


*****ALL FOR ADC 301
C022 12/27/2024 3095
LEWIS BINDERY
190 LANDOR DR
ATHENS GA 30606-2428

USPS 202-700
Prestonsburg
Kentucky, 41653

CARTER HUGHES TOYOTA



Financing as low as 2.9% on selected vehicles

886-3861 1-877-886-3861



Sports

- John Meade Profile • B1
- Kentucky Afield • B2
- Outdoor Page • B3
- Track and Speed • B6



- Benton Wins Competition • C1
- Kentucky's Justice System • C1
- Youth News • C3
- Classifieds • C6

Sun., Feb. 27, 2000

Volume 73 • Number 25

The Times

FLOYD COUNTY

Home Satellite Service

1-800-349-4388



www.floydcountytimes.com

Member of the KPA Service • Serving Floyd County since 1927

75 Cents

What's Inside



Prom & Bridal Guide

INSIDE

Briefs

County receives fish-farming grants

The Floyd County Fiscal Court received good news this past week concerning the New Century Aquaponics program that will be implemented in one of the Floyd County schools. According to Eddie Patton, assistant to the judge-executive, The court received \$100,000 from the Appalachian Commission and \$75,000 from Kentucky Department of Agriculture for the project.

Board approves gym requests

The Floyd County Board of Education held a less-than-five-minute meeting at board of education office on Thursday night to consider requests for use of school properties. The board approved the request of Sarita Jacobs for use of Allen Central Middle School gym to conduct an AAU basketball league. The board also approved a request from Jerri Turner, principal at McDowell Elementary, to use facilities at that school to conduct a benefit drive for leukemia victim Brian Hughes. The board will meet in regular session Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at May Valley Elementary.

Fight to end abuse moves to bathrooms

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

Long the domain of blue humor and other graffiti, bathroom walls are now being utilized to save lives.

Prestonsburg Police Chief Darrell Conley and Reno's Roadhouse Restaurant are leading the fight to increase public awareness of domestic violence by helping the Floyd County Community Council on Domestic Violence with the "Bathroom Project."

The Bathroom Project is a campaign to put posters with tear-off sheets listing abuse hotline numbers in bathrooms in local restaurants, bars and stores. The posters will allow women to tear off a little yellow sheets without the fear of being caught by their abuser.

Are you afraid to go home?
Are you safer here than in your own home? Call a member of The Floyd County Community Council

The following list of questions may help you define if your partner is abusive:

- ...are they scared as a child?
- ...did they witness their parents being abusive to one another?
- ...do they lose their temper easily, even over small things?
- ...do they play with weapons or own guns for self protection?
- ...are they jealous?
- ...do they keep track of your whereabouts a minute you to keep a certain schedule?
- ...do they exhibit a dual personality?
- ...do you dread what they know about you?
- ...do they abuse drugs or alcohol?
- ...do they possessive in their way they love you?



IF violence against... If you are interested in placing one of the Domestic Violence Awareness posters in your business, whether it be a club, restaurant or store, contact Claire Farley at (606) 432-2181.

Conley and council members Linda Hutchinson and Claire Farley met with Reno's Roadhouse employees to pass along the first in a series of posters to be hung in women's restrooms. The restaurant gave the council its full support for the effort by being the first to hang a poster in the women's restroom. Becky Thacker, Kathy Vance and manager



Police Chief Darrell Conley formally committed the Prestonsburg City Police Department's support to the bathroom project. He is seen here with Linda Hutchinson, Becky Thacker, Kathy Vanhooose and manager James Little. (photo by Randell Reno)

James Little accepted the poster in a ceremonial kick-off for the program.

If you are interested in placing one of the Domestic Violence Awareness posters in your business, whether it be a club, restaurant or store, contact Claire Farley at (606) 432-2181.

The posters were designed by Hutchinson, program coordinator for the Big Sandy Family Abuse Center, and her master's praticum student, Jim Recktenwald.

Man arrested for child abuse

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

The Kentucky State Police received a call Wednesday of an alleged child abuse call. Sgt. Bobby Johnson and Trooper Byron Hansford were dispatched to investigate the call, which accused a Martin man of stomping an 8-year-old child in the head.

Manice Bently, 47, the boyfriend of the child's mother, was arrested by Hansford and charged with second-degree abuse, a felony.

While the extent of the child's injuries is not known at this time, the caller reported the child's ear was bruised.

The child was released to the custody of his father, who will keep him until the matter is resolved.

Bently was released on his own recognizance.

Girl Scouts lend helping HANDS to new mothers

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

One Floyd County youth group is doing its part for the community. Girls Scout troops across the county combined efforts in a project to aid the Floyd County HANDS program (Health Access Nurturing Development Services).

The Wee Care project was an all-week effort by the Girl Scouts to raise money to buy infant supplies. Girl Scout leaders, the scouts, and their parents solicited area merchants for donations to the program.

The results of that effort were a large donation of items for new expectant mothers. Baby oils, lotions, clothes, bottles, toys and various other items were gathered. The items were stored at Clark Middle School where they were officially presented to the HANDS program on Friday.

The HANDS program is a voluntary visitation program provided by the Floyd County Health Department, in which workers will make visits to the homes of first-time expectant mothers. Visits can begin as soon as the mother gets the news she is pregnant and will last until the child turns 2.

The gifts gathered by the scouts will help HANDS give incentive gifts to the expectant mothers for the home visits. Workers provide the new mothers-to-be with free assistance at critical moments in

the development of their children.

Workers keep in contact, reminding the women of doctor appointments and teaching them about parenting skills, health services and other needed resources.

The state-funded program is free to first-time mothers only. Mothers are encouraged to start the program as soon as they know about their pregnancy. Parents can start the program up until the child turns three months.

Visits are twice a month during the pregnancy and once a week for the first eight weeks of the baby's time at home.

The program is aimed at fathers as well. New parents have many questions on their mind and HANDS tries to answer them. The program addresses not only a parent's worries but also stress, what to expect from the baby, recognizing its needs, and making a home safe.

Workers also provide resources to aid parents in their new role, such as postpartum depression assistance, furniture, food and clothing needs, how to get a GED, how to finish college, and the TOPS programs.

Five workers from the health department travel across the county to give provide the assistance. Their schedules for the most part are Monday through Friday, but in extreme circumstances they have made weekend or evening visits in order to work around jobs and school.



Girl Scout Troop Leader Mary Reffitt (center) presented employees of the Floyd County Health Department HANDS program with gifts gathered by local Girl Scout troops. (photo by Randell Reno)



The Floyd County Times played host Thursday morning to 38 fifth-graders from May Valley Elementary. The students are studying government and economics and stopped by The Times to learn, among other things, about local business and the First Amendment. Above, composing director Heath Wiley explains the newspaper production process. The trip to The Times was just one stop during a field trip for students in Mrs. Compton's and Mrs. Ousley's classes. They also visited the Mountain Arts Center, Mayor Jerry Fannin and County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson. (photo by Ralph B. Davis)

Stumbo enters Commandments debate

By Karla Dooley
and Lisa Carnahan
KPA News Bureau

The deadline is fast approaching for the introduction of new bills, and several legislators took advantage of the impending deadline.

House Bill 814 is a reworking of the myriad of efforts to get the Ten Commandments posted in schools. This version possesses considerable political weight since its primary sponsor is House Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo. His name is followed by Rep. Bo Ausmus, R-Middlesboro, whose previous bill got stalled in the House State Government Committee.

This version allows a school to teach elective courses that use religious or scriptural texts, including the Bible. The bill also would allow the posting of the Ten Commandments and other religious, literary or historical documents if the

posting is appropriate to the overall educational purpose of the course.

The bill stipulates that such postings and texts would be taught in a manner that is academic, balanced and objective and "not devotional."

Ausmus' earlier bill, House Bill 111, would have allowed voters in a school district to ask for a referendum on posting the Ten Commandments.

Anticipating that school districts may be faced with lawsuits if they do post the documents, Ausmus has sponsored House Bill 662, which would require insurance companies to cover the costs of such suits if the posting is part of a historical display.

That bill emerged from committee Feb. 24 and awaits floor action in the House.

Tax plan scrapped

Gov. Paul Patton has backed off his wide sweeping tax plan, instead propos-

ing that the legislature adopt only three of his original suggested changes to the state tax code.

The governor's plans to increase the gas tax, charge sales tax on repairs to items ranging from cars to jewelry, generate new money for the road fund and revamp the state personal income tax code have been abandoned for now, in the wake of disapproval from both the legislature and the public.

Patton's revised plan would raise an estimated \$178 million for the state's general fund over the next two years.

Even with that increased revenue, the state will still fall nearly \$110 million short over the next two years. Patton said he plans to present a proposal to the legislature next week on how to cut those funds from the budget and maintains that he will not use funds from the tobacco settlement to solve the problems.

(See Legislature, page two)

Legislature

to pass and only got 11. It could be brought back to the committee, but Cornett said he was unsure whether he'll do so.

Teen smoking

A bill intended to curb teen smoking was approved in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

House Bill 10, filed by Rep. Steve Nunn, R-Glasgow, would require police officers to seize tobacco products being used by minors.

The bill, which was the subject of much debate in the House, drew comment from Sen. Elizabeth Tori, R-Radcliffe.

"I have a little bit of concern that this is a feel good law," she said. "This is parents' responsibility."

Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington, has filed a floor amendment that would remove the section of the bill requiring the officers to confiscate tobacco.

Nunn said after the committee approved the measure that the bill was needed to send a clear message against smoking.

"This may not stop kids from smoking," he said, "but it may help kids not start."

Bryan's Law

The death of 11-month-old Bryan Puckett in Lexington last summer has prompted a piece of legislation called "Bryan's Law." The child died after being left in a car for two hours on a hot July afternoon while his babysitter shopped.

House Bill 116 would clarify that a person can be charged with second-degree manslaughter for leaving a child in a car unattended if the child dies. The charge is a class C felony and punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

The bill now goes to the full House for consideration.

Special judges

A bill that would create a pool of special judges in Kentucky in order to alleviate the backlog of cases in so many judicial circuits, was approved by the House Judiciary Committee.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Lambert, who helped draft the legislation, said the pool would be formed by recently retired Kentucky judges who wouldn't be paid for their time but would instead receive an enhanced retirement package.

The judges would have to sign up for the pool within 90 days of retirement and agree to serve at least 120 days per year for five years.

Lambert told the committee the proposal would create a pool of between 20 and 25 judges.

Churches seek civil rights' exemption

The Senate has passed a bill, after a heated debate, that would allow religious organizations an exemption in the state civil rights law.

Under the bill, churches would not have to rent their public facilities to groups that do not agree with the basic tenets of their religion. They would not be allowed to discriminate on the basis of disability, race, color, or national origin.

Scorsone said the bill sent a message that it was "OK to discriminate from those who should be the leaders against prejudice in our communities."

Scorsone said churches are currently exempt from civil rights laws regarding hiring practices.

"But if they get into the business of public accommodations, then they should have to play by the same rules as everyone else," he said.

The bill passed on a 17-12 vote. It was approved earlier this month by the House.

Foster children

A bill that would attempt to put an end to the multiple placements some children in the state's foster care system are forced to endure has passed both chambers.

The Senate approved House Bill 170, which would give authorities the power to seek a permanent placement for a foster child if reuniting the child with his or her family isn't possible because of the egregious circumstances that prompted the removal.

Sen. Gary Johnson, D-Pikeville, said in his 18-and-a-half years as a prosecutor he had seen the need for the law first-hand.

"I saw child after child who was abused, neglected, tortured and every possible sexual thing you can imagine done to them ... my only problem with this law is it doesn't go far enough," said Johnson.

Senate Majority Floor Leader Dan Kelly, R-Springfield, said the law would only apply in the most serious cases where there is "no chance for the child to be safely placed back in their home."

Other news

In other legislative action: One bill that's sure to generate lots of discussion is House Bill 815, filed by Ausmus, would increase the minimum wage to \$5.65 per hour on Sept. 1 of this year. A year later, the minimum wage would go up to \$6.15. The current minimum wage is \$5.15.

Parents who owe child support could have their names published and the money they owe taken out of any lottery prize winnings under the version of Senate Bill 218 that has been approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Parents six months behind on their child support payments would also have their licenses revoked or suspended, and all arrearages would accrue 8 percent interest. In addition, the bill would allow courts to order grandparents to pay child support for minors with children.

Although several members said it needed work, the bill, which is sponsored primarily by Sens. David Karem, D-Louisville, and David Boswell, D-Owensboro, will now be considered by the full Senate.

"Some of these things may seem draconian and may seem tough," said Senate President and committee member David Williams, "but what's really tough is to have a client come to your office and not be able to afford the basic necessities for their child."

Williams, a Republican, is an attorney from Burkesville.

Rep. Brent Yonts, D-

Greenville, has proposed a bill that would increase the speed limit on Kentucky's interstates, and while that might make some drivers happy, the increase in speeding fines that comes with it might not please so many. The bill would raise the limit from 65 miles per hour to 70 miles per hour for passenger vehicles on interstates, but commercial vehicles would still have to keep the speedometer at 65. Violators of the speed limit laws would pay twice as much as they now do for a ticket. House Bill 114 awaits consideration by the House Transportation Committee.

Insurance companies that cover prescription drugs would also have to cover prescriptions for birth control under a bill passed in the House. However, an amendment offered by Rep. Bob Heleringer, R-Louisville, would allow employers to avoid offering such coverage if they oppose it for religious reasons. Both Heleringer and the bill's sponsor, Rep. Mary Lou Marzian, D-Louisville, are Catholic. Marzian, a registered nurse, opposed the amendment. House Bill 450 will now be considered in the Senate.

A bill that would seek to entice counties to merge by offering them cash incentives has cleared the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

Geveden, who sponsored House Bill 476, said the legislation was based on the findings of a task force created in 1998 that said Kentucky has too many counties. Georgia and Texas are the only states with more counties than Kentucky.

"The smaller counties are not growing," he said. "They don't have the money to provide the infrastructure."

Although Geveden said he had heard from officials in two counties who were interested in opportunities related to consolidation, he told the committee that he "would be surprised if more than one happened in the next 10 years."

Under the bill, two or more counties could choose to consolidate if a simple majority of voters agreed to the measure and would receive up to \$5 million from the state for doing so. The bill will now be considered by the entire House of Representatives.

Identity theft would become a felony under a bill passed unanimously by the House. House Bill 4, filed by Rep. John Vincent, R-Ashland, would prohibit taking identifying information from someone with the intent of stealing property from them, making purchases or seeking commercial or political gain. The information stolen could include a name, Social Security number, birth date or other personal identification number. Violators would be prosecuted in Kentucky, regardless of where the crime took place. The bill now goes to the Senate.

Children under 12 would be required to wear a life jacket while boating if House Bill 465 passes. Thirty-five other states already have the law. The bill, filed by Rep. Steven Riggs, D-Louisville, has passed the House on a vote of 92-3 and now awaits the approval of the Senate.

A measure aimed at increasing gender equity on the state's 200

boards and commissions has passed the House and will now be considered by the Senate.

House Bill 380 has been co-sponsored by all the female members of the House, as well as several other representatives. It would give the governor greater latitude to appoint members to the state's governing bodies with an eye toward fair distribution between the sexes.

"When I was a child, my desire was to serve on the Fish and Wildlife Commission," Rep. Robin Webb, D-Grayson, told the committee that reviewed the bill early in the week. She noted that to date, no woman has served on that commission.

"It's time to send a message to my daughter and our daughters," she said.

The Senate has passed a bill requiring the state lottery to get legislative approval before using slot machines or video gambling terminals. Senate Bill 155 was filed by Sen. Charlie Borders, R-Russell and will now go to the House.

New crimes to fit the new technology seem to be the thinking behind House Bill 785 which would establish eavesdropping as a misdemeanor. Sponsor Rep. Kathy Stein said, "In this age of wireless communications, people sometimes have conversations, that they intend to be private, and someone could be listening." The bill deals only with eavesdropping on business secrets and conversations and has nothing to do with personal conversations, she said.

Harassment in schools is addressed in House Bill 803. The bill sponsor was Rep. Hubert Collins, D-Wittensville. Besides requiring schools to establish regulations on harassment, the bill would also require an assessment program to evaluate the behavior and discipline code in the schools. Schools failing to do so would not

be eligible for funds under the school safety grant allotted by the state.

Both chambers have passed House Bill 355 that would prohibit

a court from granting parental visitation rights to a parent convicted of murder or manslaughter, unless the court determines that visitation is in the child's best interest.

Continued from p2

POOL CLEARANCE

Family Sized Clearance Priced
(19' x 31' O.D. Pool) Complete with Sundeck, Fence and Filter **\$888**

CALL NOW - CALL TOLL FREE! - HOMEOWNERS ONLY
1-800-759-6058

\$0 DOWN Professional Installation Required *add'l cost

Limited Area A KY Corporation

QUALITY

Second Annual Hearts of Dreams Beauty Pageant!!

Saturday, March 4, 2000, at 12 o'clock, at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville. **Deadline to enter is March 2, 2000.**

Girls from all areas may participate.

Awards: Round Crowns, Septors, Gifts, Banners, Large Crowns, Plaques, Trophies, etc.

Door prizes to be given: Camera, Radio, Stereos, Toolset, Televisions, Six Porcelain Dolls, etc.

For More Information, Contact
Imaje Robinson
(606) 285-9569

Proceeds will go to area charities

METAL ROOFING & SIDING FACTORY DIRECT

We will not be undersold!
We will Beat Anybody's Prices!



DAVCO STEEL
Danville, Ky. • 1-800-474-4321

SPECIALS

- #2 Painted (Several Colors) ...\$28.95-\$33.95/sq.
- #2 Galvanized ...\$21.95/sq.
- 16' Galvalume Panels (in stock) ...\$28.95/sq.
- Rejects/Seconds ...\$18.95/sq.
- Remnant Sheets ...\$5.00-\$10.00/sq.
- 4x10 Fiberglass Sheets ...\$8.00/sq.

You must present this ad to receive these prices. Offer expires 3/31/00.



A Dream of a Loan...
To Build Your Dream Home.

The CNB No-Hassle CONSTRUCTION LOAN

You've got the land... and the dream. And now it's time to build. A Construction Loan from Citizens National Bank will help you build the house you want with no hassles, and a great rate. Plus, if you decide to move your construction loan over to permanent financing with CNB, there's only one closing - saving you time, trouble, and money.

Citizens National Bank
Member FDIC

The Bank for Your Life

Floyd Co. (606) 886-4000 Johnson Co. (606) 789-4001 Magoffin Co. (606) 349-8800

www.cnbonline.com

Did You Know?

(NAPSA)-There are many creative ways to convey loving greetings to a special older relative or friend, say experts in geriatrics at nursing home leader Beverly Healthcare.

Grandparents vacationing with grandchildren without the parents is one of the fastest-growing trends in the travel industry. For informa-

tion on vacations in Orlando, call 1-800-972-3308.

A nationwide contest to uncover new and innovative ways to serve chili was devised by Mr. Food, one of America's favorite TV chefs, and the maker of Bush's Chili Magic chili starter. Combine one can of Chili Magic with one pound of ground meat and one can of

diced tomatoes and in 20 minutes of cooking you've got great home-made-tasting chili.

Age is a state of mind sums up the theme of a new book, Chicken Soup for the Golden Soul (Health Communications, \$12.95), available at local stores. The book's contributors tell of people finding love, success and the meaning of life at any age when others have given up.

To keep their computers safe from hackers and viruses, many people turn to Norton Internet Security software which includes a firewall, parental controls and anti-virus protection.

A warm and glowing message for parents can be found in a new book, Fatherhood: Why Father Care is as Essential as Mother Care for Your Child (The Free Press, \$24).

Food that goes from the freezer to the microwave to the table, can be stored in Tupperware's Rock 'N Serve Divided Dish.

A recent survey revealed that menopause is discussed less frequently and in less detail than even sex, according to Parke-Davis, manufacturer of femhr®. A new continuous combined hormone replacement therapy for the treatment of menopausal symptoms.

Need Cash Fast?? Come to Speedy Cash

We've moved to our New Location US 23 at Rt. 30 Intersection, Prestonsburg, 874-1160

We offer plenty of convenient locations for your cash needs!

We will confidentially cash your check, and hold it up to 2 weeks before depositing it.

Visit These Locations

- Pikeville = 437-9100 Paintsville = 789-3835
- Prestonsburg = 874-1160 Hazard = 439-5050
- Elkhorn City = 754-9100 Salyersville = 349-4700

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

—First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution—

Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

Irrationally held truths may be more harmful than reasoned errors.

— Thomas Henry Huxley

Sunday, February 27, 2000 A4

Editorial

Put some silicon in these valleys

Over the past two weeks, Kentucky's largest cities have taken a course Floyd County would do well to emulate.

Last week, Lexington Mayor Pam Miller announced her city's intention to transform vacant downtown office space into a business incubator for electronic commerce start-ups. A week earlier, the city of Louisville announced similar plans.

Such a plan is simply brilliant. It uses what has long been considered a problem for cities of all sizes — downtown buildings left vacant by retailers' move from Main Street to malls and "marts" — and uses it to attract and encourage new industries made possible by the internet. Small e-commerce start-ups are given the office space and technological infrastructure they need to get on their feet and, once they become successful enough to stand on their own, they move to their own offices and make room for others.

But if such a plan makes sense for metropolitan areas such as Lexington and Louisville, areas which have always had the resources, infrastructure and flat land Eastern Kentucky lacks to recruit traditional industries, then it is so much more imperative for Appalachia to do the same, especially since we do not have and cannot get those traditional industries.

There are so many reasons why Floyd County must begin to develop a strategy for developing homegrown e-commerce businesses, more than can be listed in this editorial, but here are just a few.

■ Unlike our efforts to lure manufacturers to the area, electronic businesses are not nearly as expensive to recruit. Heavy industry requires acres of flat land and costly water, gas and power lines, whereas offices for e-businesses can occupy existing vacant buildings in any of our downtowns.

■ Prestonsburg bills itself as the "Star City of Eastern Kentucky" based on its proximity to such transportation arteries as US 23, Route 80, Route 3 and the Mountain Parkway, with easy access to I-64, I-75 and, someday, I-66. That is a significant advantage which has yet to be fully exploited, but could mean all the difference for e-commerce companies which must ship their products around the country and world.

■ In seeking to increase tourism, Floyd County has often touted its arts and crafts. However, those same arts and crafts could reach a much wider audience if sold over the internet and could become a major source of new revenue for homegrown businesses, especially if coupled with "authentic Appalachian" branding and marketing.

■ Most importantly, while the world of e-commerce has been hyped as the next great gold rush, many industry analysts believe the window of opportunity has already begun to close. Our region's history is filled with many a lost opportunity in the realm of traditional economic development. We cannot afford to let this chance, one which will perhaps be unparalleled for many a generation to come, slip by as well.



Letters to the Editor

AMS welcomes volunteers

Editor:
I am writing on behalf of the staff at Adams Middle School. We here at Adams would like to extend an invitation to all parents, grandparents, other relatives, and community members who have free time during the day to come and volunteer their valuable time at our school. Volunteers are needed and appreciated.

Our teachers always need available hands for a variety of tasks that the teachers normally do on their own. Some of these tasks are time consuming. With the help of volunteers, extra time can be used for planning a more effective day for their classroom students or to give a student that few moments of one-on-one that they may need to understand what is being taught.

Some people think that volunteering either tapers off or stops after the elementary school years. Nothing could be further from the truth. Parents, relatives and community members are needed not only

in elementary, but middle school, as well. Volunteers are important throughout all of your child/children's educational process.

Taking the opportunity to become a volunteer shows your child that you are interested in his/her education and it is so easy to get started on our program.

All you have to do is have a criminal records check and have confidentiality training. Both are provided here at the school at your convenience and at no cost to you.

Call the school (886-2671) and ask to speak to me, or come by and talk to me. I work my schedule around you. Your time is what is important, and we will fit you in whenever it is convenient to you. I hope to see you soon.

Lavada Newsome
Parent Volunteer Coordinator
J.D. Adams Middle School
Prestonsburg

Guest Column

Insurance parity for mental illness and substance abuse

by Sheila A. Schuster, Ph.D.

To someone suffering from a mental illness or substance abuse disorder, proper treatment can mean the difference between a troubled life and a productive future. Tragically, there is a major barrier to receiving such care.

Health insurance plans typically cover 80 percent or more of the costs of diagnosing and treating physical illnesses, yet they cover only 50 percent or less of the costs of treatment for mental illness or substance abuse.

Insurance plans also impose annual and lifetime limits on these disorders that are not placed on physical care. Regardless of the severity of the illness, these plans significantly limit the number of inpatient days or outpatient visits for the treatment of the mental health condition.

The burden on the individual is also greater, as the insurers require higher co-payments, coinsurance and deductibles than are charged for the treatment of a physical illness.

All Kentuckians should have parity in their health insurance. Simply stated, parity means equality; insurance coverage should include treatment for mental illness and substance abuse disorders that is equal to the coverage of treatment for physical illnesses.

When Congress addressed the inequity of annual and lifetime limits on mental health treatment in 1996, there were dire predictions that employers would drop their mental health coverage rather than comply with the law.

Instead, large employers such as Bank One and Motorola have voluntarily instituted comprehensive parity for their employees. Last year, the president acted to extend full mental health and substance abuse parity to all federal employees in their health insurance coverage.

Parity bills have been passed by legislative bodies

in 29 states and will be considered this year in another seven state legislatures. In North Carolina, Ohio and Alaska, the per-member/per-month cost for mental health coverage has decreased each year since the implementation of parity.

In Texas, applying parity coverage for 170,000 state employees resulted in a decrease of 47.9 percent in the cost of care for mental illness and substance abuse.

The Kentucky General Assembly is currently considering comprehensive parity legislation to end insurance discrimination against persons with mental illness and drug abuse disorders. The goal is to ensure that coverage for diagnostic and treatment services for mental health conditions will be no different than the coverage for diagnosis and treatment of physical illnesses.

This parity or equality would apply to annual and lifetime limits; caps on episodes, length or number of outpatient visits, inpatient days, or treatment sessions; prescription coverage; and cost-sharing responsibilities such as co-pays, deductibles and out-of-pocket expenses.

An actuarial study just completed for the state of Kentucky shows that such coverage for large group employers in Kentucky would increase costs only 1.3 percent, or \$1.63 per-member/per-month. That means that the monthly cost of providing equitable insurance coverage for mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders for one employee may be little more than the cost of a cup of coffee.

Furthermore, the benefits are tremendous. Study after study has shown that access to appropriate and effective treatment of mental health conditions pays off in savings in reduced medical expenditures and significant increases in workplace productivity and improved quality of life.

(See Insurance, page five)

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor are welcomed by The Floyd County Times. In accordance with our editorial page policy, all letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author.

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

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

Poison Pen

by Ralph Davis
Managing Editor



State knows how to solve budget troubles

Talk about your no-win situations. This week, Floyd County learned that much of the money it had hoped to receive during the current session of the General Assembly is now up in the air. Included in that list are the Harold-to-Minnie connector, the Town Branch Bridge replacement, \$3 million for Prestonsburg's Stone Crest Golf Course and another million for a science center at Prestonsburg Community College.

Of course, if things were still going according to original plans, it would have meant a sizable hike in the gas tax that would have placed the lion's share for paying for those improvements on the shoulders of poor and middle class Kentuckians.

So the choice was between paying an additional \$150 million a year for gas or seeing well over \$100 million in much-needed projects face longer-than-anticipated delays.

Some choice. Surely there is a better way.

There is, but you won't see it coming from Frankfort during this session, and probably not anytime in the near future.

Kentucky could solve all of its budget troubles and at the same time eliminate many current taxes, such as the property tax on automobiles and the bulk of income taxes, by extending the state sales tax to food and services.

Okay, I hear the groans out there. I know no one wants to hear about paying more for food, but hear me out on this one.

The fact is, the sales tax is perhaps the most fair tax of all. Everyone has to pay it, and those who have more money and choose to spend it on luxury goods would pay more in taxes.

Plus, the sales tax rate, if applied to all goods and services, could actually be lowered from the current six percent to either three or four percent and still generate enough revenue to pay the state's bills.

The possibility of doing just that has been studied to death by the state, but so far it has been an exercise in futility. The politicians in Frankfort are not in the business of creating a fair tax policy. Their entire future in politics is dependent on the premise of being unfair to the common folk in order to grant favors for the big-money special interests who finance their campaigns.

That's why the bottle bill is currently on the ropes. Although the vast majority of ordinary people, if you ask them, don't mind paying a refundable deposit on pop bottles to clean up our highways, the well-financed litter lobby does and they have pockets deep enough to convince legislators not to follow the will of the majority.

What we need is a poor person's PAC to level the playing field a little bit. We regular folks need to start chipping in and buying legislators in Frankfort the way all the corporations do, and then maybe we can start getting some tax breaks and seeing some of the projects we want accomplished.

Granted, we'd have to buy our lawmakers with sacks of quarters, but they've been known to go for less.

But you know what? It won't happen. We already have the power to bend the

(See Pen, page five)

The Floyd County Times

Published Wednesday, Friday and Sunday each week

cnhi

Phone 606-886-8506

Fax: 606-886-3603

E-Mail: fctimes@eastky.net

263 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE
PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY 41653

USPS 202-700

Entered as second class matter, June 18, 1927 at the post office at Prestonsburg, Kentucky under the act of March 3, 1879. Periodicals postage paid at Prestonsburg, Ky.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES PER YEAR:

In Floyd County: \$38.00
Outside Floyd County: \$48.00

Postmaster: Send change of address to:

The Floyd County Times
P.O. Box 390
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

Rod Collins, Publisher

MANAGING EDITOR Ralph Davis	ext. 17	CIRCULATION Tiffany McCoy	ext. 19
SENIOR EDITOR Pam Shingler	ext. 26	PRESSROOM MANAGER Johnnie Adams	ext. 30
SPORTS EDITOR Ed Taylor	ext. 16	BUSINESS MANAGER Angela Judd	ext. 20
ADVERTISING MANAGER Becky Crum	ext. 12	CLASSIFIED MANAGER Sanda Bunting	ext. 15
COMPOSING DIRECTOR Heath Wiley	ext. 29		

Parlez vous internet? The answer could be Oui



Translation software can help people around the world harness the power of the Internet.

(NAPSA)-An estimated 54 percent of Internet users live outside the United States, and that number is expected to grow. However, nearly 80 percent of the Web's content continues to be published in English.

Fortunately, new translation technology is helping make the Internet more accessible to non-English speakers, as well as making English easier to understand for those just learning the language. This includes both people taking up English as a second language and youngsters looking to improve their vocabulary.

The same technology is helping to erase e-business barriers and expand e-commerce.

A pair of free downloads is playing a big part in the globalization of computers and the Internet. Available from a company called Babylon.com, these programs can translate standard text or Web content into any of 10 different languages, with the recent addition of Chinese.

■ Babylon Single Click Translator combines encyclopedia, dictionary and translator functions to interpret English vocabulary found in Web pages, e-mail, games and other applications. The program's easy-to-use interface lets users quickly translate words or phrases. For English speakers, this helpful tool can also translate unfamiliar words into simpler language.

The new features make it easier to do business online by offering international users instant currency, time zone and metric conversions. There is also a speech option, that can be downloaded separately, that lets users hear how words are pronounced.

■ BabyloNet is a translation tool designed to enhance Web

sites by eliminating the international language barrier. It provides a user-friendly tool bar that does not interrupt the site's content.

"The growing presence of such a diverse multilingual population, as well as the global communication requirements of the world's e-business organizations, make our products an important solution for bridging the global communications gap," said Shuki Preminger, CEO of Babylon.com. "Babylon and BabyloNet are what Web users and Web sites must have in order for the Net to really become a global village without language or geographic barriers."

For more information, or to download the programs, visit the Web site at www.babylon.com.

What's new for 1999 taxes?

(ARA) - There are a number of tax law changes that may apply to you when you file your tax return this year. These changes may mean the difference between getting a tax refund and paying more taxes. See the instructions in your tax package for more information on these 1999 modifications.

If you have a child who was under age 17 at the end of 1999, you may be able to claim either or both the Child Tax Credit and the Additional Child Tax Credit. The total of these credits can be as much as \$500 for each qualifying child.

If you have three or more qualifying children and you are not able to claim the full \$500 Child Tax Credit for each child, you may be able to claim the Additional Child Tax Credit. The Additional Child Tax Credit is refundable — it may

give you a refund even if you do not owe any tax.

The earned income tax credit (EITC) could be as much as \$3,816 if you have more than one qualifying child; up to \$2,312 if you have one qualifying child; and as much as \$347 even if you don't have children.

The amount you can earn and still be eligible for the credit in 1999 is \$30,580 if you have more than one child; \$26,928 if you have one qualifying child; and \$10,200 even if you don't have children.

If you aren't eligible for the EITC, but claim it anyway, you could be prohibited from claiming the credit for up to 10 years once discovered.

If you claimed an education credit on your 1998 tax return and, in 1999, you, your spouse if filing jointly, or your dependent received a refund of qualified tuition and related expenses, or tax-free education assistance, you may have to repay part of the credit on your return this year.

For more details on the recapture of education credits, order a free copy of Form 8863, Education Credits, by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-3676.

If you paid interest on a qualified student loan this year, you may be able to deduct up to \$1,500 of the interest on your return, even if you don't itemize deductions on Schedule A. And in the year 2000, you may be able to deduct up to \$2,000 of the interest you pay on a qualified student loan.

If you converted part or all of an IRA to a Roth IRA in 1998, and you chose to report the taxable amount over four years, you must report the amount that is taxable in 1999 on your return.

You may be able to take an IRA deduction if you were covered by a retirement plan and your 1999 modified adjusted gross income was less than \$41,000 and you filed as single, head of household, or married (filing separately) and you lived apart from your spouse for all of 1999; or if your 1999 modified adjusted gross income was less than \$61,000 and you filed as married (filing jointly) or qualifying widow(er).

Note: In the tax year 2000, these dollar amounts will increase by \$1,000.

This year, if your only capital gains are capital gain distributions from mutual funds, you will not have to file Schedule D. Check the box on line 13 of Form 1040 and use the worksheet in the instructions to figure your tax.

If you are self-employed, you may be able to deduct up to 60% of your health insurance. Review the instructions in the tax package on self-employed health insurance deduction.

The standard mileage rate for business use of a vehicle prior to April 1, 1999 was 32 cents a mile. The rate for business use of a vehicle from April 1, 1999, through December 31, 1999, is 31 cents a mile. The rate returned to 32 cents a mile on January 1, 2000.

This filing season, most 1040 tax packages will contain an envelope with two labels — one if you are requesting a refund, and one if you are not requesting a refund. The labels will enable the IRS to more efficiently sort the refund returns from the remittance returns.

Center and separate Zip +4 Zip Codes and PostNet barcodes. If you need to hand-write the address on your tax return envelope, the U.S. Postal Service will imprint the proper PostNet barcode on the face of the envelope. Barcodes facilitate the sorting of the tax returns.

This year, the IRS has partnered with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) to dramatically expand the distribution of photos of lost, abducted and runaway children.

Pictures of missing children will appear in 1999 IRS tax form instructions and taxpayer information publications on pages that would otherwise be blank. The photos will be provided by NCMEC and will be accompanied by information about the children and the NCMEC's 24-hour toll-free hotline number, 1-800-843-5678.

You can help bring these children home by looking at the photographs and calling local authorities or NCMEC when you see one of these children.

For further details on tax law changes, download a copy of Publication 553, Highlights of 1999 Tax Changes, from www.irs.gov or you can order a free copy by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-3676.

Insurance

Continued from p4

An outcome study recently conducted by the University of Kentucky showed that for every dollar spent on substance abuse treatment in Kentucky, the financial burden on taxpayers was reduced by \$8. This cost-savings is yielding a reduction of \$160 million per year in the tax burden on Kentucky's citizens.

