just wouldn't go away

(See REBELS, page two)

■ Weightlifting

Four teams compete in weightlifting competition

by Ed Taylor
 Sports Editor

Allen Central High School was the site of a recent weightlifting competition that involved three county teams and Elkhorn City.

Allen Central, Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg took part along with Elkhorn City on Saturday, February 12.

Prestonsburg's Matt Clay, who competed in the 125-pound and under group took first place in three classes. He bench pressed 475 pounds for first place and took the top spot with a 330-pound deadlift. Clay was the overall winner in the class.

Betsy Layne's Tim Boyd was the overall winner in the 126 to 150-pound class. Boyd had a bench press of 505 pounds and deadlift of 345 pounds.

Matt Slone of Prestonsburg took the overall first place in the 151 to 175-pound class, edging out Prestonsburg's Ralph Mullett. Mullett had a bench press score of 235 pounds while Slone deadlifted 440 pounds to get a first place.

In the 176-200 class, Prestonsburg's Kevin Wood bench pressed 295 pounds and had a deadlift of 450 pounds in winning the overall.

David Harris, also of Prestonsburg, deadlifted 405 pounds and bench pressed 230 for best overall.

Rodney Porter won the overall with a total of 705 pounds. Porter had a bench press of 280. Allen Central's D.J. Hoover deadlifted 495 pounds.

Judges for the weightlifting competition included Roy Harold of Allen Central, Levi Wells of Allen Central, David Gilliam of Allen Central, Jackie Bush of Betsy Layne, Bubba Combs of Betsy Layne and James Derossett of Prestonsburg.



■ Girls

Pike Central 69,	Allen Central 53
JCHS 54,	Morgan Co 36
Magoffin Co 49,	Powell Co 46
Sheldon Clark 77,	Prestonsburg 63
Pikeville 81,	Feds Creek 47
Russell 53,	Paintsville 27
Shelby Valley 90,	South Floyd 54
Leslie Co 60,	Letcher 51
Clay Co 46,	South Laurel 42
Wolfe Co 75,	Cordia 56
West Carter 72,	Montgomery 44
Red Bird 45,	KSFD 41
Breathitt 95,	Lee Co. 35

Games on tap

■ Girls

Thurs., Feb. 24
 Betsy Layne at Sheldon Clark

■ Boys

Wed., Feb. 23
 Piarist at Prestonsburg

Fri., Feb. 25
 Breathitt Co at Allen Central

Sat., Feb. 26
 Betsy Layne at Magoffin Co

■ District Tourney

Mon., Feb. 28
 (Boys) Piarist vs Prestonsburg, 6 p.m.
 (Girls) Allen Central vs South Floyd, 8 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 29
 (Girls) Prestonsburg vs Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.
 (Boys) South Floyd vs Piarist/Prestonsburg, 8 p.m.

Rebels

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in the first two quarters despite turning the ball over frequently. One reason for the Hornets hanging around was the inability of the Rebels to score underneath the basket or from the charity stripe.

Allen Central's defense forced Phelps into eight first-quarter turnovers but the Rebels only led 20-17 at the first stop.

Cline kept the Hornets close with some help from Bobby Little.

Phelps jumped out to a 5-0 lead on a three-point play by Cline and a basket by Little. Allen Central took its first lead at 8-7 on a basket by Sexton at the 5:20 mark. A 6-0 run by Phelps reclaimed the lead at 15-14 before Allen Central scored six unanswered points to lead 20-15. Cline's rebound basket just ahead of the horn made it a three-point game.

Jordan Hall had back-to-back baskets for Phelps at the start of the second period that netted the Hornets the lead at 21-20. The last lead for Phelps came at 23-22 on a basket by Steve Blakenship.

It was a one- and three-point game between the two clubs as they battled over the final five minutes. Allen Central's biggest lead was at 36-31 before they took a 40-34 lead to the locker room at the half.

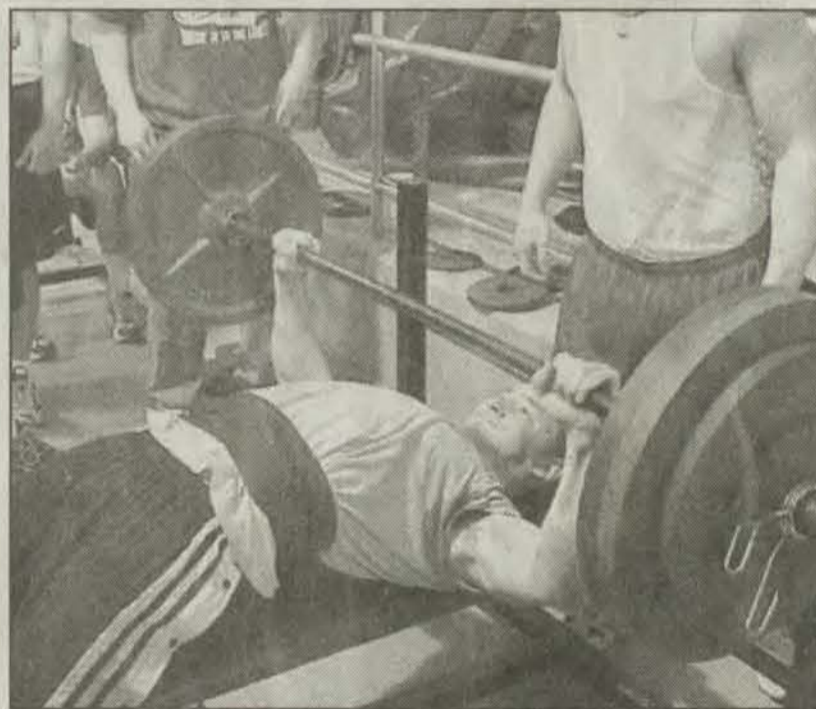
With the exception of Cline, Phelps struggled against the Allen Central defense at the beginning of the third period. Allen Central opened up a 48-36 lead on a tip in basket by Sexton. Jeremy Hayes buried a trey and it was a 53-40 game. Cline completed an old-fashioned three-point play to narrow the lead back to 10, but Allen Central ended the third quarter on a three-point basket by Mullins to lead 59-45 after three periods.

After Cline completed his second three-point play, Allen Central went on a 14-3 run and led 75-51 on a reverse layup by Sexton. Allen Central's biggest lead came at 84-58 when Howell completed a three-point play.

Against Allen Central's reserves, Phelps outscored the Rebels 12-2 to make the score more respectable.

Blankenship added 14 points for Phelps. Little finished with 12 points.

Allen Central will close out its regular season schedule with a home date against Breathitt County Friday night.



Four schools took part in the recent weight lifting competition at Allen Central recently. Host Allen Central, Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg and Elkhorn City participated. (photos courtesy of Roy Harlowe)

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Betsy Layne edges Magoffin, 52-45

Ladycats snap three-game skid

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Coach Cassandra Akers and her Betsy Layne Ladycats snapped a modest three-game losing streak by posting a 52-45 win over a very good Magoffin County team this past Monday night.

The game was a makeup of an earlier postponement and played at Magoffin County.

Three players scored in double figures for the Ladycats, led by Whitney Lykens' 18 points. Jenny Parsons added 12 points and point guard Devon Reynolds scored 11.

Magoffin County held talented Amber Roberts scoreless in the game and she missed all three free throws she attempted. Roberts played a strong floor game and stood out on defense as well as working the boards.

Super sub Natasha Stratton, a freshman, came off the Ladycat bench and scored five points. Tabitha Mitchell, who has contributed all season from the pines, finished with four points. Kim Tackett added two points.

Nikki Love, who was held to just two three-point baskets, finished with 13 points, as did Kelli Montgomery to lead the Lady Hornets. Whitney Lovely tossed in nine points and Cassie Howard scored five points. Amanda Shepherd and Erin Stephens scored three and two points respectively.

It was a close encounter between the two teams in a battle of turnovers. It took a 20-11 run in the fourth quarter before Betsy Layne could settle the issue with a come-from-behind victory.

Reynolds hit six of seven free throws in the final stanza and buried a three-point basket in leading the comeback for the Ladycats. Reynolds went scoreless in the first two quarters and only had two free throws at the end of three periods.

But the talented point guard was not to be completely denied and gave her team a lift in the final quarter.

Parsons scored four of her 12 points in the all-important fourth quarter. Lykens hit a three-point basket, her third of the game, and two of four free throws, while Stratton added a field goal as Betsy Layne outscored the Lady Hornets by nine points in the final period.

Betsy Layne held a 8-7 lead after the first quarter of play, with Parsons scoring four points, Tackett and Lykens two each.

Magoffin County went to the locker room with a 24-20 advantage behind the scoring of Love, who had seven points, including a three-point basket, in the second stanza. Lovely hit two field goals for four points.

The Lady Hornets hit only five

of nine free-throw attempts in the second period.

Lykens drained two of her three three-pointers in the second quarter and Stratton had three second-period points. Mitchell scored two of her four in the second quarter.

It was a 34-32 margin for Magoffin County after the third quarter as Betsy Layne tried to get on track. Love hit a trey and Montgomery, held to just three

charity tosses in the first half, scored five in the third to keep the Lady Hornets in front.

Parsons and Lykens had four points in the third for Betsy Layne. Mitchell scored two.

Foul shots were pretty much even with Betsy Layne hitting 14 of 22 attempts and Magoffin connected on 14 of 26 tries.

Betsy Layne will close out their regular season on the road at Sheldon Clark Friday night.

The Ladycats are the two seed in next week's district tournament and will face Prestonsburg in the first round.

JCHS

Daugherty got the rebound and went coast-to-coast to score the first bucket for the Bobcats and the score was 7-3.

This was the score with 4:36 remaining in the opening quarter. The Eagles proceeded to go on a 10-2 run over the next two minutes of the game to give them a 17-5 lead.

Bartley hit a three-point basket for the Bobcats to bring his team back to within 10. Daniels hit two other baskets in the second quarter, but the Eagles maintained at least a 10-point lead throughout the remaining time in the first half.

Johnson Central led by as many as 15 with a minute to go in the first half, but the Bobcats fought back to cut the lead to 10 at the half. The Eagles went into the locker room with a 38-28 lead over the Bobcats.

The Bobcats continued to struggle with the full-court press that Johnny Ray Turner and his Eagles used against them in the first half. Castle brought first blood again

for his size, he was very noticeable force on the inside.

Daniels hit two free throws to get the second quarter started, but Brett Butcher quickly answered with a three-point basket for the Eagles. Heath Castle hit a two-point basket to give the Eagles a 13-point lead.

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in the second half for the Eagles when he hit a two-point basket to get the third quarter started.

Daugherty hit a basket for the Bobcats to again cut the lead to 10. Betsy Layne had a 6-2 run in the first two minutes of the third quarter to come with six points of Johnson Central.

Coach Turner quickly called timeout to talk to his players. After the timeout, Marvin Fannin hit a basket for the Eagles to break their dry spell. Johnson Central then outscored the Bobcats 8-0 over the next two minutes of the game to help them add to their lead.

Johnson Central led 49-34 with 4:24 remaining in the third quarter.

Rose called a timeout to try to regroup his Bobcats. And after the Betsy Layne timeout, it was the Bobcats going on a 6-0 run.

But the Eagles would not lose their composure and finished the third quarter with a 14-point lead,

58-44.

In the fourth quarter, the Golden Eagles put the game out of reach for the injured Betsy Layne Bobcats. The Eagles outscored the Bobcats by eight in the final quarter to increase their lead to 22 points to end the game.

Betsy Layne, now 14-10, will travel to Phelps on Tuesday night and Magoffin County on Friday night. The Bobcats will face a very tough Allen Central in the district tournament.

Johnson Central, now 18-6, will host Powell County on Tuesday night and will travel to Feds Creek on Friday night to finish out the regular season.

Sports

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I wonder if those who never did wear one, will run out, get their ears drilled and wear one because Junior wears one.

Oh well, that's the way sports world is to day at the professional level.

I sure hope Junior hits 25 homers, bats .210 and drives in 60 runs.

The newest Reds showed up in Sarasota for the start of spring training (Wednesday) and tried to sneak in so as not to be ambushed by the media.

I understand when he showed up he was dressed in blue (Mariners).

After arriving, he finally put a Reds uniform like the one his father, Ken Griffey, Sr., wore while playing for the Reds.

Griffey said he will have to learn all the names of his new teammates while at Sarasota.

Here is a reminder on Griffey. Junior hit 56 home runs in 1998. Played every game and had his best season while in the American League.

BASEBALL NOTE WORTH MENTION

Emily Fitzpatrick, a relative of Buddy Fitzpatrick, will sing the National Anthem at Cinergy Field on Sunday, April 9.

Fitzpatrick, who resides in Caledonia, Ohio, is 13 and the daughter of Tom and Laurie Fitzpatrick. The Fitzpatrick's are of the Jonathan Fitzpatrick clan off middle creek.

Emily played the part of Annie at the Cumberland Playhouse in Crossville, Tennessee.

"I went and seen here and she has a lot of talent," said Buddy.

LOCALLY...

The high school baseball and softball teams are getting on the fields for practice time while the weather has been decent.

