



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

September 10,

The Times

www.floydcountytimes.com

Serving the Citizens of Floyd County since 1927



Volume 71, Issue 109

75 Cents

COMEDY NIGHT

featuring Wayne Cotter with Etta May and Michael Finney
Friday, Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m.
call 886-2623 for tickets
MAC

Member of the KPA Service

Inside:

Local News • A2



Lt. Gov. Steve Henry recently visited the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center in Prestonsburg

- Poison Pen • A4
- Community Calendar • A4
- Grandparent Brag Page • A8

Sports • B1



South Floyd blitzes Phelps in the second half

- Sports Board • B2
- Mickey's Adventure • B3
- Sports In Kentucky • B4

Lifestyles • C1



Homecoming: Auxier

- Things to Ponder • C2
- Organizations • C2
- Sunday Classifieds • C5

Briefs

Legislators going back to school

Two local Democratic legislators, State Reps. Gregory D. Stumbo and Ira Branham, will join thousands of state lawmakers in a national initiative to teach youth the importance of public service during the month of September.

The event, which is a bipartisan initiative of the National Conference of State Legislatures, began last year as a six-state pilot project and has now been expanded to all 50 states.

Stumbo will visit classes at three area schools on Friday, September 15, to discuss his work in the Kentucky General Assembly, describe the legislative process and encourage students to become involved in public service.

"My involvement in the legislature has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my professional life," Stumbo said in a statement released by his office. "Our world gets more complicated every day, so it is increasingly important that we bring Kentucky's best minds into government to share their ideas. The best way to start is by helping young people understand the process and capture their interest."

Stumbo's schedule will include the following:

- Betsy Layne Elementary, 8:30 a.m.
 - John M. Stumbo Elementary, 10:30 a.m.
 - South Floyd High School, 1:25 p.m.
- Branham will visit Allen Central High School at 9:33 a.m. and Belfry High School at 1:30 p.m. to discuss his legislative work. Branham said he is looking forward to the

(See **LAWMAKERS**, page two)

Two Day Forecast...

Today
Party Sunny
High: 84 • Low: 62

Tomorrow
Party Sunny
High: 86 • Low: 66

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see www.floydcountytimes.com/weather.htm

Trying to make it all add up...



photo by Willie Elliott

David Kilburn and Aimee Chaney use string, scissors and a ruler to illustrate a geometry problem in Patricia Handshoe's math class at Allen Central Middle School.

Test scores show student math skills lagging behind

by WILLIE ELLIOTT
STAFF WRITER

Results from the latest round of CTBS testing have many principals and administrators pointing to the mathematics as an area needing improvement, perhaps more than reading and language arts.

The CTBS is the norm-referenced component that makes up five percent of the Commonwealth Accountability and Testing System.

Joyce Watson noted there are many factors to consider in analyzing the scores. The math scores at the exiting primary level are actually above those of the region and one point below the state average. Clark Elementary scored above the state average on almost all categories.

"The fact remains that we must work together to help students improve perfor-

(See **MATH**, page eight)

■ Figure 1
Floyd County CTBS scores

Grade	Math	Reading	Language
3rd	54	53	51
6th	34	42	44
9th	30	31	44

■ Figure 2
Comparison of state scores with Region 8 scores

Grade	Math		Reading		Language	
	State	Region	State	Region	State	Region
3rd	55	52	55	53	53	54
6th	50	42	53	49	51	46
9th	47	34	59	45	48	39

MAC hosts special performance for governor

by WILLIE ELLIOTT
STAFF WRITER

When Kentucky viewers tune in to "In Performance at the Governor's Mansion Showcase" on October 1, they are in for a treat.

Labeled as "In Performance on the Road," the show was performed at the Mountain Arts Center for broadcast on October 1.

The evening of performing arts was hosted by Governor and Mrs. Paul E. Patton and Kentucky Educational Network, with host Byron Crawford acting as master of ceremonies.

With the frieze in the Governor's Reception Room at the Governor's Mansion as a backdrop, the crowd was treated to a diverse arrangement of music that Crawford said, "showed the diversity of urban and rural talent."

Made up of over 70 singers, the Lexington Singers delighted the crowd as they sang using a full range of harmony and melody. The crowd favorite was the gospel-like tune "I Will Sing," which included a duet accompanied by the entire choir. The River City Drum Corps, from Louisville, made up of young people from 4 to 20 in age, displayed some of the music that is part of the African culture. The kids were captivating as they banged away on their drums making music.

Again to show how the different kinds of music can blend, Angie Carriere played the fiddle, while the River City Drum Corps tapped out a lighter beat and the Hoedown Island Cloggers hit a hoedown number.