When undiagnosed or untreated, mental health conditions frequently lead to significantly higher general health care utilization and costs. Studies have consistently shown that over 50 percent of visits to physicians' offices are for conditions that are psychological or emotional in origin, or which are made worse by a mental or addictive disorder. Employers and human resources personnel have identified untreated clinical depression as the major cause of absenteeism, reduced productivity and job turnover.

Many people have been working to fight the stigma of mental illness and to bring this important issue to the attention of Kentucky's citizens and legislators. Let's strike a powerful blow for common sense and fairness by giving everyone access to the treatment they need.

Schuster is executive director of the Kentucky Psychological Association and a founder of Partners for Parity in Kentucky, a coalition dedicated to ending insurance discrimination against mental illness and substance abuse disorders.

Copyright (C) 2000 by the Kentucky Forum. The Forum is an educational organization that provides the media with the views of state experts on major public issues. Letters should be sent to the Forum, P.O. Box 697, Salyersville, KY 41465

Pen

Continued from p4

capital to our will and we don't take advantage of it.

That power lies in voting, and most of us either don't use it, or we don't take it seriously. Ask your average person their opinion of politicians and you'll have to stoop to see it. But then ask them if they voted to keep their politicians in office the last time around. They did, or they didn't bother to vote at all.

That's why government doesn't care about serving the needs of average folks and why we continue to suffer the extortion racket of either having to cough up more in taxes or face the prospect of losing the services we need.

PSC looks at unregulated services

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Public Service Commission issued rules recently for major investor-owned utility companies that provide unregulated services through affiliates or subsidiaries.

The "Code of Conduct" issued today was established to ensure that utilities providing non-utility services do not use utility assets or utility customer information to gain a competitive advantage over other companies providing similar services.

For example, the code includes rules that restrict a utility company from sharing information about utility customers for marketing purposes unless the same information is made available to competitors.

Also, under the rules a utility cannot provide advertising space for the non-utility service in its utility billing unless the same space is offered to competing services.

Examples of non-regulated, competitive services that may be offered by a utility or its affiliates could include tree-trimming services, installation of customer service lines, installation of heating or air conditioning units, and access to internet service.

The Commission originally opened its investigation to determine the need for cost allocation guidelines and a code of conduct that would establish ground rules for relationships between utility and non-utility affiliates.

All utilities regulated by the PSC were invited to participate. In December 1999, the Commission issued cost allocation guidelines to ensure proper accounting procedures in utility-affiliate relationships, and to ensure that non-utility activities are not subsidized by the utility's ratepayers.

The PSC will immediately begin the process of creating regulations based on these cost allocation guidelines and the code of conduct issued in the order.

Copies of the order and the Code of Conduct are available on the Commission's website at www.psc.state.ky.us.

Sullivan College
Kentucky's Leading Microsoft Authorized
Academic Provider of MCSE Training

Microsoft In Pikeville!
CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL

- Convenient evening and weekend classes
- All instructors are experienced MCSEs
- Receive college credit
- MCSE tests included in tuition

Call Today for more information!
606/276-4357 • 800/467-6281

MCSE classes start March 2!

In conjunction with Prestonsburg Community College
and Mayo Technical College

Welcome

Pikeville Methodist Hospital
would like to extend
a warm welcome to

Srinivas M. Ammisetty, M.D.

Pulmonologist

Dr. Ammisetty trained in Pulmonary
Medicine at the Chicago Medical
School/Finch University of Health
Sciences, Chicago, IL.

Specializing in the treatment of:

Lung Cancer	COPD
Home Oxygen Evaluation	Emphysema
Occupational Lung Disease	Black Lung
Pre-Operative Pulmonary Evaluation	Pulmonary Function Test
Pneumonia	Respiratory Failure
Bronchial Asthma	Ventilatory Management
Exercise Pulmonary Function Test	Sleep Related Breathing Problems
Bronchoscopic Procedures	

Dr. Ammisetty resides in Pikeville
with his wife, Dr. Vijaya Ammisetty,
who is beginning her residency, and
their four-year-old son.

Pikeville Medical Building, Town Mtn. Rd., Pikeville, KY

Telephone for an appointment:
(606) 437-4925

Community Trust Bank
is having a
CD \$ale!!

7 Month CD

6.14%

Annual Percentage Yield

Stop in
and ask us
about it.

11 Month CD

6.40%

Annual Percentage Yield

Community
Trust Bank

building communities...built on trust®

\$1,000 minimum deposit. Above Annual Percentage Yields available through 03/03/2000. Substantial penalty for early withdrawal. This offer available only at locations in Floyd Co., Knott Co., Letcher Co., and Pike Co. Kentucky, and in Mingo Co., WV.

FDIC Insured

Subscribe to
the Floyd
County Times at
886-8506

REGIONAL OBITUARIES

OBITUARIES

Magoffin County

Pauline Akers Patrick, 79, of Madison, Indiana, died Saturday, February 19, at King's Daughters' Hospital, in Madison, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 24, under the direction of Webster-Nay Funeral Home.

Lucy Jean Adams Estep, 71, of Range, Ohio, died Wednesday, February 16, at Doctors West Hospital, in Columbus, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Glenn E. Estep. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 19, under the direction of Porter Funeral Home, Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

Joe Floyd Morris, 66, of Knoxville, Tennessee, died Wednesday, February 16, at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center, in Knoxville, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 19, under the direction of the Salyersville Funeral Home.

Eloise Spencer, 72, of

McDermott, Ohio, died Sunday, February 13, at Edgewood Manor Nursing Home. She is survived by her husband, Gracie Spencer. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 16, under the direction of the Roger W. Davis Funeral Home.

Troy Denver Risner, 50, of Piketon, Ohio, died Sunday, February 13, at a Washington Court House hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 16, under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.

Bertha Jayne, 74, of Beaver, Ohio, died Monday, February 14, at a Columbus Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 17, at Mary Chapel United Baptist Church.

Gladys Ward Howard, 83, of Salyersville, died Monday, February 21, at St. Joseph Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 24, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Pike County

Clell Smith, 73, of Oil Springs, died Tuesday, February 22, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 26, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

James Stacy Varney, 29, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, February 23, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, February 27, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

"My Memories Of You"



I remember everything we did and I know since you're not here, I can't talk to you; but I will always remember you.

You will always be in my heart but when you left me everything just fell dark.

I still talk to you everynight and especially when I'm sad; you were always there to cheer me up and you were there everytime for me when I needed you.

You were like a mother to me and I still remember everything you taught me and all the secrets we shared together, and everything we did together and the weekends I came to your house to spent the night.

We always laughed and joked about everything and now since Christmas is near, I will miss you more than ever. I've still kept everything you've ever gotten me and I will treasure it always. I miss you nanny and I'll always love you forever and ever!

As written by -
Courtney Marie Horn,
Granddaughter

The family of Darrell W. Bates would like to give thanks and appreciation to the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church and its membership for allowing us to live out the final wishes of Sandra Kaye Bates. A special tribute to Elder's Ellis Holbrook, Chuck Hall, Monroe Jones, and all of the other ministers that took part in the services. We also want to thank Brother's Everett and Ronnie Hall for their assistance in directing us during the funeral arrangements for the upkeep of the church facilities. A special appreciation for those that sent cards of expression and brought food for those in attendance.

The "Word" for the Week

by Dr. Dennis Prutow
Sterling, Kansas

Does each day greet you with an unwelcome chill? Do your circumstances frown? Here is some perspective.

Look ahead in hope. Because of God's work within your heart, you confess "the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18). God's glory at the resurrection of the dead is powerful, immense, and full of splendor. All human suffering pales in comparison. There will be no more crutches or canes, trips to the pharmacy, hearing aids, or homes for old folks.

Rest secure in the prayers of the Spirit. Circumstances overtake you. You do not know what to say or what to pray. You need not succumb to fear or be dismayed. "The Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words" (Romans 8:26). The Holy Spirit lifts perfect prayers to the Father for us. His prayers are heard and answered.

Trust the overriding power of God for good. The storm clouds of life may be dark. There may be no silver lining. Yet, "We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

New emergency fuel additive is lifesaver for drivers who run out



When poured into an empty fuel tank while the engine is still hot, a new fuel additive will enable the driver to restart the vehicle and travel another 10 miles.

(NAPSA)-Who hasn't worried about running out of gas? You know the feeling-you've been too busy to stop at the service station, and suddenly you're in unfamiliar territory, with the needle below "E" and no gas station in sight.

Now, thanks to a recent product introduction by Pennzoil, you and your loved ones can be prepared for those moments when the fumes run out. The new product,

an emergency fuel additive, comes in a half-gallon container that easily fits in the trunk of a car and enables drivers who run out of gas to travel an additional 10 miles to get from stranded to safety.

This highly refined fuel additive is called Pennzoil Roadside™ Rescue®. As long as the vehicle's engine is still hot, when Rescue® is added to the gas tank, the driver will be able to restart the vehicle and travel to safety. Each half-gallon container of Rescue® will transport most cars approximately 10 miles. After using Rescue®, drivers should always head to the nearest gas station and refill their gas tanks.

"Most drivers don't plan on running out of gas, but it's easy to forget, miscalculate or not have time to refill the gas tank," said Jim Postl, president and chief operating officer of Pennzoil-Quaker State Company. "Rescue® is an innovative product that serves as a safety net drivers can

easily store in their trunks."

Compatible with all fuel system components and vehicles (except those with diesel engines), Rescue® can be safely stored in the trunk of a car for up to five years. Its non-refillable packaging, which is specially coated to protect the contents from evaporating, features a child-resistant cap, a foil nozzle seal and a detachable and adjustable spout, which locks onto the bottle for precise pouring. Once attached, the spout cannot be removed, which prevents the bottle from being refilled and reused.

In addition to your jumper cables, flashlight and emergency tire inflator, make Pennzoil Roadside™ Rescue® a part of your on-the-road preparedness kit. The additive retails for under fifteen dollars and is available at Wal-Mart, Pep Boys, and other auto parts stores. For more information, call 1-800-248-6688 or visit www.rescue.pennzoil.com.

Mayo Moments

by Linda Lyon

Here on the campus of Mayo Technical College, we are anticipating the next "planting" of knowledge and the harvest of young, eager minds, filled with new ideas and empowered with new skills, going forth to make careers for themselves and better lives for their families.

It's time to plan and to prepare. It's time to make decisions about where you want to go to school and what you want to do for the rest of your career. Now is the time and we want to help you with the plan.

Mayo will provide counseling for you to help you decide and perfect your career goals. We can provide assessment of your skills and knowledge and guide you in a career path. We can provide assis-

tance with GED preparation if you don't have a high school diploma. We can enroll you in academic classes to upgrade your skills if that is what you need prior to enrollment.

We can assist you with financial aid applications and admission applications. You must apply early to insure the best opportunity for financial aid. Call Patty McKenzie today at 606/789-5321 ext. 235.

Spring is time for another ritual that is as old and time tested as the planting. That ritual is the pruning and redefining of shrubs, hedges, and fruits and vegetables that grow from roots planted solidly in the ground, weathering storms and passing seasons, to bloom anew each spring with beauty and sturdy fortitude.

Mayo also looks forward to the

student who, like those shrubs and hedges, has already planted his roots in the rich soil of eastern Kentucky. This student comes to us to redefine his/her goals, redirect his/her career, and reestablish a knowledge base with new skills and techniques which will allow him/her to compete in the new world developing in today's job market.

Research tells us that today's average American can expect to have three-to-four distinctly different careers in a lifetime. That requires retraining and refined training. We are there to help you.

Call us today for information about how you can become a part-time or full-time student, learn the skills you need, and get back out into the world of work with a minimum of fuss and effort. Call Patty at 789-5321 ext. 235

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

606/886-2668.

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.

ALC concert tour begins March 5

The Alice Lloyd College Choir, Voices of Appalachia, will soon begin its Southwestern Tour. The kick-off concert is Sunday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the Caney Baptist Church in Pippa Passes. For information, call 606/368-6082.

Area Homemaker Conference planned

The Northeast Area Homemaker's Leadership Conference is set for March 30 at the Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Registration is \$7 and includes lunch. For information, contact Theresa Scott at the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service,

Free lunch for seniors

Free lunches for senior citizens are planned for March 24 and April 28 at the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center (Auxier School). The first lunch will feature a program by Christian Appalachian Project and the second by Floyd County Extension Service. Seating is limited to the first 50 persons who call 886-0709 for reservations.

Workshops slated for Homemakers

Floyd County Extension Homemakers are planning a "Super Saturday" of creative workshops for April 1 at the extension office in Prestonsburg.

Morning workshops will focus on quilting, painted woodcraft, and spring wreaths, and afternoon sessions on embroidery, ceramics and topiary.

Pre-registration and pre-payment of \$10 per workshop are required by March 17. Contact Theresa Scott, 606/886-2668.

Quilter's Day Out set for Pikeville

The Pike County and Mingo-Pike quilt guilds are hosting Quilter's Day Out on Saturday, March 18, beginning at 10 a.m. at

the Pike County Extension Service.

Advanced, beginner and intermediate quilters are encouraged to bring work to show, and they will receive hands-on experience on folded flowers and see demonstrations of pieced snowball quilt and chenille work.

Lunch will be provided. The event is free, but pre-registration is required. Contact the Pike County Extension Office at 1-800-233-1390 or 606/433-2534.

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-

(See Calendar, page seven)

Lillie Myrtle Blair

Lillie Myrtle Blair, 81, of Albion, Michigan, died Wednesday, February 23, 2000, at her home.

She was born June 22, 1918, in Ivel, the daughter of the late William and Pearl Hall Damron. She moved to Michigan in 1940 and was employed for several years at Corning Glass Company and the Pagoda Restaurant. She was a member of the Southern United Baptist Church, and the Albion American Legion Auxiliary.

Her husband, Granis J. Blair, preceded her in death.

Survivors include one son, Billy Blair of Albion, Michigan; four daughters, Bobbie Adams of Albion, Michigan, Loretta Neal of Tekonsha, Michigan, Brenda Tackett of Martin, Tennessee, Virginia Wilczak of Albion; one sister, Ruby Timberman of Bradenton, Florida; two brothers, Herbert Damron of Marshall, Michigan and Don Gibson of Albion, Michigan; 21 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 26, at 11 a.m., at the Grace Free Will Baptist Church, in Albion, Michigan, with Reverend Earl Martin officiating.

Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery, under the direction of the George White Funeral Home, in Litchfield, Michigan.

Willie Howell

Willie Howell, 70, of Pataskala, Ohio, died at his residence Thursday, February 24, 2000.

Born in Teaberry, February 22, 1930, he was the son of the late Asa and Verdine Howell. He was a member of the Little Angel Old Regular Baptist Church in Groveport, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne Howell.

Other survivors include his children, Harold Howell of Baltimore, Ohio, Ricky Howell of Hillsboro, Ohio, David Howell of Pickerington, Ohio and Robin Tedrick of Johnstown, Ohio; five sisters; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 26, 10 a.m., at the Little Angel Old Regular Baptist Church, Groveport, Ohio.

Burial was in the Glen Rest Memorial Estate, under the direction of Warren F. Kauber Funeral Home, Palaskala, Ohio.

Charles Mitchell

Charles Mitchell, 44, of Craynor, died Wednesday, February 23, 2000, at Pikeville Health Care Center, following an extended illness.

Born on August 13, 1955, in Craynor, he was the son of the late Noah and Vernie Osborne Mitchell. He was machinist for Sterling Foundry.

Survivors include three brothers, Larry Mitchell of Norwalk, Ohio, Bobby Mitchell of Prestonsburg, Warren Mitchell of Harold; three sisters, Carol Jean Mitchell of Prestonsburg, Susie Wicker of Sandusky, Ohio, and Roxie Bentley of Drift.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, February 25, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, with First Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Bob Mitchell Cemetery, at Craynor, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Alma Fitch Horn

Alma Fitch Horn, 77, of Inez, died Friday at Kings Daughters Medical Center in Ashland.

She was born on May 28, 1922, in Martin county, the daughter of the late Martin and Hella Bowen Fitch. She was a housewife.

She was preceded in death by her husband Obra Horn.

Survivors include five sons, Harold, Ralph and Obra Dale Horn of Marion, Ohio, Edward Horn of Columbus, Ohio, and Edsel Horn, of Hilliard, Ohio.; three daughters, Joy Faye Mills of Inez, Janala Childers and Ruth Akers of Marion, Ohio; four brothers, Ted Fitch of Marion Ohio, Virgil Fitch of Sandusky, Ohio, and Wayne and Kirl C. Fitch both of Inez; one sister, Rosie Graham of Elkton, Maryland; 27 grandchildren; and 40 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Monday, February 28, at the Vineyard United Baptist Church with ministers Michael Horn and Mike Crum officiating. Burial will be at the Fitch-Horn Cemetery at Joe Branch Road.

Visitation will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Phelps & Son Funeral Home, and 2 p.m. Sunday until time of services at the Vineyard Church.

WANTED:

A part-time piano accompanist.

To apply, please contact

St. Martha Catholic Church
at (606) 874-9526

Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Card of Thanks

The family of Esta Hunter who passed away on January 20th, and McKinley (Bud) Hunter, who passed away on February 21st, wish to thank the people who expressed their condolences, and their words of comfort to us. We would also like to thank the reverends Gordon Fitch, and Jim Smith for their help, and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

The Family of McKinley and Esta Hunter

The difference is guidance

Foster Parents Needed

- *Full or part time
- *Single or married
- *Compensation provided

call Cornerstone Family Center
in Harold

478-3300 or 1-800-752-5063

A service of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children



Calendar

6136, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

AARP tax aide service begun, February 1

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

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

P'burg Elementary SBDM council to meet

Prestonsburg Elementary Schools' regularly scheduled SBDM council meeting will be held Monday, March 6, at 6 p.m. in the school auditorium.

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

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

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!

Veterans rep.

A Veterans Benefit Field Representative for the Kentucky Department for Veterans Affairs has an office on the third floor of the Floyd County Courthouse. He is there to assist veterans and their dependents in filing for state and federal benefits. This service is free and is provided by the commonwealth. Call 606/886-7920. If there is no answer, leave a message and he will return your call.

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.

Veterans affairs

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs is trying to locate family members of missing soldiers that fought in the Korean War, U.S. and North Korean Governments have been negotiating to bring our missing comrades home. If you are a family member of such a serviceman, from any branch of service, or know of someone that is, please contact your local KDVA field representative, Roger Belcher at 606/ 886-7920.

You or someone you know can't stop drinking

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

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

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 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. 242 or 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. 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, headstart, 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.

GED classes have been scheduled for Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., at the center.

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 informa-

tion, 886-0815.

Science exhibit open to public

The science exhibit "The World We Create," sponsored by the East Kentucky Science Center and the Louisville Science Center, is open in the afternoons and on Saturdays through February 29. Anyone can come in from 3 p.m.-6 p.m., free of charge, and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. -4 p.m.

Pikeville Methodist Hospital Community Calendar March 2000

March 3: St. Francis of Assisi School will host a spaghetti dinner from noon until 4 p.m. at the school. Ticket prices are adults, \$5, and children \$3. Carry out available.

March 6: CPR Community Class will be offered from 9 a.m. until

noon, at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register at 437-3965.

March 11 & 12: Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS). This two-day seminar will be offered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Register by calling 437-3525.

March 13: A.B.C. Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 6 p.m., at First Christian Church, located on Chloe Road in Pikeville. Group will discuss the kickoff telethon for the "Tell a Friend" program which will be televised on WYMT-TV.

March 18 & 19: CEN (Certification in Emergency Nursing) Review will be offered at the Education Center, located in the Wallen & Cornette Building. Limited to 15 individuals. Pre-register at 437-3525.

May 8: "Celebration of Hope," Breast Cancer Survivors' Day, hosted by First Lady Judi Patton at

the Governor's Mansion in Frankfort. Begins at 1 p.m.

Dinner planned

St. Francis School in Pikeville is having a spaghetti dinner on Friday, March 3, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The event will take place in the basement of the Pikeville United Methodist Church. Carry out will be available. Tickets for adults are \$5, and for children, \$3.

PHS SBDM council meeting

The Prestonsburg High School SBDM council will have its regular meeting on Thursday, March 2, at 5 p.m., in the library.

County extension service council to meet

The next meeting of the Floyd County Extension Service council and district board will be on March 9, beginning at 5 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Office.



This year's tax return can be a road map to financial independence

by Herb D. Vest
H.D. Vest Financial Services

(NAPSA)—Many people think that taxes are too complicated, but those who make an effort to understand their tax returns—and where the money goes—may pay a lot less than those who don't. This is true not only for this year, but down the line as well.

In essence, the basic 1040 tax form can be used as a financial guide, showing individuals and families where they need to shore up their assets.

1040 Line-by-Line Pointers

- Line 6c—Do you have health, life and disability insurance? Are you putting money away for education funding?

- Line 7—Are you maximizing available retirement plans?

- Line 8a—Money that is sitting in CDs or savings accounts gets taxed, and may bring a better return if invested.

- Lines 20a and 20b—Some Social Security benefits are taxable. A deferred annuity may help you hang onto more of your money.

- Line 23—Do you contribute to an IRA? If so, are you making the most of your contributions? If not, there's still time to set one up and receive the tax benefits on your 1999 return.

Getting a Jump on 2001

Another important notion to consider is that your 1999 tax return should serve as a reminder that it's never too early to start planning for your 2000 tax return. A little bit of planning and forethought can go a long way to help maximize income and ensure that "tax time 2001" is not only less painful, but significantly more profitable. Here are some helpful hints:

- Avoid buying mutual funds at the end of the year. You just buy a tax liability on dividends and capital

gains that you never actually received.

- Try to bunch deductions together into one year rather than spreading things out. If you will be making some charitable contributions, make them all at the same time. Better if you do it in the year that you will be buying a new house and have points to deduct.

- Consider annuities if you have a lot of income that is taxed but not spent.

- Be very careful when considering tax-free bonds. The low return can make them a real trap when building wealth.

- If you are an employee, take full advantage of pre-tax medical (commonly called "flexible spending accounts") and dependent day care programs. If your employer does not have one, make a suggestion that it gets one.

- Do a tax projection to see if you owe the government money or if you have paid in too much. If you owe the state you live in money, pay it before December 31 to get a federal tax deduction. If you are getting a refund, adjust your withholdings so that the government does not tie up your money for a few months.

- Maximize your retirement plans, such as 401(k)s. They are good for investments and good for taxes.

Online and On Time

Another way to get taxes done quickly and easily is electronic filing. There are online services, such as www.hdvest.com, offered by H.D. Vest, Inc., which allow users to complete their tax returns—from the 1040EZ to the more complex forms—online and file them from the site free of charge. The company is preparing for one million consumers to take part in this exclusive offer. Unlike other such services, which cannot be used by people above a certain income level, this site has no annual income maximum. An added

benefit of the H.D. Vest free online tax return preparation and filing service is the 1040 Analyst. The 1040 Analyst, that the consumer will receive once the tax return is complete, analyzes the consumer's tax return, and provides suggestions for financial planning, and tips on reducing next year's tax bill. Also included with the 1040 Analyst is information on how to contact an H.D. Vest online affiliate near you.

Tax time may not, in fact, become the most jolly of all seasons, but it doesn't have to be a recurring nightmare either. The bottom line is that with a little planning, preparation and guidance, tax season may soon be a bit more pleasant and a lot more profitable.

To learn more, or to find an H.D. Vest consultant near you, call (800) 821-8254 or visit the website at www.hdvest.com.

Steps You Can Take To Make

This Year's Taxes Hurt Less

Preparing your taxes does not have to be one of the most stressful times of the year. There are some simple ways to maximize your savings and reduce the pressure. These include:

- Open or fully fund an IRA if you are eligible. Contributions to a traditional IRA are deductible up to \$2,000 per year subject to limitations, and the earnings generated by the contribution accumulate tax-free.

- Be prepared to file on time. There are very real penalties that are strictly enforced by the IRS including both late filing and late payment fees.

- Don't forget to file an extension if you need it.

- Don't panic if you don't have the money to pay. You can work out an installment agreement by filing Form 9465, or you can pay by MasterCard or American Express. (Be aware: The latter option carries an extra 2.5 to 3 percent interest above normal card rates.)

Arts council awards \$125,000 to Kentucky visual and media artists

The Al Smith, Brown-Forman, and Irwin Pickett Fellowship Awards of \$5,000 each are being awarded to 20 individual artists through the fellowship program of the Kentucky Arts Council.

The award selections are based on quality of artist's work and professional commitment. The program, now in its 17th year, is designed to support the development of Kentucky artists by enabling them to set aside time to create new works, complete works in progress, or pursue new avenues for artistic expression and exposure.

In addition, 20 artists will receive Professional Assistance Awards of \$1,000 each for continued development of their work.

Fellowship Awards are awarded annually, with visual and media artists selected for even years. Recipients in odd number years are choreographers, interdisciplinary artists, creative non-fiction writers, screen and playwrights, writers of fiction, poets and musical composers.

Eighteen of the awards are named after television personality and former KAC Board Chair Al Smith. Brown-Forman Corporation generously supports a corporate designated Fellow, and one Fellowship is awarded in the name of Irwin Pickett, retired KAC Individual Artists Program Director.

The Kentucky Arts Council has been key to creating a thriving environment for artistic creation and to

making the arts more accessible to the people of Kentucky, through grants and services to arts organizations, schools, community groups, local governments, and individual artists.

The Kentucky Arts Council is an agency of the Education Arts and Humanities Cabinet, established by the Kentucky General Assembly in 1965 to develop and promote support for the arts in Kentucky. The Fellowship program is funded through the state legislature, corporate sponsorship, and support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Fellowship award winners are Patrick Adams, painting, Nicholasville; Mark Barone, painting, Paducah; Peggy Blythe, photography, Lexington; Walter Brock, filmmaking, Louisville; Joseph Burks, painting, Shelbyville; Thomas Charles Delisle, photography, Louisville; Dennis Duross, painting, Lexington; Gaela Erwin, painting, Louisville; Michael Frasca, sculpture/pottery, Harrodsburg; Carol Grape, mixed media, Villa Hills; Joe Terrence Gray, filmmaking, Middletown; Gwen Heffner, crafts/porcelain, Irvine; Kevin T. Kelly, painting, Ludlow; Jan Kirstein, painting, Louisville; Mary Newton, painting, Louisville; Mary Newton, painting, Louisville; Davie Reneau, crafts, Glasgow; Guinever Smith, painting, Louisville; Jonathon Stokes, sculpture, London; Robert Tharsing, painting, Lexington; David Zurick, photography, Berea.



Sen. Benny Ray Bailey, D-Hindman, left, and Sen. Walter Blevins, D-West Liberty, discuss legislation on the Kentucky Senate floor. Lawmakers are now well into the second month of the 2000 legislative session. Bailey represents Kentucky's 29th Senate District in Breathitt, Floyd, Knott and Johnson counties. Blevins represented the 27th Senate District in Boyd, Elliott, Lawrence, Martin and Morgan counties.

Is life insurance a product of the past or will it stand the test of time?

A study by the Life Insurance Marketing Research Association indicates there are 40 million U.S. households in which members say they need more life insurance.

Why do they believe they need more life insurance? They want to protect basic needs we all share — a way for surviving families to pay final expenses such as funeral/burial expenses, paying the mortgage so the survivors can maintain their residence and lifestyle and providing money for survivors to live on.

The majority who say they need more life insurance are young; more than 25 million are under age 45. Some 60 percent of household heads under age 25 say they need life insurance coverage and many in that group have no life insurance.

This is not to say that older Americans don't have life insurance needs. In fact, 31 percent of those over age 54 in the survey agree they face a gap in life protection. The survey, which included 2,775 households, indicated a total of 42 percent felt a need for more life insurance.

Life insurers have a responsibility to the public to help close this gap in life protection by offering coverage at a price. But don't be complacent. Rather than wait for an agent or broker to call you, request a review of your current situation.

Are the actions you are taking now going to provide adequate financial security? You may wish to ask yourself:

- How did I determine the amount of coverage I currently have?
- What is important to the well being of the family?
- Is there enough money saved to pay final expenses including burial, unexpected medical bills, debts and attorney fees?
- Do plans call for survivors remaining in the home?

Get a faster refund with direct deposit

(ARA) - Expecting a tax refund? You can get it faster if you fill out the direct deposit information on your tax return to directly deposit your refund into your bank account.

Direct deposit is available for all taxpayers, regardless of how they file their return - phone, computer or mail. Directly depositing your refund into your checking or savings account is more secure because there's no check to get lost. And it takes the U.S. Treasury less time than issuing a paper check. It also saves you from making a special trip to the bank to deposit a paper refund check.

If you mail a paper return, fill in the direct deposit information in the "Refund" section. And if you're filing electronically, you can also provide direct deposit information to have your refund deposited directly into your bank account.

• How much money will survivors need each month and how long will it be needed? Is it important to have a children's college fund guaranteed?

With these questions in mind, your insurance advisor can assist in reviewing existing coverages, determining the precise amount of coverage each family member needs, and suggesting methods to adjust the current coverages accordingly.

Such a review should include not only those policies you purchased but also any group life protection provided through your place of employment. Most major life companies offer such reviews without charge, and the appointments usually require less than an hour of your time.

Also, consider how your needs have changed since you purchased that life policy years ago. Children grow up, and the cost of college is escalating. Children get married, and your retirement planning is essential.

Your advisor can tailor a policy to meet your personal situation and needs. This may translate to term life, whole life, universal life insurance or variable life insurance.

Term insurance provides the greatest amount of life protection for the lowest initial cost and usually is sold for a specified period of time. Premiums generally increase as you get older. Renewal beyond the stated period may require proof of insurability.

A conversion privilege, which enables you to convert all or part of the term policy to a permanent plan, is a key feature of term insurance.

Whole life policies provide a death benefit and cash values in exchange for level premiums for your lifetime. Most whole life policies include a guaranteed cash value and dividends, a tax-free benefit as a "return of premium."

Dividends are declared each

year on the basis of the insurer's investment and operating results, and can be used to reduce premium due for the policy, purchase additional insurance, earn interest or be sent to the policyowner.

Universal life insurance is a combination of whole life and term insurance. It has flexible rather than fixed premiums and offers the option to change the death benefit, within limits.

This flexibility allows policyowners to make additional premium payments (within IRS guidelines) or to skip scheduled premium payments if there are sufficient values in the policy to allow it.

Universal life policy values are subject to interest rate fluctuations, though most universal life insurance policies include a guaranteed interest rate. This "interest sensitivity" allows a policyowner to benefit in times of high interest rates or may require additional premium if rates drop to or near the guaranteed rate.

In the majority of permanent life insurance policies, the inside build-up of cash values is accessible to policyowners on a favorable basis and can be used as a supplement to retirement income.

loan collateral, emergency cash needs, education funding and many more sophisticated business uses.

In summary, life insurance is not out of style; a great many people want to buy life insurance to meet a variety of needs.

This article is provided as a courtesy of Cotton States Life Insurance Agent David Lafferty, 173 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg and The Floyd County Times. This article is for informational purposes only. For information on your specific insurance needs or situations, please contact your insurance agent.



To travel "at a snail's pace" means about 55 yards per hour, the speed of a common garden snail.

Why are product standards a need in today's world?

by John Varrasi
For News USA.

(NUE) - Imagine traveling cross-country and having to change trains at each state line because of varying railroad track gauges? Or, imagine owning a car for which replacement parts like tires and oil filters could be obtained only at a dealer 50 miles away in the next town?

Would any consumer buy an electrical appliance without visible evidence that the product was tested for quality and safety, like the official UL stamp?

Thanks to standards that are scrupulously developed and codified, consumers as well as businesses receive requisite assurances that products and processes work together, fit together and measure up to a prescribed level of quality. Standards are rules and guidelines that establish a uniform model for quality and safety.

Our society, which places a premium on the consumption of goods and safety of its citizens, could not exist without standards. Standards aided the industrial development of the United States and other nations, bringing essential order to product development and use and bringing the world to the doorstep of a new technological age.

For their contribution, standards have been voted to a list of notable 20th century engineering achievements by ASME International (American Society of Mechanical Engineers).

It was 1911 when ASME appointed a committee to formulate manufacturing standards for boilers, which had a high failure rate in homes, factories and on ships. While safety was the primary goal of the committee, the other focus was to reduce the many regulations crossing over individual states and municipalities and prepare a single standard for the entire country. What

evolved was the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, 28 volumes and 14,000 pages of specifications and rules which are referenced worldwide.

ASME is one of hundreds of standards developers in the United States. In addition to professional societies, other groups that produce standards are trade associations and testing and certifying organizations, like Underwriters Laboratories (UL) and Factory Mutual. Standards developers represent diverse

College students arrive for CAP projects

The Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) will welcome close to 250 students from across the nation to their annual spring break alternative Appalachian WorkFest 2000.

A break from classes and collegiate demands oftentimes finds students heading for warmer temperatures, sand, sun and someplace to soak up fun.

However, CAP provides a hands-on, heart-warming volunteering experience. Students repair leaking roofs, remove rotting floors, build porches and repair broken windows, working alongside the families that are benefitting from their assistance.

In addition to manual labor, the participants of WorkFest will become acquainted with Appalachian culture and traditions through a series of evening programs and activities, through

music, local speakers, artisans and entertainers.

CAP extends an invitation to the media to visit WorkFest 2000 and chronicle the experiences of these students from a variety of economic and social backgrounds—as many, for the first time, witness the poverty and strong spirit of the Appalachian region.

The students will focus on Knott and McCreary counties on March 6-10 and 13-17.

The Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) is an interdenominational, nonprofit Christian service organization committed to serving people in need in Appalachia by providing physical, spiritual and emotional support through education, crisis intervention and community development. With more than 70 programs and services, CAP's efforts reach people through the 13 Appalachian states.

Thinking about what you eat can help trim unwanted pounds

You've tried dieting and exercising. You've spent loads of money at gyms and on special meal programs. You've broken that New Year's resolution over and over again with holiday treats and Valentine's Day candies. Despite that, you're determined to lose the pounds you want and keep your weight from bouncing up and down. Somehow.

Maybe it's time for something a little more obvious. So obvious most of us overlook it.

Think about what you're eating.

"Most of us need to practice a more mindful way of eating," said Dr. Gabriella Pessah, eating disorder specialist with the University of Kentucky Counseling and Testing Center. "It's all about eating when you are hungry and not eating when you are not hungry."

Pessah said the reason this can be such a problem for many people is because it can be hard to distinguish between feeding a hunger and feeding a feeling. There also is an unconscious part of us that may seek food to cope with the situations of our lives.

"We learn at an early age that food can soothe us and make us feel better," she said. "When we're sick, we get soup. When we get hurt, mom gives us a cookie. When we miss home, a home-cooked meal can make everything feel better. A lot of times, we eat to feel safe, secure and comfortable, not because we are physically hungry."

This situation can get more out of control if you regularly try to cheer yourself up with a few chips and a movie. By the time the two hours is over, you've likely eaten the entire bag without noticing or feeling it. Distractions such as television cause us to lose track of the time and the amounts of food we eat.

"Don't eat in front of the television from the original packaging," Pessah said. "If you think you may lose track, limit yourself by pouring your snack in

a bowl. You'll probably avoid getting back up for another bowl, and it will be easier to keep track of what you've eaten."

For those who find themselves in the kitchen preparing meals, Pessah said, beware the temptation to taste everything. One spoonful of this and another of that can soon turn into a habit and a lifestyle of eating randomly and automatically, rather than deliberately.

"Because we learn these patterns early in life, our actions are not always conscious decisions," Pessah said. "Therefore, we have to make a conscious decision to change them."

For some people, this may simply mean a consistent effort to limit. For others, family members may have to stand on guard or join in the crusade for support. Yet others may just need the distraction of a new hobby or job to keep the refrigerator closed. Keeping a planner of meals and foods already eaten may help some bring their unconscious cravings to light.