At Betsy Layne, the school board continues to drag their feet in finishing the girls softball field at the school. Don't look for this project to be finish when the season gets the first pitch.

The project had been started, but now has bogged down. I guess the folks who come for a Title IX inspection has left and the project isn't taken serious any longer.

We need more facilities in our school system for our teams to play on. Not the public parks, but honest to goodness diamonds at the schools.

The 58th District tournament tips off Monday at Allen Central. The tournament will run the full week and finish up on Friday night.

The first game will pit the Prestonsburg Blackcats against The Piarist School with tip off time set for 6 p.m. The game will be followed by Allen Central and South Floyd in a girls game, approximately 25 minutes following the first game.

Tournament play continues Tuesday night with Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg squaring off in a girls game at 6 p.m. followed by Allen Central and Betsy Layne at approximately 8 p.m.

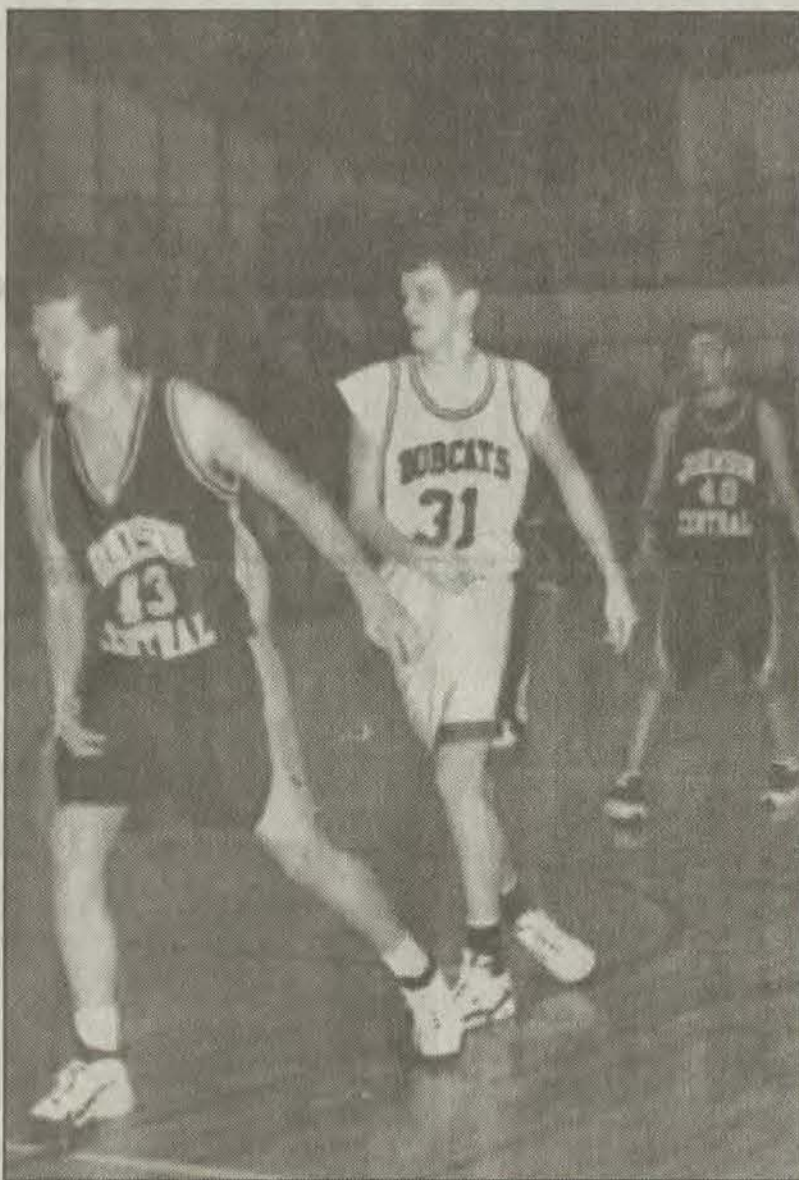
One game will be played Wednesday night when South Floyd, the one seed, meets either Piarist or Prestonsburg.

The girls championship game will be played Thursday night at 7 p.m. and the boys finals will tip off Friday night at 7 p.m.

This year's district, although not loaded with top teams, promises to be a good one and I look for some surprises this year.

Remember, there will be no passes and admission will be \$5 for adults and \$4 students.

Until Friday, good sports everyone! Be good sports!



Jeremy Daniels (31) came off the bench for the Bobcats in the game against Johnson Central in the game on Friday night. Daniels saw a lot of playing time for the Bobcats and finished the game with eight points. (photo by Karen Joseph)

Raiders

game by coming out hot from beyond the arc with Akers the trend leader. After two free throws by Byron Hall gave the Raiders their first and only lead at 2-0, Akers scored the next eight

points on a rebound basket and two three-point shots. Jeremy Akers then unloaded on a long trey that put the homesteading Wildcats in front 11-7. Shelby Valley held a 13-9 lead after the

first eight minutes.

Shelby Valley continued its three-point performance at the onset of the second period, opening the quarter with a trey from Mike Riddle. Wright then followed consecutive three-pointers as the Wildcats opened up a 22-15 lead. Their first double-digit lead came on a basket by Dusty Hall to make it an 11-point game at 24-13.

Stumbo kept the Raiders in the game with a long trey and a jump hook basket to make it a 24-18 affair. South Floyd showed more life on offense in the closing minutes of the second quarter, trailing by five, 31-26, at the half.

Shelby Valley shut down senior guard Ryan Shannon in the first two quarters, holding him to one field goal in the first half. Stumbo had 11 of his 18 points in the second period.

Shannon did not get his second field goal until deep into the third period. Sloppy ball handling and bad passes haunted the Raiders in the third period, allowing Shelby Valley to open up a 57-34 lead with 1:29 to play in the third.

The Wildcats took a 59-38 lead into the final stanza.

Shannon exploded at the start of the fourth quarter and scored 11 quick points but the Wildcats continued to bury the treys as South Floyd fought hard to catch up.

Trailing 74-48, South Floyd rallied to narrow the margin to 12 points, 76-64, but never could get any closer.

Super subs John Meade and Rusty Tackett had their worst game of the season. Meade finished with two points and Tackett had only a three-point basket, just before the game ended, for three points.

Shelby Valley's Shannon Akers said the Wildcats' game plan went off as directed.

"We came out tonight and everyone shot real good," said Akers. "We wanted to run the ball up and down the floor and we did a good job at it tonight."

"We came out and hit the threes early. I think we played very good defense. Coach Rowe has to be proud of our defense tonight."

Akers said the Wildcats had been working hard on defending against the Raiders.

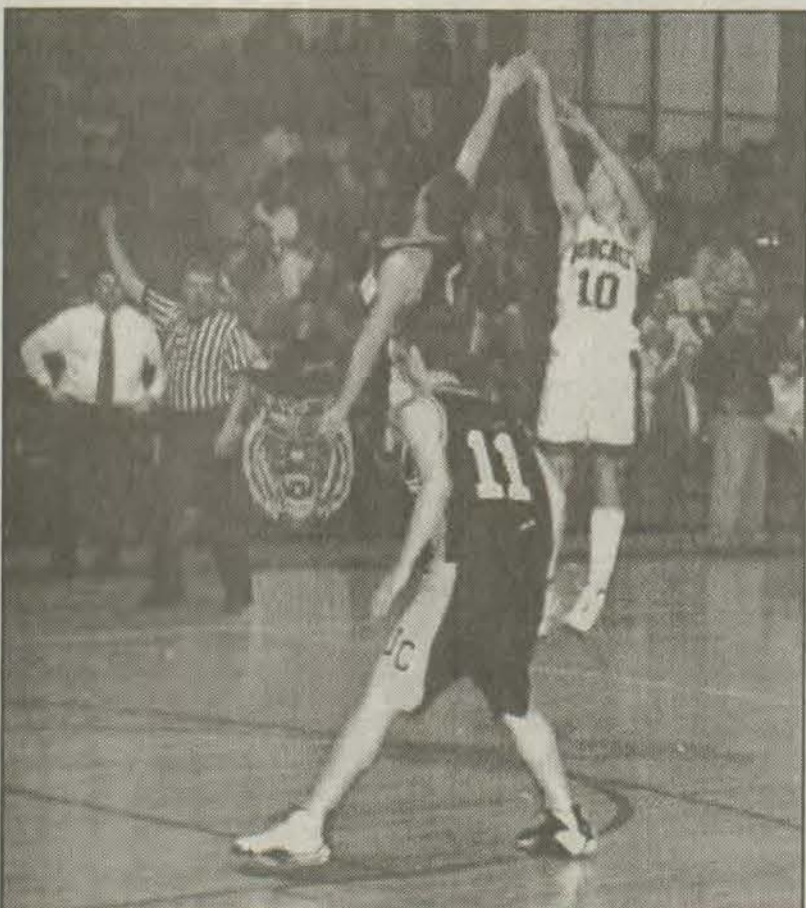
"We worked hard on our defense in practice," he said. "We knew we had to stop their guards from penetrating. They have real good guards."

Akers said the three-point shot was a big part of the Shelby Valley arsenal.

"Just about everybody on this team can shoot the three," he said.

Shelby Valley held South Floyd to just 38 points at the half. The Raiders lead the state in team scoring.

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Senior Robert Rose (10) goes up for a jumper in the game against the Golden Eagles of Johnson Central. Rose finished the game with 5 points, but the Bobcats fell to the Eagles 84-62. (photo by Karen Joseph)

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Girls Regional Games

In season finale, South Floyd stumbles at Shelby Valley; Magoffin edges Powell

by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

Looking for some momentum to carry into the upcoming district tournament at Allen Central Monday night, the South Floyd Lady Raiders found little at Shelby Valley where they dropped a 90-56 decision to the host Lady Wildcats.

South Floyd placed three players in double figures, led by Martha Crawford's 12 points, Lindsey Hall netted 10 and eighth-grader Megan Ousley finished with 10 points.

Summer Jones led all scorers with 25 points and teammate Ashley Damron pumped in 20.

Shelby Valley (24-3) scored 31 points in the first quarter in taking a 31-11 lead. A 13-7 second quarter gave Shelby Valley a 44-18 halftime

lead.

The loss closed out the South Floyd Lady Raider season with a 8-18 finish. The Lady Raiders will meet top-seeded Allen Central in the first round of the 58th District tournament next week at Allen Central.

MAGOFFIN EDGES POWELL

Kelli Montgomery scored 17 points to lead Magoffin County past Powell County, 49-46, in regional basketball. Cassie Howard netted 10 points as the only other double figure scorer.

It was a struggle for both clubs in the opening period in finding the goals. Magoffin held a 4-3 lead after the first period. The Lady Hornets went on a 15-11 run in the second quarter to lead 19-14 at the half.

LADY TIGERS FALL AT RUSSELL

The Paintsville Lady Tigers dropped a 53-27 game to host Russell Monday night.

No one scored in double figures for the Lady Tigers, who were led by Haney's five points. Stanford added four and Wright, three, in the low-scoring affair.

PIKEVILLE HANDLES FEDS CREEK

Jill Kimberlain scored 18 points and Sarah Boyd added 16 as the Lady Panthers of Pikeville rolled past Feds Creek 81-47 in girls basketball play Monday night. Francisco also netted 16 for the winners.

Ashley Pugh led all scorers with 25 points for Feds Creek.



SOUTH FLOYD'S KYLE TACKETT (24) launched a long jumper against Shelby Valley last Friday night. South Floyd dropped a 83-69 decision to the Wildcats. (photo by Ed Taylor)

South Floyd Preview

South Floyd had great season; now wants to make Second Season even greater

by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

The South Floyd Raiders basketball team has never won a 58th District tournament. In fact, they have never gotten past the first round, always the number four seed playing the top seed.

That could change this season on both counts. The Raiders will carry the best overall record into the tournament next Monday at

Allen Central. The Raiders have already taken care of one problem. They will enter next week's tournament, not as a four seed, but as the top seed.

Chances are they will win a first-round game, another milestone, and chances are very good they will capture their first-ever district tournament title.

The Raiders (22-5) have not lost to a district team this season (6-0) and bring a load of talent to the court when they face either Piari School or Prestonsburg in a first-round game.

Coach Henry Webb says his team is starting to come together.

"The last half of the season we have been playing pretty good," said the South Floyd coach. "Some times your shots go down and some times they don't. The kid have been playing extremely hard. We are moving the ball well."

They fell to Shelby Valley, another surprise team in the 15th Region, along with the Raiders, this season. Coach Webb said his team needs to exert itself more on defense.

"We need to move our feet better on defense," he said. "We are not reaching and slapping as much as we were," he said. "Right now we are pretty satisfied with where we are right now. We just need to pick it up going down the stretch."

The Raiders will close out the regular season against Fleming-Neon at home Friday night.

The Raiders' defense has played havoc on the opposition this season, using their quickness in causing turnovers.

"We were averaging 14.3 turnovers a game ourselves," said the Raider coach, "but we are aver-

aging 19 assists."

South Floyd is forcing the opposition to commit an average of 24 turnovers a game.

"With the type of game we play, we know we are going to make some silly mistakes," said Coach Webb.