Between the various acts, Crawford told stories and "put up with" Monroe (Freddie Goble). Crawford told Monroe that it took millions of dollars to make these hills. Monroe replied, "Must have been a government job."

Again Monroe came out and said he wanted to ask for some gravel for his driveway. Keith Caudill told Monroe he should

(See **CONCERT**, page two)



photo by Willie Elliott

Gov. Paul Patton was the featured guest during a special "On the Road" edition of "In Performance at the Governor's Mansion" Friday night at the Mountain Arts Center. The show featured performances from the Kentucky Opry, Lexington Singers and the River City Drum Corps. Patton is shown greeting County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson as MAC visionary Billie Jean Osborne, far left, looks on.

Indiana fugitive sought locally

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

Authorities in Kentucky and Indiana are searching for one of three brothers originally from the Shelbiana area in Pike County and have reason to believe that Merlin Isaac Jr. may currently be hiding from justice in the local.

The possibility also exists that Isaac could be in the Staffordsville area of Johnson County, according to Det. Mike Goble of the Kentucky State Police.

Mr. Isaac is a white male, 6 feet tall, 210 lbs., with blonde hair and brown eyes. He is 26 years old.



Merlin Isaac

According to Det. Joe Hutsell of the Noble County Sheriff's Department in Albion, Ind., Isaac's brother, Verlin Isaac, 23, was arrested on August 18 by Kentucky State Police in Pikeville.

A third brother, Sterlin W. Isaac, 21, was taken into custody on September 1 by Indiana officials in the northern town of Cromwell.

The brothers are wanted for attempted murder charges stemming from an attack that took place in Ligonier, Ind., about 40 miles northwest of Fort Wayne.

According to sources, Casey Rogers, 21, was allegedly attacked on July 15 shortly before midnight at a trailer park east of Ligonier by the three brothers, who had gathered together to celebrate the birthdays of Merlin and Verlin.

A car carrying Rogers pulled into the area near the celebration. Sgt. Terry Waikel of the Noble County Sheriff's Dept. said that the three began jumping on the vehicle and proceeded to kick out the windshield before pulling Rogers from the car and knocking him to the ground.

One of the brothers allegedly stabbed Rogers deeply in the back with a knife and cut him several times, leaving him with a punctured lung. Rogers had had no prior con-

(See **FUGITIVE**, page two)

Helping workers get more from their paychecks

(NAPSA)-Finish school. Get a job. Get a paycheck. More than seven million young men and women between the ages of 16 and 19 do it each year, and what they don't know about their paycheck and the withholding system can cost them money.

These young people are not alone. Many in America's 135-million-member workforce don't have a clue as to what is withheld from their paychecks and why, much less how they can use the withholding system to their advantage.

As part of its annual National Payroll Week public awareness campaign, September 18-22, the American Payroll Association (APA), the nation's leader in payroll education, is encouraging workers to learn more about the withholding system and how to use it effectively.

"Workers hold the key to their financial security in the palm of their hands," explains Dan

Maddux, APA's executive director. "It's their paycheck, and they can easily use the withholding system to help achieve their financial goals."

A resource is now available to help America's workers do exactly that. Starting in mid-September, a free video version of APA's popular employee handbook, Your Paycheck, will be available online at www.nationalpayrollweek.com.

"With increasing retirement investment opportunities, uncertainty about Social Security, and the desire to only pay the taxes one must, understanding the withholding system is crucial to maximizing your take-home pay," says Maddux.

Your Paycheck also explains relevant aspects of the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, and how overtime is calculated. By understanding these issues, workers can make informed decisions affecting their work and pay.

For example, when you marry or have a child, you should adjust your Form W-4. Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate. Have you received a bonus? This is another time you might want to consider an adjustment. Do you look forward to your income tax refund? Your refund amounts to an interest-free loan to the govern-

ment. You might be better served if you took that extra withholding each paycheck and, instead of sending it to the IRS, purchased a savings bond through payroll withholding. You and your country will benefit. In many companies, pre-tax withholding can be used to cover health insurance premiums, retirement savings and more.

In addition to Your Paycheck, www.nationalpayrollweek.com provides information on savings, Social Security, direct deposit and savings bonds, plus links to related sites.

"The role of payroll and the withholding system in our country's economic picture is often overlooked," Maddux says.

In addition to putting hard-earned money in workers' pockets every payday, payroll professionals must keep abreast of constantly changing local, state and federal regulations impacting payroll and withholding. Their diligence ensures that workers' Social Security contributions, child support payments, income taxes, and other withholding amounts are properly calculated, withheld and reported.

"If you haven't yet done so, National Payroll Week is an ideal opportunity to meet the people in your company's payroll depart-

ment," suggests Maddux. "Thank them for their hard work on your behalf. You'll feel much more comfortable the next time you have a question about your paycheck."