"No food is inherently evil," Pessah said. "They all have caloric value. You just can't have a big chocolate cake every day and expect to maintain a healthy weight. Excess is not what your body needs."

Pessah said that balance of foods which are good for your body is different for everyone and can take a while to find. If you exercise regularly, you can give yourself a little extra leeway. You can also use your built-in cravings to keep you on the straight and narrow.

"Occasionally, it is okay to feed an emotional hunger; just don't make it a habit," she said. "If you decide you will have something at a certain time, you will look forward to it and strive to get there. And best of all, you made a decision about and are aware of which hunger you are feeding."

Truckstop blood drives prove to be life savers

(NUE) - For the sixth year in a row, the NATSO Foundation has demonstrated its commitment to community service through its "Drive to Save Lives" blood collection program.

In 1999, the foundation's national program netted 4,500 units of blood at 170 individual blood collection drives across the country. The foundation is the research, education and public outreach arm of NATSO, Inc., the professional association of America's travel plaza and truckstop industry.

Since the program's beginning, truckstops and travel plazas have hosted more than 800 drives collecting an estimated 25,000 units of blood in various communities.

According to the American Red Cross, each pint of blood may benefit three lives, meaning as many as 13,500 patients could have been helped through the drives in 1999.

"The travel plaza and truckstop

industries and cover every fact of trade and commerce.

As we look back on the technology of the 20th century, we might consider the role of standards in the development and commercialization of many of the products that have advanced the quality of life everywhere.

The automobile and airplane are great engineering achievements indeed, but would their production have been possible without inter-

changeable parts? The washing machine, automatic dishwasher, telephone and computer are marvels of the century, but would their distribution into homes be possible without the system of testing and certification that consumers have come to trust?

To the delight of car owners everywhere, the shop down the street can handle your next oil change. It will have a standardized oil filter to fit your car.

Red Cross and from independent blood collection agencies nationwide. In 1997, the American Association of Blood Banks honored the NATSO Foundation with its national Outstanding Achievement Award.

Headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, the foundation has been involved in community service for years. Through its disaster relief program, over 400 travel plazas and truckstops across the nation have provided much-needed aid to the Red Cross in the aftermath of regional or national disasters.

Since 1996 when the relief program began, travel plazas have donated over 10,000 gallons of fuel in addition to meals, truck washes and other services.

For more information about the NATSO Foundation, go to the Web and click on www.natsofoundation.org.

The "Drive to Save Lives" has won acclaim from the American



■ 58th District Tournament



ALLEN CENTRAL'S JR. ROTC COLOR GUARD will bear the colors during next week's 58th District tournament. Bearing the colors are Cpl. Shannon Moore, Capt. Tabitha Coleman, Cpl. Adam Justice and Master Sergeant Misty Scott. Moore and Justice are freshmen while Coleman and Scott are juniors. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Second Season begins Monday at Allen Central

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Get your Second Season sneakers on, throw out all the records, and get ready for some exciting high school basketball, 58th District tournament style.

It all tips off tomorrow night at the J.E. Campbell Arena on the campus of Allen Central High School.

Some good early round games could very well be the best games of the tournament.

Betsy Layne and Allen Central will square off in a Wednesday night game at 7 p.m. and the Rebels will have revenge on their minds. The Bobcats have taken two of the three games they played against each other this season and no way Allen Central wants to drop a third game to new Coach Brent Rose's Bobcats.

The question for this game is how effective will Adam Collins be after an injury has sidelined him for a couple of games.

In a top girls game, the Betsy Layne Ladycats will meet nemesis Prestonsburg as the two and three seeds go after each other. In the two regular season games, the two teams split the season, winning on their home floors.

Betsy Layne was dealt a blow this past Thursday night when eighth-grader Whitney Lykens went down with an injured right thumb. Her status is

The question for this game is how effective will Adam Collins be after an injury has sidelined him for a couple of games.

uncertain but it figures it will be hard for the Ladycats' top scorer to be effective in the district.

Prestonsburg is playing great basketball right now and the Lady Blackcats will carry the favorite's role of repeating as district champions.

Let's see, can there be a surprise game? Will there be an upset in the first round? When was the last time a four seed knocked off a one seed?

Well, that could very well happen if Coach Anthony Moore doesn't get his team healthy before they face South Floyd Monday night at 8 p.m.

The Lady Rebels of Allen Central are hurting and a question mark looms over them. Can Shannon Sizemore, one of the top scorers and rebounders for the Lady Rebels, rebound from an injured elbow she suffered against Pike Central.

Coach Anthony Moore said Thursday night that Sizemore showed up for practice, shot around but was unable to extend the elbow. Hmmm!

The last time the two teams met, South Floyd looked impressive. However, Allen Central is a veteran team with a lot of tradition.

Prestonsburg will meet the Piarist Knights in the very first game of the district tournament Monday night at

(See DISTRICT, page two)



Meade knows his role and accepts it

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Call him "super-sub" or "Mr. D" or whatever, but one thing you have call him is focused.

South Floyd's John Meade is just that as the boys 58th District basketball tournament tips off tomorrow night at Allen Central High School.

The Raiders will not take the court until Tuesday night when they face the winner of the Piarist and Prestonsburg game.

The Raiders carry the number one seed into the event, finishing with a 23-5 overall record and a perfect 8-0 in conference play.

But for Meade, perfection in the conference does not guarantee success in the district.

"I am concerned about anybody we play in the tournament," said the junior forward. "At district tournament time, you have to come out

and be focused all the time. You have to take it one game at a time."

Meade certainly is a super sub for the Raiders and could start for most regional teams. But he knows his role and has accepted the rotation that Coach Henry Webb has used this season.

"I'm all right coming off the bench," he said. "I think I play better when I do come from the bench. I could have started but it doesn't matter to me that it turned out the way it did."

With a positive outlook and knowing his role, Meade says he is not surprised by the success this

team has found this season.

"I'm not a bit surprised that we are 23-5 going into the tournament," he said. "I knew at the beginning of the season we would be a good team have a good year."

"We went down to Tennessee (Memphis) and played Corbin and a couple other good teams and beat them. I like the style of ball we have been playing this year. Last year's pace was too slow."

Meade is joined by teammate Rusty Tackett, a sophomore, in entering the game at the three-minute mark of the first quarter. Meade said both players realize they must be mentally ready when it comes their turn.

"Rusty and I sit and talk all the time about going in," said Meade. "We know when we go in, we have to pick it up another level."

"Sometimes we come out flat, but we want to pick it up and have a big game for us."

The South Floyd junior said he likes playing at Allen Central, where the Raiders always perform well.

"We have always played well there," he said. "They have good shooting goals and I like them. Allen Central beat us three points there last year and we had our chance to win."

Meade recalled playing in the All "A" state tournament in January and he said it has helped himself and the team.

"It was really nice down there," he said. "But there would be nothing nicer than going to the big show."

Meade's reference was to the Sweet Sixteen in Rupp Arena

(See MEADE, page two)

■ Breathitt at Allen Central

Allen Central closes season with win over Breathitt

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Coach Johnny Martin and his Allen Central Rebels closed the 1999-2000 basketball season on a high note by defeating visiting Breathitt County 75-62 in a come-from-behind victory.

Senior Jeremy Sexton scored a game-high 21 points in his last regular season game at Allen Central. Sexton will play in the 58th District tournament which will be held at the J.E. Campbell Arena on the campus of Allen Central.

Josh Howell, also playing his final game of the regular season, finished with 14 points. Howell hit three three-point baskets. Senior Leslie Slone connected on two from the three-point arc and scored 11 points. Junior Larry Mullins added 10 points. Rodney Scott netted eight and Jeremy Hayes scored seven.

Allen Central trailed 50-48 after three quarters but tied the game at 50 on a layup by Mullins. Mullins hit the back end of a two-shot foul to give the Rebels the lead at 51-50 at the 7:13 mark.

The game was tied at 53 but Allen Central took the lead for good on consecutive three-point baskets by Slone. Allen Central led 59-55 but the lead went to 62-55 on two free throws by Sexton and one by

(See CENTRAL, page two)

■ Breathitt County (62)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Rudd	0	2	4-2	8
Sperry	5	0	4-3	13
Curtis	2	0	2-1	5
Herald	1	0	0-0	2
Johnson	1	2	3-1	9
Haddix	0	1	0-0	3
Raligh	3	1	0-0	9
Stacey	5	0	4-3	15

■ Allen Central (75)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Mullins	3	0	7-4	10
Slone	2	0	7-5	11
Scott	4	0	1-0	8
Sexton	8	0	9-5	21
Hayes	3	0	2-1	7
Howell	2	3	1-1	14
Francis	1	0	0-0	2
Chaffin	1	0	0-0	2

Breathitt Co.....10 21 19 12 - 62
 Allen Central.....12 16 20 27 - 75



Z.W. CHAFFIN (50) SCORED against the Breathitt County Bobcats as the Allen Central Rebels closed out their regular season with a victory. The Rebels meet Betsy Layne Wednesday night in tournament play. (photo by Ed Taylor)

■ Pike Central at Prestonsburg

Music pumps in 26 as Prestonsburg handles Pike County Central, 77-62

Hyden scores 17 as Cats finish at 17-9

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Ramanda Music scored 12 of her game-high 26 points in the third quarter and led the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats to a 77-62 win over visiting Pike County Central Thursday night.

It was senior night at Prestonsburg, as the hometown crowd said goodbye to departing senior Brandy Wells. Wells is the lone senior on the Prestonsburg team.

Wells finished with nine points in the game and has been a four-year starter at Prestonsburg.

Megan Hyden added 17 points in the win, while Coleman tossed in nine. Stephanie Adams had a strong floor game and finished with seven points. Amelia Conley, in foul trouble, scored five points, all on free throws. Angela Howell had four.

Ashley Russell led Pike Central with 19 points and Fran Daugherty, headed for Pikeville College, scored 18.

Wells, in her farewell game at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse, hit a trey in the first quarter to set the tone as Prestonsburg led 15-11 at the first stop.

Prestonsburg, a much-improved free-throw shooting team, hit six of seven the first quarter with Music scoring four points.

A 23-19 second quarter gave Prestonsburg a 38-30 halftime lead. Hyden had six second-quarter points and Music scored six as Prestonsburg was five of six from the charity stripe in the quarter in leading by eight at the half. Angela Howell and Adams scored four points in the second quarter.

(See PIKE CENTRAL, page two)

Conley, Coleman combine for 42 in 86-81 win over Whitesburg

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It is the right time and next week at Allen Central could be the right place for the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats.

Prestonsburg is playing its best basketball of the season and what better time than with the 58th District tournament on the horizon beginning tomorrow night at Allen Central High School.

Tuesday night Prestonsburg handled highly-regarded Whitesburg to the tune of 86-81 at home to improve to 15-9 on the season.

Amelia Conley and Brook Coleman combined for 42 points, nearly half of the scoring, in leading Prestonsburg.

Conley netted 22 and Coleman finished with 20. It was the second straight game Coleman has scored well, finishing with 18 against Sheldon Clark two nights before.

Ramanda Music tossed in 14 points and senior Brandy Wells scored 10.

Prestonsburg lived at the free-throw line but did not shoot that well. The Lady Blackcats hit 31 of 53 attempts for 58 percent shooting. Whitesburg was 17 of 27 for 62 percent.

Ashley Stidham came off the Lady Yellowjacket bench and led Whitesburg's scoring with 20 points. Victoria Boggs and Emily Kincer added 13 apiece.

Conley was outstanding in the first quarter, scoring 16 of her 22 points. She connected on six of eight free throws and completed two old-fashioned three-point plays. Prestonsburg held a 26-23 lead after the third quarter.

Mica Tolliver, who finished with seven points for Whitesburg, scored all seven in the opening quarter to keep Whitesburg close. Kincer had six in the first stanza for the Lady Yellowjackets.

Coleman took charge in the

(See CONLEY, page two)



■ Girls

58th District
 Sheldon Clark 67, Betsy Layne 53
 Prestonsburg 77, Pike Central 62
 Prestonsburg 86, Whitesburg 81
 Red Bird 52, Piarist 37

15th Region
 Magoffin Co. 55, Elliott Co. 27
 Paintsville 52, Feds Creek 37
 JCHS 59, Pikeville 46
 Elkhorn City 66, Millard 27
 Belfry 80, Phelps 38

■ Boys

58th District
 Prestonsburg 88, Piarist 44
 Allen Central 75, Breathitt Co. 62
 Red Bird 72, Piarist 55

15th Region
 JCHS 98, Cawood 58
 Pike Central 55, Belfry 42
 Pikeville 57, Lawrence Co 53
 Hazard 81, Powell Co 75
 Feds Ck 92, Flemint-Neon 76
 Leslie Co 80, Jackson 79
 Knott Central 54, Magoffin Co 52
 Sheldon Clark 75, Millard 65
 Perry Central 84, Breathitt 50

Games on tap

■ Girls

Mon., Feb. 28
 Allen Central vs. South Floyd

Tues., Feb. 29
 Betsy Layne vs. Prestonsburg

Kentucky Afield

by Kim Hermes

FALCONRY SEASON CLOSED

Falconry season for small game and furbearers ran through February 15. Falconers may have heard the season had been extended through March 30, however, this extension does not go in effect until the next season.

Beginning this fall, falconry season will be open September 1 through March 30.

During its August meeting, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) Commission voted to expand the season by nearly six weeks to provide more recreational opportunity for hunters. With less than 50 falconers in the state, harvest pressure on small game and furbearers by these hunters is relatively light.

Extending the season six weeks will not adversely impact wildlife populations, but will provide more hunting opportunity.

The pursuit of waterfowl with falcons is not affected by this change since it is regulated by international treaty and federal frameworks.

Falconers hunting in Kentucky must possess a falconry permit in addition to a valid hunting license. For more information, contact the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at 1-800-858-1549.

DEER HARVEST RESULTS ARE IN

Hunters took more than 95,000 deer during the 1999-2000 hunting season, helping balance the buck-to-doe ratio.

Thanks to the new telecheck harvest reporting system, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) already has the final tally for the 1999-2000 deer season and is planning upcoming hunting seasons.

Hunters reported 95,227 deer this year, just 8,843 less than last year's

record report of 104,070. Weather seems to have been the culprit in the harvest drop.

Both the bowhunting and muzzleloading harvest totals were up from last year. In the 1998-99 season, bowhunters took almost 9,800 deer.

This year, bowhunters took 12,000 — almost a 25 percent increase. During the '98-'99 season, muzzleloader hunters took 16,000 deer. This year they took 10 percent more and harvested 17,600.

However, hunters using modern firearms this year took 65,600, nearly 20 percent less than last year's firearms harvest of 78,200.

Due to this unexpected drop during the modern firearms season, the total harvest was 25,000 animals shy of the targeted deer harvest.

"We had a goal of 120,000 animals. We reported 95,000, putting us at about 75 percent of the target," explains Jon Gassett, cervid (deer/elk) program coordinator with the KDFWR. "There was a slump in

the second weekend of the modern gun season. Hunters checked about 34,000 deer during the first weekend, but only 6,000 during the second weekend. I suspect weather played a part in the drop — temperatures during the second weekend were unseasonably warm and very windy."

Of the reported harvest, 49,436 were bucks and 45,791 were does. This brought the buck-to-doe harvest ratio to nearly one to one. The experimental December doe season helped reach this goal.

Hunters reported harvesting about 6,000 does during the two-day December season. Having a balanced harvest ratio between bucks and does helps balance the herd and puts quality deer management within reach.

The counties reporting the highest deer harvests during the 1999-

2000 season were Owen with 2,813 deer, Crittenden with 2,201 and Ohio with 2,127.

Other counties reporting kills more than 1,500 were Anderson, Carter, Christian, Hardin, Henry, Hopkins, Lawrence, Shelby and Webster.

The counties reporting the highest harvest rates by zone were Owen, Crittenden and Ohio in Zone 1; Carter, Greenup and Boyd in Zone 2; Lawrence, Morgan and Bracken in Zone 3; Whitley, Johnson and Jackson in Zone 4; Breathitt, Knott and Bell in Zone 5; and Pike, Perry and McCreary in Zone 6.

The KDFWR uses deer harvest numbers from the previous season, along with other factors such as damage complaints, spotlighting counts, automobile collision reports, hunting pressure and deer density, to

determine the deer hunting zones for each county. Deer zones and season dates will be set at the Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting March 3, at the KDFWR central offices in Frankfort.

KDFWR COMMISSION TO DISCUSS MORE LIBERAL DEER SEASONS

In order to keep Kentucky's deer herd from overpopulating, the Department of Fish and Wildlife suggests more liberal harvest regulations for next season.

During its next meeting, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) Commission will consider deer hunting regulations for the 2000-01 season.

A more liberal season is needed

(See Afield, page four)

Pike Central

In the third period, Music was unstoppable under the basket, scoring 12 points. Hyden hit a three-pointer and added nine points in the stanza to give Prestonsburg a 70-43 cushion after three quarters.

But the cushion almost deflated in the fourth quarter as Pike Central

climbed back in cutting into the 27-point deficit. The Lady Hawks outscored the host team 19-7 in the quarter. However, Prestonsburg held their ground and extended the lead back out winning by 15.

Pike Central was 10 of 28 from the free-throw line, while

Prestonsburg hit 17 of 27.

The Lady Blackcats finished 17-9 on the season and will face the Betsy Layne Ladycats Tuesday night in a first-round game of the girls 58th District basketball tournament at Allen Central High School.

Continued from p1

Central

Slone.

Allen Central hit five of eight free throws down the stretch to build the lead to the final margin of 75-62.

It was a 12-10 game in favor of the Rebels after the first stop. Allen Central's defense forced the Bobcats into five first-quarter turnovers. Howell hit two three-point baskets in the opening quarter. The game was tied at 2 and 4 before Allen Central took a 12-6 lead on a rebound basket by Hayes.

In the second period, Breathitt County caught the Rebels and there were five lead changes in the first two minutes of the second period. The game was tied at 17 and the

Bobcats took a 22-18 lead on a three-point basket by Ryan Raleigh and Allen Sperry's lay-in.

Breathitt County extended the lead to nine points, 29-20, with less than two minutes to play, but a 8-0 run by the Rebels cut the lead to one before Sperry's basket gave the Bobcats a 31-28 lead at the half.

Sexton's jumper at the 5:50 mark reclaimed the lead for Allen Central at 32-31 and there were three lead changes before Breathitt settled into a 45-38 lead. Allen Central let the Bobcats control their offensive boards and gave up several second- and third-chance opportunities.

Down 47-40 with less than two

minutes to play in the third, Allen Central again rallied to pull to within one point, 49-48 before Breathitt led 50-48 after three quarters.

Breathitt County football standout Allen Sperry and Jared Stacey led Breathitt with 13 points each. Courtney Johnson scored nine and D.J. Rudd finished with eight.

Allen Central finished the year 14-10. Coach Martin's ballclub will return to the hardwood this Wednesday night when they meet the Betsy Layne Bobcats in the final first-round game of the boys 58th District basketball tournament. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

Continued from p1



ALLEN CENTRAL'S RODNEY SCOTT (40) made a strong move to the basket against visiting Breathitt County last Thursday night. Allen Central defeated the Bobcats to finish 13-9 on the year. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Central standouts sign with Pikeville College

A pair of seniors from Sullivan Central High School will play volleyball on the collegiate level in Kentucky at Pikeville College.

Jamie Aldridge and Brook Suthers have signed with the private, liberal arts school.

The ladies will join four other Kingsport-area products on the Lady Bears' roster. Also, Missy Gragg, the volleyball coach who doubles as a softball assistant coach, is a graduate of nearby Sullivan High School.

"We feel that some of the best volleyball around is played in east Tennessee," said Gragg. "Obviously, I know a lot about the area and the coaches here, and these are the kinds of players we have to have to compete on our level."

Pikeville, with an enrollment of 750, is a member of the NAIA. It will join the Mid-South Conference beginning with the 2000-2001 school year.

Aldridge is a 5-8 outside hitter who was All-Big 9 Conference last season. She was second on her team in kills. She is a standout on the Northeast Volleyball Club's 18-and-under squad. She is active in her church youth group, the school's Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Anchor Club and drama.

She also has the advantage of being lefthanded.

Suthers, the team captain, was also all-conference last season, and was Best Defensive Player for the Cougars. Her serve percentage was 92 percent last season, having 33 aces. She also had 104 digs and 84

kills on the season.

She has also played varsity basketball, cross-country and track. She is a member of the Sunnyside Baptist Church, a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, volunteers in the school library and serves as a referee for the Indian Springs Optimist Club's volleyball games.

Sullivan Central finished fourth in the Big 9 Conference last season.

"These are two outstanding two young ladies who come from a fine program," said Gragg. "They have the potential to be very nice players for us at Pikeville College."

"It also helps that we have several players from the Kingsport area. It's less than two hours from home, so they should be very comfortable at Pikeville. We're very excited about adding them to our program."

Pikeville has played college volleyball for two years now. The 1999-2000 season was the school's first on the varsity level.

Aldridge and Suthers will join Sullivan South grads Eliza Davenport and Christina Fleming, as well as Nora Feagins and Amber Simpson from nearby Volunteer High in Church Hill, on the Pikeville College roster.



SHELDON CLARK AND BETSY LAYNE closed their regular season last Thursday night. Betsy Layne will meet Prestonsburg Tuesday night in the girls 58th District tournament (photo by Karen Joseph)

District

Continued from p1

6 p.m. Yes, that's right! The boys will play before the girls game. Title IX you know. The two divisions will flip-flop on Tuesday night.

I like the single game format on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. Game time on the three nights will be 7 p.m. The girls will hold their finals on Thursday night and the boys, Friday evening.

Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$4 for students. No passes are available. The game will be taped on a delay basis by CableVision and Intermountain Cable.

Meade

Continued from p1

later in March.

"The region is going to be a tough one," he said. "It is going to be more spread out this year. There are many different teams who can beat you each night out."

The Raider super sub is one of the best defensive players in the region when it comes to the one-on-one game. He feels his team is playing well.

"Jimmy (Stumbo) has picked his game up quite a bit and is scoring," said Meade. "Kyle (Tackett) is scoring for us and doing a good job of rebounding. I think we are playing pretty good right now. We just need to keep working hard."

Conley

Continued from p1

second quarter for Prestonsburg and buried three three-point baskets in scoring 11 points that led Prestonsburg to a 53-41 halftime lead. Music, who had four points in the first period, scored six in the second period and had a three-point play. Stephanie Adams came off the bench and had five points in the period, also completing a three-point play.

Stidham, who had three points in the second quarter, sparked the

Lady Yellowjackets in the third quarter, scoring 10 of her points in a 22-11 run that cut the Prestonsburg margin to just one point, 64-63 after three quarters. Conley and Wells accounted for all 11 of Prestonsburg's points in the third. Conley had six and Wells, five.

Prestonsburg had only four field goals in the final period but was a frequent visitor to the charity stripe where they attempted 24 free throws and hit on 14. Coleman

made five of six tries and Megan Hyden, held to one field goal in the first three quarters, made four of eight. Coleman had nine points in the period.

Hyden finished with eight points in the contest with Adams netting seven. Angela Howell scored three and Heather White, two.

Chasity McBell, off the bench for Whitesburg, scored 14 points hitting four three-point baskets,

INSIDE THE PRO FISHING TOUR

Another Martin Makes a Mark

In a delicious irony that played out over the final two rounds of the Wal-Mart FLW Tour event in Biloxi, Miss., 24-year-old tournament newcomer Scott Martin knocked his father, the legendary Roland Martin, out of contention and then went on to win his first national contest.

After eliminating his dad, a 19-time BASS winner, on Friday, Scott caught five bass Saturday weighing 13 pounds, 11 ounces to easily claim the \$100,000 top prize. In the process, he became the youngest winner in the FLW Tour's history.



Tim Tucker's Tour Notebook

"This is unbelievable," said Martin, who qualified for the FLW Tour pro division by winning the circuit's Co-Angler (amateur) of the Year title in 1999. "When I caught my biggest fish, I was freaking out. I thought it was a redfish until I got it to the boat. It showed its mouth, and I just about fell overboard."

"I have been dreaming about this moment my whole life, but I didn't think it would come this soon."

Displaying poise beyond his years, Martin drove his Ranger boat more than 100 miles from the tournament's launch site on the Pascagoula River, crossing the Gulf of Mexico to the Mobile, Ala., area.

North Carolina's Marty Stone, appearing in his second consecutive FLW finals, earned second place and \$35,000 (with 8-4). Rob Kilby of Arkansas placed third.

Timely Performance Dean Rojas has an impeccable sense of timing. Last week, the Arizona angler was one of eight pros affiliated with Skeeter Boats who converged on Texas' Sam Rayburn Reservoir to fish with a group of national outdoors magazine writers. None of the Skeeter pros fared as well as Rojas, who rose to the occasion by catching the largest bass of his career.

On the final morning of the two-day event, Rojas, accompanied by a photographer for Field & Stream, used a Fat Free Shad crankbait to catch a 13.77-pound largemouth. Not only was Rojas a hero to the writers and photographers — he received publicity throughout Texas by donating his bass of a lifetime to the state's Share-a-Lunker program.

That program accepts 13-pound-plus bass and spawns them in a laboratory. The offspring become part of Texas' lake stocking program, which aims to introduce genetically superior fish across the state. For his part, Rojas will receive a fiberglass replica mount of his catch and the appreciation of bass lovers throughout Texas. Rojas' bass will eventually be released unharmed.

How I Got My Start Joe Thomas, four-time BASS Masters Classic qualifier from Ohio: "The first rod and reel I ever used was a Zebco 33 packaged outfit that came with a spincast reel, a little fiberglass rod and a little steel tackle box that melted my worms when it got hot outside."

"That first outfit was a birthday present from my parents when I was 8 years old and we were getting ready to make our first fishing trip to Canada. It wasn't long before I moved up to a Mitchell 300 spinning reel and a 6 1/2-foot rod, which I received before my second trip to Canada. By the third trip to Canada, I was using a baitcasting reel."

Tim Tucker's Pro Power Ratings

Star indicates a pro who is coming on strong.

This Week	Last Week	Weeks on List	Angler, Hometown
1	1	36	Denny Brauer, Camdenon, Mo. Runner-up in '99 Classic, Fla. Top 150 finals
2	2	36	Davy Hite, Prosperity, S.C. Won '99 BASS Masters Classic
3	3	36	Larry Nixon, Bee Branch, Ark. Won BASS Top 150 opener; made Md. finals
4	4	36	Kevin VanDam, Kalamazoo, Mich. Won N.Y. BASS event; reigning Angler of Year
5	5	36	Rick Clunn, Ava, Mo. Runner-up in VL BASS Top 150
6	8	19	Tim Horton, Spruce Pine, Ala. Won Md. Top 150; Mich. Top 150 finals
7	6	19	David Fritts, Lexington, N.C. Two top-10 finals; Millennium runner-up
8	7	36	Stephen Browning, Hot Springs, Ark. BASS Mich. Top 150 finals; FLW Fla. finals
9	9	6	Michael Iaconelli, Woodbury Heights, N.J. Won Vt. Top 150; runner-up in Fla. Top 150
10	10	33	Zell Rowland, Montgomery, Texas. Finals of VL BASS Top 150
11	11	33	Clark Wendlandt, Cedar Park, Texas. Won FLW Open; MegaBucks runner-up
12	12	16	Darrell Robertson, Jay, Okla. M-1 champ; won \$850,000 in two months
13	13	36	Mark Davis, Mount Ida, Ark. Narrowly missed Md. Top 150 finals
14	14	26	Roland Martin, Clewiston, Fla. Runner-up in Top 150 season-opener; 21st in Md.
15	15	14	Aaron Martens, Castaic, Calif. Calif. BASS winner; WON Bass Angler of Year

These ratings of America's top tournament bass pros are based on Tim's opinion of their talent, knowledge, experience and most recent tournament performances.

Tips From the Pros



STEVE McCADAMS is a celebrated crappie guide, lecturer and author who lives in Paris, Tenn.

Don't Give Up on Winter Crappie

"You shouldn't surrender your crappie rod when the coldest months of the year arrive. You can score on deep-water winter crappie by trolling over potentially productive spots. Crappie will be at their deepest level when winter arrives. I concentrate on depths of 18 to 22 feet.

"Depth becomes especially critical in the winter. The fish will school up real tight, and if you present a lure that misses their depth by 2 or 3 feet, they won't bite it. You can fish up on the ledges or on top of a shelf and miss them totally, even though they are right below.

"For example, I'll have the boat perpendicular to a ledge where the guy in the front of the boat is fishing in 12 feet of water. The person in the back of the boat is in 18 to 22 feet. The guy in the front can be catching fish after fish, while the other fishermen won't even get a bite. That should tell you how crucial presenting the bait at the right depth can be in the winter. The length of a fishing boat can be the difference between feast and famine."

A weekly guide to sports in the wild, including the professional bass fishing tour

Outdoors

©Longwing Publications Inc. Peter Gentile, Editor.

The Reel Deal

Today, There's A Right Reel And Rod for Every Style Of Fishing

By TIM TUCKER, Outdoors Writer

The days of buying one rod-and-reel outfit to handle many bass-fishing situations are over. Knowledgeable anglers have learned that their success soars when they arm themselves with gear that is tailored for each specific technique.

While it may not be good for the wallet, bass fishing has become specialized. Tournament pros and top guides will tell you that trying to survive with just an outfit or two is the golfing equivalent of playing 18 holes with just a putter and driver.

Like golfers, successful anglers have a variety of "clubs" in their "bags." And when confronted with a certain situation, they aren't handicapped by trying to make a rod and reel perform tasks that it was not designed for.

We asked four veteran tournament pros to detail their rod-and-reel choice for the techniques that they specialize in. Clip and save this story so that you can take it to the tackle store the next time you plan to buy a new outfit — and you will be properly armed on the water.

Crankbait fishing. Reigning BASS Masters Classic champion David Fritts of North Carolina is recognized as the country's top crankbait fisherman. To get the proper composition for fishing diving baits, he designed a series of 6-, 6 1/2- and 7-foot medium-action cranking rods for Browning that have enough flexibility in their mid-section to control bass without dislodging the hooks. These baitcasting rods are made of fiberglass, which slows the response of the angler and gives the fish more time to better inhale the lure. Fritts says the Browning Gold Series BB-ING reel has a smooth drag and the ideal gear ratio (4.3-to-1) for getting the maximum depth out of any crankbait.

Finesse fishing. Florida pro Shaw Grigsby, the dean of shallow-water tubejig fishing, teams a 6-foot Model 604 Quantum Tour Edition spinning rod and Quantum SE Express reel for fishing light line and small lures. The medium-action graphite rod has a soft tip that is perfect for casting light finesse plastics, yet has a butt section stiff enough to handle big bass. The reel has a high-retrieve (6.3-to-1) gear ratio for quickly recasting to visible bass; a solid drag; and a spool wide enough to handle plenty of 8- and 10-pound test line.



The pros have tried every rod and reel under the sun. They know which combinations work best with their style of fishing.

Flipping and pitching. Missouri's Denny Brauer is a master of the heavy-cover techniques of flipping and pitching. To find one rod that enabled him to use both techniques, Brauer designed a 7 1/2-foot signatur rod for Daiwa. Although it is a heavy-action rod with a super-strong butt section, it has more flexibility in the tip than similar rods — which allows him to flip thick cover and still have the ability to make long pitches to individual targets. Although he admits that the reel doesn't play a major role in this kind of fishing, Brauer's choice is a Team Daiwa TD1Hi baitcasting reel, which combines durability with a strong drag.

Worm fishing. Plastic-worm expert Larry Lazoen utilizes a 7-foot Pinnacle medium-action baitcasting rod for almost all applications. The rod has a fairly stiff action for setting the hook from a distance, along with enough tip action for making long casts. Lazoen praises Pinnacle's baitcasting reels for their smooth operation, which enhances casting distance.



Q. I enjoyed your article regarding "belly boats." It sounds like just the thing I have been looking for. Do you have any information on who makes them or where they can be purchased?

R. Smith, Tampa, Fla.

A. My best advice is to check a local fly shop. Float tubes, as belly boats are also known, are especially popular with fly fishermen.

If you can't find a local dealer, a mail-order house such as Bass Pro Shops is a good bet.

If you would like to shop online, Bass Pro Shops has a Web site at www.basspro.com. You can also order a catalog at the Web site. If you do not have Internet access, write Bass Pro Shops, 2500 E. Kearney, Springfield, Mo. 65898, or phone 1-800 BASS PRO (1-800-227-7776).

Thanks for the question.

If you have a question for Tim Tucker to answer on this page, write to Longwing Publications, P.O. Box 15045, Sarasota, Fla. 34277. Sorry, no phone calls.

YOUR SPORTS

Dogsled Race Brings Past Back to Life

By STEVE GUST

In a bygone era, just about the only way to conquer the frozen North was with a sled and dog team. Those times come to life once a year in Duluth, Minn., in the form of the Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon. The race along Lake Superior's north shore, at nearly 400 miles, claims a place as the longest sled race in the lower 48 states.

The competitors follow in the tracks of John Beargrease, a Chippewa Indian who blazed the trail delivering mail in the 19th century. He was the only link to the outside world in the days before telephones, e-mail and television.

These days, the mushers drive to the starting line, but it's still the dogs and the racer against the elements.

Among the racers, one who stands out is John Barron, 51, of Willow, Alaska, who has raced for 20 years. This year he successfully defended his Beargrease title, finishing first in two and a half days.

"I just love whipping the young guys' butts," the veteran racer said.

Barron, who raises dogs at his Bear Run Kennel, said that each of the Alaskan huskies costs about \$1,000. In the marathon, a musher must start with 12 to 16 dogs. And a good lead dog will cost anywhere from \$4,000 to \$5,000.

"You're not going anywhere without a good lead dog," he said.

A mountain of gear is also needed for such a race, including hundreds of dog booties, several head lamps and plenty of batteries, hand warmers, a spare sled and extra rope, snaps and chains, snowshoes, an ax, a compass, a knife, a sleeping bag and a first-aid kit, according to Pat Faherty, news editor of the Budgeteer News in Duluth, who in a recent article described his "incredible addiction to the sport that has consumed 16 years of my life."



John Barron, the winner of the Beargrease race.

The Beargrease started this year at a Duluth middle school with a send-off from 5,000 fans. John Beargrease didn't have quite the audience 100 years ago, nor the many checkpoints staffed with volunteers and vets to look after the mushers and dogs, who usually rest for six hours and race for six hours.

Even with the right equipment, the right dogs and the right experience, there are still challenges.

"One of them is losing your dog team. Anyone who tells you they've never lost a dog team is either just starting out or they're lying," Barron said.

It happened to Barron recently. His team came across a moose.

"When a moose feels trapped, he can get real mad," Barron said. While Barron tried to free the team from the moose, the dogs got away.

"I felt a bit silly, but I didn't have many options," he recalled. "I just started walking. Eventually the dogs will get tangled up and can't go any further. That's what happened. It took me a few hours to reach them."

Injuries to the mushers aren't uncommon, either. Barron has suffered broken ribs and frostbite.

It's experiences like that that bring doubt to even the stoutest of mushers. "Yeah, there's times out there when I wonder what the hell I'm doing here," he said. "That's one question I never answer to myself."

In addition to the prize money, there are also sponsors to help defray the cost of racing. In the off season, he stays busy raising dogs at his home north of Fairbanks.

For the city of Duluth, it's all part of a fun week that brings worldwide attention to the northern Minnesota town of 85,000.

"We've been on morning shows and David Letterman," said Michelle Ethun of the Duluth Convention and Visitors Bureau. It takes about 2,000 volunteers to pull off the week of Winterfest activities, she said.

Beside the Beargrease race, Winterfest activities include a "cutest puppy" contest, ice carving displays, bonfires and tailgate parties. There are other sled races, too, including a mid-distance race and a recreational race.