South Floyd is expected to face district rival Prestonsburg in a first-round game (providing the Blackcats win over Piari).

"Prestonsburg plays hard," said Coach Webb. "Jackie Day has done a good job with them and they have improved to where they could be dangerous. We don't take them lightly. We play hard and when you play hard, good things happen."

Coach Webb said he looks for Prestonsburg to be a strong opponent in the tournament.

"They have a good shooter in (Dusty) Music and Seth (Crisp) is a good ball handler," he said.

Like all teams in the district, Webb said his team also has areas to improve in its game.

"Containment on defense," he said of the area his team needs to improve on. "We keep teams hanging around a lot by reaching and slapping at them and putting them on the free throw line."

"This year we have kept about eight teams hanging around. We work hard to go down and score and then we put them on the free throw line. We need to really work hard in moving our feet and getting better position."

The South Floyd coach has held to the same rotation he started with at the season's beginning. He said nothing will change at tournament time.

"Oh, yes, I am very comfortable with our rotation," he said. "I have

a lot of confidence in our whole team. I tell them, you play hard and we will see what happens."

Defense is the key for the Raiders the rest of the way, according to their coach.

"Every game you get better and a little more experienced," he said. "We were fortunate to have some seniors and our young kids got a lot of minutes this year and an opportunity to play in the All 'A' at the state level."

"It helped the team to grow and have more poise. I think in order for us to go down the stretch, win out in the district and go out strong, we have to continue to play excel-

lent defense.

"We have to continue to be the aggressor on the floor. And most importantly, we have to use our head. Late in the game we have to make really good decisions."

While the coach has shown confidence in his team, the same is true with the players. They have confidence in the coach and his staff.

"These kids know that I would run through a wall for them," said Coach Webb. "They would do the same for me. We are a big family. We have great, great chemistry. We demand respect and we give respect."



THE SHELBY VALLEY DEFENSE WAS set as South Floyd's Michael Hall went to the hoop. The Raiders closed out their regular season this past Tuesday night. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Bentley's COMMENTS

BY RICK BENTLEY

RAIDERS STILL IN GOOD SHAPE

Notes on the back of coaching resumes.

■ Its not fair to judge a team on one night, so based on Friday's game, we won't tell you how good Shelby Valley is or how not-so-good South Floyd looked.

But man, did Shelby Valley look good Friday night. I know the final margin was only 14, but it really wasn't that close. Shelby Valley led by 26 at one point.

I also know South Floyd isn't that bad a team. In fact, many people think the Raiders are the favorite to win the 15th Region. Henry Webb's club is solid, and was the victim of some amazing shooting by the Wildcats Friday.

Raider fans should keep their chins up. They ran into a buzzsaw Friday. In a couple of weeks, they could be the blade in the regional tournament.

Also, I should point out it was good to see Dr. Don and the WPRG crew at the game. Needless to say, even though the game featured arguably the top teams in the 15th Region, there was no sign of WYMT.

Too bad, I'm sure Perry Central had a big game though. And one more time, let me say I wish I had WPRG on my cable.

■ Time to tip the cap to a couple of buddies.

A couple of weeks ago, fellow columnist Jason Blanton went on a vic-

tory tour of sorts. On Friday, he broadcast a Wolfe County game from Clay County High School. Saturday, he was in Murfreesboro, Tenn., to do yet another loss for the Morehead State women.

Then on Sunday, he was on to New Albany, Ind., for Pikeville College's game with Indiana-Southeast.

Three days, three games, three states. Luckily for him, the Bears were winners that day. Otherwise, it would have been three losses as well.

And Friday night it was good to see my friend Ed Taylor at the game. Being that my weekly (weakly) column is based in Pikeville, I don't see Ed too often. But it was good to get to talk to him face to face Friday.

I've said it before and I'll say it again — you folks in Floyd County don't know what you've got in Mr. Taylor, and when he leaves, you'll miss him dearly.

■ These Reds, wow, they could be good.

Unfortunately, during spring Training at least, this outstanding baseball team, which features arguably the game's best all-around player, most of the attention paid to this team could focus around Deion Sanders.

These Reds could be very good this season, and if he can get back in the groove, Sanders could help. But he also could be a major distraction, and that's something Jim Bowden and Jack

McKeon need to take a long, hard look at.

■ Jefferson Pilot, the company which owns the broadcast rights to Southeastern Conference athletics, is running an online poll worth looking at, as it gets the fan's perception of the top players in SEC history.

The team is being picked by position, and none of the races are remotely close. But the interesting thing is that of the 27 players on the ballot, for some reason, five players were nominated at point guard, shooting guard and power forward while six are listed in the small forward and center slots, only four are from Kentucky.

The four are point guard Kyle Macy, small forward Jack Givens and centers Alex Groza and Dan Issel.

■ That Jason Williams, he can play. We knew that. But the idea of a pass off the elbow? That's something else.

■ For those who didn't see it, Mike Fields did a great spread on former Phelps star Ervin Stepp Tuesday.

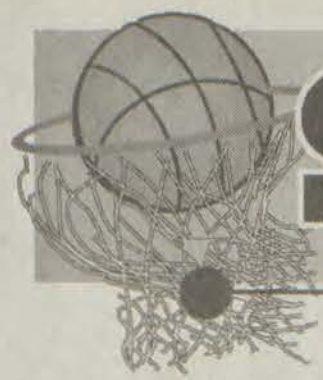
The 1980 Mr. Basketball sure shot a lot, but he also made a lot. He was an outstanding rebounder as well, and somehow managed to work in more than three assists a game.

Stepp's story was a great one, and was good enough to be featured on 60 Minutes. Fields, arguably the state's best sports writer, proved it's still a solid story and has stood the test of time.

He also does the most amazing thing I've ever seen, which I will try to describe to you: He can stand at mid-court, hold the ball in front of him, sling it over his head toward the basket behind him, and from midcourt, mind you, make three of five shots!

Ervin Stepp. His is the story movies are made of. And for Mike Fields, the story great features come from.

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Sports In Kentucky

by Bob Watkins

UK's Blevins demonstrates 'it's what's behind 'K' and 'Y' that counts

It's right where it's always been ... behind the "K" and "Y", in the numerals across the front of a Kentucky game jersey. The most accurate measure of a Kentucky kid's true worth when he puts on the shirt.

Time after time, name after name dating to Ruppian days, the axiom has been reproved. A Kentucky kid's big ole motor runs a little bigger, a little better a little faster when he's wearing a shirt with the state emblazoned across the front ... and he gets a chance.

J.P. Blevins.
The Edmonton native, not so long ago, was the latest to be derided by "experts" and critics as not worthy. "Kid's too slow," they sniffed, "doesn't have foot speed to play at Kentucky. Nice kid, Blevins. He ought to be playing Division-3."

Welcome to real world ... again.
Against Georgia Saturday, the sophomore guard who tells little kids "believe in your dream and chase it with all your heart," demonstrated the size of his.

Put into the starting lineup and allotted 31 minutes playing time, Blevins wowed 'em at Rupp Arena not only with a team-high 14 points, but with pizzazz. A lovely 360-spin layup, followed by a behind-the-back assist to Jules Camara in the first half. In the second it was Blevins' two three-pointers that tied the game and fired the Wildcats to their 19th win.

Blevins' line: 14 points, four assists, two rebounds, a steal and no turnovers.

Blevins' success isn't new. It's more an echo and tribute to days and names gone by: Beard ... Bird ... Cox ... Pursiful ... Beal ... Turpin ...

Farmer ... Pelphrey ... on and on.

Proof of the magic is where it's always been ... behind the "K" and "Y."

TUBBY'S DOG HOUSE

"Parents understand that sometimes you just have to discipline kids," Tubby Smith said Saturday as fans applauded the coach's fortitude.

Desmond Allison Keith Bogans and Tayshaun Prince did not start the game against Georgia. Prince did not play at all.

Smith said discipline was applied because the three were out of compliance with academic obligations. Whatever that meant, an interesting coincidence that Prince and Bogans second-guessed their coach in Lexington newspaper stories last week.

Bogans allegedly told the Herald-Leader Smith's offense was not working and that he preferred a more wide-open attack.

Later, Prince was quoted as "denying" the coach's view that certain players had not trained hard enough in off-season, and "denied" that Smith's re-instituting 6 a.m. practices would help solve the Wildcats' shooting woes.

Little wonder Prince was off limits to reporters following the Georgia game.

One could reasonably conclude Prince and Bogans at least, were disciplined for shooting off their mouths as much as for poor shooting or being tardy for class.

If remarks attributed to the two players are accurate, little wonder the coach would be fuming.

Alarming, a newspaper reporter's willingness to play "he

said, he said" between coach and players of a college basketball team.

FEBRUARY MORE THAN SWEETHEART MONTH IN KY.

"Never wish time away, it's all some of us have got," said a wise man from these parts. "Especially February, because it has a sweet-heart day, a Presidents' day and Tuesday-Friday, and Saturday."

This wise man was a basketball fan, of course. One who understands the magic of Tuesday and Friday nights in the Commonwealth and college ball on Saturdays.

February is to basketball what LCS is to baseball's World Series, and what the NFC is to Super Bowl. A delicious precursor to tournament time.

Outside in February, there is a wintry beauty about our state: Thatch brown fields along blacktop byways. Bridges over icy streams, naked limestone cliff facings and thick pine woods. Kids in school jackets staring out yellow school bus windows, as they roll along to an away game. For seniors, a last trip to look at life and teammates a certain way once more. Anticipation of winning another game before the schedule runs out and life becomes a job and basketball is city league.

Indoors, February is a last chance to pause and look long at hooptime. Popcorn aromas in the lobby, pep bands and SROs one more time before the crappie run.

High school teams are into last days of honing up against non-district foes. Coaches already planning for tournament time. In February every team is still in the hunt for

Regional and Sweet 16.

At the next level February is college basketball's stretch drive and marks a change in language. We read and hear about tournament legs ... seedings ... 64-team brackets and Big Mo. And of course, Road to the Final Four.

February. Forever a spiritual month in Kentucky. Without it there is no revival we know as March Madness.

PSST: LOUISVILLE TAXPAYERS

Louisville and Jefferson Countians being romanced with the possibility of becoming home to an NBA team might like to know: Ohio's Hamilton County commissioners announced last week that combined costs of stadiums under construction for Baseball's Cincinnati Reds and NFL Bengals could be \$360 million more than originally budgeted and a tax increase might be required to finish them.

Meanwhile, the Reds signed one player for \$116.5 million to play in the Queen City.

Oh, and regular gasoline at the pumps around northern Kentucky and Cincinnati last week was up to \$1.67 a gallon.

READERS (RIGHT) WRITE

■ About Ralph Beard and NCAA's "besmirched" rule...

Bob Bruker, Gallup, NM, writes: "In your Dec. 29 column you listed the things you would like to see happen early in the new century. As the new century will not begin until Jan. 1, 2001, I will assume you mean the new year. That aside, I

certainly agree with most of your list, especially about C.M. Newton and the Basketball Hall of Fame. To your list I would add, and I would put this at the head of the list, that Ralph Beard be inducted into the Hall of Fame. He is being denied consideration now because he 'besmirched' the game of basketball nearly 50 years ago.

"I believe (Ralph) is the only player to be denied because of the 'besmirched' rule. Most people don't even know the rule exists. When you review the names of those already enshrined in the Hall it makes you wonder if perhaps they have overlooked the rule a few times. Do you believe they will apply it to Charles Barkley? How about Latrell Sprewell, Allan Iverson, and several more currently playing the game?"

■ Winning hearts and minds and doing it the right way.

Ed Taylor, sports editor at the Floyd County Times writes: "... in the 58th District, we have a team that has won the hearts of fans — and 22 games — this season and I wanted to salute a fine young man who has done a tremendous job at South Floyd High School, Coach Henry Webb.

"Coach Webb has come into a program that was the 'doormat' of not only the District but the 15th Region as well. Today the team sits at the top of the region as the number one team and it is because of what this young coach has brought to the school and program. He has taught the kids respect for one another and for their superiors as well. He taught them morals and values that are lacking in many programs throughout America today."

BITS 'N PEOPLE

■ James Phillips, last living member of the 1931 Tolu High School basketball team in Crittenden County that lost 34-23 to Louisville Manual in the state championship game, was inducted into the Crittenden County Hall of Fame Feb. 18. Posthumously, so was Harry Hardin who is also in the Athletics Hall of Fame at Western Kentucky University.

■ John Mark Hutcheson, Mount St. Joseph College in Cincinnati won the Heartland Conference wrestling championship earlier this month thanks in part to John Mark Hutcheson who was an all-state wrestler at Caldwell County High in 1996. Hutcheson finished second in the 165-pound weight class.

■ Georgetown College has landed a basketball recruit with excellent bloodlines. Kip Kirchbaum, a 6-8, 220-pounder at Madison Central, is son of former UK line-backer Kelly Kirchbaum who was an all-state football star at North Hardin High School in Radcliff.

■ Four new names have been added to the Sports In Ky. All-time Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Win list: Ray Brown, Newport High (390-220); Dave Melton, Cordia (320-160); Darrell Denney, McCreary Central (313-269); and Gilbert Wilson, Pulaski Co. (310-130).