"It's great fun," Ethun said of the Winterfest. For Barron, the real fun comes when he puts on his heavy parka and takes on other mushers. He's getting ready to do it next month in the internationally famous Iditarod competition in Alaska.

That's a race that might test even John Beargrease, covering 1,150 miles of Alaskan wilderness.

"It may be 1,150 miles long, but you just have to remember the sled is only 3 feet wide," Barron said.

GEAR AND GOODIES

Diving Minnow Bait Joins Frenzy's Lineup

In a move sure to please bass and walleye enthusiasts from coast to coast, Berkley recently added a minnow style to its Frenzy hardbait lineup, which previously included diving plugs and a lipless crankbait.

Berkley researchers spent two years and built a \$1 million testing facility to create the Frenzy line. Their goal was to create the best-looking, top-performing family of hard-plastic lures ever produced, as well as hard baits manufactured to the most precise tolerances possible so that every bait in every package has the same action.

The Frenzy Diving Minnow expands the line in an obvious, much-needed direction. It comes in two versions — a shallow and

medium diver (both 4 inches in length) — and eight color patterns. Like the other Frenzy baits, the Minnow comes in the same lifelike patterns and highly reflective holographic finishes that are designed to trigger strikes in otherwise inactive fish.

Berkley is so sure that this lure will work that it is offering a money-back guarantee. If it doesn't catch fish for you, simply send it back to the company for a full refund.

— Tim Tucker

For more information, call Berkley at (800) 237-5539.



Frenzy Diving Minnow.

Afield

Continued from p2

to increase the harvest and help keep the state's deer herd under control. Jon Gasset, cervid (deer/elk) program coordinator with the KDFWR, explains, "Our deer herd is continuing to grow. Past harvest efforts have not curbed the growth, so we need to take more aggressive steps to keep the herd size in check, especially in western and central portions of the state."

The most significant change to be discussed proposes revising the zone system to reduce the number of deer hunting zones from six to four. In the revised Zones 1 and 2, the proposal suggests extending the modern gun deer season to allow six

more days during which hunters could take antlerless deer.

Zones 3 and 4 would have a 10-day modern gun deer season. There would be no change in the length of muzzleloader, archery, crossbow and youth seasons. However, if the 16-day modern gun season in Zones 1 and 2 is approved, crossbow season would open the Monday following Thanksgiving, rather than on the fourth Tuesday in November.

In an effort to encourage hunters to take more does, the KDFWR Commission will also consider increasing the number of antlerless-only tags hunters may use. If passed, hunters will be allowed to buy and

use unlimited bonus Zone 1 antlerless-only tags, two bonus wildlife management area antlerless-only tags and two bonus archery antlerless-only tags. The commission will also consider increasing the number of crop depredation tags to five per hunter.

Other proposals include eliminating landowner/tenant deer permits, requiring hunters to tag deer before moving the animals, and implementing quality deer management regulations on six wildlife management areas.

These proposals will be brought before the Fish and Wildlife Commission during its next regular

meeting Friday, March 3, at the KDFWR central offices in Frankfort.

HUNTING, FISHING LICENSES AVAILABLE ONLINE

It's time to buy your new sport hunting and fishing licenses (the 1999-2000 licenses expire February 29) now you can buy them online.

With the implementation of the automated licensing system a few years ago, buying new hunting and fishing licenses and related permits became much easier. Now, the process is even more convenient for those with access to the Internet.

Now you can buy Kentucky hunting and fishing licenses and permits from the comfort of your own home. Just visit the Commonwealth of Kentucky's KyDirect MarketPlace at <http://www.kydirect.net/>. This electronic commerce site offers secure online Internet purchasing.

Implemented last spring, the KyDirect MarketPlace offers state agencies an electronic avenue for sales and marketing. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) was the first tenant on the site.

Other tenants include Kentucky State Parks, Office of Geographic

Information and Office of Vital Statistics. Other agencies, including the Kentucky Historical Society, will soon join the site.

To reach the KDFWR MarketPlace directly, visit <http://www.kydirect.com/kdwr>.

In addition to hunting and fishing licenses, visitors can buy items from the Kentucky Afield Gift Shop, subscribe to Kentucky Afield magazine, and request free publications including hunting guides, fishing/boating guides, habitat improvement information and more.

Revenue generated from sales at this site helps pay for the conservation of Kentucky's wildlife.

Prestonsburg finish regular season with win over Piarist

by Karen Joseph
Sports Writer

On a rare Wednesday night game, the Prestonsburg Blackcats hosted the Knights of The Piarist School. It was senior night for the Blackcats. This has been a difficult year for the Blackcats, but they were able to end their home season on a high note. They came away with a 88-44 win over the Knights.

Senior Josh Turner was very hot from the three-point line. Turner had a game-high eight three-pointers to lead both teams in scoring with 24.

Three other seniors scored in double figures for the Blackcats. Kyle Shepherd finished with 15, Seth Crisp had 14, and Dixon finished with 10 points. George Hall finished with 13 points to lead the Knights.

The Blackcats had big second and fourth quarters to capture the win over the Knights.

Josh Turner got things started by hitting a three-point basket and that's how he ended the game. Turner scored the last three points of the game on a three-point basket.

The Knights had a very difficult time in the first quarter getting the ball to fall. Their first basket didn't come until 1:48 remaining in

the first quarter. Evan Mulliken completed an old-fashioned three-point trip when he was fouled on a layup. But by this time the Blackcats had jumped out to a 13-0 lead.

Seth Crisp had a three-point basket and an assist in the first quarter. Kyle Shepherd had four points and five rebounds in the first quarter for the Blackcats. John Dixon had three points and Phillip Elliott had two to give Prestonsburg 15 points for the first quarter.

Senior George Hall hit a three-point basket for the Knights to give them a total to six for the quarter. The Blackcats' lead at the end of the first quarter was 15-6.

Robert Hall hit a three-point basket for the Knights to get the second quarter started. Then John Dixon and Kyle Shepherd hit back-to-back baskets for the Blackcats to give them a 10-point lead. The Knights again had a hard time scoring against the Blackcats. The Knights only scored 10 points in the second quarter, while the Blackcats scored 27 and went into the locker room with a comfortable lead, 42-16.

Prestonsburg senior Phillip Elliott fouled out of the game early in the second quarter. Josh Turner had two more three-pointers in the

second quarter. Seth Crisp and Ricky Powers each had three-point baskets in the second quarter.

Ricky Powers kept the Blackcat scoring attack going in the second half. Matt Tackett hit a two-point basket, then Powers hit a three-point basket. Robert Hall hit a three-point basket for the Knights.

The Knights were only outscored by two points in the third quarter. They played much better defense and committed fewer turnovers.

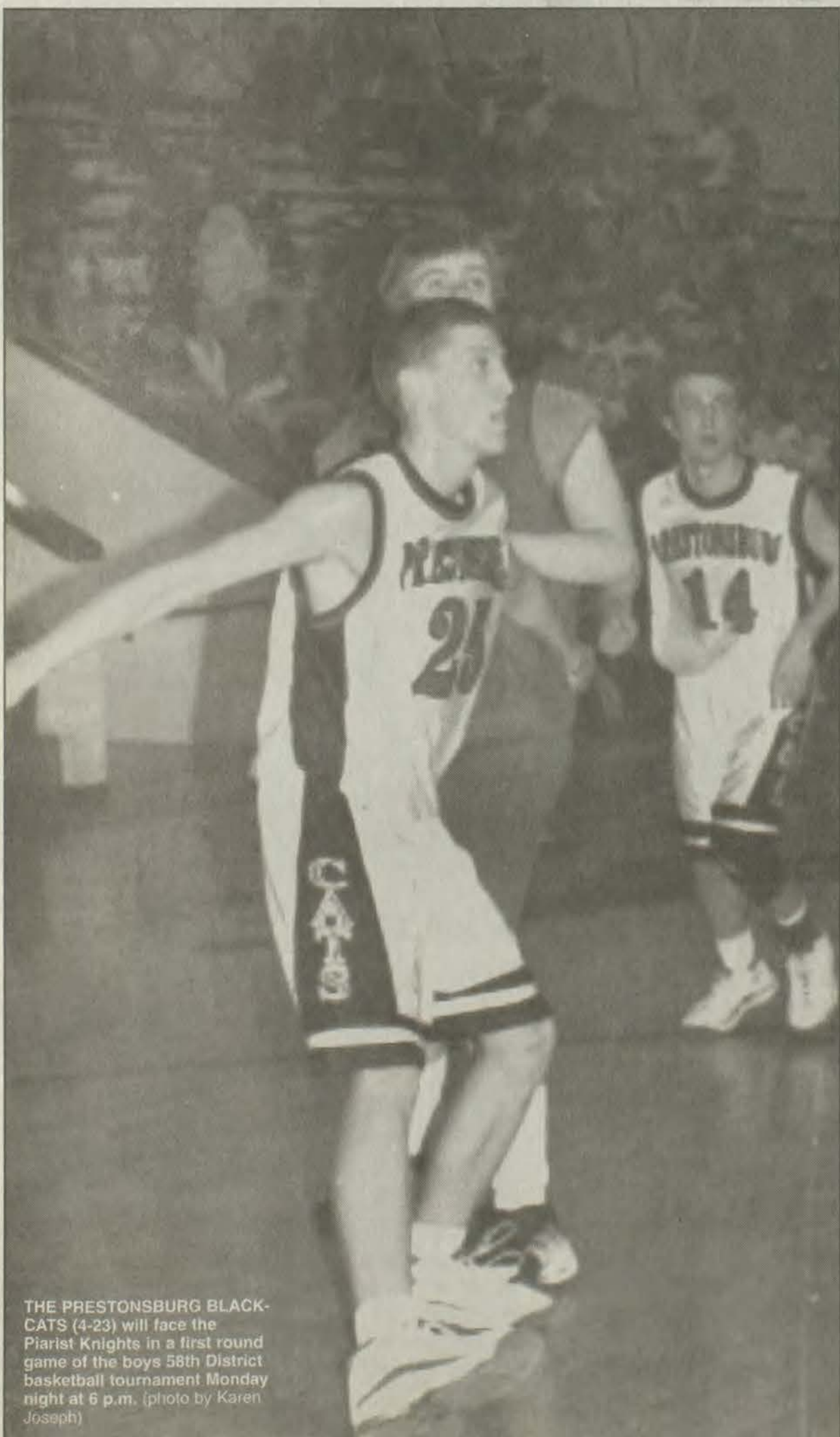
But in the final quarter, the Knights just seemed to run out of steam. Josh Turner came back in the game just as hot as he was when he went out of the game. Turner had five three-point baskets in the fourth quarter. He was really burning it up from the outside. Seth Crisp also had a three-point basket to give the Blackcats a total of 11 for the game.

With all the three-point baskets, in the fourth quarter, the Blackcats were able to post an 88-44 victory over the Knights.

The Blackcats, now 4-23, will face the Knights, 1-23, again in the first round of the district tournament. The Blackcats have come away with the win in both matchups this season, but when the second season begins, who knows what will happen.



PRESTONSBURG'S JOSH TURNER (24) battled a Piarist player for the basketball last Wednesday night as Kyle Shepherd (25) looked on. Turner set a new school record with eight three-point baskets. (photo by Karen Joseph)



THE PRESTONSBURG BLACKCATS (4-23) will face the Piarist Knights in a first round game of the boys 58th District basketball tournament Monday night at 6 p.m. (photo by Karen Joseph)

FROM THE TACKLE BOX

by Jim Lyon

Perhaps you are planning to take advantage of the warm weather we are having. The recent rains, longer days, and the sun creeping back north, is warming the water. The walleye will head for their spawning beds, and the bass will be coming back into the shallow water feeding areas.

The bass is still in deep water, but will be moving up as the flood waters reach the lakes. This water will warm the lakes in the head waters very rapidly.

At this writing the area temperature is 60 degrees. If this temperature range continues it will begin to raise lake water surface temperatures.

Paintsville Lake is the coldest lake in the area at 39 degrees. If you fish there the bass will still be deep. Dewey Lake is 44 degrees. Winter fishing techniques will still be

effective in this area. Yatesville Lake is the warmer of the group at 59 degrees on the surface. This temperature may afford more active fish nearer to the surface.

The water is still far from bass optimum feeding range of 68 to 80 degrees. During this time of year an angler should find the best fishing pattern by trial and error. This method of fishing requires a little more time and patience. It requires finding the best depth and presentation of the lure. When you begin to catch fish you have found the pattern.

The water in our local lakes will vary in temperature, according to the location. If you are fishing in an area of the lake where the sun never hits this time of year, it will be colder. Many of our lakes are surrounded by beautiful rock cliffs. The water on the north side of these

cliffs will be a little colder than other parts of the lake that gets the direct sun.

If the area you are fishing in is several miles from the head waters where the flow of warmer rain waters will not reach quickly, the water will also be colder. Some anglers will search for warmer water by lowering a thermometer into the water and measuring their own water temperature.

Another factor that effects fishing is the rising and lowering water levels in the lake. Fish may be found in different locations, depending on the ascending or descending water levels. Bass will move toward the shoreline as the water rises. They will beat a hasty retreat as the water begins to recede. I don't seem to have as much fishing success when the water levels are receding or rising rapidly.

This spring, as the rains hopefully come and the lakes becomes muddy or murky, is a good time to try some of your noisy top water lures.

BOYS Brackett

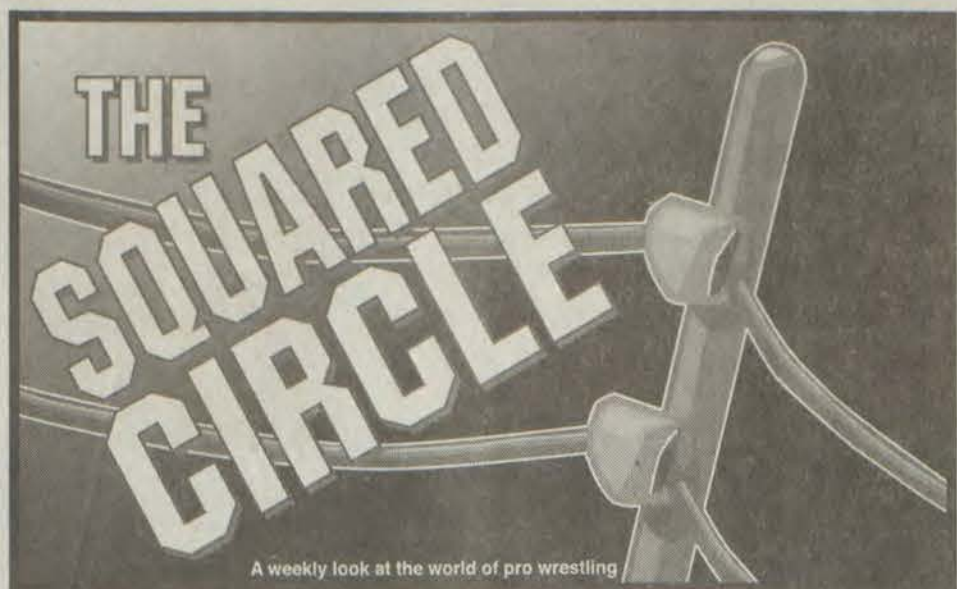
South Floyd		
Prestonsburg	Tues., Feb. 29 8:00 PM	
Piarist	Mon., Feb. 28, 6:00 PM	
Allen Central		Championship Fri. March 3rd 7:00 PM
BYE		
BYE	Wed. March 1st 7:00 PM	
Betsy Layne		

58th District Tournament

Allen Central High School - HOST
February 28 - March 3

GIRLS Brackett

Allen Central	
South Floyd	Mon., Feb. 28, 8:00 PM
Betsy Layne	
Prestonsburg	Thurs. March 2nd 7:00 PM
	Tues., Feb. 29, 6:00 PM



A weekly look at the world of pro wrestling

TOP 10

1. Triple H, WWF
2. Mike Awesome, ECW
3. Cactus Jack, WWF
4. The Rock, WWF
5. Chris Jericho, WWF
6. The Big Show, WWF
7. Hardcore Holly, WWF
8. Masato Tanaka, ECW
9. Sid Vicious, WCW
10. Justin Credible, ECW



■ DEAN MALENKO



■ JUSTIN CREDIBLE

Look for: Dean Malenko to get a push in the WWF. Knows his holds.

PAY-PER-VIEW

- WWF, No Way Out, Hartford, Conn., Feb. 27
- ECW, Living Dangerously, Danbury, Conn., March 12
- WWF, Wrestlemania 2000, Anaheim, Calif., April 1

MAILBAG

Tell us what you think about professional wrestling, its stars, trends and story lines.

Also, if you have a question or comment about a subject, write to us at The Squared Circle, c/o Sports, News Journal, 70 W. Fourth St., Mansfield, Ohio 44903. You can fax it to us at 419-521-7415 or e-mail to aconchel@cosmg.com. Please include your hometown.

Dear Squared Circle, I was wondering if Buzzkill is Brad Armstrong. Also, when are Vince and Shane McMahon, Dr. Death and Curt Henning returning to the ring?

— Nick Oliver
Newark, Ohio

A. Yes, it is Brad Armstrong. It is supposed to be a takeoff on Road Dogg, Brad's real-life brother. Look for the McMahons to return soon and feud with Triple H and Stephanie. Dr. Death left WCW for Japan. Curt Henning still is employed with WCW. But he's not been getting much face time on television since the West Texas Rednecks split up.

Dear Squared Circle, I would like to know if Sid Vicious has a wife or a girlfriend.

— Denise Hill
Fayetteville, N.C.

A. Sorry, Denise, Sid is married and lives with his wife and children in Marion, Ark.

Dear Squared Circle, I'm a major wrestling and Hardy Boys fan. There's one thing I've never been able to find on the Net or read somewhere, and that is where do the wrestling organizations get all their tables and chairs? What are the Hardy Boys' real names and ages?

— Sean Johnson
Newark, Ohio

A. Those are break-away tables designed for use on movie sets. Jeff and Matt Hardy are both 22 years old and have been wrestling for about two years.

FEUD OF THE WEEK



New Age Outlaws vs. Dudley Boyz

CATCH PHRASES

"I'm the best there is, the best there was and the best there ever will be."

— Bret The Hitman Hart

REAL NAMES

**Tommy Dreamer
Tom Laughlin**

6-3, 250

**Hometown:
Yonkers, N.Y.**

Birthday: Feb. 14, 1971

Pro debut: 1989

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



■ Chyna knocks out Jarrett at No Mercy. (Jason J. Molyet/Squared Circle)

JEFF JARRETT'S A SMASHING HIT

By Anthony Conchel
Squared Circle Editor

The name Jeff Jarrett evokes a variety of emotions — from fellow wrestlers to fans across the country. Perhaps no man in wrestling is more simple and at the same time quite as complex as Double J.

Jarrett's career began in Tennessee, working for daddy Jerry Jarrett's promotion in Memphis. There Jarrett received a solid education in wrestling, as sport and as entertainment. Today no one entertains or provokes fans as much as the guitar-wielding blond.

When he burst onto the WCW scene less than 24 hours after losing the WWF Intercontinental crown to Chyna, Jarrett proclaimed, "I am the chosen one," meaning he was handpicked by the organization to lead it into the new millennium.

And he might indeed be the man that WCW looks to in the future. Goldberg and Sid Vicious both are slated to receive huge pushes this year, but don't overlook Jarrett.

Since that first night in Philadelphia last fall, Double J has destroyed dozens of guitars over the heads of everyone, including meek announcer Professor Mike Tenay.

He has a way of getting on your nerves, but he also is one of the top workers in the business, which is why he was able to jump to WCW after a very successful run in the WWF.

Jarrett needs to get a major push if he is to carry the WCW banner. With Chris Benoit out of the picture, it seems that Jarrett is a likely challenger for Goldberg.

Jarrett's only 32, he's great on the microphone and he can wrestle. He's a natural to get a world title push this year.

Why Jarrett left WWF is still unclear.

He was feuding with Chyna, traveling with

the lovely Debra, getting great heel heat and appeared destined to remain at least a mid-card talent through this year.

Something — likely more money — brought him to WCW. Now the question is, what will WCW do with him?

My suggestion is to let him feud with all the faces they can put in the ring against him. Jarrett vs. any young star is guaranteed to put the up-and-comer over.

Jarrett might have learned how to be a great heel working with Lawler in Tennessee. Lawler has wrestled as both heel and face in his career, but outside of the Volunteer State he's always been a heel.

Now Jarrett can follow that same path. Fans just love to hate him, the same way they hated Lawler for all those years. It takes a real talented performer to become a great heel and Jarrett has achieved that status working for both promotions.

Jarrett, like most wrestlers, craves the spotlight. He should get it in WCW. With the departures of Benoit, Perry Saturn and Dean Malenko, the door appears open for Jarrett.

A long feud with Goldberg certainly would do both men a world of good.

When Goldberg returns from his injury next month, Jarrett should be waiting for him — guitar in hand. This feud could put Goldberg over even more than he already is as a babyface and solidify Jarrett as one of the game's most notorious heels.

The fact that Goldberg is bigger and stronger than Jarrett shouldn't matter. Jarrett has taken on bigger men in the past. With the aid of his trusty instrument, Double J usually finds a way to even the odds.

The only thing that's missing from Jarrett's arsenal is a gorgeous valet like Debra. WCW needs to find someone to accompany Jarrett to the ring and serve as a distraction the way Debra did.

AFTER THE BELL

News and gossip from the wrestling world:

■ Kevin Nash's ankle was operated on in Birmingham, Ala. Nash is appearing on WCW television despite the injury.

■ The Radicals (Eddie Guerrero, Perry Saturn, Dean Malenko and Chris Benoit) will remain as heels and feud with Rakishi and Too Cool. The Benoit-Rock match on "Raw Is War" was a good one and a prelude of things to come, as Benoit should get more main-event matches.

■ Sabu's mother is out of intensive care and improving somewhat after suffering a heart attack a few weeks ago.

■ The WWF is releasing three new home videos on April 25 — "Mick Foley," "The Rock" and "Eve of Destruction."

■ Duane Gill (Gillberg) has signed with WCW. Don't expect him to use the Gillberg gimmick there unless he wants to get speared.

■ The WWF has renewed its 13-year relationship with British Sky Broadcasting by signing a \$35 million, five-year deal. BSB is the dominant satellite broadcaster in the United Kingdom.

■ Beyond the Mat will debut March 3 in Charlotte, N.C., and Memphis, Tenn., only. The rest of the country will have to wait until March 17.

■ Chris Benoit and Nancy Sullivan are expecting their first child, a boy, any day.

■ The WWF is offering 12 hours of Wrestlemania on April 2. From noon to 7 p.m. fans can watch a huge Superbowl-type preview show. The cost for the entire package is \$49.95.

■ ECW is pondering a tournament to crown a new TV champ while Rob Van Dam sits at home with a broken leg. But Paul Heyman might allow RVD to keep the belt until he can defend it again — probably not for another three months.

■ Fans had to be impressed when both Essa Rios (formerly Papi Chulo) and valet Lita (formerly Miss Congeniality in ECW) hit top-ropes tornado DDTs on a recent "Raw."

■ Canyon is trying to leave WCW. He isn't being pushed and his gimmick is a Godfather ripoff. WCW has denied his request.

■ The Rock is hosting "Saturday Night Live" on March 18.

■ Indy worker Ace Darling had a WCW tryout.

■ "Nitro" had trouble beating the dog show on Feb. 14.

COMING TO YOUR TOWN

A look at upcoming wrestling shows across the country:



WWF...

- Feb. 27, "No Way Out," Hartford, Conn.
- Feb. 28, "Raw Is War," New York City
- Feb. 29, Trenton, N.J.

Feb. 29, "Thunder," Fargo, N.D.

WCW...

- Feb. 27, Duluth, Minn.
- Feb. 28, "Nitro," Minneapolis

ECW...

- Feb. 26, Cincinnati
- March 3, Asbury Park, N.J.
- March 4, Philadelphia

MAT MEMORIES

A look back at memorable moments in pro wrestling history:

■ June 7, 1929: Ernie Roth is born in Canton, Ohio. He later became The Grand Wizard and managed numerous pro wrestlers.

■ Sept. 2, 1992: WCW's Clash of the Champions XX celebrates 20 years of wrestling on WTBS. It also marks the last U.S. appearance by Andre the Giant.

WHO'S HOT/WHO'S NOT

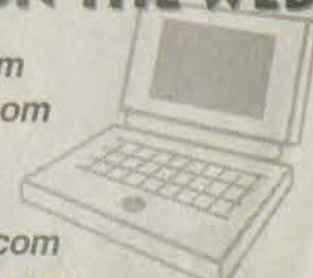


Brian Knobs: The Nasty Boy has emerged as the WCW Hardcore Champion, battling tough guys Jerry Flynn, Fit Finlay, Tank Abbott and Norman Smiley.

Thrasher: Just drop the goofy costumes and gimmicks and wrestle, will ya? You and Mosh aren't bad workers when you concentrate on wrestling.

WRESTLING ON THE WEB

- www.wrestlezone.com
- www.wrestleScoop.com
- www.WWF.com
- www.WCW.com
- www.ECWwrestling.com
- www.wrestlingarena.com
- www.24-7wrestling.com



If you know of a new or hot wrestling Web site, share it with Squared Circle readers. Send it to aconchel@cosmg.com

TRACKS
Stats and Standings
Through Feb. 21, 2000



Driver/earnings	Pts.	Wins
1. Dale Jarrett/\$2,461,259	185	1
2. Jeff Burton/\$890,609	170	0
3. Bill Elliott/\$575,396	170	0
4. Rusty Wallace/\$477,696	160	0
5. Mark Martin/\$371,096	160	0
6. Bobby Labonte/\$271,696	150	0
7. Terry Labonte/\$245,284	146	0
8. Ward Burton/\$221,196	142	0
9. Ken Schrader/\$191,796	138	0
10. Matt Kenseth/\$198,196	134	0

Next Winston Cup race:
Dura-Lube/Kmart 400, Feb. 27;
North Carolina Speedway



Driver/earnings	Pts.	Wins
1. Matt Kenseth/\$98,750	180	1
2. Joe Nemechek III/\$58,900	170	0
3. Terry Labonte/\$47,875	170	0
4. Jay Sauter/\$42,700	160	0
5. Kevin Harvick/\$37,025	160	0
6. Kenny L. Wallace/\$32,375	150	0
7. Buckshot Jones/\$33,900	147	0
8. Randy Laloue/\$40,850	146	0
9. Mike Dillon/\$29,250	138	0
10. Hank Parker Jr./\$32,550	134	0

Next Busch race:
Alltel 200, Feb. 26;
North Carolina Speedway



Driver/earnings	Pts.	Wins
1. Mike Wallace/\$80,099	185	1
2. Kurt Busch/\$51,800	170	0
3. Andy Houston/\$39,382	170	0
4. Terry Cook/\$27,602	165	0
5. Kenny Martin/\$21,805	155	0
6. Randy MacDonald/\$17,225	150	0
7. Rick Carelli/\$16,025	146	0
8. Dennis Setzer/\$16,077	142	0
9. Steve Grissom/\$13,525	139	0
10. D. Neuenberger/\$14,025	138	0

Next Craftsman race:
Florida Dodge Dealers 400, Feb. 26;
Homestead-Miami Speedway

By the numbers

The win by Dale Jarrett Sunday at the 42nd Daytona 500 was just the 10th Daytona 500 win for Ford. Following is a list of Ford's Daytona 500 winners:

- 1963: Tiny Lund
- 1965: Fred Lorenzen
- 1967: Mario Andretti
- 1969: LeeRoy Yarborough
- 1978: Bobby Allison
- 1985: Bill Elliott
- 1987: Bill Elliott
- 1992: Davey Allison
- 1996: Dale Jarrett
- 2000: Dale Jarrett



Bill Elliott

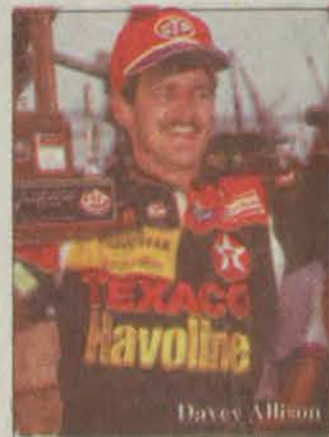
On the air

Feb. 21 - 27
Craftsman:
Florida Dodge Dealers 400
Homestead-Miami Speedway
Saturday, Feb. 26, 3:30 p.m.
ET; ESPN2
Radio: 2:45 p.m. ET; MRN
Busch:
Alltel 200
North Carolina Speedway
Saturday, Feb. 26, 1 p.m. ET;
TNN
Radio: 12:45 p.m. ET; MRN
Winston Cup:
Dura-Lube/Kmart 400
North Carolina Speedway
Sunday, Feb. 27, 12:30 p.m.
ET; TNN
Radio: Noon ET; MRN

TRACK & SPEED

Fast Fact

Robert Yates Racing has now won the Daytona 500 in three of the last four presidential election years. Jarrett won it this year and in 1992, and Davey Allison won in 1988.



Davey Allison

The Week Ahead in NASCAR • February 21 - 27, 2000

SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

Jarrett's crew kicked into high gear to get No. 88 back on track

By HENRY MILLER

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Jarrett has plenty to be thankful for.

He's thankful for being the reigning Winston Cup champ. He's thankful for winning his third Daytona 500. But most of all, he's thankful for his crew. And he's not afraid to let them know.

After Jarrett won on Sunday, he sang the praises of crew chief Todd Parrott and the crew of the No. 88 Quality Care Ford.

On Sunday the crew reaped the benefits of a near-sleepless and frantic Saturday night. Jarrett wrecked his car Saturday during happy-hour practice, doing severe sheet metal damage to his vehicle. Not only did Parrott and crew work until late in the night to repair the damages, other fabricators and members of the team were flown to Daytona Saturday night, and the crew was back at work repairing the car at 4:45 a.m. Sunday.

Parrott said about 35 to 40 percent of the car was new.

Jarrett said it was an emotional last few hours leading up to the 42nd running of NASCAR's season-opening race.

"The range of emotions in about a 24-hour period has been pretty incredible," said Jarrett, the defending Winston Cup points champion. "Everything had gone so smoothly for us since we got here about 10 days ago, and then yesterday afternoon in making our last run, getting involved in that little accident, bending the car up, and just knowing the time and effort that not only was put forth, but that it actually takes to make one of these cars fast here, looked to be taken right out of our hands."

Parrott told Jarrett that the chassis



Dale Jarrett (left) and crew chief Todd Parrott spray champagne to celebrate taking the checkered flag at the Daytona 500 (inset).

"The range of emotions in about a 24-hour period has been pretty incredible."

— Dale Jarrett after winning the Daytona 500 despite crashing his car the day before

to the car was fine and added that he was pretty sure he could get the car repaired and back to what it was in time for Sunday's race. Jarrett said he had confidence in his team and left them alone to work.

And work is exactly what they did.

"I would say about 15-20 people at least [worked on the car]," Parrott said. "With all the engine guys that [team owner] Robert [Yates] had

down here working in engines and motor parts and stuff like that, I looked up this morning and I thought everybody from Robert Yates Racing was in the garage area."

Parrott said the fabricators and members who flew in Saturday night got to his motorhome at about 10:15 p.m. They sat down and talked about a game plan, watched the tape of Saturday's wreck and got ready for

an early morning.

That didn't leave a whole lot of sleep time for Parrott.

"I finally got in bed, and there was so much stuff that was going through my mind," said Parrott, whose first win with Jarrett came in their first race together, the 1996 Daytona 500. "I'm glad he [Jarrett] was in a position he was in where he could sleep, because I knew he needed the rest. I got about three hours and 45 minutes of sleep. It wasn't very good sleep because this is the Daytona 500 and I know how bad we wanted to win it, and I knew we had to make sure when it rolled out on the line Sunday morning it had to be absolutely perfect, and it was."

The crew had to rebuild the front end of the car, replacing the left-front fender as well as repairing the nose, the right-front fender and the hood on the left-front corner. The rear bumper and tailpipe also had to be fixed.

But Jarrett said that when Parrott assured him things would be taken care of, he felt good about everything, even though there was a churning feeling in his stomach as he looked at the damaged car, the car that had dominated at Daytona and made him an overwhelming favorite to win the race.

"I was very confident when I left there that the car would be back in good shape," Jarrett said. "I went out to the motorhome, Kelley [Jarrett's wife] had supper fixed, I ate supper and I laid down on the couch at about quarter to eight and went to sleep."

"They woke me up sometime, and I went and got in the bed and slept the rest of the night. It's the best night's rest I've had in a long time, so when this man [Parrott] tells me everything's OK, I believe everything's OK."



Conspiracy theory

I don't know much about the second shooter on the grassy knoll. But I do know a conspiracy when one unfolds in front of me.

Dale Jarrett's Daytona 500 win was full of too many things that didn't seem right. And for the record, I think Jarrett is a class act.

But consider:
• After wrecking his car Saturday in happy hour, NASCAR let the garage stay open until 10 p.m. (even though a security guard from the track says Jarrett's crew was there later) and open at 4:45 a.m. so the car could be repaired. Can you say preferential treatment?

• I heard that, to cover up the scam, Kevin Triplett, director of operations for NASCAR, held a little press conference and acted disgusted that a bunch of media people were questioning the special hours Jarrett's team were given to work on the car. Triplett said that kind of thing happens about once a week. If that's the case, why did so many media members, who follow the sport every week, question it and not know it happens once a week?

• Don't you find it a little ironic that once Jarrett took the lead from Benson, there was a single-car crash involving Jimmy Spencer? Oh, by the way, Spencer used a Robert Yates engine, too. Isn't that special?

I'm told that Triplett said it suits NASCAR to have all its cars running for the start of the Daytona 500. Hey, Kevin, isn't that what a backup car is for? I thought that's why teams hauled another car to the track.

Whatever. Now for this week's predictions on how they'll finish at The Rock:

- 1. Jeff Burton. Unless NASCAR wants to give the race to a Chevy team to keep them from crying;
- 2. Jeff Gordon;
- 3. Rusty Wallace.

Strong here; 4. Ward Burton; 5. Dale Jarrett.

Care to disagree with The Lugnut? Write to him at: Track & Speed, 730 N. Franklin St., Suite 706, Chicago, IL 60610. Or e-mail him at: lugnut@tmedia.com

Winston Cup rookies have one race under their belts

By HENRY MILLER

THERE'S an old adage in stock car racing that goes something like this: "You've got to be there at the end."

Rookies Matt Kenseth and Dale Earnhardt Jr. now understand what that means.

Earnhardt Jr., the preseason favorite in the Rookie of the Year battle, drove a superb race in Sunday's Daytona 500. He was among the leaders and even in the top five at times.

He finished 13th. Kenseth was virtually unheard of throughout the race, never challenging for the lead and rarely getting mentioned. He collected his first top 10 of the season with a 10th-place finish.

He was more there at the end than Junior.

And, had the driver of the No. 17 DeWalt Tools Ford not missed his pits twice, he may have finished higher. But, hey, he's a rookie.

"I overshot the pits twice in a row, and I killed it the third time, so I'm the one who got us behind there. For those guys to come back was great," Kenseth said. "They gave me a fast car. We really handled good all day. We just could never get with the lead pack because I did such a bad job in the pits."

Of the other five rookie contenders on hand, Scott Pruett had the best finish with a 19th. He was followed by Stacy Compton in 26th, Dave Blaney in 27th, Mike Bliss in 33rd and Ed Berrier in 37th. Yet another rookie, Jeff Fuller, failed to qualify. Dale Jarrett, the defending



Matt Kenseth

Winston Cup champion and this year's Daytona 500 winner, said that Sunday's showing isn't necessarily going to be the norm.

"I think you're going to see that some of these guys are going to go after it at some of these tracks, the ones they like to race on," Jarrett said. "Junior already won in the Busch Series at Las Vegas, so I imagine he'll be ready and make a move early out there."

But there are differences the rookies are facing, whether it be adjusting to a different form of racing — like from IndyCar to stock car — or just from a Busch car to a Winston Cup car.

"It's similar in a way, I guess. To me, there's just more competition here," Kenseth said. "There was still some crazy stuff going on out there, but every-

body seemed to have better control of their car today, and people didn't really drive into the side of each other today like you've seen the last couple days."

Kenseth also learned that a 500-mile race is a good bit different than a 200-300 mile event, which is what most Busch races are.

"It's a long race," Kenseth said. "If you can try to make a couple friends out there and keep them with you and you can keep with them, it makes the day a lot easier and you'll run pretty good."

And if the rookies can run well enough, they'll post a respectable finish in the end. And in NASCAR, being there at the end is what matters.

On the air

Feb. 21 - 27

Craftsman:
Florida Dodge Dealers 400
Homestead-Miami Speedway
Saturday, Feb. 26, 3:30 p.m.
ET; ESPN2
Radio: 2:45 p.m. ET; MRN
Busch:
Alltel 200
North Carolina Speedway
Saturday, Feb. 26, 1 p.m. ET;
TNN
Radio: 12:45 p.m. ET; MRN
Winston Cup:
Dura-Lube/Kmart 400
North Carolina Speedway
Sunday, Feb. 27, 12:30 p.m.
ET; TNN
Radio: Noon ET; MRN

In Brief

Different

You already know that Dodge is planning a return to Winston Cup. Ray Evernham stepped down as Jeff Gordon's crew chief last year to lead Dodge's charge back onto the track. But have you heard which teams will be in Intrepids next year? Bill Davis Racing and Petty Enterprises have partnered with Evernham Motorsports, meaning seven drivers will run next year's Daytona 500 in Dodge Intrepid R/Ts: Ward Burton and Dave Blaney in the Davis camp, and Kyle Petty, John Andretti and Adam Petty in the Petty camp. Two drivers will race Intrepids for Evernham Motorsports, but they have yet to be announced.

This Week's Track

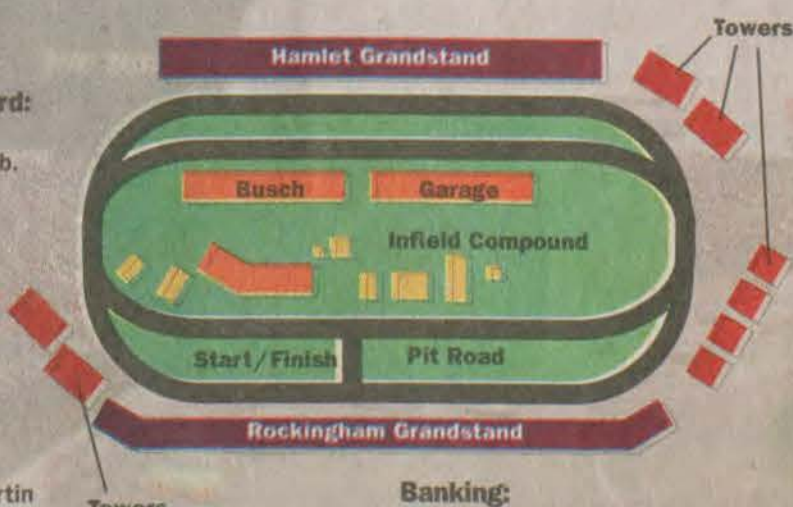
North Carolina Speedway: Rockingham, N.C.

Length: 1.017 miles

Qualifying record:
Mark Martin,
157.885 mph, Feb.
21, 1997

Race record:
Jeff Burton,
131.103 mph,
Oct. 24, 1999

Last year:
Dura-Lube/Big
Kmart 400,
Feb. 21, 1999;
Won by Mark Martin



Banking:
Turns 1 & 2: 22 degrees
Turns 3 & 4: 25 degrees

Listen up

There was a time when I was running along all by myself out there and I fantasized that I was leading the race — and there was no one in sight.

—Darrell Waltrip, who is retiring at the end of the season, when asked about any sentimental moments during his last Daytona 500

58th District Second Season

Allen Central hopes to rebound in 58th District

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

If girls basketball Coach Anthony Moore can get his Lady Rebels healthy, Allen Central could be celebrating yet another district title.

However, in the past three weeks of the season, Allen Central has resembled a MASH unit rather than a basketball team.



Barb Prater has been in and out of the hospital, Shannon Sizemore is suffering from a chipped elbow, Jennifer Risner hasn't been healthy and the list could go on and on.

But this is a talented ballelub that needs to come together, get focused, and realize their individual roles on the floor.

Jessica Martin is the best senior player in this year's tournament but she experienced some health difficulties at the start of the season that threatened her senior year.

But she has rebounded and now leads the team in scoring and rebounds and is one of the top assist leaders.

If Allen Central is to pick up another title, then Martin will need some offensive help from several other players, namely Kari Osborne and Shanna Howell.

Sizemore, at press time, was not certain whether she could play. But she has been a steady player all season for the Lady Rebels and will be missed if she is not permitted to play.

Howell plays the point guard and has had some difficulty playing there this season. It has cut into her scoring and she seems to have problems handling the press.

If fact, the pressure defense has hurt the Lady Rebels all season and that will be one area they will have to improve on, handling the basketball against the press.

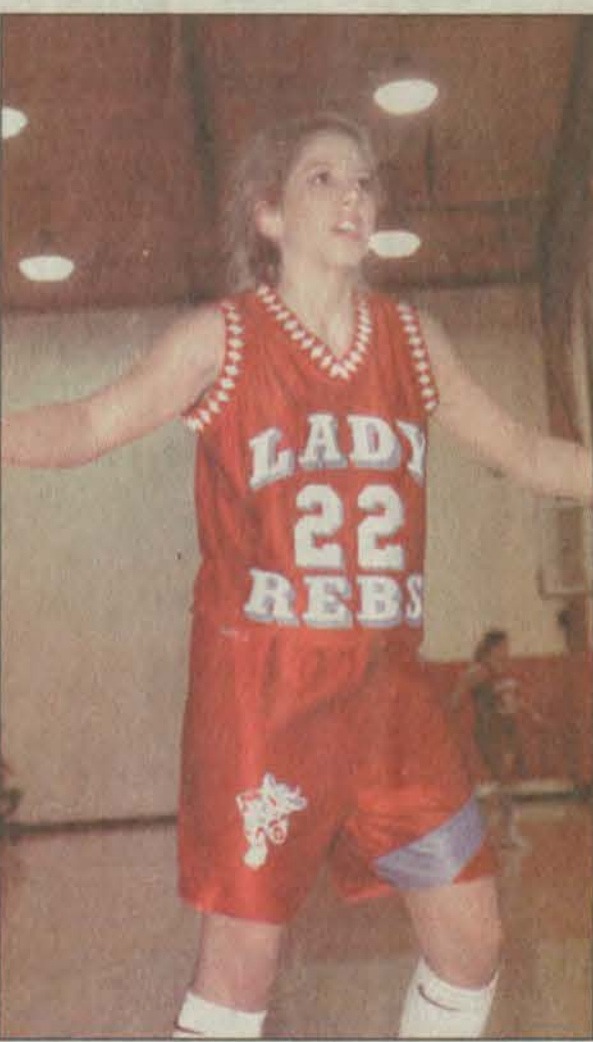
Howell is capable of scoring from the outside but does not look for her shot. Osborne is strong on the boards and a little too unselfish. She, like Howell, needs to look for her shot and go strong to the basket. She hesitates too much and could be the answer to the offensive woes of the Lady Rebels.

Prater and Jennifer Risner are two three-point threats for the Lady Rebels. Prater has really improved this season but her health needs have slowed her of late.

Risner is a good ball handler but better suited for the two-guard slot. Again, she, like others, will not take the open shot. Risner, Howell and Osborne must contribute, it will be imperative they do so.

Tiffany Turner and Jackie Martin have been seeing a lot of playing time in the last four weeks and have give good support off the bench.

Allen Central will face the South Floyd Lady Raiders Monday night at 8 p.m.



Allen Central not the powerhouse but could have trick or two left

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

One of the more successful 58th District high school basketball teams has been the Allen Central Rebels. No team, since they became a school, has found the success in district tournaments that the Runnin' Rebels have.

Under Coach Johnny Martin, Allen Central has won eight district championships and are the defending title holders from last year.

In 1974, under then-coach Gene Frasure, Allen Central captured the district championship in their very first season as a school. Ever since then the Rebels have been the team to beat for the title.

Coach Martin won his first district title in 1981 when his team beat Betsy Layne for the championship. Nicknamed the Runnin' Rebels, under Coach Martin's style of coaching they have been just that.

The new millennium brings a different looking team to the hardwood as the Rebels do not have the height they have been blessed with

in season's past.

Last year, the Rebels had to rely on their quickness in beating the opposition down the court and also getting baskets off their pressure defense.

The 1999-2000 58th District tournament will not find the Rebels holding the familiar favorite's role, but the Rebels are a feared team that no one looks forward to playing each district tournament time.

Coach Martin is known for coming up with some trick defense or offense and has his teams ready when the Second Season rolls around.

Point guard Larry Mullins will have to contribute on offense when the ball goes up to start the tournament. Mullins has not had the offensive year he had as a sophomore but then he didn't need to do a lot of scoring. In this tournament, Mullins will have to be part of the offense.

He is an excellent point guard and dishes off the ball at about six assists a game.

Jeremy Sexton has been the go-to player for the Rebels this season

and the only thing wrong is that he is a senior. If he just had another year or two he could become one of the better players to come out of Allen Central. He is averaging close to 17 points a game and can outrun a deer. His quickness and ability to get off the floor makes him a hard one to defend.

Leslie Slone has been consistent all season. A solid outside shooter and three-point threat, he is good defensive player, dangerous in the paint and out.

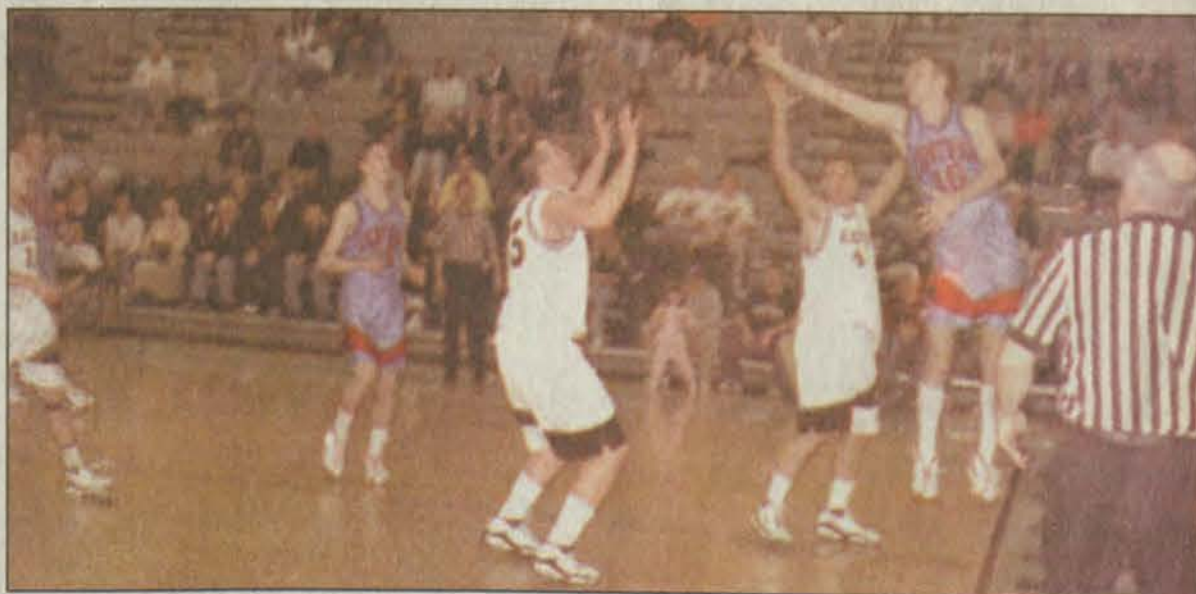
Josh Howell has come on strong the last month of the season and given some needed offense off the bench, one of the pure shooters in the district.

Rodney Scott appears ready to play basketball and will be a big asset under the basket for the Rebels.

Jeremy Hayes gives the Rebels another outside threat. When he is in the groove, he is unstoppable.

Off the bench will be Josh Yates, Shawn Newsome, Travis Francis and Z.W. Chaffin.

Allen Central will face Betsy Layne, Wednesday, 7 p.m.



GOOD LUCK TO ALL 58th DISTRICT TEAMS!!

GO RAIDERS
GO BLACKCATS
GO BOBCATS
GO KNIGHTS
GO REBELS

NOBODY BUT NOBODY WILL BEAT A MALCOLM LAYNE DEAL

Get a good deal more!
at
LAYNE BROS.

LAYNE BROS.
Ford • Lincoln • Mercury • Honda

U.S. 23 at Ivel, Kentucky
Conveniently located halfway between Prestonsburg and Pikeville
478-1234 874-1234 886-1234 433-1234

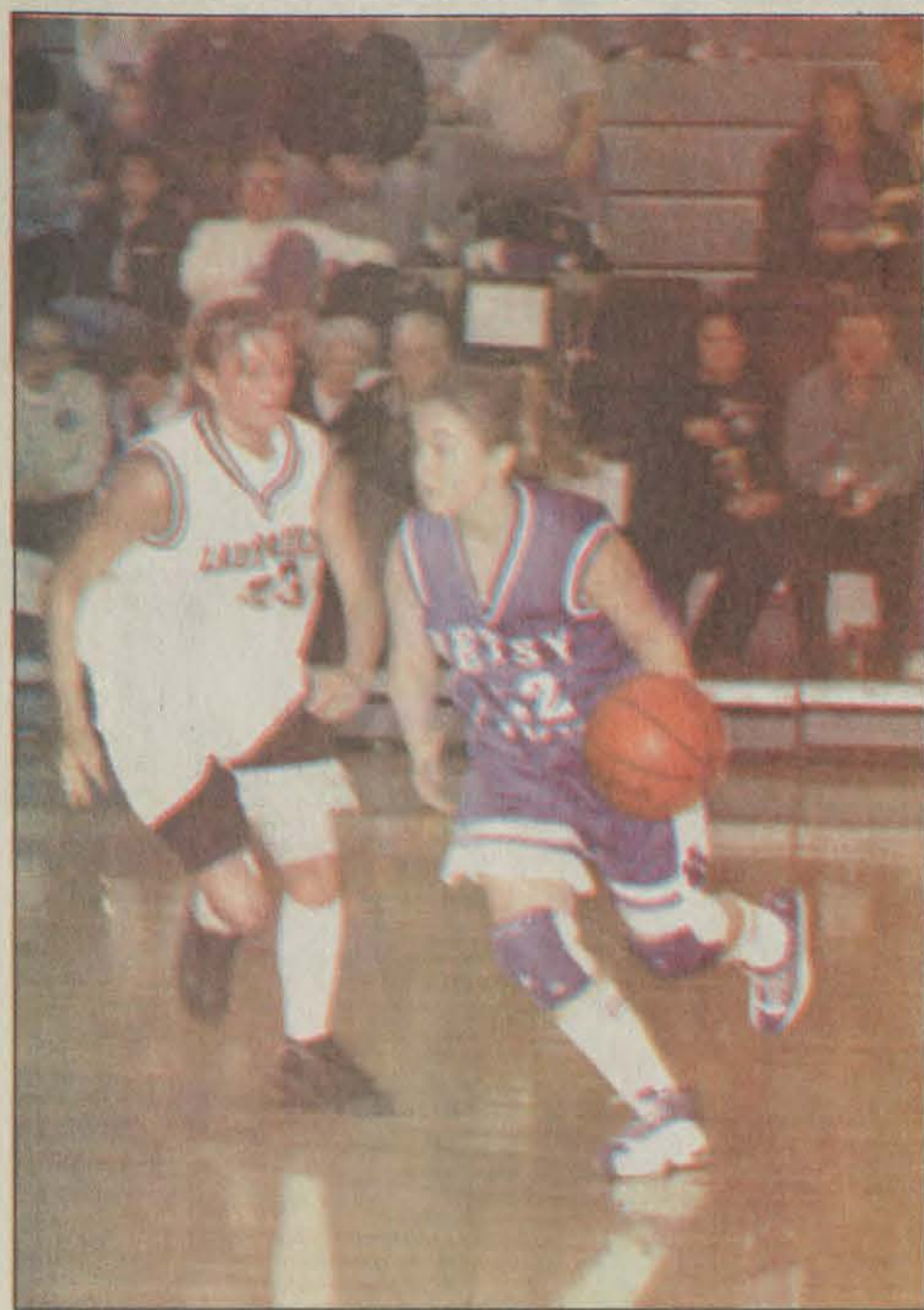
Your Suzuki Headquarters

2000 SUZUKI GRAND VITARA



Sold New For \$21,940
Our Price \$16,975

See or call one of our "Award-Winning" Sales Consultants today.



Taking care of the basketball imperative for *Betsy Layne*

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

There is no argument among anyone that the Betsy Layne Ladycats are one of the top rebounding teams in the state and have the best young player in the district.

But everyone will agree, the one thing this ballclub hasn't done well is take care of the basketball.

With the 58th District tournament in front of us, Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers will have to have her team mentally tough when they meet the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats Tuesday night at 6 p.m. in a first round game of the district tournament at Allen Central.

Who will take home the marbles from this game is anyone's guess. Both split the regular season winning at home, but the last game, which Prestonsburg won, came down to no time on the clock and Prestonsburg free throws. The game is still under much discussion as to the final call.

Whether that will weigh on the minds of the Ladycats come Tuesday night or not remains to be seen, but here is a ballclub, if they can put together four full quarters, which could very well pick up its first district title since the 1994 season when they won over Allen Central in the finals.

Size? Betsy Layne has it!

Talent? It is all there!

Ability? That has been the question mark for this team. They have as much talent and ability as any team in the region, but seem to

have at least one rough quarter and that seems to be their downfall.

Talent: Try eighth-grader Whitney Lykens. The best young player perhaps not only in the 58th District but the region as well. She can shoot the three, rebounds with the best of them and can take the ball to the basket. Still needs to improve defensively. But she is young, has a great knowledge of the game for her youth and plays with a lot of determination.

Point guard is held down by Devon Reynolds and don't let her stature fool you. She can play the game. She is defensively tough and can shoot the trey, take the ball to the basket, or hit the short jumper.

Senior Heather Hamilton plays the two guard and goes quietly about her business on the court. Needs to be looking to shoot more.

Amber Roberts is the garbage player on this team. Hustles and goes for the loose ball and is a solid rebounder. Can hit the 15-footer on in. Plays with a lot of determination but needs more consistency.

Jenny Parsons is one of the top rebounders around. But Jenny can do more than just rebound. She is a tough inside player and loves to roam the paint area. Great on the offensive boards!

Kim Tackett fills the lane at the center spot and you wonder if she ever speaks, showing little emotion on the court. But Tackett blocks out so well under the basket and is a strong rebounder. She is a good free-throw shooter and can hit the short jumper.

Off the bench is Tabitha Mitchell and Natasha Stratton. Stratton gives it her all when

she is on the court. An unselfish player, maybe a little too unselfish, she is a team player. For her size, she rebounds with the best of them. Needs to show more confidence in herself. Has the looks at the basket but would rather pass it off.

Mitchell is just a pure shooter, a hard-nose player who will give Coach Akers some valuable minutes off the bench. Likes to take the ball to the basket and looks for the baseline shot. A good defensive player.

Collectively, Betsy Layne will have to find a way to slow the big timber of the Lady Blackcats and the play of Megan Hyden in getting the ball in the middle. This one promises to be the best game of the tournament.



Betsy Layne hoping consistency continues

Bobcats have tough first round game

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Hold on to your hats for the first round of the boys 58th District basketball tournament, especially come Wednesday night when Coach Brent Rose and the Betsy Layne Bobcats meet up with the Allen Central Rebels.

The two teams split two regular season games,

beating each in their own houses. Game three will be a barn burner and both teams know a lot will be riding on this one.

Betsy Layne will have to handle the pressure defense of the Rebels and they had little trouble with it the last time they met.

Allen Central won the first game 67-66 on two free throws by Larry Mullins on a call that many Betsy Layne fans protest yet today.

Betsy Layne won round two-a 70-65 decision with a 7-0 run in the last 1:50 of the game.

Betsy Layne is a much improved ballclub from last season and considered one of the top teams in the 15th Region.

Coach Rose has his team focused as they have been all season and chomping at the bit to get Monday here and the tournament underway.

Justin Bartley, Bradley Brooks and Scott Collins are seniors and this is their last chance to go out with a district championship.

Bartley has been superb this season and is a threat from the outside and the three-point arc. He has a tendency to play careless on defense and has to go to the bench with early foul trouble. It will be important for Bartley to play as much of the game as he can.

Brock Keathley has been the surprise of this team this season. Speed, speed and more speed. He can jump, shoot, and rebound. He struggled offensively three weeks ago but has picked his game back up and is playing very well.

Big men in the middle will be Brooks and junior Adam Collins. Both have contributed to much of the success the Bobcats have enjoyed this season. Both block well, hit the boards hard and are hard to contain in the paint area.

Collins and Brooks caused Allen Central all sorts of matchup problems the last two times the teams met.

Scott Collins has done more than just score for the Bobcats. He gives them strength underneath, but more importantly, helps against the press. A new attitude has made this a good senior season for him.

He will have to step up one more time come Wednesday night. His quickness and jumping ability makes him a threat.

Off the bench, and starting at times, is Brad Daugherty, one of the better sixth men in the district. Daugherty has come a long way this season and gives the Bobcats instant offense and defense when he enters.

Robert Rose, Robbie Johnson, David Johnson and Eric McKinney have played some valuable minutes for Coach Rose this season.

It will be the Bobcats and Rebels at Allen Central, Wednesday, 7 p.m.



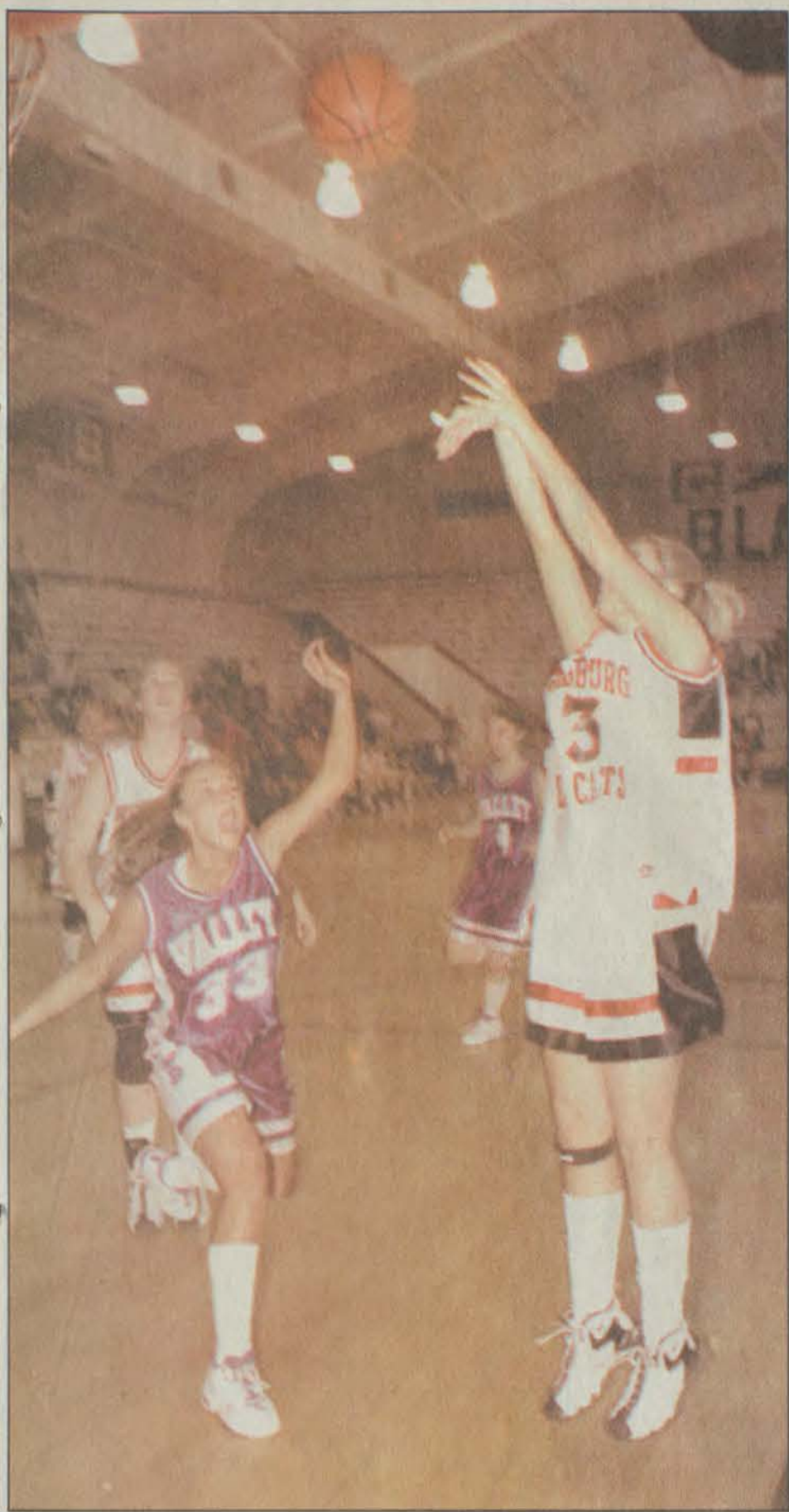
Good Luck To All Area Teams in the upcoming tournament from

The Times FLOYD COUNTY



58th District Tournament





Heavy favorite Prestonsburg may find Betsy Layne a big problem

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Coach Bobby Hamilton has a boatload of talent at Prestonsburg. The first-year coach's ballclub was tabbed as a preseason favorite to win a regional championship after most of the same players advanced to the finals of last year's regional tournament before losing to Belfry.

But Coach Hamilton will tell you that the three seniors from last year have been sorely missed this year as the Lady Blackcats have struggled at times this season.

Talent-wise, this club is loaded and has many surprised they are 15-10 on the season.

If there is a team playing good basketball at the right time, it is the Lady Blackcats. They own a big win over Whitesburg this past week and that could be a motivator for the upcoming tournament.

The problem with Prestonsburg has been the inconsistencies of the season as well as distraction, defections and other things.

But the team seems to have weathered it all and appears ready to defend its title against the rest of the force come next week.

Look at any phase of the game, as far as the game has to be played, and Prestonsburg is ready. Height? The Lady Blackcats have it in Ramanda Music and Amelia Conley. Guard play? Fill in the blanks with Megan Hyden at the point and Brandy Wells at the two. Small forward, Brook Coleman has been there and does a good job.

Bench play? Well, that could be where Prestonsburg comes up short. Stephanie Adams has given some quality minutes off the bench for Prestonsburg and has started

some games. Angela Howell has also contributed for Prestonsburg, as has eighth-grader Heather White.

Cherish Shepherd, Vicki Bowling, Lauren Majakey, Amanda Webb and Amanda Stephens fill out the bench for Prestonsburg.

Music and Conley have been the two mainstays for Prestonsburg, but Coleman has picked up her offense the last two games, scoring 18 and 20 points. If Coleman can maintain that pace, the Lady Blackcats certainly will be hard to overcome in this year's district.

Music does so much around the basket with her soft touch and play in the paint area. Music has even developed a nice little jumper and does more than just play with her back to the basket.

Conley can hit the short jumper, rebound, shoot free throws and just seems to have a good time. If this girl ever gets serious, then she will have major colleges ringing her phone. She has all the tools to be a big-time college player.

Megan Hyden, you have to like her feel for the basketball. Just a sophomore, when she leaves as a senior, she could very well be the best guard to come from Prestonsburg in a long time.

Brandy Wells is the lone senior at Prestonsburg and she has had a roller coaster career. She is up and then down, but when she is on a roll she is hard to stop. A good three-point shooter but oftentimes gets distracted on the court.

Coleman has not only picked up her scoring but has been working the boards strong as well.

Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne will square off for the third time this season on Tuesday at 6 p.m.



With difficult season past, Prestonsburg looks for a new start

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Second Season!

For some it is a good thing there is a second season. For the Prestonsburg Blackcats, it gives new excitement to a program that has gone 3-23 on the year.

For the three of the past four years, Prestonsburg has been in the driver's seat when it came district tournament time. That ended last year when the Blackcats fell to Allen Central in the championship game.

This year, new Coach Jackie Day Crisp saw his ballclub show a steady improvement as they prepare to face the Piarist Knights in a first round game Monday night at 6 p.m.

The two schools met this past Wednesday night with the Cats posting a one-sided victory. But Coach Crisp and the rest of the Blackcats know that everyone starts even when it is Second Season time.

Other than against Piarist, Prestonsburg did not get a win in the district this year. But the team was a surprise team in advancing to the finals of the Coca-Cola Classic back in January.

From that point, the club started to improve and should have won a couple more games during the regular season.

Finding the right combination and chemistry was the first order of business for Coach Crisp, new at the boys varsity level.

Trying different lineups and moving players from position to position, the Blackcats never did seem to get just the right quintet on the court at the same time.

Ricky Powers has been the scorer for Prestonsburg this season along with Dustin Music.

Powers is a three-point shooter and has excellent speed and leaping ability. Though thin in stature, he gives the Blackcats a strong worker on the boards.

Music has soft hands around the basket and is strong on the boards as well. He is hard to contain when he gets the ball from six-feet out on in. A good defensive player in the paint area and works well around the basket.

Hard-nose! Seth Crisp learned that playing football and has carried it to the basketball court as well. Plays hard all the time. No matter the score, he is constantly going up and down the court and at times rarely leaves the game.

Crisp is a good outside threat and likes to take the ball to the basket. He shoots well from the charity stripe.

John Dixon plays the point and at times the two-guard. He gives Prestonsburg a solid ball handler against the press. Quick to the basket and good first-step speed, he can hit the three.

Prestonsburg found a jewel when they brought Ryan Martin up from the junior varsity. The sophomore has not been a disappointment and is deadly from the three-point arc. He buried eight treys in the game against the Piarist



School Wednesday night.

A part-time starter but a very good basketball player is Kyle Shepherd. Shepherd can leap and when in a groove, can hurt a team offensively. He has that quickness to the basket that the opposition finds hard to hold. So they usually end up holding him.

Matt Tackett gives size off the bench and is a very good worker on the boards. Needs to become more involved in the offense.

Matt Clay is little but pesky when he enters the game. Can shoot the trey and looks to go to the basket to challenge the bigger timber.

Matt Slone is going to be a good one. Sometimes gets the call to start. Likes to play defense and does it well. Strong on the boards, Slone can hit the short jumper.

If the Cats win over Piarist, then they will face the South Floyd Raiders, the one seed.

The Piarist Knights

by Karen Joseph
Sports Writer

The Piarist School has had a rough season this season. They did get their first win in two years this season when they defeated All Saints Academy. Coach Darnella Bradley and her Knights will be ready come tournament time.

The Knights will face the Blackcats of Prestonsburg in the opening round of the tournament on Monday. The two teams have played each other twice this season, and it was the Blackcats coming away with the victory each time. Sometimes this is not a good thing for a team to defeat another team twice. Things may go the other way come tournament time. And the Knights are certainly hoping that this is the case.

The Knights have an ace in the hole with George Hall. Hall, who is a senior at Piarist, is a very good ball player. He has had two triple-doubles in the past few weeks. He can do it all. He can hit from the outside and well as drive up the middle. George is also a very strong force under the basket and

grabs a lot of rebounds for the Knights. In the majority of games this season he has scored in double figures. George is the go-to player on the team and shows a great deal of leadership.

The Knights also have two dandy guards. Shawn Rose and Matt Goeing. Neither one of these guys is very big, but when they are hitting they can really do some damage from the outside. Both Rose and Goeing play very tough defense. And they both can move the ball down the floor with great ease. Matt is a junior and Shawn is only a sophomore, so look out for these two next year.

In the center spot is freshman Evan Mulliken. Mulliken has improved tremendously this season. For Mulliken to be a factor for the Knights, he has got to stay out of foul trouble. He has done better lately with the fouls. He has several blocks a game, but this is where his fouls come from. Mulliken is playing with more confidence and will be a big help for the Knights.

Junior Brett Hall also plays the inside position for the Knights. Brett is 6-3 and really goes to the

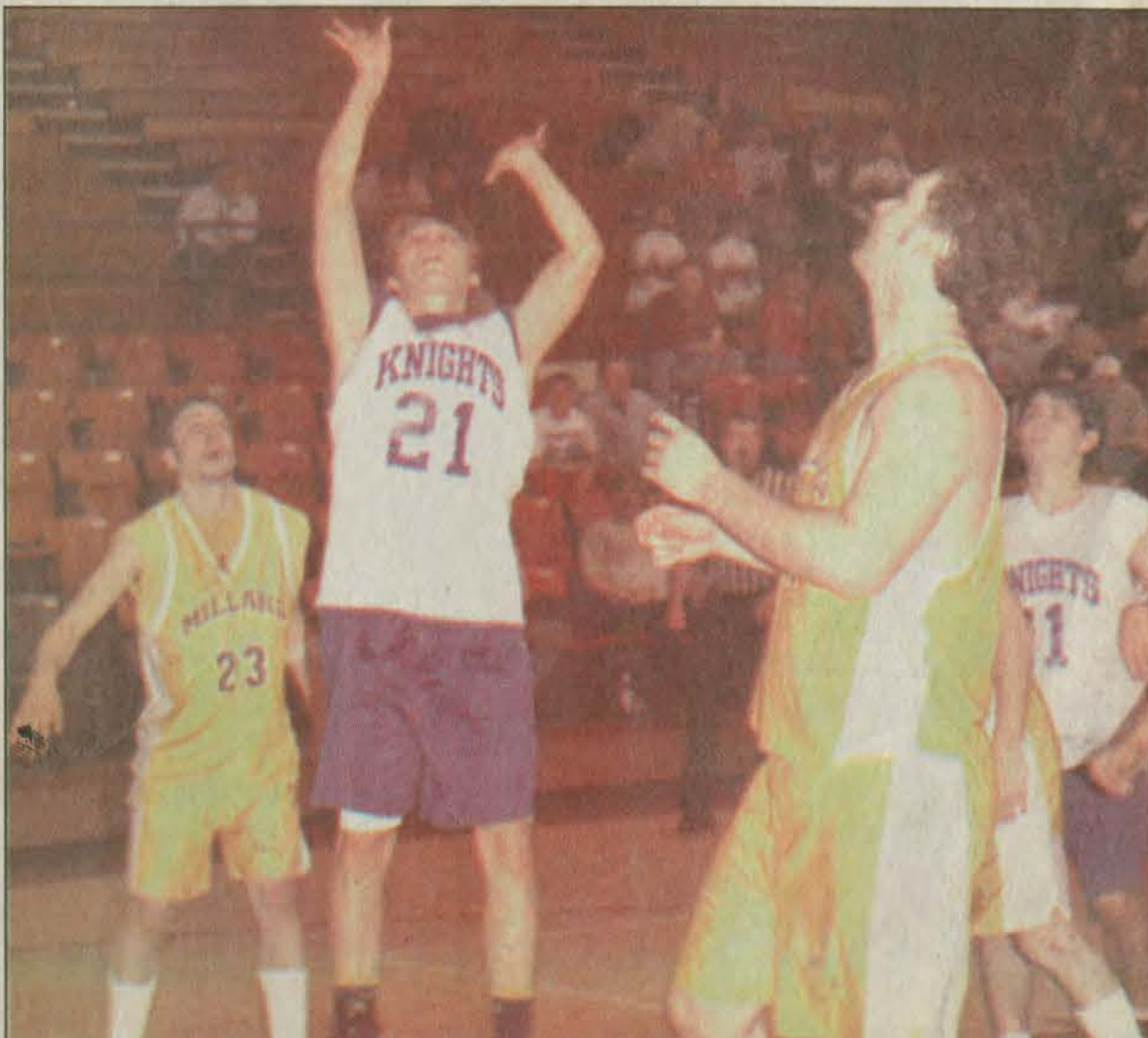
boards for the Knights. Brett is one of the top rebounders in the Three Rivers Conference. He is very strong and gets better each game.