And so it goes

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Kentucky Sportsline by Tom Leach



One good way to project successful NCAA Tournament teams is to focus on the ones that won often in hostile locations, true road games like a school must face in its league.

And that's why Kentucky's

game at Tennessee this week might just tell us a lot about whether this team is capable of making a run at the Final Four next month.

Kentucky's performance at Auburn in early January was impressive. It took career nights from Chris Porter, Doc Robinson and Dameon Fishback for the Tigers to prevail in a close game. But a dismal road swing through Florida and LSU represented a serious setback.

Tubby Smith's club did score a significant road win over Vanderbilt, but that was a month ago. If the Wildcats' performance at Tennessee mirrors what we saw in Gainesville and Baton Rouge, then I wouldn't be too optimistic about their chances in March.

Conversely, a strong showing at Tennessee, even in defeat, would be encouraging and a win would signal that no matter where Kentucky is seeded, it is a viable threat to make a deep run in the NCAA.

Many college basketball fans can cite you examples of low seeds advancing to the Final Four or even winning it all, but the records indicate that the chances of advancing drop as you move down the ladder in seeding.

Georgia Coach Jim Harrick probably ticked off a few Big Blue fans last weekend when he suggested Kentucky might be a four seed but might well end fifth- or sixth-ranked in one of the four NCAA regionals. But he's not that far off

base.

If you seeded the tournament today, Kentucky, I think, would be a solid number four seed, thanks to its strong schedule. But that strong schedule only goes so far and seven losses is a high number for a team hoping to get a high seed.

Joe Lunardi plays the seeding game on a weekly basis on the ESPN.com website and is an astute "bracketologist." Going into last Sunday's games, Lunardi's rankings offered few surprises.

He had Kentucky projected as a four-seed, along with Auburn, Oklahoma and Texas. The ones were Cincinnati, Stanford, Arizona and Duke with Michigan State, Syracuse, Tennessee and Indiana making up the twos. On the line of three seeds, Lunardi listed Oklahoma State, Tulsa, Ohio State and Florida.

I would think Kentucky would be the second-best among the fours, behind Auburn.

Of the teams above the Wildcats in Lunardi's rankings, it's hard to envision Kentucky moving past anybody except Tulsa and Syracuse (if SU's February swoon continues). And of the teams Lunardi listed on the five and six-seed lines, Maryland, Connecticut, Temple, LSU and Iowa State are all squads capable of moving to a four, in my opinion.

Should Kentucky lose at Tennessee, but win the remaining three regular season games and win at least once in the SEC Tournament, the Wildcats would probably stay among the fours.

But personally, I think this team needs a very strong showing in Knoxville, perhaps even a win, to show me that this team will be able to uphold the standard set by Smith's first two UK clubs.

■ SUPER SUBS

To me, the Georgia game was encouraging. Yes, Kentucky still struggled with its shooting, but the passion that was missing in the previous three games was evident again. And you can thank two guys who came to Kentucky from very different paths — J.P. Blevins of Metcalfe County and Jules Camara of Senegal in Africa.

And it's worth noting that both had been bothered by injuries during Kentucky's recent lull (Blevins with a sprained ankle and Camara with a nearly fractured toe).

Camara, in particular, is exciting

in terms of his upside potential. Any time the 6-11 swingman doesn't spend in the weight room during the offseason ought to be spent in a gym taking shots and practicing his ballhandling.

Camara's best offensive move now is the putback, but imagine the problems this guy could create for opposing defenders if he were a three-point threat with the ability to drive past his man and get to the foul line.

In the win over Georgia, Camara played more than 30 minutes and I believe we'll see more of that, and more minutes for Blevins, too. I think those two bring a real spark to a team filled with laid back personalities.

■ HOMER'S HOME

Derek Homer was walking with the aid of crutches last week when he ventured onto the court at Rupp Arena to become a member of the first class of the Frank Ham Society of Character at UK. But Wildcat fans need not worry about Homer's

status for next season.

UK football spokesman Tony Neely says Homer underwent surgery to have some minor cartilage damage in a knee repaired. Homer's status for spring practice is iffy, but he should be good to go by the time practice starts in August.

Neely says coach Hal Mumme is not concerned about Homer missing spring drills, because Homer has decided to stay at running back and his skills there are a known commodity. Before the Music City Bowl, Mumme hinted strongly that Homer would stay at wideout, but shortly after the game, the UK coach told me that he would let Homer make the decision on which position might offer him the best chance to earn a spot in the NFL.



JEREMY SEXTON (10) SCORED ON THIS reverse lay up against Phelps Saturday night. Sexton finished with 24 points in a Rebel victory. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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The Racing Reporter



DALE JARRETT COMPLETES A SWEEP OF DAYTONA

by Gerald Hodges
The Racing Reporter

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Daytona International Speedway officials might need to consider renaming Victory Lane after Dale Jarrett. He has visited it four separate times in the past week.

First, he won the Bud Pole for the Daytona 500 February 12. The next day he won a qualifying race and the 25-lap Bud Shootout. His latest victory came Sunday, as he won the Daytona 500 for the third time in his career.

Starting from the pole, Jarrett dominated the early and middle stages of the 200-lap race. But as the race wound down, Jarrett found himself behind the No. 10 Lycos Pontiac driven by Johnny Benson. It was not until a restart on lap 194 that Jarrett was able to move to the front.

After gaining the lead, Jarrett only had to race three more laps before another caution came out as a result of Jimmy Spencer tagging the wall. The remaining two laps were run under caution.

For Jarrett and his No. 88 Ford Quality Care team, it was especially rewarding since they had to work until 10 p.m. on the eve of the race repairing damages to the car after it was bumped by Jeff Gordon during practice on Saturday.

"It was the Doug Yates horsepower," said Jarrett. "It's just incredible that we got the car back together as good as we did. The only thing I regret is telling Mark (Martin) I would go high with him near the end of the race. When he went up, I started to go up, but then I saw the 99 car dive down, and I had to drop back down."

Even though Benson finished 12th, he put on a magnificent driving show for over 30 laps. During this period he had as many as six Fords on his trail.

"Dale was awesome," said Benson. "It was one of those deals.

I knew I couldn't stay with those Fords and if I had tried, I would have wrecked."

Jeff Burton followed Jarrett to take second. "It was the best chance we ever had to win a Daytona. We never led a lap but we had the car to win it," he said.

Third-place finisher Bill Elliott said, "We're very, very happy with third."

Finishing order: 1. Jarrett, 2. Jeff Burton, 3. Bill Elliott, 4. Rusty Wallace, 5. Mark Martin, 6. Bobby Labonte, 7. Terry Labonte, 8. Ward Burton, 9. Ken Schrader, 10. Matt Kenseth, 11. Jeremy Mayfield, 12. Johnny Benson, 13. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 14. Kenny Irwin, 15. Ricky Rudd, 16. Mike Skinner, 17. Tony Stewart, 18. Robby Gordon, 19. Scott Pruett, 20. Robert Pressley, 21. Dale Earnhardt, 22. John Andretti, 23. Chad Little, 24. Sterling Martin, 25. Kyle Petty, 26. Stacy Compton, 27. Dave Blaney, 28. Rick Mast, 29. Kenny Wallace, 30. Jimmy Spencer, 31. Steve Park, 32. Darrell Waltrip, 33. Derrick Cope, 34. Jeff Gordon, 35. Jerry Nadeau, 36. Kevin LePage, 37. Ed Berrier, 38. Elliott Sadler, 39. Michael Waltrip, 40. Wally Dallenbach, 41. Derrick Cope, 42. Joe Nemechek, 43. Bobby Hamilton

A 32-YEAR DAYTONA TRADITION ENDS

Dave Marcis, driver of the No. 71 Realtree Chevrolet and a 58-year-old Wisconsin native, failed to qualify for this year's Daytona 500. In the 125-lap qualifying race Thursday, Marcis needed to finish 14th or better to make the field. When the checkered flag dropped, Marcis was three spots further back in 17th. That was not good enough for a spot in the starting lineup.

Marcis made his first Daytona start in 1968. He started 35th and finished 20th. In 32 Daytona starts, his best career finish was

sixth in 1975. Backed by a Richard Childress engine, Marcis and his team had high hopes going into Speedweek.

"I've seen plenty of good races here at Daytona through the years," said Marcis. "Waddell Wilson brought that Pontiac down here one year and Bobby Allison had an advantage like Dale Jarrett seems to have this year. I've seen Cale Yarborough with that kind of advantage, and I've seen Richard Petty with it. I've seen Earnhardt with that advantage down here, but that doesn't mean the best car can't be beat. Who's to say somebody gets together and bumps him a little bit and bends the tow and that screws it up. It's a long day, but at the moment, given all the facts, Jarrett looks pretty dominant."

"I remember my first Daytona 500 in 1968. It was pretty scary. I was in my mid-20s and had just come off the short tracks, quarter-miles and third-miles. I did run Milwaukee, but it's a float mile. I ran the Minnesota Fair, and that was a half-mile, but just coming into this place when you look around, you look into turn one when you come through that tunnel and in those days, the infield was wide open. You could see turn one real easy when you drove through the tunnel. I couldn't believe the length of the straight-aways."

"I knew it was a two-and-a-half-mile track, but you just don't put it in perspective until you see it. I couldn't believe they ran around here flat-footed. They all tell you that, but when you go out there, you find out real quick you can do it, but that stands out in my mind the first time I came here. When I came through the tunnel I looked at the left and saw turns three and four. Then I looked to the right and you could see turn one. I couldn't believe it was all race track."

"I've pretty much been a low

budget racer all my life, and everything I make I pretty much spend back on the sport. For me, it's been a job and in the past I've never tried to put anything away. I wasn't considering quitting or retiring. I was spending all I could make to get more competitive. I was trying to win more races, and I'm still here trying to make a living. I guess that's the way to look at it. I tried to do in the last three or four years toward retirement. Up until that time, I'd never done anything. I never gave it any thought."

Larry McClure, team manager of the No. 4 Kodak Monte Carlo, has been around Dave Marcis for many years.

"Dave Marcis is kind of like an institution in Winston Cup," said McClure. "He's still a hard racer. I know he's going to have to race hard to get into this race, and each year it gets more difficult. He has a single-car operation and he's not nearly as well financed as most of these people. Even though a lot of people support him and help him when they can, it would be tremendous to see him in another Daytona 500. I wish him the best. He doesn't cut you any slack. He's out there stroking. That's the thing people admire most. If he had to just go out there and stroke, he wouldn't do it."

Rick Mast, driver of the No. 41 Big Daddy's Chevrolet, has competed against Marcis. "I guess different people have different opinions of Dave Marcis, but it's total admiration on my part. How in the world has that cat been able to do all he's done this many years? Years ago, it wasn't that big of a deal. A lot of people did it the way he did it. The last five or six years, he's still been able to keep it together and show up and make a decent living. He still makes the majority of the shows. It's really phenomenal. All you've got to do is walk in the shops and look at all the money that's being spent on R & D and all the efforts going into

the programs. Walk in Dave's shop and it's not that way. It's total respect from my perspective. He's a hard-headed fellow who does it one way, his way, and he's made it work over the years. On the race track, you race Dave a certain way. If you want to get wrecked, go up there and lay a bumper on Marcis and you'll get wrecked. It's very simple. That's the way racing was for years, and he still does it that way. It's absolutely phenomenal," said Mast.

Marcis didn't make the Daytona 500 but he does have financial backing that should enable him to run as many Winston Cup races in 2000 as he is able to crack the starting lineup.

RACE FANS WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE FOR MOST POPULAR DRIVER

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Thatsracin.com and the National

Motorsports Press Association (NMPA) have formed a partnership that will provide free voting for the Most Popular Driver Award in 2000.

Voting for the award, administered by the NMPA and traditionally beginning in July, will continue to be available through a 900 number.

All voting is conducted by the NMPA, and after Elliott was selected for the ninth year in a row and the 14th time, many racing fans thought the organization needed to try a different approach.

"This is something the NMPA has needed for a long time," said NMPA President Jim McLaurin. "Not only does it give racing fans a central site to view some of the work of our members, it gives our members a valuable tool for the rapid communication that's necessary to keep up with the fast pace of racing."

Coleman scores 18; Prestonsburg falls at Sheldon Clark 77-63

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats dropped a 77-63 decision to the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals this past Monday night in a regional match up at Sheldon Clark.

Brook Coleman scored a team-high 18 points to lead the Lady Blackcats' scoring. Amelia Conley netted 14.

Prestonsburg fell to 14-10 on the year.

Game, scoring honors went to Sheldon Clark's Mandy Harmon, who scorched the nets for 36 points in an outstanding performance. The win improved the Lady Cardinals to 22-6 on the season.

Brandy Wells finished in double figures for Prestonsburg with 11 points. Hyden added nine points.

Ramanda Music was held to seven points, her season low. Laura Majakey finished with three and Angela Howell scored two.

Sheldon Clark held a 15-13 first-quarter lead but the two teams played on even terms in the second period. Sheldon Clark took a 28-26 lead to the locker room at halftime.