Sophomore Robert Hall, George Hall's younger brother, is following in his brother's footsteps. Robert will come off the bench and give Coach Darnella Bradley some quality playing time. He has also improved since the season started and is playing with much more confidence. For the Knights to make an impact, he will need to find his shot.

The seventh player is Brian Yates. Brian is a sophomore and is the team motivator. He not only plays for Coach Bradley, but he helps coach.

This young group of men just go out and plays the game of basketball. They truly enjoy the game and play with a lot of determination. For them to win over the Blackcats they need to get more shots and play a little more aggressively.

But this is the second season and who knows what will happen. And the Knights are a team that one can certainly not overlook.



Winless in district, *South Floyd* looks for first in district tourney



by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Coach Paul Cline and his South Floyd Lady Raiders had a good year. No, they did not win a district game, but they did pick up nine victories, a school record for this program.

While the Lady Raiders failed to win a district game and once again have to hold the rest of the field in this week's district tournament, don't think it will be an automatic win for Allen Central when the two teams meet Monday night in a 8 p.m. game in the first round of the 58th District tournament.

In fact, if there is a team the Lady Raiders would rather face in a first round game it would be Allen Central. For three-plus quarters, South Floyd had the Lady Rebels on the hook only to let them wiggle off late in the game.

In the two meetings between the two teams, South Floyd has performed well against the number one seed.

The Lady Raiders have youth and that is good for future seasons. They have youth coming in next year and that makes even a better team for next season.

But now is now and Coach Cline would love nothing better than to win over a district team in tournament play. A first-round win would put the Lady Raiders in the regional tournament, a tournament they have never played in.

Lindsey Hall is the team's leader and a good one. She can shoot the trey, take the ball to the basket and is a strong rebounder.

Martha Crawford has had a great senior season and leads the team in scoring. She does so much with the basketball. A real solid threat from three-point land, she has had some 30-point

games this year.

In the middle is one of the best offensive centers around, Kandence Mitchell, but staying out of foul trouble is her problem. Mitchell thinks she has to block everybody's shot who comes in the paint area for a look at the basket.

She leads the team in rebounds and has soft hands around the basket. She needs to recognize her importance of staying on the floor and not the bench in foul trouble.

No player on this team has improved like Minnie Tackett. She has brought her game up three notches and has shown the ability to shoot the three, the short jumper or take the ball to the basket. One area that she has not been recognized for is her defensive play. She could be the real key for South Floyd in this tournament.

Coach Cline mixes up the fifth starting position and of late Sonya Tackett has gotten the call there. Tackett has shown good reason for her coach's confidence in her. She gives the Lady Raiders another good rebounder and a good "garbage player." By that, she goes and gets the loose ball and scores.

The bench is long but got even longer when the middle schoolers' joined forces.

Valerie King, a freshman, looks like someone who has played for several years with this team when actually she just joined them this year. But the guard brings a lot of offensive and defensive skills to the team.

Sarah Johnson, part of the twin towers with Mitchell, plays hard and rebounds well. She just needs to stay focused on the floor and leave the referees alone. She is going to be a good one.

Stephanie Skeans is one of the fans' favorites. Just a freshman, she plays

hard all the time and never complains. Has a nose for the ball and has a nice short jumper. Rebounds well for her size.

Tabitha Berger gives Coach Cline some quality minutes off the bench. This one has shown some improvement and some good games ahead for her.

Megan Ousley and Ashley Johnson, along with Brandy Anderson, have moved up from the middle school ranks to make the bench longer. Remember these three names.

It will be the Lady Raiders and Allen Central when the two collide in the first round of the tournament Monday night.



Lindsey Hall is the team's leader and a good one. She can shoot the trey, take the ball to the basket and is a strong rebounder.

South Floyd ready for push to first-ever district title



by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

A first: South Floyd won their first tournament ever when they captured their own holiday classic back in December of last year.

A first: South Floyd won their first All "A" Regional tournament back in January.

Now the Raiders have their sights set on winning their first ever 58th District basketball tournament when it tips off Monday at Allen Central.

Coach Henry Webb's ballclub will enter the tournament with a sparkling 23-5 record, a school best. They will enter as the state's leading team in scoring. They are one of the top defensive teams in the state as well.

No wonder there are high expectations for the Raiders in next week's tournament.

But Coach Webb and the Raiders all know too well that you play them one at a time. All records return to 0-0 and everyone

starts over. Again, you have to re-focus on what you have to do and need to do.

The Raiders are balanced all the way around. They have height, scorers, rebounders, defenders and the chemistry to bring and hold it together.

Big man Jimmy Stumbo has been a catalyst for the Raiders this season and a big, big reason for the success of the team. He plays the middle, shoots the threes and blocks the shots. He is averaging around 14 points per game, 12 rebounds per outing and six blocked shots.

With Byron Hall in the middle along with Stumbo, the 1-2 combo makes the Raiders a strong rebounding team. Both are very mobile underneath and both can step outside the arc and hit the three.

Ryan Shannon runs at the point and is the floor general. His quickness helps him to get around the taller players. He is a solid defender and shoots the three. Well, who on that team, outside of Jeff Castle, doesn't shoot the trey?

Freshman Michael Hall plays the two-guard and has many talents on the court. He is one of those players who gets in a groove and can hurt a team. Hall will get a number of rebounds for his size.

Kyle Tackett rounds out the starters for South Floyd which makes all five capable of burying the three-point shot. Tackett is an assist man and rebounds with the best of them. A tough-nose player on defense.

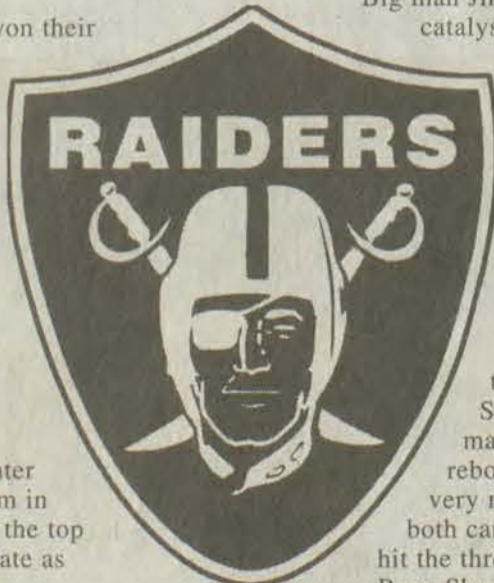
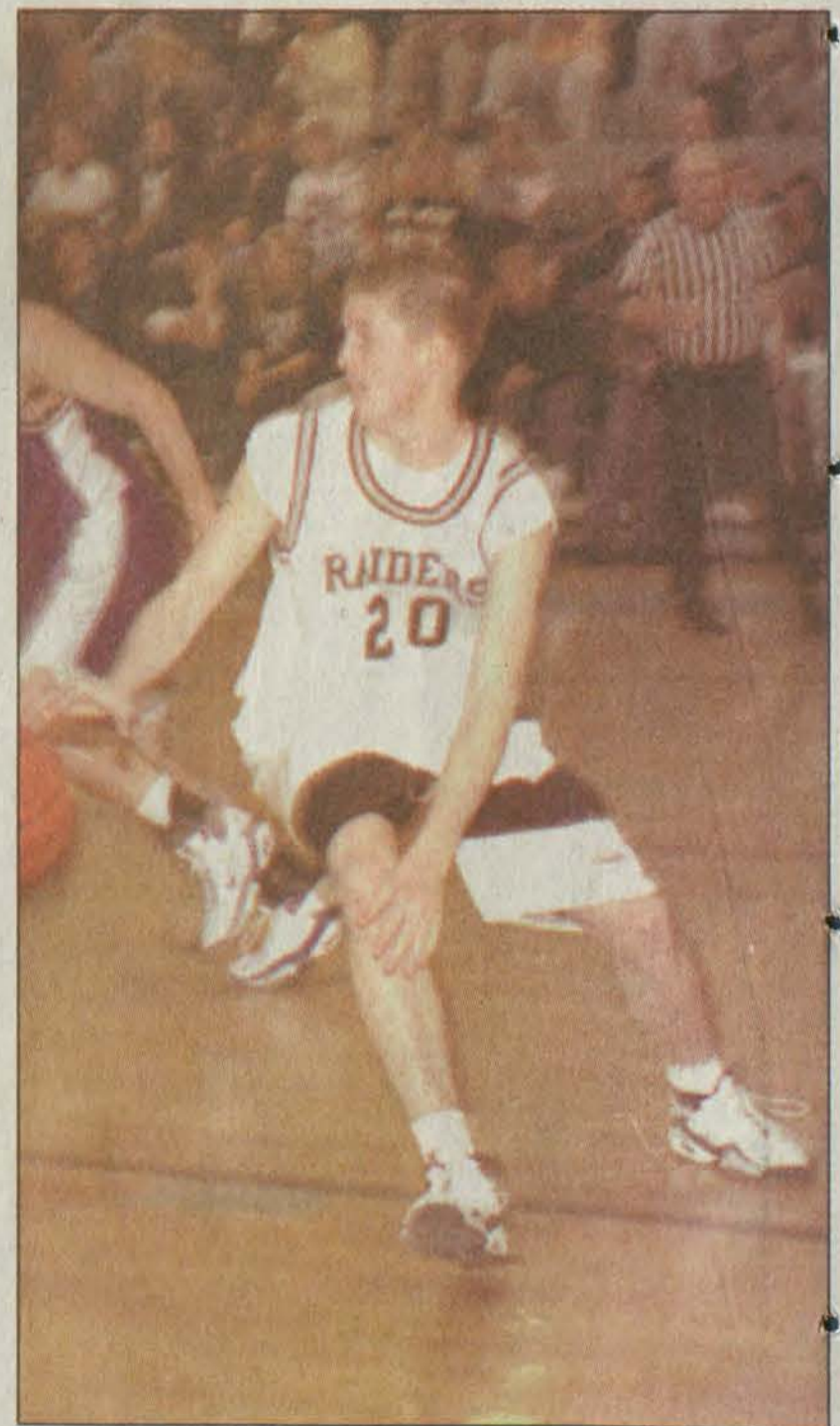
When you look at the Raider bench they can go so deep. Off the bench at the 3:30 mark of every first quarter will come Rusty Tackett and John Meade. Meade is instant offense and the team's top defensive player. He is a solid rebounder and, again, can shoot the three.

Tackett, just a sophomore, has talent that hasn't been seen yet. What a next two years this young man has in front of him. Still another three-point maker, he runs the court well and has good basketball savvy.

Dusty Tackett, a junior, has been said to be the purest shooter on this team. Dusty does so many good things off the bench.

The Raiders are a pressing defensive team and score a lot of points off their defense. Quickness, excellent speed, inside game and outside scoring. What else do you need?

South Floyd will meet either Prestonsburg or the Piarist School Tuesday night at 8 p.m.

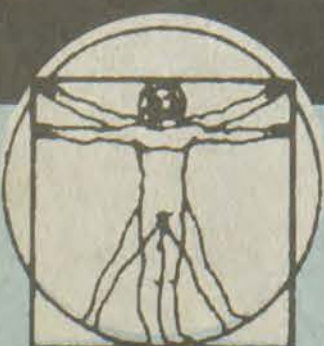


EASTERN KENTUCKY PHYSICAL THERAPY, PSC

GWENDOLYN HALL, P.T.

536 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky • (606) 889-0492

BEST OF LUCK TO ALL TEAMS!



Lifestyles



Feature:

Attend conference

Women's Club C2



A look into Kentucky's judicial system

by Randell Reno
Staff Writer

Oftentimes Kentucky's court system can seem baffling — District Court, Circuit Court, the Supreme Court and now Family Court. You can easily get lost.

But the state's justice system has a defined "road map" for persons to travel.

When Kentuckians have matters they can't settle alone, they often seek the help of the court

system. Whether the problems be of a civil nature or criminal, your court system is there to give you what is hoped to be a fair decision.

Every Kentucky resident is born with certain constitutional rights. And regardless of whether you are ever involved in court, it is a good idea to know those rights.

• The right to a trial by jury. Everyone accused of a crime in Kentucky is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

• If you have been accused, you

have the right to be represented by an attorney, to know the exact charge against you, to present witnesses, to not incriminate yourself, and to have a trial in a different venue — or place — if it's believed that a fair trial cannot be conducted in the local area.

• The right to a speedy trial.
• The right to bail. This right may not be applied to a capital case, the type of case in which death is involved. Excessive bail is prohibited by the state's constitution.
• The right to appeal.

The circuit court is the court of general jurisdiction. Capital offenses, felonies, divorces, adoptions, termination of parental rights, land dispute title problems, contested probates of wills and civil matters involving more than \$4,000 are held within the circuit court.

Floyd County's Circuit Judges are Danny P. Caudill, John David Caudill, and Julie Paxton.

District Court has limited jurisdiction. Ninety percent of all Kentuckians who use the state's judicial system appear in district court. Juvenile matters, city and county ordinances, traffic offenses, probates of will, felony preliminaries and civil cases involving less than \$4,000 are heard in dis-

trict court. District judges for Floyd County are James Allen and Eric Hall.

In all Kentucky's courts a judge rules over the proceedings. He decides matters concerning the law and, most importantly, works to ensure both sides of an argument get a fair trial.

Let's assume John Q. Public robbed Jane Doe. She saw him leaving her home with a bag of booty and could follow a trail of her things. Doe has a few options in seeking justice for the invasion of her rights.

A. Doe could have an officer investigate the incident and that officer could bring the matter to Floyd District Court.

• A warrant will be made for John Q. Public and he can be arrested.

• Public will be arraigned and have a bail set.

• Public can precede to a preliminary hearing where the court will decide if there is probable cause to believe that a felony crime has been committed, that it was committed in Floyd County, and that John Q. Public did it. If these criteria are met, the case is then waived (passed) to the grand jury. No guilt is established. (Preliminary hearings allow for

hearsay.)

• Public can also waive the preliminary hearing and precede to the grand jury.

B. Jane Doe can take the matter to the grand jury without an investigation by a police officer. (This is not advised.)

Or the investigating officer can take the matter before the grand jury. If there is probable cause to believe a felony crime has been committed, it was committed in Floyd County, and John Q. Public did it, an indictment is issued on Mr. Public.

Once an indictment is issued, the case enters Circuit Court and the process begins anew. Public is arraigned, a bail will be set, and a pretrial hearing scheduled.

Before the pretrial is held, the prosecution (Commonwealth's Attorney) will have to gather evidence in support of the indictment. The prosecution will present (John Q. Public) with the evidence against him and offer a plea agreement.

That agreement will offer Public a punishment for his crime (that could be lower than a jury will recommend) without proceeding to trial. At the pretrial, Public

See System, page two

This Town That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1960.

The first snow was 10 inches; the next six; this one four; at that rate of decrease we should have a light frost for the Fourth of July.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Going the rounds is this one:

An editor was dying, but when his doctor bent over, placed his ear to the man's breast and said, "Poor man! Circulation almost gone," the old boy came to life long enough to shout: "You're a liar! We've got the biggest circulation in the county!"

ADVICE

This comes via a Florida newspaper and was written by a Judge Phillip B. Gilliam. It is advice to a teen-ager:

Always we hear the plaintiff cry of the teen-ager: What can we do?...Where can we go? The answer is GO HOME!

Hang the storm windows, paint the woodwork. Rake the leaves, mow the lawn, shovel the walk. Wash the car, learn to cook, scrub some floors. Repair the sink, build a boat, get a job.

Help the minister, priest or rabbi, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army. Visit the sick, assist the poor, study your lessons. And then when you are through—and not too tired—read a book.

Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your city or village does not owe you recreational facilities. The world does not owe you a living... You owe the world something. You owe it your time and energy and talents so that no one will be at war or in poverty or sick or lonely again.

In plain, simple words, GROW UP; quit being a cry baby. Get out of your dream world and develop a backbone, not a wishbone, and start acting like a man or a lady.

You're suppose to be mature enough to accept some of the responsibility your parents have carried for years. They have nursed, protected, helped, appealed, begged, excused, tolerated and denied themselves needed comforts so that you could have every benefit. This they have done gladly, for you are their dearest treasure. But now, you have no right to expect them to bow to every whim and fancy just because selfish ego instead of common sense dominates your personality, thinking and requests.

In Heaven's name, GROW UP and GO HOME!

TRIBUTE

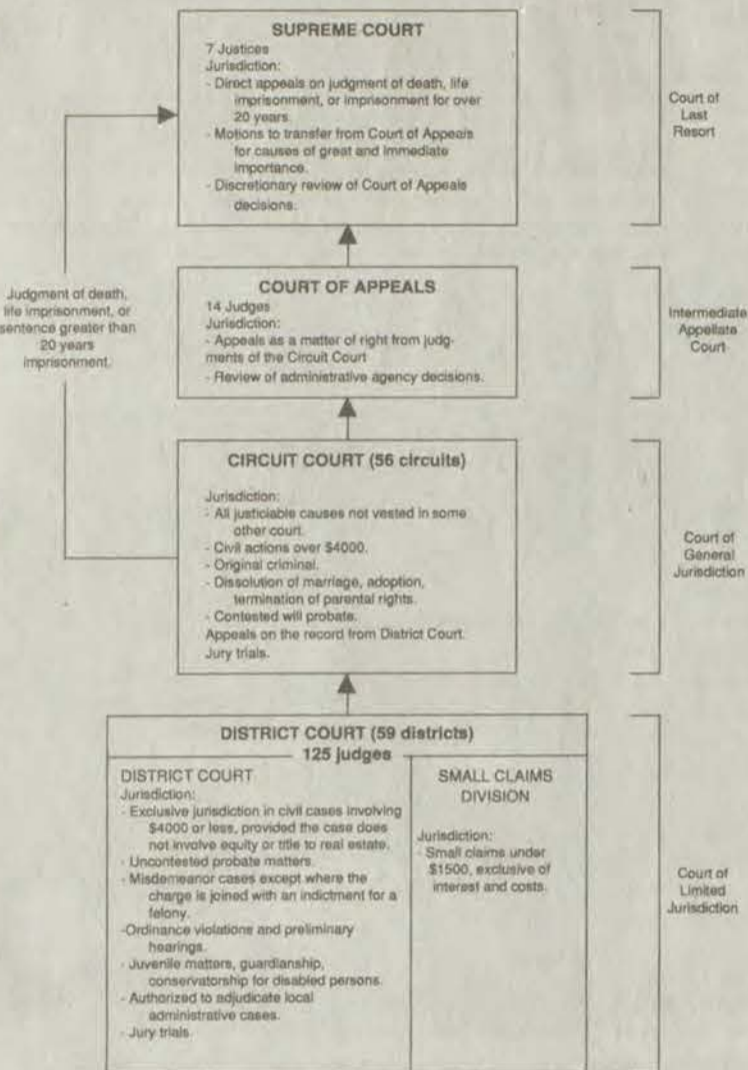
The Floyd County Board of Education voted Tuesday to pay for 53 days of extra work performed last year by Hershell Turner, who died a few days ago. What Board members and employees said of him seemed worth recording.

It was pointed out that he drove a school bus without charge, several days last year, to get Garrett pupils, to the dental clinic. Said George E. Allen: "He worked all holidays, including Thanksgiving. He would have worked on Christmas but nobody would help him. Hershell never took a vacation."

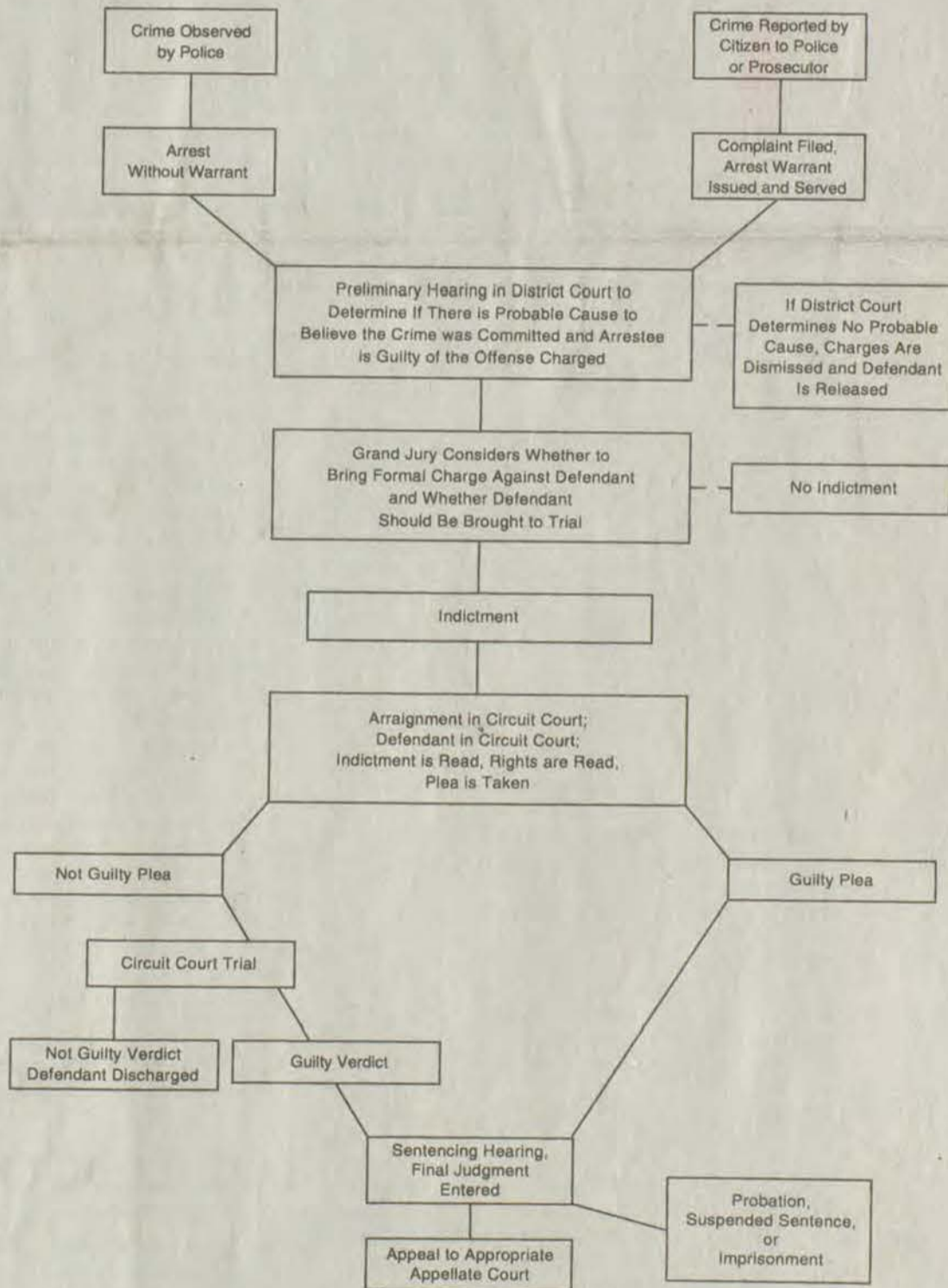
Board member J. E. Campbell commented: "He would rather work than anything else."

"Working to him was enjoying life," added John G. Hall, member of the Board.

KENTUCKY COURT SYSTEM



KENTUCKY FELONY CASE PROCESS (Simplified)



PCC student is winner

"Taking charge of my life" is what many of us profess to have done, but for which few are recognized.

Charlotte Benton, a Morgan Countian, took charge of her life when she made the decision to enroll at Prestonsburg Community College in the fall of 1999. As a wife, mother of three, and a full-time student, Benton has been faced with many challenges in her pursuit of the dream to become a nurse, including transportation and financial obstacles.

Monnette Sturgill, an English professor, encouraged Benton to participate in the Townsend Foundation Contest for developmental reading and writing students. The theme of the paper was "Taking Charge of My Life" and was to allow the readers to see, hear and feel the obstacles, inside and/or outside the writer, that had to be overcome to be in school.

This competition was strong, because it was open to all students in the country attending a two- or four-year college who completed a developmental course in reading or writing within a year of the date of submission of the entry.

Around \$26,000 was awarded as a part of this competition with the top scholarship being \$3,000. Charlotte Benton was a fifth place



Charlotte Benton

award winner in the competition and received a check for \$100.

Benton said, "My biggest inspiration for returning to PCC this semester is Mrs. Sturgill. I will never forget her or what she has done for me. Having faith in me was enough in itself."

Sturgill has taught freshman composition and developmental writing at PCC for 14 years. "I'm very proud of Charlotte for writing a winning essay in addition to her school work and home responsibilities last semester. I know she has the determination and ability to make her dream of being a nurse come true," Sturgill said.

Good fences ...

For several months I have despaired over the fence around my yard — or the lack thereof. I've gotten materials and have tried to do the task by myself, only to end up weak, sore and exceedingly frustrated.

I've tried to find someone to help me. One person wouldn't return my calls. One said he'd help when he "could get around to it," but he apparently couldn't. I gave up on a relative who promised to show up twice and didn't once. Others said they'd try to help when the weather breaks.

Meantime, my big outdoor dogs were chained up, confined to a few square feet and living for the times I felt so sorry for them I turned them

PostScript

by Pam Shingler
Editor



loose to maraud the neighborhood. Increasingly, I've been scared they'd be killed by one of the many

cars and pick-ups that speed alongside the railroad track, oblivious to little creatures — human, canine and feline — that don't understand roads.

Worse, I was afraid somebody might kill them. Danny/Nosy/Bubba (can't decide on a name), the oversized puppy, is a prankish clown around people and an aggressive alpha dog around other animals.

Don't tell me there aren't saints among us. Thursday week, my neighbor Jim Ousley, stopped me when I got home from work and said he and his nephew were going to put up my fence on Saturday.

"You're just tired of seeing my ugly yard," I said, referring to the grassless areas where Ben and Danny were tied. "No, I just feel so sorry for them," Jim said. "I can't stand to see them tied up and unable to play."

It's important to know that Jim and his wife, Donna, have three dogs and three cats, most of them rescued from beatings, starvation and death. They also support several bird families and

have been known to put food out for strays.

It's also important to know that Jim is extremely busy with his own needy house and the two Comfort Suites hotels he manages, here and in Norton, Virginia.

It took the better part of Saturday and Sunday, but Jim, his nephew and another friend fenced in my yard and gave my dogs some freedom and me some peace of mind.

There's an occasional yelp as one of the dogs hits the electric Jim attached to the wire and wood fence, but it's comforting to me to know that they're contained.

Robert Frost wrote that "good fences make good neighbors." It's also true that good neighbors make good fences.

Thank you, Jim and helpers.

Good day to subscriber Theresa Moore of Cape Coral, Florida. Thanks for reading the Floyd County Times.

Cookies arrive March 1

On Wednesday, March 1, the trucks will be arriving in Ashland and delivering about 29,000 boxes of cookies to Girl Scouts-Wilderness Road Council at the Cedar Knoll Galleria.

Dozens of Troop Cookie Managers who volunteered to help coordinate the biggest money-making project for the Girl Scouts will be on hand to help distribute the hundreds of thousands of boxes of cookies that the Wilderness Road Council Girl Scout troops have sold this year.

In the next couple of weeks the Girl Scout troops will be delivering the cookies that have been ordered.

Girl Scout Cookie Booths will also be set up at local retailers during the month of March to sell cookies to those that did not have a chance to order cookies or have eaten all that they originally ordered.

Girl Scout Cookies sale proceeds make up the majority of the Girl Scouts-Wilderness Road Council's budget. With membership at an all-time high, the girls' needs are also at an all-time high. More than 50 percent of girls in the Wilderness Road Council participate with some amount of financial assistance. The Wilderness Road Council serves more than 25,000 girls in central and eastern Kentucky.

Things to Ponder

Working on guilt

by Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

"Guilt—the realization of and sorrow over having done something morally, socially, or ethically wrong."

If you recall, guilt is a very common and powerful emotion that is supposedly central to our human experience. Hopefully, everyone has checked out her level of "good and bad" guilt over the past week.

Excessive, unjustified guilt can keep some folks from enjoying life, to being a major factor for suicide. As a result of intense guilt, humiliation, and unbearable pain from what was done, ending it all seems to be the only answer.

In contrast, "good" guilt is a worthwhile human emotion and is society's "regulator."

Like other conditions in life, each individual reacts differently to guilt. The ability to feel guilt is ideally created in children by parents with the help of their communities. While children learn the rules, an ever-increasing conscience makes them aware of right and wrong.

The person's conscience brings about an increased sense of guilt, if basic rules of "what's right" are disobeyed and anxiety is further enhanced. Have you checked your "guilt thermometer" to determine the appropriateness of its reading?

Learning ways to manage extreme and unnecessary guilt benefits everyone by decreasing mental anguish, emotionally induced physical illnesses, and sometimes tragedy. Some people bury distressful guilt feelings far beyond the layers of their conscious thoughts. In some cases, professional assistance may be required to help bring the guilt feelings to the top.

Individuals, who may be able to help themselves in regard to their guilt, can learn to penetrate the many disguises of their guilt.

The first and major approach to coping more effectively with guilt is to take a long, slow look into yourself for the purpose of identifying the core reason for such guilty feelings. Did you actually do something against the rules, fail at obligations, and/or break, or thought you did, some deeply entrenched moral or ethical expected behavior? Are you holding onto an important secret that you feel should be told to someone "safe?"

This latter reminds me of the adult male, in his early 40s, who had been bringing his teen-ager for therapy. One day he arrived in the middle of his workday without an appointment. He "had" to tell something he had never told anyone before.

During high school he had been a good student with ability to play sports and with plans to go to college. However, according to him, a male teacher sexually abused him early in high school. Although he avoided ever being alone with the teacher, his maneuvers were not always successful.

Due to feeling that his parents would not know how to handle the situation, being shy, feeling ashamed, and guilty, the young adolescent dropped out of school for a period of time. He did return to school for a short time, but "things" had not changed. He finally quit school without college, but was always disappointed that he missed seeking his dream.

A second component to coping adequately with guilt feelings is to learn the difference between the rightful and the unreasonable expectations you have of yourself. Experts suggest that you ask yourself two questions: (1) "Why do I feel guilty?" and (2) "Should I feel guilty?"

Next, check out your inner messages that are likely to control you, whether they need to or not. Take a whole new look at the principles, not created by

you, but dictated by parents, friends, society, and others.

Compare and check if you really believe in them. Are they realistic, appropriate for your stage in life, and where you are at this time?

This reminds me of a young couple who had dated for a long time and were having relationship problems. They rejected and really reacted to my suggestion they could do something different, such as their having a date at a new, local restaurant. They quickly said, "We don't go where they serve beer."

However, several sessions before, they had discussed that if the young girl were pregnant, they would choose for her to have an abortion. Sometimes you just wonder where an individual does get her script by which to live.

Other guidelines have also been recommended to aid in your distinguishing between the reasonable and unreasonable demands you might be making on yourself.

(1) You cannot hope to remain patient and even-tempered toward those you love. You are not a bad person, nor should you feel guilty, if you become angry with loved ones. It is expected we are going to feel angry with others, no matter what the relationship. The problem is created, if we do not control or discharge the anger in acceptable ways, such as in verbal and/or physical abuse.

(2) Your responsibilities to aging parents may be fewer than you are imposing upon yourself. Many aging parents, out of the self-centeredness that develops with age, use their children's potential guilt to keep their children doing what the older person wants; i.e., visiting the parents every day or, would you believe, eating dinner every night with the widowed grandmother so she will have something to do, even if the children never eat at their parents' home.

(3) Do what is right for you. An example is the career woman feeling guilty that she is not home making cookies with the kids versus the stay-at-home mom, who worries that she is not out supporting her husband with the family budget.

(4) Perfection is an unattainable ideal. People, who think they have to keep on the straight and narrow path without mistakes, sure have many fantasies. Mistakes will happen, must happen. Sometimes that is the only way we know that changes and decisions need to be made.

(5) If you have done something morally or ethically wrong, accept it—and forget it. This is a simple, effective process: apologize if you can; correct the misdeed if possible and proper; say nothing if you will hurt someone else grievously, while "telling all" is actually asking for punishment to ease your sense of guilt; tell yourself you have done it, it was wrong, and then let it go.

Dr. Theodor Reik, a well-known psychiatrist said, "One can feel sorry about something without feeling guilty. A clear understanding of the significance of our misdeeds is emotionally healthier than hopeless misery afterward."

Do you ever find yourself "drenched and staying in the misery of despair," because you cannot forget that one event that was not perfect or just the right thing for the situation?

The following quote seems to hit the spot for those who feel they must follow exactly others' rules without questioning what is best for them. "Guilt is a civilizing force that, when unbridled, can cause much hurt. But with wisdom, fortified by knowledge, this pervasive emotion can be tamed and used to your advantage as you go on with the business of living."



In October, several members of the Prestonsburg Woman's Club attended the GFWC Southeastern Regional Conference in Charleston, West Virginia. They include Maxine Scarbro, Beverly Oxford, Joyce Allen, Mable Brown and Burieta Gearhart.

Woman's Club meets

by Judy Bowen

The GFWC/KFWC Prestonsburg Woman's Club held its first meetings of the new millennium on January 6 and February 3, in the Club House at Archer Park.

The January program was a ceramic decoration project. Sandra Robertson gave the devotional. The monthly focus was food pantry items.

Decorations and desserts were provided by Lillian Baldrige, Paula Adams, Eileen Burchett and Martha Johnson.

The focus of the February meeting was women's health. Jane Bond, of the Floyd County Health Department, discussed the importance of staying active, and gave a session on body recall.

Drema Miller gave the devotional. Decorations were provided by Rosemary Armstrong, April Brown and Wonnell Godsey.



Listening to the speaker at a recent Prestonsburg Woman's Club meeting are Carolyn Traum, Beverly Oxford and Burieta Gearhart.

Kid chefs "Serve It Up" in the kitchen

(NAPSA)—Has your child prepared an unusual combination of ingredients lately that was amazingly flavorful and tasty? Your mini-chef could be a culinary wizard who could win your family a "Wonders of the West" family vacation to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons or \$15,000 cash in the Bays English Muffins "Kids' Recipe Round-Up" National Recipe Contest.

With the number of kid chefs on the rise, it's no coincidence that your child may be stirring things up in the kitchen. An astonishing 92 percent of kids reported that they like preparing their own meals because they enjoy cooking and are able to choose what they eat, according to a survey conducted by Nickelodeon/Yankelovich Youth Monitor.

"Because our company was built on a family recipe that has been passed from generation to generation, we want to encourage kids to create recipes to pass on to their families and to the world," says George Bay, President, Bays Corporation.

Six finalists will be selected and flown to Chicago with a parent or legal guardian for the final cook-off in mid-June. The prize package includes:

- Grand Prize: 12-day/11-night family vacation for four to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons or \$15,000 cash
- Second Prize: Sony Maximum Television System™
- Third Prize: Compaq™ Presario 5700T-500 Series personal computer
- Fourth Prize: \$600 gift certificate for computer games and software from buy.com
- Fifth and Sixth Prize: \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and one case of Bays English Muffins.

To give your family the chance to win fun, exciting prizes, have your six- to 12-year-old round up his or her favorite recipe—whether it's a breakfast or dinner entrée, after-school snack, sandwich or dessert-incorporating Bays English Muffins.