The Lady Cardinals outscored Prestonsburg 23-14 in the third period to open up a 51-40 advantage. Prestonsburg could never recover from the Sheldon Clark run.

Prestonsburg closed its regular season at home Tuesday night by hosting Boyd County.

As the three seed in the upcoming 58th District tournament, the Lady Blackcats will face the Betsy Layne Ladycats. The two teams split the regular season, winning on their respective courts.

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Those mystic chords of memory

I really hadn't thought all that much about nursery rhymes (I know, I ought to be ashamed of myself) until I read a little piece in the paper a while back about how important they are to our daily lives.

To paraphrase, the article suggested that, in part, these familiar little verses are what Abraham Lincoln was referring to when he spoke of the "mystic chords of memory" that unite us all.

I interpreted that to mean that since we've all heard them since very early childhood, regardless of our station in life, we can relate to allusions of such characters as Little Boy Blue, Little Miss Muffett, and of course, Mother Goose.

And speaking of Mother Goose, one popular theory is that she was indeed a real person. Some believe that her name was really Elizabeth Vergoose and that she lived in Boston. The theory is that after her death in the early 1700s, her son-in-law, who was a printer, published stories he'd heard her tell her grandchildren, under the title "Tales from Mother Goose."

It would appear, then, that nursery rhymes, as we know them, go back nearly 300 years. I suppose it's good they do, because there's no way on earth they could've been written today. I mean, there's just absolutely too many distractions in our world; too many stupid things going on in our society; too much interference from TV and the Internet.

For example, take "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe." Today's version might sound like this: "There was an old woman who lived in a shoe./ She had so many children she didn't know what to do;/ She gave them some broth without any bread;/ And spanked them all soundly and put them to bed./ 'She abuses her children,' the newspapers said."

Or, how about this one: "Hey diddle, diddle./ The cat and the fiddle/ The cow jumped over the moon./ The little dog laughed to see such a sport./ It's on ESPN at noon."

Or, "Jack and Jill went up the hill/ To fetch a pail of water./ Jack fell down and broke his crown./ Got up and hired a lawyer."

How about this one? "Mary had a little lamb./ It's fleece was white as snow./ Everywhere that Mary went./ The lamb was sure to go./ It followed her to school one day./ The teacher was a glutton./ So he gave up Big Mac attacks./ And now dines on Mac Mutton."

"Itsy, bitsy spider, climbed up the water spout./ Down came the rain and washed the spider out./ But he kept on trying until way up in the night./ Then got on the Internet and set up a new web site."

"Early to bed, and early to rise./ And you'll miss Leno's big surprise."

Anyway, I think you get the point. The more I think about it, the more I'm convinced that since there's neither rhyme nor reason regarding the goings on of today's world, had not old Mother Goose done her thing way back then, we'd, no doubt, have to depend on something else entirely to awaken those mystic chords of memory.

Jack Branham

World traveler, CIVIC LEADER



Jack and Margaret Branham's favorite place to visit is Hong Kong, which they describe as "clean and beautiful."

by Aileen Hall
 Contributing Writer

Jack Branham Jr. has had opportunity to compare Branham Hill in Betsy Layne to almost every corner of the world. Since retiring in 1982 as president of Big Sandy Insurance Company in Martin, he and his beloved Margaret have been able to travel and visit more than 50 countries.

But you'd think he had a string tied to his ankle to bring him back to his favorite community and friends, and to enjoy again the civic improvements he has helped make possible.

An avid athlete, Jack was a star basketball player for Betsy Layne High School, having played on a team with R. C. Layne, Carmel Clark

members Luke Kidd, Palmer Crum, Joe Hinchman, Harold Conn and others.

Jack was born October 17, 1919, so he has passed his 80th birthday, but the years have brought to him a wonderful family and a circle of loyal friends.

It has also brought a sense of achievement and satisfaction that doesn't necessarily come with the passing of time, but rather with having been a participant and having made a remarkable contribution.

There are two brothers and four sisters — James Branham, Bobby Branham, Ruby Conn, Opal Caldwell, Juanita Rueker and Betty Easter, all children of Jack and Cora Jarrell Branham.

In December of 1944, while still serving with the U.S. Marines, Jack married his high school sweetheart, Margaret Elliott, and they recently celebrated 55 years of marriage. They have five children: Mary Lee Frazier and Stephen Branham of Betsy Layne; Robert Branham, Pikeville; Deborah Wallingford, Knoxville, Tennessee; and Barry Branham whose work takes him all around the world. He presently lives in Spain. There are 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

After receiving an honorable discharge from the Marines in 1945, Jack was recruited by insurance manager Al Snyder of Eureka Casualty Company in Martin. Within three years there, he took a job with Big Sandy Insurance Agency where he spent his remaining professional

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Jack Branham has gone to the far reaches of the earth — including the Yukon — to fish.

and others, and against later friends Hollie Conley and Ray "Shag" Campbell of Garrett; Clarence Hayes of Maytown; Jack Carter and Joe P. Tackett of Prestonsburg; and Denzil Halbert of Martin.

He also played baseball and, after almost four years with the U.S. Marines and overseas duty during World War II, he continued to enjoy baseball. He played in the Big Sandy and Elkhorn leagues with team

■ Jack Branham served in the US Marines during World War II.



Branham

career. He retired as president of the company in 1982.

In those early years when he and Margaret were starting their own family, Betsy Layne and the surrounding area had many needs. There was no organized fire protection, few families had access to natural gas for heating, and telephone service was meager with mostly party-line hook-ups.

The only water supply was from privately owned wells and most water was so full of iron that those who could afford it bought water treatment systems. Jack could remember the once white fountains at school that were stained from iron and the water that tasted so awful you dreaded to drink it.

Trying to obtain these needed utilities, Jack and a small group of men formed the Betsy Layne Men's Club in 1946. Others included Beckem Caldwell who served as its chairman, Earl Hayes, Jim George, Glen Blackburn, Al Snyder and Oliver Williamson. Their main objective was to obtain these needed utilities — fire protection, natural gas, telephone service and water.

The group evolved in 1947 into the Men's Club/Fire Department and others become involved — John Porter, Ted Stumbo, Walter Hall, Paul Gearheart and Erman Ratliff. Jim George was named the first fire chief.

Attorney C. B. Latta served as legal counsel and Burl Spurlock Sr., president of then First National Bank of Prestonsburg, was their financial advisor. Both would go with the men to Washington as they worked with Congressman Carl D. Perkins in seeking federal grants.

Jack credits Clarence and Hobart Hayes of Hayes Drilling Company with saving the effort for fire protec-

tion as the first fire trucks were old and spent at least half their time being repaired by these two men. They used their own facilities and equipment, sometimes working through the night, and with no pay, to keep the trucks running.

Within 20 years, all four objectives had been achieved. By working with Columbia Gas Company, through their agent, Irvin Stumbo of Harold, natural gas was made available for almost every home and business in the area.

The group helped fellow member Paul Gearheart obtain financing to improve the family-owned Harold Telephone Company, and he and his wife Elaine have built it into one of the most modern systems anywhere. Renamed Gearheart Communications Inc., it offers, not only telephone service, but also a television cable system, cellular phones, paging services, TV station, three radio stations and Internet services.

The Betsy Layne Volunteer Fire Department today is a model for communities across the state. Their rating has brought insurance rates down for home and business owners. With Eddie Clark as fire chief, they have over two million dollars worth of equipment and a full staff of trained firemen — trained not only in fire-fighting, but also in CPR and emergency services. And even though every member serves without pay, they have a waiting list of aspiring firemen.

To attain the last goal of a water system, the group formed Sandy Valley Water District in 1967. There were five commissioners and Jack served as their chairman for 19 years. The other four commissioners were Ted Stumbo, Walter Hall, Landon

Hunt and Dr. R. H. Myers. The water company now serves about 2,300 homes and businesses. It has six employees.

Jack has three tributes that he treasures — a beautiful wall plaque acknowledging 50 years of service to the Betsy Layne Volunteer Fire Department, a copy of a recent resolution of appreciation from the Sandy Valley Water District, and the Silver Beaver award from the Boy Scouts of America, commending him for his volunteer work as a scout leader.

Many of his involvements didn't result in awards, but just seeing success can be its own reward — and his work with the school sports and music programs was just that.

For instance, when Billie Jean Osborne was band director for Betsy Layne High School, she said, "We never had anyone more supportive of our efforts in all phases of the school work than Jack Branham. He helped us both financially and with his presence."

That's probably why she went to him first with her idea to form the Kentucky Opry, and he agreed to serve as chairman of a small committee to study the possibilities of making it work. Once it was formed, he resigned, knowing that others could give it more time.

The Branhams are long-time members of Vogel Day Methodist Church at Harold. They raised their children in the church and could always be counted on for their faithfulness there. Their church family is very special to them.

Jack sometimes refers often to a lasting friendship with long-time Judges Hollie Conley and Henry Stumbo. Asked about any other spe-

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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 21 & 23, 1990)

Despite a public survey and negative publicity campaign conducted by a local radio station, the Floyd County Fiscal Court went ahead with accepting of bids on four, hotly disputed maintenance vehicles during its Feb. 16 meeting... A federal court ruling last week may prevent the future operation of a Hueysville coal tippie which plagued nearby residents with dust and noise for many years, and resulted in a 1988 court case brought against the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet by local citizens... A call for help during a domestic dispute, Monday evening, left one Kentucky State Police cruiser turned on its side, a second cruiser stranded on a pile of coal, and an ambulance full of smoke, necessitating the response of the Prestonsburg Fire Department... During a meeting of the Floyd County Housing Authority, Wednesday, a site was selected near McDowell for the proposed HUD, low-income housing project scheduled for completion no later than March 3, 1993... A group of Floyd County teachers, members of the Floyd County Education Association, voted last week to request that the current state supervisor for the Floyd County school system be removed from his position. There died: Seatta Chaffins Foster, 77, Garrett, Feb. 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Clyde Thomas Blackburn, 68, Prestonsburg, Feb. 14, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville; Arnold R. Cassady, 93, Prestonsburg, Feb. 17 at HRMC; Hiawatha "Hank" Green, 63, Michigan City, Indiana, formerly of Dema, Feb. 19, at St. Catherine's Hospital in East Chicago, Indiana; Pauline Tackett, 64, Ypsilanti, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, Feb. 17, at Beyer Memorial Hospital; Dorsa Shelton, 67, Drift, Feb. 16, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Charles Thomas Stewart, 71, Tram, Feb. 16, at HRMC; Sara Newsome, 42, Melvin, Feb. 15, at McDowell ARH; Brenda Joyce Davis Centers, 48, Hueysville, Feb. 18, Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Martha Hall Robinson, 60, Melvin, Feb. 22, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington; Police Cpl. James Lee Click, 43, Adrian, Michigan, formerly of Martin, Feb. 20, at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor; Lillie Mae Case, 69, McDowell, Feb. 20, Whitesburg ARH; Bobby D. Owsley, 49, Gas City, Indiana, formerly of Wayland, Feb. 15, in Methodist Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago (February 20, 1980)

A petition with 2266 signatures has been presented to the State Department of Transportation and others calling for the widening and repair of KY 979 as well as the installation of guard rails, after a school bus with 29 children aboard rolled over the embankment Jan. 2...The 95-year-old Big Sandy News, the valley's oldest newspaper, was one of three Louisa businesses which were destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. Two persons have been arrested on arson charges...Stunned by the failure of the city's water commissioners to appear before the council as directed, Martin City Council voted last Wednesday to take legal action or "other steps" to force the commission's compliance...Before its adjournment last Wednesday the Floyd Circuit Court Grand Jury voted conspiracy to commit murder indictments against four men as a result of trouble between Arkansas Creek neighbors. Named in separate indictments were Buddy Johnson, Darrell Bentley, James Richard Hunt and Ballard Crum, each accused of conspiracy to commit murder by "agreeing with one another that at least one of them would engage in conduct which would constitute the murder of Leonard Hall"...Families welcomed home members of the Betsy Layne High School band upon their return Tuesday after participating in this year's Mardi Gras in New Orleans. The band won first place among bands in the Selena parade, Saturday, and was named "outstanding" in the Thoth parade on Sunday...There died: Minnie

Marsillett, 77, of West Prestonsburg, Saturday, Feb. 9 at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Raymond Joseph, 55, of Prestonsburg, enroute to Highlands Regional Medical Center Monday; Mary A. Hamilton Howell, 87, of Craynor, Sunday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Flara Wilburn, 64, of Harold, Wednesday, Feb. 13 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington; Bess Ratliff, 77, of Langley, Monday at Riverview Manor; Orville Wells, 58, of Auxier, Monday, Feb. 4 at his home; Henry Rose, 74, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, Feb. 10 at Riverview Manor; Floyd Blevins, 82, of Tram, Tuesday, Feb. 12; Jim Prince, 69, of Dwale, Saturday, Feb. 9 at HRMC; Virginia Mills, 86, former Melvin resident, Jan. 5 in Middletown Hospital in Ohio; Billy Joe Meade, four-month-old son of Ben and Anna Collins Meade of Prestonsburg, Sunday at his home; West Liberty City Councilman Charles E. Campbell, 55, formerly of the county; Ada Gearheart, 70, of Hueysville, Monday at HRMC; Mack Nelson, 53, of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Prestonsburg, Friday; Franklin Delano Conley, 46, of Lima, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Thursday, Jan. 24 at St. Rita's Medical Center; Elder Mitchell Chaffins, 66, of Minnie, Feb. 2.

Thirty Years Ago (February 26, 1970)

The only educational activity under way in Floyd County this week was that of the Prestonsburg Community College which was not affected by the teacher strike which closed all other classrooms of the county...The Kentucky Court of Appeals last Friday affirmed the opinion of Circuit Judge Henry Meigs II, of the Franklin Circuit Court, upholding the ruling of the Water Pollution Commission to the effect that the proposed high school at Eastern would not pollute Beaver Creek, the water supply source of the town of Martin...Supervisors of the Floyd County Soil Conservation District have filed with the Floyd Fiscal Court a request that the court levy a tax of 2 cents per acre on all lands in the county, except for townlots, to finance soil and water conservation activities...PFC Denny Eugene Blevins, 20, was killed in Vietnam, last Thursday, his family has been notified...There died: James Lee Shannon, 72, of Drift, Friday at Pikeville; Lee Hall, 96, of Galveston, last Wednesday at Pikeville; James Allard Dingus, 65, of Martin, Friday at Paintsville; John M. Thomsberry, 58, of Melvin, Tuesday at Pikeville; Will Baltimore Jr., 75, of Weeksbury, last Thursday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; George W. Hughes, 83, formerly of Wheelwright, last Thursday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; George W. Hughes, 83, formerly of Wheelwright, last Friday at Nelsonville, Ohio; John Fraley, 81, of Wayland, last Tuesday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Webster Bryant Jr., 24, Friday at home at Teaberry; Mary F. Boyd, 86, of Allen, Sunday at Mountain Manor Nursing Home here; Alvonda Gay Boyd, 34, Saturday at home at Estill.

Forty Years Ago (February 25, 1960)

Bernard Carter, chief of the Division of Fisheries, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, said this week that he will present to the Huntington district office, US Corp of Engineers, a plea that the level of Dewey Lake be held the year round at its previous summertime conservation level...The Prestonsburg High School PTA gave its approval Tuesday evening to the "Athletic Field Project," for building a football stadium to seat 1970 persons planned by its Building Improvements Committee...Senators John Sherman Cooper and Thurston Morton announced this week that Prestonsburg is one of the 40 communities that will receive federal assistance in their plans for growth and development through a \$75,000 grant...Last Thursday's snow storm, second within a week, blanketed the county with six inches

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Organizations

Rebels meet

The Colonel Andrew Jackson May Camp, General Humphrey

Marshall Camp and Captain William Green Wells Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, met in joint session last Thursday night at the Historic Samuel May House in Prestonsburg.

Eastern Kentucky Brigade Commissioner John B. Wells III presented the program on his trip to the Confederate colony in Brazil last year. Announcements were made on the upcoming Battle of Middle

Creek reenactment, open house and tours of the May House during the bicentennial celebration and participation in the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival.

Wells announced the Monument and Interpretation Center at the site of the Battle of Ivy Mountain on US 23 South at Ivel, is in the final stages.

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Branham

cial alliances, he says, "I've had no better friend than Walter Hall."
 Though Walter is six years younger and they didn't serve in the military together, they have the common bond of being fellow Marines. They traveled together for civic causes, had family cookouts and shared vacation times. They've also been outwitted together by more fish than ever made it to market.
 Many years ago, when both were struggling to make ends meet, they fell for an ad about a fishing lure that cost \$60. They couldn't afford to even split the cost, but they managed.
 Using the lure involved following

some strange directions like painting the bottom of their boat green and skipping the bait across the top of the water. They hooked a fish all right. It came sailing out of the water and hit the plug so hard it broke the line — and it took the lure with it.
 While Jack was serving his country in the South Pacific and being transported by troop ships to different areas, he decided that, if he survived the war, he would like to be able to see the four corners of the world and maybe travel on a different kind of ship.
 That became possible, and he and Margaret, sometimes taking family

members with them, have taken at least two "around the world" cruises on luxury liners.
 They've taken other trips to different countries and sometimes found their fellow passengers to be famous people.
 What has been his favorite spot to see? Jack doesn't hesitate to answer, "Hong Kong has been our very favorite spot to visit. It's so clean and beautiful, and the people were so gracious to us." Of course, Branham Hill in Betsy Layne is their favorite spot in all the world.
 Sadly, it was in Hong Kong that he learned about an illness that would

present the greatest challenge of his life. He became ill on his last visit and was taken to a doctor, who spoke perfect English but who gave him the unwanted news that he had a serious problem.
 Returning home, he went to Houston where he was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer that is inoperable. That was five years ago and it has taken all the fortitude he has to combat it, but he accepts each day with appreciation for all the good things in life, for the people who have been so special to him, and for all the opportunities he has had to see and do so much.

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Remember, stretch properly, and Good Luck to all the 58th District Teams!!

Work like a pro-feel like a million

by Herb King

(NAPSA)-Making home repairs can be fun, but badly designed tools don't help. They get the job done, all right, but they cost you some additional effort and perhaps even an injury.
 A new line of ergonomic tools incorporates design features that allow you to work like a pro, but feel like a million after the project is done.
 The new line has a total of 10 tools, five of the most popular ergonomic types and five high-quality traditional tools. Like other King products, the new tool lines are available at Home Depot, Lowe's, Tru-Serv, Ace, and Do-It-Best.
 Ergonomic tools appeal to the do-it-yourselfer who is looking for increased personal safety and greater productivity. The standard tools appeal

to the cost-conscious user. Both lines are priced competitively.
 Each ergonomic tool has a uniquely shaped handle that minimizes the amount of energy required to use the tool. This feature-together with an automatic spring return and air pocket cushion grips-increases safety and productivity while reducing the chance of carpal tunnel injury.
 Many tools in both lines are multi-purpose. For example, there is an ergonomic wire stripper that also cuts wires, crimps connectors, and cuts bolts. A standard line combo tool crimps connectors, and strips, pulls, and loops wire.
 Both the ergonomic and standard tools are made from top quality nickel-chrome alloy steel. They feature heat-treated steel pivot bushings. Laser-printed wire size indicators and color

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BIRTHDAYS



Baby Moore

Jeremy and Shawna Moore of Hindman, announce the birth of their daughter, Jasmine Nicole Moore. She was born October 20, 1999, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, 15.2 ounces, and was 18-3/4 inches long. Her maternal grandparents are Nannie and Eston Sexton of Hindman. Paternal grandparents are Jeanetta Moore of Garrett, and Calvin Moore of Columbus, Ohio.



Turns four

Dylan Blake Baldrige planned to celebrate his fourth birthday with a clown theme party at the Prestonsburg Pizza Hut on February 21, 2000. He is the brother of Dalton Chase Baldrige and the son of Ronnie and Sandy Baldrige of Blue River. His grandparents are Ronnie and Deloris Baldrige and the late Jack and Annis Nelson. He is the great-grandson of Monroe and Ollie Baldrige.



Celebrates five years

Lucas Donovan Blake Hamilton, son of Don and Michelle Hamilton of Teaberry, celebrated his fifth birthday on Sunday, February 13, 2000, with a party at Roller City. Friends attending included Shellee, Dawn and Dillon Hamilton; Chelsea, Bethany and Brooklyn Newsome; Austin, Brandon, Tanner and Lindsey Martin; Faith, Cory, Jeremy, Sasha, Nicholas and Lisa Osborne; Tommy Bowman; Catlin and Justin Randolph; Zack Tackett; Sheena Coleman, and Cody Little.

Yesterdays

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of snow, creating hazardous driving conditions and interrupted schools which had been in session only half a day after a three-day vacation enforced by the previous snowfall...There died: Mary J. Hall, 72, of Teaberry, at home; Moses Bryant, 62, of Ligon, at the home of Lee Caudill; Loretta Tackett, 23, of Ashtabula, Ohio, formerly of Hi Hat, at City Hospital, Cleveland; Walter Crider, 50, of Auxier, at the home of his mother.

Fifty Years Ago (February 23, 1950)

It was still "no contract, no work" in Floyd County's mines and in all others over the soft coal fields this week...Purchase price of the City Board of Education's one-half undivided interest in the high school property here is exactly \$39,921.68 the agreement prepared by C. Kilmer Combs, attorney for the County Board of Education, the purchase shows...Unless the differential law in effect during the last school year is re-instated, Floyd County schools stand to lose a total of \$81,646 in equalization and transportation aid from the state, figures released by the Bureau of Finance, State Department of Education, indicate...Plans for another church in Prestonsburg were being considered this week as the purchase by members of the Church of Christ of the Central Avenue lot of Kelly Wells, was announced...There died: Claybourne Stephens, 80, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. L. Oppenheimer; Oliver Crum, 43, at his home on Arkansas Creek; Jane Hopkins, 77, McDowell, at the home of her daughter.

Sixty Years (February 22, 1940)

Limited funds restrict nursing services of the Floyd County Health Department to one nurse per 21,000 population, in the face of an apparent need of one nurse to not more than 5000 population. Dr. Marvin Ransdell, department director, states in his report for the year 1939, released last week...Discovery last week of parts of two human skeletons in an abandoned country "coal bank" on the right fork of Middle Creek creates a mystery which may never be solved...The Patty, Prestonsburg's third theatre, opened Monday with the showing of "Charlie McCarthy, Detective"...A chew of tobacco, which, it is alleged, poisoned the chewer, was the subject of a \$40,500 damage suit heard in the Floyd Circuit Court this week. It ended in a \$250 verdict for the chewer. The plaintiff contends that a 10-cent plug of Day's Work tobacco which he purchased in West Prestonsburg on December 11, 1938, contained some foreign poisons or decayed matter which rendered him "deathly sick" within five minutes. The trial, begun Monday, and lasting until Wednesday afternoon, introduced two innovations to the Floyd Circuit Court—a fluoroscope for examination of the tobacco for "foreign" objects and a cockroach inserted into the tobacco to show that the fluoroscope cannot detect all kinds of objects...There died: Jeff Jarrell, 75, last Thursday at his home at Justell; Howard Monroe Johnson, 39, of Prestonsburg, last Thursday at Huntington, W. Va.; William Mallory Roberts, 82, Sunday at his home at Dewey.

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Honesty—the antidote to medical errors

by Richard H. Middleton Jr. & Penny Gold

You've probably already heard the newest frightening statistic about medical care: as many as 98,000 patients a year die because of medical

errors, the National Academy of Sciences reports.

So what can patients do to protect themselves from being hurt by their health care? Unfortunately, the answer right now is "not enough."

The problem is that patients have

little control over how health care systems operate. For the most part, medical care is out of patients' hands, because few hospitals, doctors, or pharmacists volunteer information about their records on medical mistakes.

In fact, most states have laws — called peer review privilege statutes—that allow medical professionals to keep some information about the medical mistakes they've made a secret from the patients they've injured.

Generally, these laws allow medical professionals to discuss among themselves the causes of incidents that lead to patient injury or death, but keep that information from the hurt patient.

Some in the health care system say these laws are necessary. If patients knew about the medical

errors that injured them, the patients would sue, they say.

But a recent study of the health care system proves that isn't true. In a paper published in the December 22, 1999, issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, two doctors examined the policies of a Veterans Affairs hospital in Lexington, Kentucky.

The staff of the Lexington hospital decided that instead of trying to hide mistakes from patients, it would promptly and fully disclose all errors. Instead of fighting patients when it erred, the hospital offered fair compensation to its patients — and even helped them file claims.

The hospital's staff originally adopted this policy because they reasoned they had a moral and ethical duty to be honest with their patients. But this policy of openness had an unanticipated side effect — it greatly

reduced the amount of money the hospital had to pay to litigate claims of medical malpractice.

It seems that when the hospital was honest with its patients, those patients were less likely to take their claims to court. The study concluded that because the hospital's staff was honest about its errors, the patients felt no betrayal of trust, and the hospital and the patients didn't become adversaries.

Unfortunately, many health care providers don't promote openness. So what can you do while waiting for the rest of the health care industry to learn that "honesty is the best policy?" You can take control of the part of the medical system that is in your hands — your relationship with your medical professional.

Be your own advocate. Communicate your needs to your

health care provider. When you see your doctor, have a list of questions ready. Write down the instructions you're given, and if you don't understand them, ask questions about them.

In the meantime, consumer groups will continue to work to give patients more control over the parts of the health care system from which they're currently excluded.

For more health and safety information and tips, visit ATLA's "Keep Our Families Safe" Web site at <http://familysafety.atla.org>.

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It can pay to start at the top

(NAPSA)—Things are looking up for homeowners who want to put a ceiling on roofing costs. They are turning to tile, a roofing material, experts say, that can enhance the beauty, longevity and resale value of a home.

"Most homeowners think that tile roofing is red, round and heavy," said Richard K. Olson, president of the National Tile Roofing Manufacturers Association (NTRMA), a trade association dedicated to continuous improvements in tile roofing quality standards. "Well, they are in for a pleasant surprise," he explained.