The recipe must serve four to six people, call for no more than 8 ingredients (not including Bays English Muffins, water, salt and pepper) and be kid-friendly (heating elements restricted to microwave or toaster oven and/or toaster). Send the original recipe on a 8-1/2 x 11 sheet of paper, along with the child's name, a parent's or legal guardian's name, address and daytime telephone number, plus one top label from a package of Bays English Muffins to: Bays "Kids' Recipe Round-Up" National Recipe Contest, 225 West Ohio Street, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60610. Applicants from Florida, Arizona, Maryland and Vermont need not submit the top label. All entries must be submitted by March 31, 2000.

For more contest information or for official rules,



call 1-800-FOR-BAYS, or write to Bays "Kids' Recipe Round-Up" National Recipe Contest at the above address or visit the Bays web site at www.bays.com.

Your child's winning culinary creation could be as simple and tempting as this recipe for Fruity Fudgy Snacks:

Fruity Fudgy Snacks

Serves 2

- 2 Bays English Muffins (split and toasted)
- 1 8-oz can chocolate frosting (room temperature)
- 1 4-oz package cream cheese (room temperature)
- 1 small can mandarin orange segments (drained)

Spread a smooth layer of cream cheese on the toasted English muffin halves. Divide frosting evenly among halves. Top with a pinwheel design of mandarin orange slices.

System

decides if he wants to take the deal or go to trial.

If he takes the deal and pleads guilty, he will be sentenced in accordance to agreement in most cases and a final judgment will be presented.

If he rejects it, a trial date is set and he will face a jury of his peers. In a jury trial, hearsay — what somebody said he heard somebody say — is not permitted. Evidence is based on facts surrounding the

case.

If found not guilty, Public will be freed. If a guilty verdict is reached, he will be sentenced and a final judgment will be presented.

John Q. Public can appeal his guilty verdict if he chooses — that is, try to get a higher court to listen and come up with a different decision.

Similar proceedings are held in district court for lesser offenses. For more information on

Kentucky's judicial system, contact the Administrative Office of Courts, Media and Public Information Office, 100 Mill Creek Park, Frankfort, KY 40601; the Office of the Attorney General, Victims Advocacy Division, 1024 Capitol Center Dr., Frankfort, KY 40601, telephone 502/696-5312, or the local Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, PO Box 111, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, telephone 606/886-1604.

Continued from p1

Couple united in evening ceremony

Jodie Renee Hall and Michael Dwayne Shortridge were married in a candlelight service at Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church in Prestonsburg on December 4, 1999, at 6:30 p.m.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Johnny and Julia Hall of Gas Fork Road in Allen. The groom is the son of Michael and Erma Shortridge of West Prestonsburg.

The officiating minister was Jim Price, and the soloist was Steve Rose.

Attending the bride were maids of honor Misty Roland and Rachael Woods. Bridesmaids were Chassity Carr, Carolyn Shepard and Stacy Frasure.

Serving the groom as best men were Ken Patton and Matt Shortridge, with Brandon Hall, Shigg Hunt and Jeremy Carr ushering guests.

Flower girls and ringbearer were Maggie and Megan Hall, twin sisters of the bride; Emilee and Latisha Carr, cousins of the bride; and Logan Hall, the bride's brother.

The bride wore a gown with a long train and a white silk veil. Her choice of flowers was lilies and carnations.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dwayne Shortridge

nations. Her attendants wore dresses of teal green.

The groom wore a black tuxedo, and his attendants wore black suits. The flower girls wore white dresses with flowered halos, and the ringbearer wore a black tuxedo with a teal green bowtie.

The new groom attended Prestonsburg High School, where he was a member of the marching band. The bride is a graduate of PHS, where she was a member of the Future Business Leaders of America and worked in the school bank. She is a member of Praise Assembly of God church.

A reception was held at the church, following the wedding. The couple are making their home at Sugar Loaf.

Pageant seeks entries

Young women, ages 13-19, may qualify for the 22nd annual Miss Teen All American pageant.

Contestants are judged in evening gown, swimsuit and personal interview. The pageant is slated for August 3-6 in Miami, Florida.

Deadline to apply is March 3.

For information, write Dept. A, Miss Teen All American, 603 Schrader Ave., Wheeling, West Virginia 26003-9619; fax, 304-242-8341; phone, 304/242-4900; e-mail, teenallam@aol.com.

Search is on for contributors for upcoming cook book

As part of its Cooking Across America series, Golden West Publishers is offering all residents of Kentucky the opportunity to have one or more of their favorite recipes included in the new "Kentucky Cook Book."

All published contributors will receive a free copy of the book.

Recipes that are of historical significance or especially pertain to foods that are identified with Kentucky as well as those that reflect the ethnic or cultural background of Kentucky residents are the main focus of this new book.

Additionally, family favorites such as "Aunt Betty's Fudge Squares" or "Grandma's Mince Pie" will be considered.

Bed and breakfasts, restaurants, caterers, and such are encouraged to submit their recipes. Individual as well as business names will be listed with each selected recipe and cross-referenced in an index of contributors.

The "Kentucky Cook Book," will join many other Golden West books that are available throughout Kentucky at Waldenbooks, B.

Daltons, Borders, and Barnes & Noble bookstores as well as many gift stores and a variety of other retail outlets and on-line book-sellers.

Books in this series have 96 or more pages, full color covers, lay flat comb binding and contain 120-150 recipes. The books will retail at \$6.95.

All recipe submissions will be reviewed by editors for acceptability and inclusion.

Reserve a spot for lunch

The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center is sponsoring two free senior citizens lunches this spring.

The first is set for Friday, March 24, and will feature a program on benefits counseling, presented by staff of the Christian Appalachian Project. The second, on Friday, April 28, will be presented by the Floyd County Extension Service. Both lunches are for persons 50 and over, and are planned for 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Seating is limited to 50 persons

Deadline for submissions is March 15.

The companies must receive a completed Recipe Submission Form for each recipe.

For Submission Forms or more information, call: 1-800-658-5830 or write: Golden West Publishers, 4113N. Longview, Phoenix, AZ 85014; FAX: 602/279-6901; E-Mail: goldwest@goodnet.com; Internet: www.goldenwestpublishers.com

at each lunch, so reservations are required. To reserve a seat, call 886-0709.



It might sound crazy, but Minnesota's state bird is the common loon.

SFMS hosts, wins academic meet

District Host South Floyd Middle School won first place in its district in the recent Governor's Cup Academic Competition, sponsored by the Kentucky Academic Association for Competitions (KAAC).

Other school competing were Adams Middle, Mountain Christian Academy and Stumbo Elementary.

South Floyd Middle also won the new Katherine C. Hume Sportsmanship Award, given to the team that displays the best sense of fair play, sportsmanship, appropriate decorum and demeanor. Student representatives from each team select the winner.

The SFMS competitors are coached by Walter Ord.

Winning second place in overall competition was Stumbo, coached by Michael Johnson. Adams, coached by Michelle Keathley, took third, and MCA, coached by Bronita Slone, ranked fourth.

Team and individual winners earned the right to advance to regional competition at Johnson County Middle School.

Winning in the individual categories were:

- Mathematics: First, Lesley Mullins, SFMS; second, Heath Vance, SFMS; third, Denise Hall, Stumbo Elementary; fourth-tie, Brandon Johnson, Stumbo, and Heather West, Adams Middle School.

- Science: First, Matt Francis, Mountain Christian Academy; second, Denise Hall, Stumbo; third, Stephen Blanton, SFMS; fourth, Jesse Staggs, SFMS.

- English Composition: First, Brittany Mitchell, Stumbo; second, Melissa Johnson, SFMS; third, Shawna Adkins, Stumbo; fourth, Adam Hicks, SFMS.

- Social Studies: First, Matt Francis, MCA; second, Mary Bentley, SFMS; third, Brandi Johnson, Stumbo; fourth, Justin Smallwood, SFMS.

- Language Arts: First, Mary Bentley, SFMS; second, Robert Risner, Adams; third, Shawna Adkins, Stumbo; fourth, Lesley Mullins, SFMS.

- General Knowledge: First, Stephen Blanton, SFMS; second, Megan Goble, Adams; third, Shannon Hicks, Adams; fourth, Brittany McGuire, SFMS.

- Future Problem Solving Team: First, Adams Middle School.

- Quick Recall Teams: First, SFMS; second, Stumbo; third, MCA; fourth, Adams.

Local students receive degrees

Twenty-four students from Floyd County completed degree requirements during Morehead State University's 1999 fall semester. Completing degree requirements, by community and degree, were:

Allen: Alan Joel Steidlitz, Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA).

Banner: Larry V. Wilson, Master of Arts in Education (MAE).

Bevinsville: Kevin J. Slone, Bachelor of Arts (BA).

Bypro: Angela Marie Mullins, Associate of Arts (AA).

Dana: John Paul Carrell, MAE.

Eastern: Patrick O'Neal Boyd, Bachelor of Science (BS).

Harold: Kimber Lee Hamilton, BBA.

Hippo: Laurie Ann Shepherd, MAE.

Hueysville: Joan Cornett, BA.

Martin: Tina Jo Crum, MAE; Sharon J. Haden, Bachelor of University Studies (BUS); Dianna G. Hale, BA; Sharon Mullins, BBA; and Charles J. Sammons, BA.

Melvin: Larry Brent Tackett, BBA.

Prestonsburg: Gina Michle Amos, BBA, and Wendy Denise Poe, MAE.

Stanville: Shannon Dale Sheperd, Master of Arts (MA).

Teaberry: Joseph N. Hamilton, BA, and Alisa Dawn Howell, BA;

Wayland: Stewart Alan Hall, BUS; Curtis Barnard Lee, BA; and Terry Douglas Scott, BA.

Wellington: Benjamin F. Crum, BA.

MSU honor grads

Three Floyd County students earned their degrees with honors from Morehead State University during the 1999 Fall Semester.

The students are Alisa Dawn Howell, Teaberry, Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude; Charles J. Sammons, Martin, Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude; and Alan Joel Steidlitz, Allen, Bachelor of Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude.

To earn a degree Magna Cum Laude, a student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 to 3.89 on a 4.0 scale.

Floyd Countians named to HCC dean's list

The following Floyd County Hazard Community College students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 1999 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have attained a grade average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Those named are Tera Handshoe of Hueysville, Chrystal Howard, Barbara Gibson, and Doris Howard, all of Garrett.

Students participate in drama production at Centre College

Les and Wes Fugate assisted in Centre College's winter drama production, "The Beauty Queen of Leenane." The Fugates were in charge of publicity.

"The Beauty Queen of Leenane" is Martin McDonough's most successful play. It is part of the writer's first trilogy of Connemara plays, including "A Skull in Connemara" and "Lonesome West."

It was the winner of four 1998 Tony awards, Drama Desk, Drama League, and Outer Critics Circle Awards, and was named co-winner of the 1998 Lucille Lortel Award. "Beauty Queen" has only recently been released for amateur and educational production, and currently it is the most popular play in America.

The students are the sons of Marshall and Jackie Fugate of Prestonsburg and are graduates of Prestonsburg High School.

Founded in 1819, Centre is a four-year liberal arts college with a selective admission policy. The college is currently listed by the U.S. News & World Report as one of the top 50 liberal arts colleges in the country.

Local wins KWC scholarship

Kentucky Wesleyan College has awarded Paula Burke of Prestonsburg, the Texas Gas Transmission Corporation Endowed Scholarship for the 1999-2000 academic year.

A nursing major, she is the daughter of Thelma Meade and a graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

Located in Owensboro, Kentucky Wesleyan College is a four-year, United Methodist Church affiliated, co-educational institution offering a wide range of majors in the liberal arts, as well as specialized programs in communication arts, nursing, and criminal justice.

Youth News



Benjamin Welch emerged as Adams Middle School spelling champion, and he placed third in county competition. He received congratulations from Adams Principal Janice Allen, left, and school spelling coordinator Shelia Ortega. He is the son of Patricia Welch of Prestonsburg.

Grant deadline near

The Pikeville College Office of Student Financial Services remind graduating high school seniors and current college students that the March 15 Kentucky State Grant priority deadline is approaching.

College personnel encourage students to complete the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible in order to receive the maximum amount of financial assistance for which they may be eligible.

Staff of Pikeville College's Office of Student Financial Services will answer any question students and or parents have regarding the FAFSA, financial assistance at the college, or the application process.

For more information, contact the Pikeville College Office of Student Financial Services at 606/432-9386, Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Mr. Wizard science program visits Buchanan School

On March 6, the mysteries of science will be explored at Buchanan School when ECA Educational Services, in conjunction with the Mr. Wizard Studios, presents "Mr. Wizard's Everyday Energy in Action."

New guidelines set by the American Academy for the Advancement of Science ask teachers to use hands-on projects

to improve the science programs in schools. In keeping with these guidelines, Mr. Wizard Science Assembly Programs demonstrate the science of everyday living using interactive teaching methods.

Don Herbert, better known as "Mr. Wizard" from NBC TV's "Watch Mr. Wizard" and Nickelodeon's "Mr. Wizard's

World," has produced a program to bring this hands-on style of science to Pippa Passes at 1:45 p.m.

Although Don Herbert himself will be busy exploring new ways to explain science using everyday items, Rollin Kay, his official assistant, will present this fast paced show guaranteed to educate and entertain.

How do you use energy around

your home? What can you do to save energy? These are questions that every student who sees this show will be able to answer. In the style of the Mr. Wizard television show, student volunteers from the audience are invited to help present visually exciting and inspirational demonstrations that promote creative ways to save energy everyday around the home.

Collins selected treasurer

Heather Collins, a junior at Hanover College, has been selected treasurer for Kappa Alpha Theta.

Collins, a business administration major, is a graduate of Paintsville High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collins of Prestonsburg.

Hanover has chapters of five fraternities and four sororities, all with

national affiliation.

Each Greek chapter accommodates the majority of its members in a house of about 40 men or women, and each employs its own house directors and cook. These houses include individual study or day rooms and sleeping quarters for all members, as well as recreational areas and lounges.

NBC offers scholarship

National Business College is accepting applications for the President's Scholarship, open to high school seniors. The scholarship is awarded and funded by National Business College. Applications and supporting material must be mailed no later than March 1. For more information, contact your guidance counselor or the admissions office of the National Business College campus, in Pikeville.

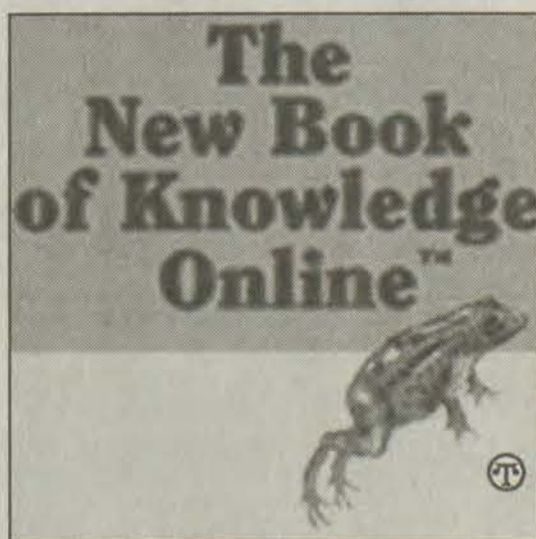
New book of knowledge goes home from school

(NAPSA)-There's news about knowledge many grade school students, their parents and teachers may be glad to learn. The Information Superhighway can be the high road to learning for school children who know how to find the right sites. One website to which many families turn is Grolier's NBK Online, the encyclopedia youngsters are most likely to use in school and is now accessible on home computers. More than 16 million students in schools and libraries nationwide access Grolier's three online reference titles.

Noted Martin Grossman, EVP of Grolier Direct Marketing. "By offering NBK Online to the home, we are providing a resource that will allow today's young students to keep pace with technology and use it in their own homes and on their own schedule. It will help children with their homework and reports and will give them instant answers to their endless questions."

The encyclopedia is offered to consumers on a subscription basis. Since it is free of advertising, there are fewer distractions for students.

The age-appropriate content in the online encyclopedia is based on national curriculum guidelines for students in grades three through



A lively encyclopedia accessible through the internet by subscription can help make learning fun for grade school students.

eight. The site provides many different ways for users to search for an article, making this online encyclopedia easy to use for students at all lev-

els. As users begin browsing through the site, interesting features and experiments can draw them into the fun of learning.

Articles and information are updated on an ongoing basis to reflect current events, and also to offer links to pre-approved sites that provide additional information on a wide variety of subjects.

For example, students doing research on hurricanes can find in-depth information on the topic, as well as information on how to make a barometer, see "facts at a glance," and follow links to such sites as "The Weather Dude" and the Miami Museum of Science's Hurricane Storm Science. This kind of interactive learning can make the process fun and engaging.

The site also offers a NewScoops section with weekly updated current events, as well as thousands of maps, photos and illustrations and links to American Library Association-approved Web sites. An activity section features fast-paced interactive games that reinforce important study skills and make learning more fun.

To learn more, call 1-800-416-2361 or visit the Web site www.grolier.com under multimedia.

Hosts needed for PIE students

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive very soon for academic semester and year program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) executive director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their

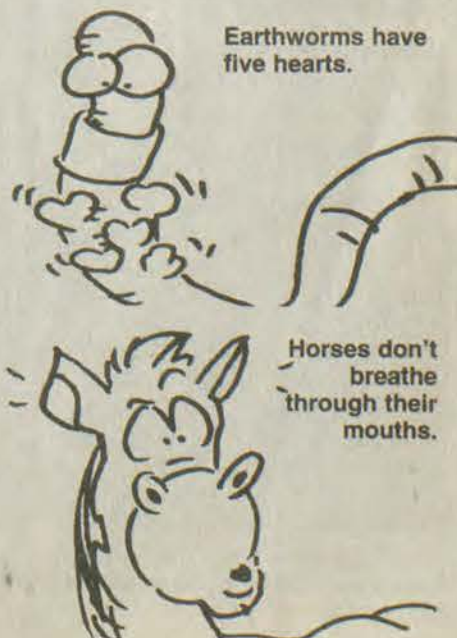
new American families.

P.I.E. has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a stu-

dent into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.



Youth News

May Valley Fun



Justin Barnette and Jon Ross Goble participate in a science experiment at May Valley Elementary School. Students in Anna Shepherd's class were required to close their eyes and hold their noses while eating a section of orange and a section of grapefruit, and then tell their partner which one they ate first.



At May Valley Elementary, Amy Gayheart recently learned while making "dinner" for the birds. She is a student of Anna Shepherd.



David Burchfield and his mother make a candleholder. She volunteered supplies and her time to complete a craft with the students in Anna Shepherd's class at May Valley Elementary.



Mary Scott, mother of Ashley Scott, volunteered her time and materials to help students in Anna Shepherd's class at May Valley Elementary to make Christmas ornaments.



Instructional assistant Penny Little made potato candy with students Amy Gayheart and Blake Patton in Anna Shepherd's class at May Valley Elementary School. The students were completing projects and eating items beginning with the "p" sound.



Alex Lester, a student in Anna Shepherd's class at May Valley Elementary, posed with his mom, Teresa Lester, who volunteered her time and supplies to help students make snowman ornaments.



Cameron Blake Patton, left, enjoyed decorating and eating his edible Christmas tree. He and Austin Barnette are in Anna Shepherd's class at May Valley Elementary School.



The second nine-week period at Opportunities Unlimited ended with a Christmas party and gifts for all the students. Students with 90 percent attendance for the first semester were Richard Brandon Mullins, Darrell Briggs, McKay Ousley, Jeff Tackett, Chad Martin, Kyle Waddles, Charles Moore, Chris Meade and Derika Moore. On the honor roll for the first semester were Derika Moore, Darrell Briggs, Johnnda Bryant, Amy Bailey, Tiffany Johnson, Jessica Tackett, Angel Potter, Justin C. Jones, Nathan Sturgill, Nick Smith and Sabrina Hall.



The 4-H Club at Opportunities Unlimited sponsored a food and clothing drive at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Nioka Stone chose the families to receive the collection of donations.

Options attract in education

(NAPSA)-Johns Hopkins School of Public Health is truly at the forefront of flexible educational options. With courses available full and part-time, days, evenings and weekends, in classrooms and over the Internet, the school is assisting the education and advancement of public health professionals.

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Johns Hopkins University's School of Hygiene and Public Health's Master of Public Health was rated number one by U.S. News and World Reports.

A Global Reputation
"The School of Hygiene and Public Health-the largest of its kind-is considered preeminent among the world's academic public health schools. The school's faculty includes world-renowned research scientists, educators and leaders from government, private industry and non-profit organizations," explains Dr. Edyth Schoenrich, M.D. MPH, Director, Office of Part-Time Professional Programs.

intensive seminars, working professionals can participate in an academically enriching environment.

Flexibility is Key
The school offers part-time graduate programs in a variety of non-traditional formats and venues.

Summer Institutes
For professionals unable to devote full-time to their studies during the regular academic year, there are several short-term intensive summer institutes available.

Part-Time Programs
In addition to the East Baltimore campus, two Washington area campuses provide unique opportunities for students to interact with federal agencies, to impact policy and to further integrate academic public health with public health practice.

Internet-Based Programs
Students in the school's distance education division participate in online courses, labs and experiments delivered on the Internet using Interactive software.

Students who enroll in a part-time program receive individualized advising to help them choose the best course of study. By blending a mix of classroom study at convenient locations, campus study, distance education and

All these students can obtain the same nationally ranked degree as do those who attend school on campus, have up to three years to complete degree requirements and acquire fluency in using the Internet as an education, research and communication tool. They can engage faculty and other students in online discussions and access university library and research collections from anywhere in the world.

Further Information
To learn more, call 1-800-800-7474 or see www.jhsph.edu/Academics/



John Quincy Adams is the only son of a president to become president.



The only U.S. president who never married was John Buchanan.



Justin Jones, a student at Opportunities Unlimited, sang at a recent US 23 Showcase at the Mountain Arts Center.

Students shine in academic competition

Youth News

District 83 Governor's Cup Academic Competition was hosted by Allen Elementary School on Tuesday, February 8, and Wednesday, February 9.

Participating were students from Allen, Betsy Layne and Mullins elementary schools and Millard Junior High School.

Betsy Layne Elementary took top honors in the district, followed by Mullins, Allen and Millard.

In Quick Recall, the team from Allen Elementary came in second, with Mullins winning the match. Mullins won for Future Problem Solving Team.

In written assessment, the fol-

lowing students placed in subject competition:

• Mathematics: First, Brentton Akers, BLES; second, Mandy May, AES; third, Mike Robinson, Mullins; fourth-tie, John Sanders, Millard, and Brent Newsome, BLES.

• Science: First, Adam Chaffins, BLES; second, William May, AES; third, David Joseph, AES; fourth, R.J. Blackburn, Millard.

• Composition: First, Amber Hunt, Mullins; second-tie, Rachel Ratliff, Millard, and Amanda Keathley, AES; fourth-tie, Tara Burchett, BLES, and Geri Vance, AES.

• Social Studies: First, William May, AES; second, Robert Collum, BLES; third, John Sanders, Millard; fourth, Ryan Stratton, Mullins.

• Language Arts: First, Casey McMilian, BLES; second, Mike Robinson, Mullins; third, Kim Gibson, AES; fourth, Rachel Ratliff, Millard.

• General Knowledge: First, Robert Collum, BLES; second, Adam Chaffins, BLES; third, Jordan Kidd; fourth, Rachel Delong, AES.

Regional competition was scheduled for February 19.

Photos submitted by Allen Elementary School



Rachel Delong of Allen Elementary took fourth place in General Knowledge competition.



Mandy May of Allen Elementary took second place in mathematics competition.



Allen Elementary Quick Recall Team



Science competition winners, first through fourth place



English Composition winners, first through fourth place



Social Studies winners, first through fourth place



Language arts winners, first through fourth place

The Floyd County Times

Classifieds

DEADLINES: WEDNESDAY PAPER, NOON MONDAY - FRIDAY PAPER, WEDNESDAY 5 P.M. - SHOPPER and SUNDAY, WEDNESDAY 5 P.M.

RATES: (4 lines minimum)

\$1.25 per line for Wednesday and Friday Paper

\$1.60 per line for Wednesday, Friday Paper, and Shopper

\$2.00 per line for Wednesday, Friday, Sunday Paper, and Shopper

Contact Sandra or Donna at extension #15 at:

(606) 886-8506



FAX US YOUR AD:

(606) 886-3603

24 HOURS

The FLOYD COUNTY TIMES does not knowingly accept false or misleading advertisements. Ads which request or require advance payment of fees for services or products should be scrutinized carefully.

FOR SALE

Autos

'92 CHRYSLER
LEBARON: Excellent
condition. Call 285-
3061.

1998 CAVALIER: AC,
anti-lock brakes,
32,000 miles, excellent
shape. \$9,800. 1988
Ford Ranger SWB
Truck. 4 cyl., sharp
truck. \$2,300. For
sale or Trade. 886-
0631.

1999 HARLEY
SPORTSTER:
Windshield, leather
bags, chromed out, low
mileage, sharp! Call
886-2498 or 886-6586.

Furniture

RAY'S BARGAIN
CENTER
NEW furniture reduced
to unbelievable prices.
Mattress sets starting
at \$99, living room
suits \$349 & bedroom
suits \$399. Large
selection of USED fur-
niture & appliances
such as stoves, refrig-
erators, washers & dry-
ers. SHOP AT THE
LITTLE FURNITURE
STORE & SAVE!! RT.
#122, McDowell. Call
377-0143.

BANK
FORCLOSURES!
New singlewides and
doublewides. Bank will
pay for delivery & set-
up. Furnished with
Central air, skirting &
more! HURRY! 606-
478-4530.

KENTUCKY
MOBILE HOME
DEALER: Selling
new & Repo, Double
& singlewides. Save
1,000s of dollars by
ordering your floor
plans thru us.
Financing Available.
CRUM'S MOBILE
HOME MOVERS,
INC.: Insured with
permits (long dis-
tance hauling). 886-
6665

Real Estate

3 BR, 2 BA HOUSE:
1 acre of land, small
attached garage, city
limits, P'burg. 606-
499-3322.

NEW 3 BR HOUSE:
With garage. Will sell
with 6 acres level land.
886-8366.

HI HAT, STONE
HOUSE: Approx.
2400 sq. ft., 5 BR, 2 full
BA, 1st floor laundry,
large family room,
large kitchen, full base-
ment, gas heat, central
air. Must see inside to
appreciate. \$98,000.
1-606-377-2030.

HI HAT, TWO-2 BR
HOUSES: Needs
work, possible rental
units. Will sell together
or separately. On flat
lots, easy access.
\$10,000 per unit or
make offer. 606-377-
2030.

PROPERTY
FOR RENT

For Lease

COMMERCIAL
BUILDING: In
Prestonsburg, on N.
Lake Dr. 886-8366.

Office Space

BRICK OFFICE
BUILDING FOR
RENT: On Hwy 23,
halfway between
Prestonsburg &
Pikeville. 5800
square feet, Ample
storage and parking,
ideal for insurance
agency, claims
office, administrative
office, accounting or
Legal. Call toll free
877-404-1445.

FOR RENT SMALL
BUILDING: Suited for
office or small busi-
ness. 3 br. apt up stars.
Located at Trimble
Chapel Square.
Intersection at 8 & 23.
Call Curtis Hatfield.
606-673-3452.

There's a better
way to move
those old
items...
Advertise In
The Classifieds!
886-8506

FOR LEASE: Office
space in rapidly grow-
ing McDowell, KY.
Conveniently located
to stores, bank, hospi-
tal and post office.
Awesome traffic flow.
1250 sq. feet.
Property has reception
area, two bathrooms,
and five offices. For
information contact
606-377-0100 or 1-
800-758-4869.

Apartments

Apartments for
Rent: 1 & 2 BR.
Executive suite also
available. Call 349-
5135 or 349-7285,
leave message.

1 BR APT.: Furnished.
Below hospital. 886-
2880.

2 BR DUPLEX: Stove,
ref., Central heat/air.
City limits. \$380 per
mo. + util., Dep. \$380.
1 yr. lease. No pets.
886-6551 or 237-4758.

1 OR 2 BR, FUR-
NISHED: 886-8366.

2 YR. OLD DUPLEX:
3 BR. Located Rt.
1750 at Bonanza, 5.2
miles from New U.S.
23. Call 606-886-3799
or 788-0064.

1 BR APT.: Newly
decorated, off street
parking, downtown
area. \$350 month +
\$350 dep. 886-2444.

1 BR APT.: Furnished,
all utilities paid.
Located near hospital
at Martin. \$150 per
wk. or \$500 per month.
285-0650.

1 BR FURNISHED
APT.: McDowell. \$225
+ utilities & security
deposit. HUD acc.
377-6881.

2 BR APTS. 12 miles
north of Pikeville & 16
miles south of P'burg.
W/D hook-up, Kit.
appl. incl., pool. 478-
8000, www.mellow-
brook.com.

R & L APARTMENTS,
Under new manage-
ment: We now have
coin laundry for ten-
ants. We have apts.
available. One easy
payment, all utilities &
cable included. Call
886-2797.

Houses

3 BR HOUSE:
Located at Estill. \$300
month + \$200 deposit.
358-9376.

2 BR HOUSE IN PRE-
STONSBURG: \$350
mo. Call 874-2890.
leave message.

2 BR HOUSE FOR
RENT: In Allen. 874-
0456.

3 BR HOUSE: With
fireplace. 886-8366.

Mobile Home Lots

TRAILER LOT FOR
RENT: On Cow Cr.
\$80 month. Call 874-
2802, J. Davis.

Rental Properties

B&O RENTAL PROP-
ERTIES 9 LOCA-
TIONS ALL IN CITY
LIMITS. 1&2 bedroom
apartments. 2 bed-
room townhouses. 2&3
bedroom houses. 886-
8991.

EMPLOY-
MENT

When responding
to Employment ads
that have reference
numbers, please
indicate that entire
reference number
on the outside of
your envelope.
Reference numbers
are used to help us
direct your letter to
the correct individ-
ual.

Business
Opportunity

WORK FROM HOME
\$500-\$1500 Mo. PT-
\$200-\$5000 Mo. FT.
International Co.
Needs Supervisors &
Assistants
Immediately! Full
Training! For FREE
Info. Call: (920)699-
4094 or visit:
www.your-at-
home.com.

Job Listings

IMMEDIATE OPEN-
ING: For three-mixer
drivers. Apply in per-
son, at Wells Ready
Mix at Watergap/
Dotson Br.

SELF MOTIVATED,
energetic people need-
ed for sales position.
Southern Energy
Homes of Ivel. Come
by or call and speak to
Christine 606-478-
4530.

PRESTONSBURG
HEALTH CARE has
an opening for a LPN.
Call 606-886-2378 and
ask for the D.O.N.

Help Wanted

LOCAL CHURCH
SEEKING NURSERY
ATTENDANT. Must be
available Sunday
Mornings, Wednesday
Evenings. Ref.
required. Please
respond to F.U.M.C.
Nursery attendant 256
South Arnold Ave.
Prestonsburg.

TRUCK DRIVER
WANTED: Class B
CDL, Hazmat required.
Pay, \$7.00 per hour.
Serious inquires only.
Send your resume to:
P.O. Box 126,
Prestonsburg, KY
41653 Attn: Truck
Driver Position.

ARE YOU CONNECT-
ED? Internet Users
Wanted! \$25-\$75/hr.
PT/FT. 1-888-246-
8681, www.home-
cash.net

AVON

Be an Avon salesper-
son. 285-9486 or 886-
8737. Buy or sell.

Wanted

NEEDED: Ride from
P-Burg to Pikeville
weekdays. At 7:30
a.m., return 4:30-5:00
p.m. Must be reliable.
Will help with gas. 886-
8014.

PETS AND
SUPPLIES

READY TO SALE
MARCH 3RD: Full
stock Rottweiler pups.
Call 358-2703.

SERVICES

Carpentry Work

PAINTING, CARPEN-
TRY, general mainte-
nance and repairs.
Call 889-0210.

JIM'S HANDY MAN
Experience in:
Plumbing, Electrical,
Carpentry and others.
606-835-7868.

Classes Offered

SAFETY & FIRST
AID: For coal miners,
loggers, transportation
and construction work-
ers. Call Curtis
Hughes 285-0650.

Cleaning Services

NEED A HOUSE
CLEANER: One day a
week. Call 886-1527
leave message.

Contractors

P & N
CONSTRUCTION
Residential &
Commercial, building,
remolding, roofing,
electrical, concrete
work, driveway,
retaining walls. At
reasonable rates.
631-1613 or 205-
0675 cell phone.

Elderly / Child
Care

NURSES AIDE: With
20 yrs. experience, will
care for elderly in their
home or hers. 478-
1878, (pager) 437-
8251.

Locksmith

CLASSIC
LOCKSMITHS, INC
Certified & Bonded
Commercial, Resi-
dential & Vehicle
Locks, Safes, Keys
and Lockouts.
4660 Hwy 321 South
Hager Hill, Ky 41222
Days (606-789-1399)
Nights & Weekends
(606-874-9530)

Safety Training, Inc.
Prestonsburg, Ky.

- Fire extinguisher inspection and recharge
- Safety class available

(606) 886-1111
Fax: (606) 886-2222

Flooring

WOOD FLOOR
INSTALLER: Install
wood @ \$1.75/sq.ft.
3/4" maple hardwood
\$3.95/sq.ft. installed.
Call Bill @ 789-3900.

Transportation
Service

NEED A RIDE? Call
Mt. Transportation, 24
hr. service. We accept
Cash and Medicaid.
Call: Stella or Jo 886-
6698.

Tree Service

TREE CUTTING
AND TRIMMING:
Topping, land clear-
ing, etc. Free esti-
mates. References
furnished. Call 874-
5333.

Upholstery &
Sewing

NO JOB TOO BIG OR
TOO SMALL: Vehicle,
boats, house hold fur-
nishings. Any or all
alterations. Call Tracy
Bobo at Village Sewing
Inc. 285-1384.

MISC.

Musical
Instruments

J & J MAY MUSIC
Guitars-Banjoes.
Buy, Sell and Trade.
605 N.Lake Drive
Prestonsburg, KY
606-886-7010

Free

BECOME DEBT
FREE! Cut payments
without new loans. It's
easy! 1 hr. approval.
Call 1-800-517-3406.

FREE PALLETS: Can
be picked up behind
The Floyd County
Times.

It Out!

Read your own Ad
the first time it
appears. The Floyd
County Times is
only responsible
for one incorrect
insertion!

\$2000 Paid
Directly To You!
On Any New REDMAN or
FLEETWOOD Doublewide.
\$1000 Paid
Directly To You!
On Any new REDMAN or
FLEETWOOD Singlewide.
16x80 Fleetwood - \$19,995
Trading Post Homes
of Pikeville
1-877-800-7678
606-433-1000

Sales Representative

Large insurance company has outstanding
opening for a sales representative.
Individual must be a local resident with
ambition to be successful. Business or
sales background helpful. To request per-
sonal interview, call between 8:30 a.m.
and 4 p.m. at 606-432-0155.

Jim Bridgman or Danny Owens.

• NOW HIRING •
PART-TIME SALES

Energetic, hard-working individuals needed.
Retail experience a plus.

Benefits Include:

Competitive Salary, Bonuses,
Generous Store Discount, Friendly Positive
Atmosphere, Career Growth Opportunities.

Apply in person:

Weddington Plaza
Pikeville, Kentucky
Or Call: 1-888-399-SHOE

dawahares
Shoe Department

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Receptionist

Full-time position

General office experience
desired—knowledge of office
procedures and experience
operating standard office
equipment. Must be computer
literate.

Apply in person at

The Floyd County Times

263 South Central Avenue
Prestonsburg, Ky.

No phone calls, please.