"Concrete and clay roof tiles come in hundreds of colors and styles vary widely. In fact, other products often can't provide the same color diversity as tile roofing, whose various styles will complement any architecture or façade including wood, brick, stone and aluminum and vinyl siding.

"The weight of tile has often been misunderstood," Olson continued. "Most homes built within the last 20 years can easily handle a tile roof without structural changes. For older homes, light-weight roofing products are readily available."

Standard roof tile colors come in brown, red, tan or charcoal, while shades of blue and green

are premium colors. Tile roofing is available in single-colors or up to five colors in a single piece of tile. Tile can also be blended during installation to create a striking pattern. Roof tile cement adds further color diversity. While gray cement is most commonly used with darker colors, white cement can create wonderful pastel shades.

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For information on tile roofing and for design ideas, technical information and a list of roofers, see www.ntrma.org; write NTRMA, PO Box 403237, Eugene, Oregon 97404-00490; or call 888-321-9236.

WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS



Hall and Mosley unite

Caney Fork Old Regular Baptist Church was the scene of the wedding of Barry Hall and Katrina Mosley on Friday, February 11, 2000. The bride is the daughter of Elder Phillip and Kathy Mosley of Lott's Creek. She is employed by the Knott County Board of Education. The groom is the son of Bill M. and Zella Hall of Topmost and is employed by 84 Lumber of Georgetown. The couple will reside in Lexington.

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Many are putting children at risk by not using booster seats

Thanks to increased education, more parents and caregivers are remembering to use child passenger safety seats and seat belts when traveling in motor vehicles.

However, car seat check-up clinics held throughout Kentucky routinely find that children too large for a car safety seat, but too small for a seat belt are improperly restrained.

"More times than not, we see children wearing seat belts and they really should be in a booster seat," said Sharon Rengers, R.N., Kosair Children's Hospital Office of Child Advocacy and certified child passenger safety technician instructor. "Seat belts are made for people at least 4 feet, 9 inches tall and 80 pounds. Convertible car seats, at the most, are rated up to 40 pounds."

This leaves children from 40 to 80 pounds and shorter than 4 feet, 9 inches needing a different restraint. One size does not fit all when it comes to buckling up children. "When kids outgrow forward-facing child safety seats, you need to boost 'em before you buckle 'em," according to Rengers.

"When a child is sitting with his or her back against the vehicle seat back and his or her legs are too short to bend over the edge of the seat naturally, the child usually will slouch down to be more comfortable. This causes the lap belt to ride up on the child's stomach," said Rengers. "Not putting the child in a booster seat puts him or her at great risk for abdominal injury in the event of a crash."

Products that move the shoulder belt away from the child's face most often will also raise the lap belt high on the stomach and are not recommended.

Booster seats come in several different styles and should be chosen with your vehicle in mind. Rengers recommends a high-backed booster, which must be used with a lap/shoulder belt combination to protect the child's neck and head from injury.

If the vehicle only has a lap belt in the back seat instead of a shoulder/lap belt, a special harness

should be used. This harness is available through E-Z On Products Inc., (800) 323-6598.

"Shield booster seats are not recommended because they do not meet the current federal safety standard for upper body protection for children more than 40 pounds," said Rengers. "If you do have a shield booster, it only should be used without the shield as a belt-positioning booster. However, the high-

backed booster is still the best option."

When installing the booster, be sure to read both the manufacturer's directions and the vehicle manual. For assistance, call 502/629-7337. For a free fact sheet and brochure on child safety seats, call 502/629-KIDS (5437) or (800) 852-1770. This information can be found at www.kosairchildrens.com on the Internet.

Protecting cats against two deadly viruses

(NAPSA)—There's good news for cats and their owners. A simple blood test can help prevent the spread of two potentially deadly viruses.

Feline Leukemia (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) are considered the greatest health risk for cats, and are responsible for killing more cats than any other disease. Both viruses affect a cat's immune system, and can be present long before symptoms first appear.

Is your cat at risk for either of these viruses? The answer is, most likely, yes. "At risk" cats are defined as any outdoor or indoor cat that may have come in contact with other cats, even for brief periods of time. Fighting cats, any kittens or stray cats before entering a new household, untested shelter or animal welfare league kittens or cats, kittens from an untested or unknown mother, and new cats brought into a household with other cats of unknown status are also deemed "at risk."

FeLV is typically spread when the saliva of an infected cat comes in contact with another cat. This can happen during normal social contact between cats: grooming, licking, from the food or water bowl of an infected cat, or the non-threatening litter box.

FIV is generally spread when an infected cat scratches or bites another cat. Outdoor cats are at a much higher risk for FIV. While some cats show no signs of the disease at all, infected cats generally have one or more of the following symptoms: loss of appetite, weight loss, fever, diarrhea, poor coat condition and/or non-healing wounds.

Since these common symptoms can be indicative of many different illnesses, early detection offers the best possible chance for your pet living comfortably with FeLV or FIV. A simple combination FeLV/FIV test can be performed by a veterinarian using a small blood sample, and results are available in minutes.

Both the Association of Feline Practitioners and the Academy of Feline Medicine recommend that all cats be tested for FeLV, and all cats over six months in age be tested for FIV.

"Every cat, every year, should be tested for exposure to FeLV and FIV," says Lynne Johnson, licensed veterinary technician. "Once a year testing of cats at risk and, when possible, vaccination, are the best methods for ensuring the health of your beloved cat and prevention in spreading the viruses."

For more information about annual testing and a free brochure, contact your veterinarian or call 1-888-454-CATS (454-2287).

Business/Professions



Appalachian Regional Healthcare receives grant from Komen Foundation

Appalachian Regional Healthcare Inc. (ARH) was recently awarded a \$24,002 grant from the Lexington affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to assist with funding of the ARH CareVan.

The money for this grant was raised during Lexington's third annual Komen Race for the Cure that was held on September 25. The race raised \$221,329.06 to help fight breast cancer, a disease diagnosed in one out of eight American women each year.

Eleven area organizations received 75 percent of the net proceeds from the race. The remaining 25 percent will be used by the Dallas-based Susan G. Komen Foundation International Grant program to support on-going breast cancer research.

"ARH is extremely grateful for the on-going support of the Lexington Race for the Cure and the Susan G. Komen Foundation," said Jane Judd, ARH Chief Development Officer.

The money given to ARH will be used to fund the operational costs of the CareVan, a mobile mammography van that serves 30 counties in eastern Kentucky. The CareVan's operation began in 1997 for the purpose of providing low-cost mobile mammography service for early breast cancer detection to the women of eastern Kentucky who otherwise would have difficulty accessing this important procedure.

The van has now traveled more than 22,000 miles in ARH's service area. With the assistance of funds from the Lexington affiliate of the Susan G. Komen grant and funds raised from ARH's own Walk for Her

Lifetime event, the ARH CareVan will be able to continue to provide the only service of this nature available in southeast Kentucky.

"The funds generated by the Race for the Cure events in Lexington and the other cities across the United States have made a tremendous impact on breast cancer, through early detection educational and screening programs and medical research that generates new knowledge about the disease. The scope of these programs reflects the extent of the Komen Foundation's commitment to eradicating this form of cancer,"

noted Judd.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was started in 1982 in Dallas, Texas, by Nancy Brinker, in memory of her sister, Susan G. Komen, who died in 1980 at the age of 36 after a three-year struggle with breast cancer. Today, the Foundation offers one of the country's most innovative responsive grant programs for breast cancer.

ARH is a not-for-profit healthcare system with hospitals, clinics, home health services and other facilities in eastern Kentucky and southern West Virginia.

Chamber members gather 'during' hours

Story and photos by Willie Elliott

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce's After Hours was a little different this month — it was held during hours.

Members of the Chamber met at The David School for a tour of the facilities, lunch and a brief program presented by the school's students and staff.

Floyd County Board of Education member Johnnie Ross, who is also a member of The David School Board of Directors, was the keynote speaker.

Ross drew parallels between his experience and those of Dwayne Shepherd, a David School graduate who has come

home to teach at his alma mater.

Both Ross and Shepherd attended Berea College and both earned B. A. degrees with an independent major — Ross majoring in fish and wildlife, while Shepherd emphasized Appalachian housing.

Shepherd and a group of present-day students at the school entertained the crowd with "Coming on Home/Softly and Tenderly." Two students, Shanna Shepherd and Jessica Hale, spoke of the importance of The David School in their lives.

After Betty Cavins presented door prizes, Mitzi Crisp thanked the group for visiting the school and asked that the school be kept in their prayers.

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Business/Professions

Prospects sunny for new business



Owners Phillip and Alma Stumbo pose in front of the row of heavy duty, large-capacity washing machines available at Sunshine Coin Laundry and Tanning in Allen.

Story and photos
by Pam Shingler

Alma and Phillip Stumbo have made it possible to wash your clothes and tan your body at the same time.

The couple opened their business, Sunshine Coin Laundry and Tanning, on Monday, just off US 23 at Allen, next to the Dollar General Store.

"We felt there was a need in the area," says proprietor Alma Stumbo.

Her husband adds that he thinks she is the only coin laundry in the area with large capacity machines.

This is the Stumbos' first venture into business on their own. But they have prepared, attending several seminars on starting a business. Plus, they have joined a trade organization, Coin Laundry Association, which promises to give them helpful advice and keep them

up-to-date about the industry.

Phillip Stumbo, who designed the new building, says the couple has been planning the business for almost a year. "I never dreamed it would be this complicated," he says, with a laugh.

Sunshine has 17 top-loading washing machines (\$1.25), four triple-load, front-loading machines (\$2.25) and two giant-load front loaders (\$3.50). The latter will hold large, bulky items, such as quilts or comforters.

Once the wash is done, 12 larger, fast-drying dryers await. The charge is 25 cents a cycle.

If you don't want to do your own laundry, you can drop it off and have it done. For wash, dry and fold, the charge is 75 cents a pound, with a minimum of 10 pounds.

While your wash is being done — or even if you come in just for the tan — the business has three tanning beds, each partitioned for priva-

ty and painted in "tropical" colors of yellow, blue and orange. Tanning fees are \$3.50 per session or \$25 for 10.

The business is open 7:30 a.m. to 10, Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, and 1-10 p.m. on Sunday. An attendant is on duty during business hours, says Alma, who lives nearby. For an added touch, attendants will wear shirts and aprons with the Sunshine logo.

"A good challenge" is how Alma describes the new business. She is a nurse, formerly with Our Lady of the Way, and her husband is an insurance agent with Monumental Life.

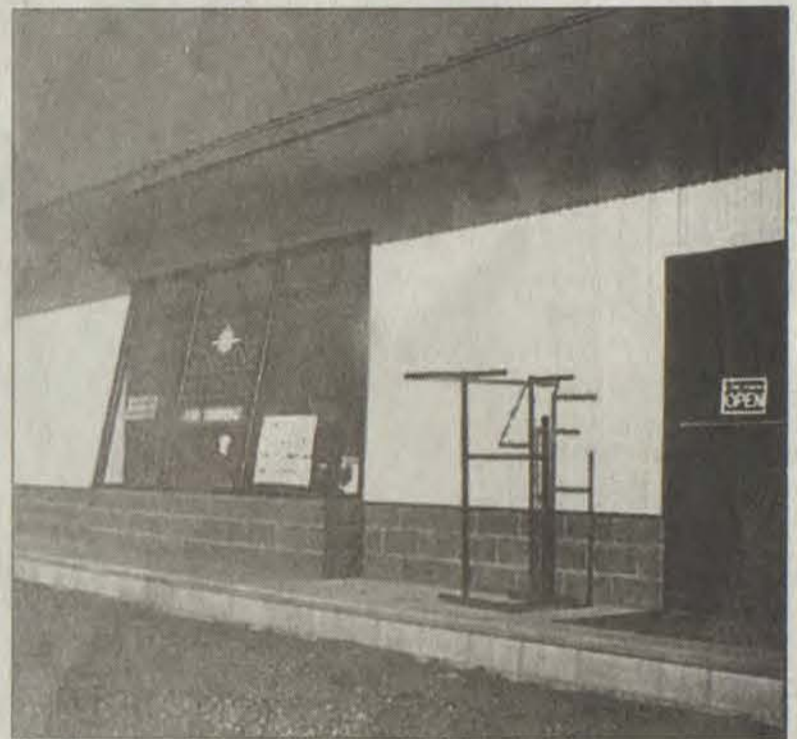
Alma's daughter, Amy Bates, a student at Prestonsburg Community College, is helping with the coin laundry.

Alma also has a son, Danny Bates Jr., and Phillip has two sons, Mark and Christopher Stumbo, both of Harold.

The Sunshine telephone number is 606/874-1635.



Alma Stumbo shows off one of three tanning bed rooms at Sunshine Coin Laundry and Tanning. The wraparound beds ensure tanning of the sides, as well as front and back, she says.



Work is still being done on the parking lot in front of Sunshine Coin Laundry and Tanning, but the colorful sign indicates that it's open for business.

Vermont climbs to the top

Known for its lush green mountains and quaint villages, the scenic state of Vermont is attracting hundreds of relocating Americans.