Sales & Delivery

for our newest publication

"The Sporting Times"

Part-time

Commission + Bonus

Must present resumé in person

Floyd County Times

263 S. Central Avenue
Prestonsburg, KY

NO PHONE CALLS

Pikeville College

Nursing Faculty Position

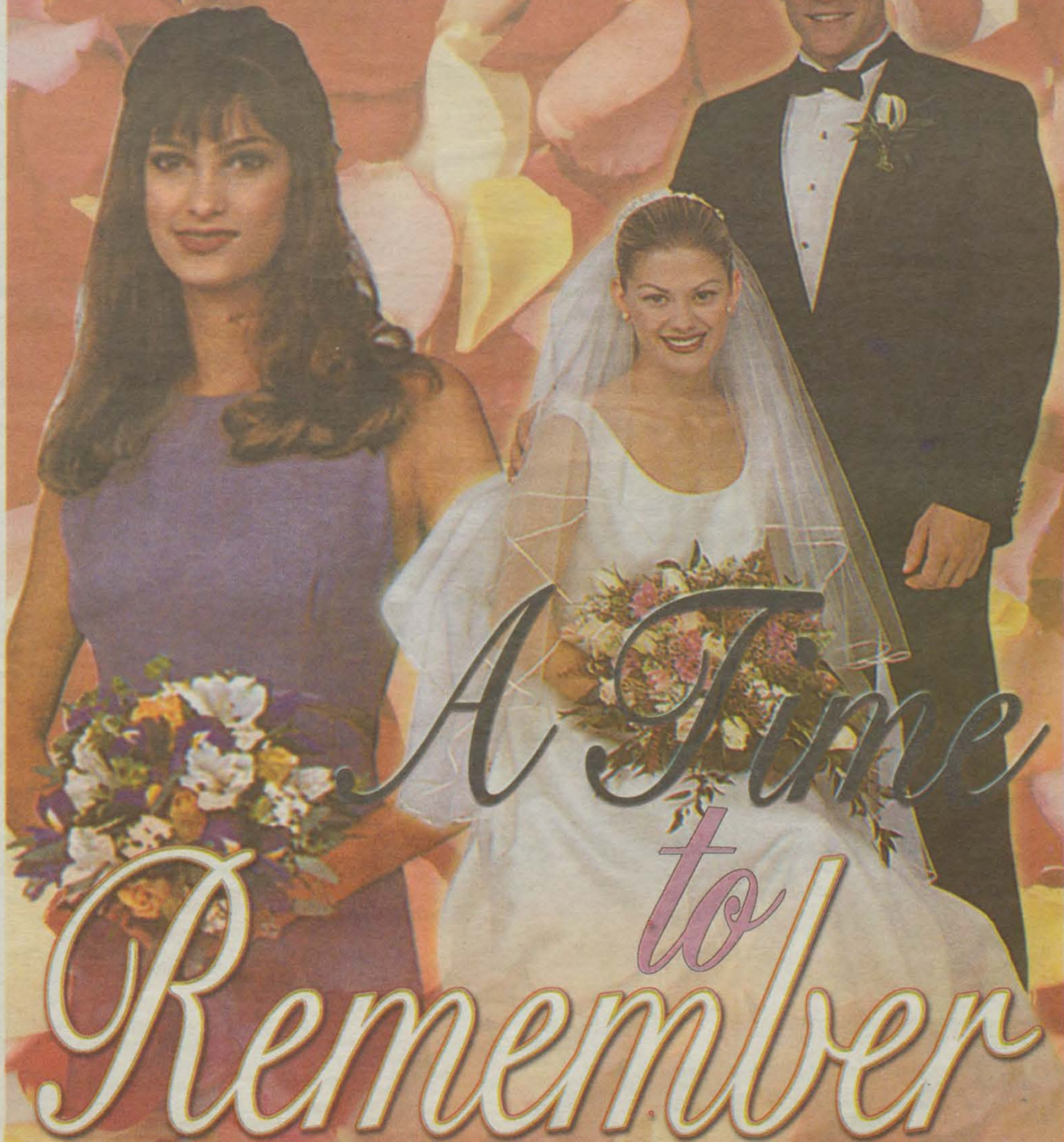
Pikeville College is accepting applications for a full-time
faculty position in Adult Nursing for its associate degree
nursing program. Community nursing experience is a
plus. This position begins August 14, 2000. Teaching expe-
rience is preferred. An MSN is required. Must be eligible
for a Kentucky license.

Send a letter and current curriculum vitae to:

Dr. Wallace Campbell, Dean
Pikeville College
147 Sycamore St.
Pikeville, KY 41501
Telephone 606-432-9202
FAX 606-432-9328

Pikeville
COLLEGE

*Prom & Bridal Supplement
to the Floyd County Times*



*A Time
to
Remember*

Accessories shopping list takes worry out of 'The Big Day'

(ARA) - With an engagement ring comes several months of planning and a lot of shopping. Most brides have long fantasized about shopping for major wedding items such as the dress and flowers. However, it's the little things that seem to fall through the cracks and even a calm, cool and collected bride can get frazzled when they remember the many wedding accessories needed to make the big day complete.

Margaret Powers, executive director of events and merchandising for Enesco, has put together a simple shopping list of wedding accessories to help relieve wedding stress.

FOR THE CHURCH

- Unity Candle - A unity

candle and holder is optional depending upon the style and religious nature of the ceremony.

- Today's Rice - Bridal couples are being very creative when it comes to this showering tradition. Some ideas include birdseed, flower petals, bubbles and even butterflies.

- Decorations - Church decorations could include flowers, an aisle runner, candles or bows for the pews.

FOR THE BRIDAL PARTY

- Gifts - Everyone in the bridal party, ranging from the maid of honor to the ring bearer, should be acknowledged with a special gift.

- Flower Basket - Every

flower girl needs a basket to hold her petals.

- Ring Bearer Pillow - A ring bearer's duties would not be complete without the pillow and, of course, the rings.

- Itinerary - Have a detailed itinerary made for the bridal party ensuring they will stay on schedule and are aware of the day's activities.

FOR THE GUESTS

- Favors - Whether it's candy or a small gift, every guest will love to bring home something.

- Wedding Programs - Beautiful wedding programs add to the special touch of a wedding and can be an informational piece as well as a keepsake.

FOR THE RECEPTION

- Table Centerpieces - Make the room look aglow with a large candle in a decorative holder as the centerpiece or add a fragrant scent with flowers in a beautiful vase.

- Champagne Glasses - To toast the beginning of a new life together, the bride and groom should have keepsake champagne glasses.

- Guest Book and Pen - A guest book will help record all that attend the wedding as well as make future "thank you" notes much easier.

- Cake Cutter and

Server - Make cutting the cake a moment to last a lifetime by purchasing cake accessories.

- Cake Topper - If remembering the special day is important, purchase a cake topper that can later be displayed in the home.

- One-Use Cameras - Giving guests the power to capture every moment will ensure good wedding day candids.

- Envelope Holder - An envelope holder atop the gift table is a great way to collect wedding envelopes. Some suggestions include a birdcage, wishing well or bridal mailbox.

"Creating an elegant, memorable wedding is as easy as using the same theme or look on all of the wedding accessories," said Powers.

She also recommends selecting a flower, image or color combination and coordinating all wedding details around this look. For example, couples can purchase accessories from Enesco's Pretty as a Picture Promises of Love Collection and continue this theme throughout by printing the adorable image of the miniature bride and groom on wedding programs, napkins and table cards. Guests are guaranteed to love and always remember the look of the wedding.

For more information or



What can make a wedding cake even sweeter? An adorable Pretty as a Picture Promises of Love cake topper. Atop layers of white-frosted cake, the miniature bride and groom figurine is an image of wedding day perfection.

to locate a Pretty as a Picture retailer, consumers can contact Enesco at 1/800-NEAR-YOU or visit Enesco's website at www.enesco.com.

Enesco Corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of Enesco Group, Inc. A part of the gift and collectibles industry for 40 years, Enesco offers more

than 10,000 gift, collectible and home accent items, including Precious Moments, Cherished Teddies, Mary Engelbreit, David Winter Cottages and many others.

Courtesy of Article Resource Association, www.aracopy.com, e-mail: info@aracopy.com.

Flowers & Tans
at
Bountiful Baskets & Bouquets
(under the Blue Roof at the curve •
S. Lake Dr. • Prestonsburg)
889-0057

VISA MasterCard Discover

Rent Your Tuxedo From Martins For Prom, Wedding, or Any Special Occasion!

Choose from Sam Myers, Mr. Tuxedo, and Geno's Groom's Tuxedo FREE With Six Rentals!
Martins Price Includes Shoes!

MARTINS DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.

- JACKSON
N. Jackson Plaza • 666-5554
- MOREHEAD
117 E. Main St. • 784-4320
- SALYERSVILLE
Magoffin Plaza • 349-3138
- PRESTONSBURG
Glyn-View Plaza • 886-8497

Gift shopping made easy

(NU) - The wedding is in New York, the bride and groom live in California, and you live somewhere in between. The days of growing up, getting married and settling down in the same town as your family and friends are gone for most of us.

Those were the days when buying a wedding gift was easy — you didn't have to travel with the gift, the couple was registered close by and you knew what they needed because they needed everything.

Modern times and modern weddings have changed all that. But modern technology can make it just as easy to get a wedding gift the couple will treasure without having to lug it with you all over creation.

In fact, online shopping makes it easier because you don't even need to leave your house to find that perfect gift. Mall.com, the premiere Internet mall, answers your questions

about buying wedding gifts online.

Q: How do I know what to get?

A: The options are limitless. Find out if the couple is registered. More and more, online stores allow access to their bridal registries online. Simply pull up the registry, choose a gift, pay for it, and it can be gift wrapped and sent directly to the couple. If the couple is not registered, you can still get them a wonderful and thoughtful gift online. Most online stores offer gift ideas for you.

Q: Where should I send the gift?

A: Weddings are hectic enough without the bride and groom having to worry how they'll get their gifts home without anything breaking. Send your gift to the designated address on the registry or to the couple's home after the wedding. This is the best way to avoid hassle for everyone, including yourself.

Q: Where do I go to find a gift?

A: This part is easy. Most major retailers and department stores have online counterparts. You could search them out individually or find them all in one place at Mall.com. Mall.com serves as a hub to online stores such as Williams-Sonoma, Nordstrom, Eddie Bauer, Bombay Company, Bloomingdale's and Dillard's, among others. The layout of Mall.com looks like one of those free-standing mall maps at your local mall that says, "You are here." Clicking on a category such as "Home & Family" will pull up a mall layout featuring all the stores that sell housewares. Just click on the store of your choice, and you are there.

Mall.com also offers free e-mail service and customized service that allows you to create your own virtual mall online. For more information, visit www.mall.com.

Find your perfect prom style, with the click of a mouse

(ARA) - The young women of the classes of 2000 and 2001 don't have far to go when searching for the perfect Prom look. The power of the Internet puts Prom fashion at their fingertips. The progeny of the "Baby Boomers" will be heading to Prom in record numbers and their favored source of information, "the net", will prove an important tool for Spring 2000 Prom shopping.

Those marketing Prom Collections are well aware of the popularity of the Internet among the high school crowd. Industry leaders, such as Alfred Angelo, are providing Prom goers with web sites designed to showcase the hottest looks for Spring 2000. Angelo launched their Prom site for the Spring '99 season and the reaction from consumers exceeded the firm's wildest expectations.

"We had an overwhelming response to our Prom site this year," states Cindi Freeburn, Director of Advertising for Alfred Angelo. The company received thousands of Email from girls on topics ranging from styling to

accessories to color advice. "When visitors log on to our Prom sight, they are not only looking for what style dress to wear, but are also turning to us for help with accessory, hair and make-up ideas."

When visiting www.alfredangelo.com the girls will have an option to go directly to the Prom section of the Angelo site, which also features bridal wear. The entire Prom 2000 collection can be viewed via the "virtual catalog" which in addition to photos features detailed descriptions of the gowns, including color choices and suggested price ranges.

The Spring 2000 Prom Collection features looks as diverse as the young women who will wear them. From full-skirted ball gowns in taffeta and tulle to body hugging silhouettes in satin, some with matching "shrugs." There are styles with touches of beading and others, supremely simple for the "young sophisticate" type. The color palette showcases millennium metallics, pure pastels, gem inspired jewel tones, sherbet shades and



Courtesy of Article Resource Association

basic black. Retail prices begin at \$125 and all the styles offered are available through size 20.

In addition to the on-line Prom boutique, visitors to the site can click on the "where to buy guide" which lists the stores in their local area which carry the Angelo Prom line. They will also be able to answer an on-line survey, enter a contest and send their questions and comments to the company via the communications link.

While Alfred Angelo is determined to provide as much information as possible to the Prom consumer, the firm does not permit their products to be sold over the net. According to Freeburn, the company's marketing policy favors the retail shopping environment provided by the local specialty store, which provides the opportunity for the Prom shopper to try the gowns on and receive the expertise and services the brick and mortar retailer has to offer.

There is no doubt that the Internet provides another dimension to the Prom shopping experience. While magazines targeted to the teen population will continue to play an impor-

tant role in reaching the Prom audience, the Internet provides companies such as Alfred Angelo with a very direct and cost effective means of communicating with the Prom customer. The Prom goer benefits from the ability to "shop" for Prom ideas from the comfort of her home. She is able to become a better informed and more confident Prom customer prior to entering her local retail store.

Courtesy of Article Resource Association, www.aracopy.com, e-mail: info@aracopy.com



**Kathy's
Electrolysis
Center**
874-8700
Create A New You!



Our Bridal Registry
... and how it works for you

Over the years we've found our Bridal Registry Service to be one of the most appreciated of all the services we offer our customers. It makes it easy for you to select the perfect wedding or shower gift because you know it's exactly what the bride is looking for.

Shown: Noritake's Lockleigh/Stoneleigh

The engaged couple registers their preferences in china, crystal, flatware and giftware. We record this and update the list as gifts are purchased, to avoid duplications.

Visit us the next time you're shopping for wedding or shower gifts. We'll help you select a gift the bride really wants. We'll gift-wrap it. We'll ship it. And the service is free!

Earl Castle's Jewelry

97 W. Court Street
Only in Downtown Prestonsburg
886-2191



Courtesy of Article Resource Association

Add
Sounds
MOBILE D.J.
PA Systems
AVAILABLE FOR

Parties • Receptions • Reunions • Festivals

Live D.J.

Special Lighting Effects
Lazer • Strobe • Smoke Machine

606-788-9191



Indoor/Outdoor
Events



Perfect packing for the perfect honeymoon

(ARA) - The banquet hall and DJ are booked, the caterer has been chosen and the cake ordered, your dress is ready at the dress shop, and lovely flowers are

selected. Everything is prepared for your big day! Your wedding will be beautiful and perfect-smiles, tears of joy and laughter, and then you can look forward to a relaxing honeymoon with your new partner in life.

With all of the hard work and planning that goes into a wedding, the honeymoon is almost an afterthought, and while it is often exciting, it can be stressful, too. Today, the services of thousands of travel agents and travel Web sites are available across the country. So sit back and take it easy when finding the perfect place to celebrate your marriage. Vacations are meant to be fun, not work!

One way to ensure that you have a worry-free honeymoon escape is to prepare ahead of time. You don't have to make dozens of lists or fuss over getting ready for your trip, but do take the time to pack correctly. Home-care expert Gerry Luepke says this process begins by preparing your wardrobe. "Vacations are ideal times to take extra-special care of garments, especially when going on a romantic honeymoon."

She suggests preparing clothing by first washing each item. "Try using a liquid fabric softener to add a



special touch to your laundry. This is especially beneficial for laundering items where line-dry care is suggested and for adding that extra softness to all your laundry." Luepke's favorite is Cling Free liquid softener. "It helps to create a delightfully scented, ultra-soft wardrobe for your vacation."

Once you're set to get

packing, Gerry notes that a good way to keep your clothes smelling great and static free, even in a suitcase, is to use fabric softener sheets. These aren't just for the dryer anymore and many people have discovered the unlimited uses for softener sheets. They are small, easy to take along and practical for a busy trip like a honeymoon.

To enjoy a wonderfully fresh smelling wardrobe every day of your vacation, Luepke advises placing a few of the sheets between packed clothing and around the edges of the suitcase. "I prefer Cling Free fabric softener sheets. They smell wonderful and are easy to use and carry," she says. The honeymoon wardrobe always includes very special items: beautiful lingerie and eveningwear. Gerry advises to bring a box of sheets along to rid items of static cling. Gently wipe a dryer sheet over each garment and the static will disappear—a tip that will keep you looking beautiful.

Your honeymoon will be full of special memories and carefree time spent together. Taking care of your wardrobe will help you to pack perfectly and enjoy your trip to the fullest. With these hints and the almost magical power of fabric softener sheets, like those by Cling Free, your honeymoon will be worry-free. Pick the perfect place to go and start packing; you're off for the time of your life!

For more tips and information, contact Gerry Luepke at (800) 284-2023.

Courtesy of Article Resource Association, www.aracopy.com, e-mail: info@aracopy.com



Wedding Gallery

Weddington Plaza, Pikeville

"Where we take pride in every bride"

Complete line of BRIDAL AND FORMAL APPAREL

BRIDAL GOWNS BY:

Bridal Originals • Forever Yours • Mary's • Mori Lee • Private Label by G • Sweethearts • and many more

Wedding rentals, gown preservation, consulting, wedding accessories, and jewelry. Bridesmaid dresses, mother of the bride, flower girl dresses—all available in leading brands.

Shoes available to be dyed to match any color scheme.

Wedding Gallery

Weddington Plaza, Pikeville
(606) 437-2429

Full Tuxedo Services available

Prom Tuxes
Wedding Tuxes
All Sizes
Accessories
New Vests & Shirts
Button Covers
Free Groom's Tux
(with 6 paid rentals)
Prices starting at
\$52.00

Prom 2000 is here..

Find all your needs
at the Wedding Gallery.

Design your own gown,
or choose from our beautiful selection.

Pageant and Formal Dresses by
Mike Benet, Alyce, and many more.

Special orders and alterations available.



Great, unique gifts for your wedding party

(NUE) - The cake is ordered, the dress is bought, the invitations were sent and the honeymoon is planned. You think you have all your bases covered? Think again.

Have you thought about

gifts for your attendants and groomsmen? Too often, little thought is put into their gifts at all. In a typical wedding scenario, the bride buys her attendants some sort of jewelry to match their dresses — you know the ones they'll never wear again — and the groom buys the groomsmen something engraved like a money clip or a flask.

But, like your wedding itself, your attendants and groomsmen are unique. Shouldn't your gift to them be the same?

Mall.com, the premier Internet mall, offers some distinctive gift suggestions for your wedding party from your favorite name brand stores at its Web site (www.mall.com):

- The outdoors lovers in your wedding party would enjoy hiking gear or travel books from REI.

- Sports nuts would love athletic equipment or mem-

orabilia from ESPN.

- Get the latest gadget from Sharper Image for the gadget guru in your wedding party.

- Frequent flyers can always use travel accessories and luggage pieces from Luggage Online.

- Shutterbugs would appreciate camera accessories and equipment from Ritz Camera.

- Martini shakers and glasses from Williams-Sonoma make great gifts for people who love to entertain.

- Gardeners can always use new planters or gardening tools from Brookstone.
- The artists in your wedding party would enjoy a unique gift from the Museum Company.

- Pamper your stressed out friend with at-home spa products from Garden Botanika.

Let your attendants and groomsmen know you real-

ly care by getting them a gift that speaks to their personality. You don't even have to run yourself ragged racing from store to store to get the perfect gift for each member of your wedding party. Now you can do it all from your computer by visiting one Web site — Mall.com.

The layout of Mall.com looks like one of those free-standing mall maps at your local mall. Clicking on a category, such as "Sports & Outdoors," "Travel" or "Gifts & Specialty" will pull up a mall layout featuring all the stores that sell that particular type of product.

Just click on the store of your choice, and you are in. Mall.com also offers free e-mail service and customized service that allows you to create your own virtual mall online. For more information, visit www.mall.com.

All brides are beautiful, but let
Medical Weight Loss Control Center
help you become trimmer & healthier too.

Dr. Richard Lenaghan
Can help you get trim and
healthy!



With the help of FDA approved
Medications, you can achieve your
weight loss goal!

958 Broadway, Paintsville 789-8833

Now taking appts.
Opening Feb. 29
Pikeville, S. Mayo Trail
Next to Modern Villa Motel
606-437-0054

Children and remarriage: A family-oriented wedding can ease youngster's anxieties

(ARA) - I'm going to marry Robin.

Those five words spoken by Jim Pignatti sent a wave of anxiety through 11-year-old Corina Pignatti and her seven-year-old brother, Nicky. Like other children of divorce confronted with the remarriage of a parent, the youngsters were plagued by real and imagined fears. "I was afraid that when dad married Robin, I might not be considered part of the family anymore," Corina confided. Nicky was more blunt. "I figured if they had a baby, they wouldn't have much time for me."

It didn't matter that both children liked Robin, a vivacious, affectionate woman who showered the youngsters with attention. In Nicky and Corina's minds, bringing Robin into the family would somehow disturb the delicate bond they had with a father whom they saw — due to a shared custody arrangement — primarily on weekends.

These and other misgivings — some spoken, some only implied — worried Jim and Robin. Although they didn't realize it at the time, they were grappling with a problem experienced by most of the nearly one million single parents who remarry in the U. S. each year: What can be done to ease the concerns of young children who feel, on a conscious or unconscious level, that their secure place in the family is threatened by the pending marriage of a parent?

"We talked to the kids a lot prior to the wedding," Jim says. "We kept telling them that they were going to be part of our lives. They said they understood but...I wanted to do something out of the ordinary during the wedding to show Corina and Nicky how important they were to us."

The Syracuse, New York, couple found a simple and emotionally satisfying answer to their dilemma in the form of a family-oriented wedding service that gives children a meaningful role in the wedding nuptials. This five-minute ceremony — known as the Family Medallion service — can easily be integrated into any religious or civil wedding ceremony. It differs from the traditional wedding in only one respect: after the newlyweds exchange rings, their children

join them for a special service focusing on the family nature of marriage. Each child is given a gold or silver medal with three interlocking circles, a symbol that represents family love in much the same way the wedding ring signifies conjugal love.

The Pignattis say they will never forget the moment during their wedding when Corina and Nicky were summoned to the altar to participate in the family wedding service. While the priest recited the words of the ceremony — a pledge to love and care for all the children either spouse brings to the marriage — Jim and Robin placed a Family Medallion around the necks of Corina and Nicky. "We were all moved to tears," Robin says. "It's like the ceremony was making it official that we were a family. I was marrying Jim, but I had plenty of room in my heart for the kids."

Nicky and Corina responded with hugs and kisses. "I could tell that Robin really loved me," recalls Corina. "And the way my dad looked at me, well I knew he was going to keep on taking care of me just like the priest said."

Most of the guests attending the Pignatti/Landers wedding reported that they had been both awed and touched by the family ceremony. "People told me it was the most beautiful wedding they had ever seen," Robin adds.

With approximately one in four U.S. marriages involving divorced or widowed parents with young children, the family wedding concept is an idea whose time has come. It was developed by Dr. Roger Coleman, Chaplain at Pilgrim Chapel in Kansas City, Missouri.

"I was frustrated that virtually every traditional wedding ceremony focused entirely on the bride and groom," Dr. Coleman explains. "A marriage with children is a lot more than simply the union of a man and a woman. It's a merging of two separate families. Every day of my ministry I see how divorce creates a sense of failure and hopelessness in people. The family ceremony is a sign of hope and an important step in rebuilding families."

Today, more than 10,000 couples a year — primarily in the U.S., Canada and Europe



— use the Family Medallion ceremony to help cement the bond between parents, step-parents and children. "I was surprised that such a simple ceremony could be so affirming for children," says Father Alfred E. Nortz, pastor of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Syracuse, New York. Father Nortz officiated at the Pignatti wedding. "I could see how proud the kids were to be publicly recognized by Robin and Jim. And it was easy to incorporate the Family Medallion service into the Catholic wedding liturgy. I've already recommended the family service to another couple with children from a previous marriage."

Family therapists say there is a price to be paid when children feel pushed aside rather than embraced by the remarriage of a parent. Consider, for example, the situation of Carly, a Texas teenager with divorced parents. "One day my dad just announced he was going to get married," she recalls. "He didn't seem to care how I felt about it or how I was going to fit into his new relationship. It was like I wasn't very important to him. But when mom decided to remarry, she spent a lot of time talking to me. Then during the wedding, she and my stepdad John had a special family ceremony for all of us kids. It made me trust that my mom and John would be there for me."

Jim and Robin Pignatti believe that their family wedding will have long-term benefits. "If Corina and Nicky don't yet fully realize the implications of the formal commitment we made to them during our wedding, I know they will in years to come," Robin says. "And

they'll always have the Family Medallion as a symbol of our love."

Nicky, now eight, doesn't worry anymore about his place in the Pignatti family. "It's ok if dad and Robin have a baby," he says. "If it's a boy, I'll let my new little brother play with my toys."

Additional information about the Family Medallion Wedding Service and the names of couples in your community who have used this service are available from Clergy Services, Inc., 701 Westport Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64111, (800) 237-1922.

Courtesy of Article Resource Association, www.aracopy.com, e-mail: info@aracopy.com

STEP FORWARD



SUPPORT THE
GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

Girl Scouts-Wilderness Road Council
2277 Executive Drive Lexington, KY 40505
293-2621 1800/475-2621

Bob's Catering

A full-service catering company dedicated to providing you with the best meals at the best possible prices for your wedding.

52 Bevins Street,
Prestonsburg
886-8744

Pager # 924-1389

Wedding & Prom Portraits



Available at

Alys Fraley Photography & Art Gallery

222 West Court Street, Prestonsburg

889-0310

For a memorable wedding...it's the little things that count

Shopping suggestions for wedding accessories, bridal gifts and favors

(ARA) - Many brides-to-be have an instant, almost knee-jerk reaction to a marriage proposal - shopping.

Almost immediately, many of the newly engaged will head out to department stores and bridal boutiques to begin the search for the perfect gown and veil. While these purchases may certainly be the most memorable of the wedding shopping experience, it's details, such as wedding accessories, favors and bridal-party gifts, that make the event memorable for all those involved.

"Many wedding goers may not remember what the bride was wearing but can't seem to forget the

clever centerpiece on the table or the cake topper," said Margaret Powers, executive director of events and merchandising for Enesco. "The right accessories and bridal gifts can make a wedding both unique and memorable for all that attend and can also serve as lifelong keepsakes."

ACCESSORIZE

Once the wedding is over, all that is left are the memories. To make the occasion last forever for the bride and groom and guests, Powers suggests shopping for wedding accessories that have special meaning and help mark magical moments.

"When shopping for

wedding accessories, like the cake topper, cake cutter and centerpieces, look for items that reflect your personal style and will create a lasting impression," said Powers.

Cake toppers have evolved from the traditional statuesque bride and groom of yesterday to flowers, collectible figurines and momentos. If remembering the special day is important, Powers recommends purchasing a figurine or other type of collectible to be used as the cake topper that can later be displayed in the home. The "Always and Forever" figurine - a fine porcelain, miniature bride and groom detailed in roses from the Pretty as a Picture Promises of Love Collection - can double as the perfect cake topper and wedding keepsake.

Other unique wedding accessories that can help to preserve the moment in time are toasting glasses, invitation holders and cake cutters and servers.

GIFT-GIVING

Throughout the engagement and wedding planning, bridesmaids, groomsmen and family members lend a helping hand. Without these key loved ones, many brides and grooms would be lost. It's important to acknowledge this devotion by presenting memorable bridal party gifts.

Powers suggests giving each person involved in the wedding something that will reflect appreciation and special meaning for the day. Photographs with each person in the bridal party helps capture the moment. Display each picture in a memorable frame to make a lasting impression on special friends and family members. The Pretty as a Picture Promises of Love Collection picture frame, detailed with porcelain photo tabs and roses as well as the Promises of Love miniature bride and groom, is a memorable way to display wedding moments.

Other gift suggestions for the bridal party include keepsake figurines to help mark special friendships.



Detailed in pink roses and featuring the beautiful image of a miniature bride and groom, the Pretty as a Picture Promises of Love collection, offers a complete line of wedding accessories to be treasured forever.

Enesco's Pretty as a Picture Collection offers "Friends To Last A Lifetime," a fine porcelain figurine of two girls with shopping bags in hand, sharing moments of friendship.

FAVORED FLAIR

Everyone loves to bring home a wedding memento. Whether it's a bouquet of flowers in a keepsake vase, or a small take-home token, wedding favors truly are "favored."

Powers suggests adding to the fun of the evening by letting a lucky guest from each table, take home the centerpiece. Whether it's a beautiful vase that is filled with flowers or a candleholder with a fragrant candle it will certainly be a remembered gesture. The matching vase and candleholders in the Pretty as a Picture, Promises of Love Collection, offer brides and grooms an ideal centerpiece while adding charm and style to the reception.

When guests bring home

a favor or centerpiece from the wedding that matched the cake topper and other wedding accessories, it is guaranteed that they will remember the "look" of the evening for years to come.

The Pretty as a Picture Collection is based on the well-known black and white portraits of children imitating adults by world-renowned German photographer Kim Anderson. Each figurine in the Pretty As A Picture Collection is hand-crafted and painted in tones of black and white with a touch of color, like Anderson's photographs.

For more information or to locate a Pretty as a

Picture retailer, consumers can contact Enesco at 1/800-NEAR-YOU or visit Enesco's website at www.enesco.com.

Enesco Corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of Enesco Group, Inc. A part of the gift and collectibles industry for 40 years, Enesco offers more than 10,000 gift, collectible and home accent items, including Precious Moments, Cherished Teddies, Mary Engelbreit, David Winter Cottages and many others.

Courtesy of Article Resource Association, www.aracopy.com, e-mail: info@aracopy.com.

Paula's Studio of Photography
886-1545

Bridal Registry

Gourmet Cookware
Pfaltzgraff Dinnerware
Table Linens
Framed Prints
Country Furniture
Picture Frames
Lamps
Village Candles

Trends & Traditions

173 South Central Avenue
Prestonsburg

Delivery and Set-Up
Phone 886-1916

VISA MasterCard
Toll Free: 1-888-368-2205

Sweet Ideas

LET YOUR FRIENDLY
FOODLAND STORE
HELP WITH YOUR
SPECIAL DAY.
FROM CUSTOM
MADE WEDDING CAKES TO
PASTRIES, PARTY TRAYS, AND
MORE!

Call today to schedule
886-1028
Prestonsburg

subscribe to
the Floyd
County
Times call
886-8506
for details

The web and wedding fashions ... A word to the wise!

(ARA) - The explosive growth of the Internet as both a source of information and a form of commerce has left many brides-to-be wondering how to use this new medium as they search for the perfect attire for their upcoming wedding. According to bridal industry sources, the web can be both a bane and a blessing for future brides and their attendants. The words, "let the buyer beware" are apt when using the Internet as a tool for selecting a wedding gown or bridesmaid dresses.

According to bridal industry leader Alfred Angelo, the Internet can be an extremely valuable source of information for the contemporary bride. The firm launched their Web site, www.alfredangelo.com, in early 1999 and has been extremely pleased with the phenomenal response from consumers.

"The number of visitors to our site has exceeded our wildest expectations," states Cindi Freeburn, director of Advertising. "We receive hundreds of e-mail communications daily, with topics ranging from styling advice to kudos for our diverse size offer." The company has a full time consumer service specialist trained to respond to the e-mail queries.

Sites such as the one offered by Alfred Angelo provide brides-to-be with an array of valuable information as they move through the gown selection process.

"We offer the bride the ability to view every product we manufacture via our on-line catalog," states Freeburn.

The virtual catalog is the most popular area of the site and is organized to cater to the varying needs of today's bride. There is an area devoted to plus size brides where the company showcases nearly three dozen styles available up through size 28W.

In addition, for those who need a wedding gown quickly, the site guides brides to the FLASH delivery area where numerous bridal gowns and bridesmaid dresses available in under a month are featured. The enhanced view of each gown provides not only a photograph, but also a detailed description, including a recommended price range.

The ability to communicate directly with the bridal consumer has had an impact on the products the company markets as well. "We received so many rave reviews from plus size brides about our Women's size bridal offer that we are now offering all of our bridesmaid dresses in sizes 4-20 as well as 16W-28W." Freeburn also indicates that access to consumer input has an impact on the designs themselves. "We have many brides asking for specific features on the gowns, which we are able to pass to our design team."

In addition to the "virtual



bridal boutique," the site also features a "store locator". Once the bride has identified the Alfred Angelo gowns that appeal to her, she can click on the locator and find an authorized dealer in her local area that carries the Alfred Angelo line. The locator is updated twice a year so that the list of stores is current.

The over sixty year history of the company, a bridal fashion glossary and a direct communication link are among the other features included on the site which is maintained and updated "in house" to insure that new product and offers are communicated to brides in a timely fashion. The goal according to Freeburn is to provide the bride-to-be with as much useful information as possible during the gown selection process.

While Alfred Angelo has been a leader in providing information to brides, it has also been a leader in establishing a policy with regard to Internet sales of bridal gowns. "It is patently against Alfred Angelo marketing policy to allow our products to be sold via the Internet," according to Freeburn. "It is our belief that the Internet is not the proper environment for the sale of such a specialized, service-oriented product." According to Freeburn, many other reputable companies in the bridal industry have since adopted similar policies.

The implications to the bridal consumer are clear. Be wary of those who purport to sell bridal wear via

directly to confirm that the source from which they are considering making a purchase is legitimate.

There is no doubt that the web can be a valuable resource when planning a wedding and seeking the perfect gown for both the bride and her attendants. However, brides would be well advised to remember

that a wedding remains the event of a lifetime. While the Internet is a great tool for information, when it comes to buying wedding apparel, the local bridal retailer offers the expertise she needs and the service she deserves.

Courtesy of Article Resource Association, www.aracopy.com, e-mail:

THE HAIR GALLERY Full-Service Salon

Ask
about our
prom
and
bridal
packages



SERVICES AVAILABLE:

- ACRYLIC NAILS
- HAIR
- SKIN CARE
- ELECTROLYSIS
- MASSAGE THERAPY
- MANICURES
- MAKEUP
- TANNING
- WAXING

THE HAIR GALLERY

526 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg
886-9074

Ideas That Sparkle

Special orders or in-stock items
Shoes • Evening Bags • Jewelry

Purchase before April 15—receive 25% off!
after April 15—receive 20% off!

Stop by and bring your gown. We will assist you in selecting the most flattering accessories to make your most important night even more special.

In-stock dyeable shoes are 50% OFF!

The Glass Slipper

Evening
Appointments
Available

279 West Court Street,
Prestonsburg
886-0910

Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10-5

Allow 5-7
days for special
orders.



Courtesy of Article Resource Association

*Your One-Stop
Location For
Bridal Registry*

Country at Heart

128 South Front Avenue, Prestonsburg

(606) 886-8957

*Wedding
Gifts to
 Cherish*

- China
- Everyday
Dinnerware
- Stoneware
- Custom
Furniture
- General
Gifts

Old Town Travel

***COMPLETE HONEYMOON PACKAGES**

128 South Front Avenue, Prestonsburg

(606) 886-TRIP (8747)

Waterford China and Stainless



THE GEOMETRIC PURITY OF FITZPATRICK™ BLUE
CREATES A PERFECT SETTING OF BLUE DIAMONDS
WITH TONE-ON-TONE CENTER FLORETS.

NOW

Save an
additional 20%

NOW

Save an additional 20%,
even off Managers sale prices.
With our bridal special up to 20% of the
bridal registry purchases toward free china,
invitations, crystal, napkins, stoneware.

*See store for full details

Castle's Jewelry & Gifts, Inc.

Serving Eastern Kentucky Since 1937

315 Mayo Plaza
Paintsville
606-789-7572

1093 North Mayo Trail
Pikeville
606-437-5694