According to Allied Van Lines' 32nd Annual Magnet States Report, which charts U.S. migration patterns, Vermont attracted the highest percentage of inbound moves in 1999 making it Allied's number-one Magnet State, with Maine, Arkansas, New Hampshire, and Alaska following close behind.

For the fourth consecutive year, North Dakota holds the distinction of being the number-one outbound state with its neighbor, South Dakota, in second.

Kentucky is 13th in the number of Allied-serviced relocations into the state.

Allied defines a "magnet" state as having a minimum of 55 percent of its total interstate relocations moving into the state, while an "outbound" state is defined as having a minimum of 55 percent of its Allied relocation activity moving out of its boundaries. In excess of 120,000 shipments were tracked and tabulated in 1999 Magnet States Report.

■ **Magnet states**
In the 1999 study, 15 states were classified as magnet states, with Vermont attracting the highest percentage of inbound moves with a 65.9 percent inbound relocation rate. Maine captured second place with 65.3 percent, Arkansas took third with 62.9 percent and New Hampshire followed in fourth place with 61.1 percent.

"The 1999 Magnet States Report continues to reveal interesting location patterns," said Laura Cap, vice-president of marketing for Allied Van Lines. "Judging by the locations of the top inbound states, results indicate that many Americans are relocating to upper New England."

Of the 184 shipments Allied transported to Vermont in 1999, the greatest percentage came from Florida, Massachusetts, New York and North Carolina.

"People are relocating to Vermont because it's a fabulous place to live and a great place to work," said Secretary Molly Lambert, of Vermont's Agency of Commerce and Community Development. "Low crime rate; clean air; no congestion; great recreational, educational and business opportunities; and a wonderful environment for families all combine to support an unbeatable quality of life."

■ **Outbound states**
The top outbound state, North Dakota, had 65.1 percent of its moves relocate out-of-state. This is the fourth consecutive year North Dakota is distinguished as the leading outbound state. Other top outbound states in 1999 include South Dakota (63.0 percent), Louisiana (62.3 percent), Wyoming (60.4 percent) and New York (59.0 percent).

■ **Most mobile**
California continues to lead the nation in number of relocations crossing its borders with 23,989 total shipments—11,699 inbound moves and 12,290 outbound moves—in 1999. Other states qualifying among the most mobile states include Florida and Texas.

Established in 1928, Allied Van Lines has more than 550 agency locations in North America and representatives in more than 130 countries worldwide. Allied Van Lines is accessible on the World Wide Web at www.alliedvan.com.

Schoolcraft joins Kentucky Farm Bureau



Officials of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies have announced the appointment of Richie Schoolcraft as an agent in the Floyd County Farm Bureau Insurance Agency.

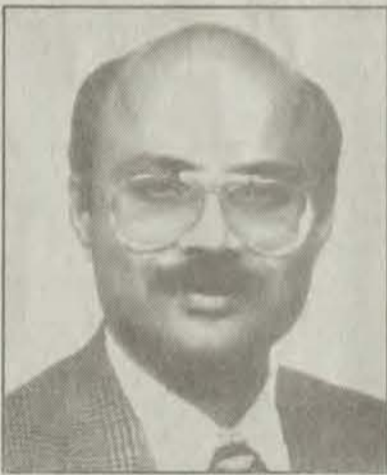
Schoolcraft is a graduate of Morehead State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration-Marketing. He and his wife, Sharon, have a son, Christopher. In his spare time, he enjoys golfing, youth sports, coaching and is a member of the Floyd County Rescue Squad.

In his new position, Schoolcraft will call on residents of Floyd County to offer a wide variety of insurance coverage through the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies. He is working with agency manager, Floyd Greene, and the staff in the Floyd County office at 328 South Lake Drive, in Prestonsburg; 886-8597.

Schoolcraft joins a well-established network of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance agents. The company, founded in 1944, has offices in all of the commonwealth's 120 counties.

The agents of Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Companies offer a wide variety of insurance lines, from homeowner's and automobile coverage to life and health insurance and retirement planning. The companies enjoy an A++ rating with A.M. Best Company Inc., America's foremost insurance ranking service.

Physician joins Pikeville staff



Srinivas M. Ammisetty, M.D., is the newest doctor of internal and pulmonary medicine at Pikeville Methodist Hospital and in the private practice of Dr. R.V. Mattu.

Dr. Ammisetty is board certified in internal medicine and specializes in pulmonology, a medical discipline that focuses on the treatment of the respiratory system. Pulmonologists diagnose and treat illnesses such as pneumonia, lung cancer, pleurisy, asthma, black lung, bronchitis, emphysema, and sleep related breathing problems.

Originally from India, Dr.

Ammisetty has spent many years studying medicine at some of the top medical schools in the United States, as well as India. He graduated from Nagarjuna University in India, and completed his internal medicine residency at the Lutheran Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

He completed his pulmonary fellowship at the Chicago Medical School/Fitch University of Health Sciences in Chicago, Illinois. He has also performed research at the University of Cincinnati in their Department of Psychiatry,

Division of Neuroscience, as a research fellow.

In addition to his wide variety of studies, Dr. Ammisetty has also had several papers published by the Society for Neuroscience. He is a licensed member of the state medical boards of Ohio and Illinois, and a member of the American College of Chest Physicians.

The physician plans to reside in Pikeville with his wife, Vijaya, who is beginning her medical residency, and their four-year-old son who will be attending pre-school.

How to start your own Internet business

(NUI) - Before the wonderful ways of the World Wide Web, ordinary people didn't have many opportunities to go into business on their own.

But the Internet has changed that. It's much cheaper to start your own business when you can run it from the comfort of your own home.

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Then, you contact an Internet domain company to see if the names you like are available. Let's say you're going to sell T-shirts and mouse pads with cats on them. It's best to choose a domain name with the word "cat" in it, so it easily comes up on a search engine.

The best place to register a domain name is through Internet Domain Registrars (IDR). They allow you to register your name for a reasonable price and will keep you safe from Internet name copy cats. IDR provides the fastest and most efficient domain registration in the world and costs 30

to 50 percent below standard consumer rates. They are accredited by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) which controls the administration of the domain name system.

"IDR abides by a policy of openness," says Paul Lum, general manager of IDR. "A belief that public policy on domain names needs to balance and represent the interests of the current and future stake holders in the Internet domain registration industry."

With more than 30,000 generic domain names being registered each day, up from 4,000 a day in 1996, you need to hurry and register as soon as possible to get the name you choose. With the amazing growth in Internet

and e-commerce services, this number will continue to increase until domain names become as common as phone numbers are today.

Ensuring that you have a catchy domain name is a must. Even if you register your domain name today, you don't have to put up your Web site tomorrow. You can wait as long as you need to iron out the details of your new business. Then you won't have to worry because the most important part, registering for your domain name, will already be done.

For more information about registering for a domain name and getting your new business off the ground, contact IDR at 1-800-453-1286 or visit www.registrars.com.

CHAMBER NOTES...

by Rebecca Derossett
Executive Director
Floyd County Chamber of Commerce

Sometimes it's good to step back, take a few hours to be with friends, share experiences, and generally rejuvenate our spirits. The Chamber of Commerce, along with Family Bank and a few other sponsors, offers you ladies an opportunity to do just that on February 24, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., May Lodge, Meeting Room #3, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Women in Business, a seminar for ladies only, will start with opening remarks by Theresa Scott, who will speak about her position as U.K. Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Services. Michelle Terry will then discuss her women's lending program, Women's Initiative Networking Groups (WINGS).

A special presentation will follow from Sandy Sheffield, president of Sandy Valley Masonry, Betsy Layne, Sheffield will share her experiences in establishing a business which may be considered an unusual

choice for a woman.

The program features Carol Hatfield from the Small Business Administration in Louisville, who will do a power-point presentation on Business Planning and Access to Capital. After the lunch break, the program will continue with Janie Salyers, vice president of Lending, Family Bank, who will discuss loan application and the closing process.

The women's seminar is co-sponsored by Family Bank; Floyd County Chamber of Commerce; MSU/Small

Business Development Center; Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service; Women's Initiative Networking Groups (WINGS); PCC/Rural Community College Initiative (RCCI); and the Small Business Administration.

There is a small charge of \$10 for the seminar, which includes a buffet lunch. Register by calling Rebecca Derossett, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, 886-0364; or Linda or Judy at the Small Business Development Center, 432-5848.

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Summit Engineering, Inc., 120 Prosperous Place, Suite 101, Lexington, Kentucky 40509

Summit Engineering, Inc., 101 Summit Drive, Pikeville, Kentucky, 41501

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Copies for the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Summit Engineering located at Lexington, Kentucky, upon payment of a non-refundable charge of \$150.00 for each set. A \$10.00 handling fee will be added for documents which must be mailed. Payment must be by company check/cashier's check.

A Pre-bid Conference will be conducted by representatives of Summit Engineering, Inc. Interested parties are to meet at the "Mountain Arts Center" at 10:00 a.m. on March 2, 2000.

INTENT TO MINE

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Redbone Coal Company, Inc., 2000

Drive, Ashland, Kentucky 41101, intends to transfer permit number 836-5362 to McCoy Elkhorn Coal Corporation, 1148 Long Fork Road, Kimper, Kentucky 41539. The new permit number will be 836-5396. This operation disturbs 48.82 acres and will underlie 2,205.42 acres for a total permit area of 2,235.74 acres. No new acreage is affected by this transfer.

The mining operation is located 1.0 miles east of Betsy Layne in Floyd & Pike counties. The operation is approximately 0.25 miles west from CR-1509's junction with CR-1510 and located along Pike-Floyd Hollow. The operation is located on the Broad Bottom and Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The latitude is 37°33' 18". The longitude is 82°37'00".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653-1397. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. # 127 South, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

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NOTICE IF FILING OF PETITION AND NOTICE OF HEARING TO CUSTOMERS & RESIDENTS OF MUD CREEK WATER DISTRICT AND BEAVER ELKHORN WATER DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that Mud Creek Water District and Beaver Elkhorn Water District have filed a Joint Petition To Annex Territory, Joint Petition To Change Territorial Boundaries, & Joint Petition To Approve Merger with the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, pursuant to KRS 74.110, seeking approval from the County Judge/Executive for the proposed merger of Mud Creek Water District and Beaver Elkhorn Water District to form the Southern Water and Sewer District. To accomplish the proposed merger, the County Judge/Executive must conduct a hearing to determine whether the combination of the existing boundaries of Mud Creek Water District and Beaver Elkhorn Water District, thereby changing the territorial limits of these districts to form the Southern Water and Sewer District, is reasonably necessary.

The Joint Petition To Annex Territory, Joint Petition To Change Territorial Boundaries, & Joint Petition To Approve Merger was filed with the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive on January 27, 2000. The hearing regarding the Joint Petition To

Annex Territory, Joint Petition To Change Territorial Boundaries, & Joint Petition To Approve Merger will be held at 11:00 a.m. on March 13, 2000, at the Floyd County Fiscal Courtroom, located on the Second Floor of the Floyd County Courthouse at 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Any corporation, association, body politic, customer or resident of either water district, or any other person may protest the proposed action by filing objections and exceptions at the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive within thirty days from February 9, 2000, the date of the first publication of this Notice.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the Joint Petition To Annex Territory, Joint Petition To Change Territorial Boundaries, & Joint Petition To Approve Merger by contacting Mud Creek Water District at P.O. Box 51, Kentucky Route 979, Grethel, Kentucky 41631; Telephone # (606) 587-2455 or Beaver Elkhorn Water District at P.O. Box 769, Kentucky Route 3188, Martin Kentucky 41649; Telephone # (606) 285-3856 or the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653; Telephone # (606) 886-9193. A copy of the Joint Petition To Annex Territory, Joint Petition To Change Territorial Boundaries, & Joint Petition To Approve Merger is also available for public inspection at the offices of Mud Creek Water District, Beaver Elkhorn Water District and the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive.

Sealed bids for the construction of an addition to the existing Sandy Valley Transportation Services Inc., building, 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.

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:

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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.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

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.

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 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.

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Randall Burchett - Architect 637 North Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606) 886-3929

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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.

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NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE COMMONWEALTH 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, 1922, 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 Brandy Keg and part on the waters of John's Creek and bounded 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 T. 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:

(1) Plaintiffs, David May and Lois May, shall receive Seventy-Five percent (75%) thereof, and (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.

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. 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

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

DLVLISION NO: II CIVIL ACTION NO: 95-CI-00956

WILLIAM FOLEY, PAUL FOLEY AND JENNIFER FOLEY, HIS WIFE, PLAINTIFFS VS: FIRST COMMONWEALTH 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 THOU-

SAND, 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 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 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 Dean Foley, by Deed dated the 14th day of December, 1983, from Billie Joe Wireman, which is 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.

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 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 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 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 Defendants court costs and all other sums required to preserve and recover the property.

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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 with a lien retained 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 209 South Central Avenue P.O. Box 763 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-0712

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.

Clyde F. Johnson

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 Floyd Circuit Court, 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.

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

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

Mrs. Patricia A. Hurt 1108 Willow Avenue Prestonsburg, KY, 41653

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

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