For more information about the free resource Your Paycheck and other payroll topics, you can visit www.nationalpayrollweek.com.

American Heart Association
www.americanheart.org

Fugitive

nection with the brothers and the alleged attack was apparently unprovoked.

The brothers allegedly fled the area shortly after the incident in an attempt to escape arrest.

Both Verlin and Sterlin are lodged in the Noble County Jail, each being held under a \$1 million bond.

Also arrested in connection with the incident are the 19-year-old girlfriend of Sterlin Isaac, who has been charged with two counts of assisting a criminal, and 42-year-old Lois Ann Isaac, the mother of the three brothers, who has been

charged with one count of obstruction of justice.

Verlin and Sterlin each face 20-50 years in prison for the attempted murder charges and possible fines of up to \$10,000. Merlin Isaac, once apprehended, will face similar charges and punishments.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Merlin Isaac Jr. can contact the Noble County Indiana Crimestoppers at 1-800-431-2330 or the Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville at 606-433-7711.

A reward of \$500 is being offered in return for information leading to the arrest of Merlin Isaac.

PCC offers 'bi-term' classes

Prestonsburg Community College is offering a special "bi-term" of classes for currently enrolled students, those who may have dropped out of college but want to return, and those who are enrolling as first-time students.

More than a dozen courses, ranging from English to mathematics, are scheduled to begin October 9, with weekend classes and varying time frames. Anyone interested may register between September 18 and October 12.

The classes will be advertised during the week of September 18 in area newspapers.

For more information concerning the registration process for the bi-term classes, visit the admissions office in the Johnson Administration Building, room 133, or call 606/886-3863, ext. 249.

By Kentucky law, a student who graduates with an Associate in Arts or Science degree from a community college, having completed the full 60-hour program described under the General Education Block Transfer Policy, will be admitted to junior-level standing at any public Kentucky university.

Concert

be ashamed to ask for gravel with the governor in attendance. Monroe said he wanted to apologize profusely. "If the governor is here, I want blackout."

The bulk of the program, which ran about an hour and a half, was devoted to the Kentucky Opry. If you missed the show, tune in to KET on October 1 at 10 p.m. and see how we "showed off" for the rest of the state.

During one break, Crawford paid homage to Billie Jean Osborne, saying we are all better off because of her dream and her persistence.

The Opry gave its performance both a Kentucky and Highway 23 flavor, with Morgan Hughes singing "Coal Miner's Daughter" and others

singing songs made popular by a host of artists who hailed from eastern Kentucky along Highway 23.

One treat people in other parts of the state will enjoy is the performance by Keith Caudill and his son Kory as they teamed up to perform "Chariots of Fire."

To further show the musical diversity on hand, all four groups were brought on the stage to perform a number that sounded as if the group had practiced many times.

Mark your calendar for October 1, and do as Keith Caudill did when he puffed out his chest after announcing that Kory was his son: Be proud of the talent that is produced in Floyd and surrounding counties.

Lawmakers

opportunity.

"I believe it is important that all students understand how our representative form of government works for all of us," Branham said. "While there are pressures and difficulties in the legislative process, it is a worthwhile and very rewarding process."

Branham will explain the legislative process, pressure, debate, negotiation and compromise to Allen Central and Belfry students to give them a feel for the fabric of American democracy.

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), a bipartisan non-profit organization in Denver and Washington D.C., is

made up of the nation's state legislators and their staffs. Partners in Legislators Back to School day include the Center for Civic Education, the National Education Association, the American Association of Elementary School Administrators, the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

The event evolved from NCSL's civic education initiative, the Trust for Representative Democracy. The trust is designed to make government interesting to young people and build their support for democratic institutions.

Continued from p1

Social Security

treating you cold? We'll give you a warm welcome.

KIRK

Prestonsburg, Inez, Pikeville, Paintsville

Law Offices

Here's what we'll do:

- Spend our money to get medical evidence
- Use our experience to put forth proper legal effort for you
- Fight...to see that your rights are upheld

Call us for FREE advice: **789-1421**

This is an advertisement

Big Sandy Health Care, Inc.

is proud to announce that



Dr. William Madland and Dr. Angela Maggard, an OB-GYN team, have joined its family of clinics.

Dr. Madland and Dr. Maggard began practicing at Hope Family Medical Center in Salyersville on September 5. They will provide a wide range of OB-GYN services.

Hope Family Medical Center accepts most insurance plans, KMAP, Medicare, and self-pay patients on a sliding scale fee. Call for an appointment.

Hope Family Medical Center
 114 Parkway Drive
 Salyersville, KY 41465
 606 349-5126

BIG SANDY HEALTH CARE

"A proud tradition of providing access to quality health care."



Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, who recently visited the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center in Prestonsburg, confers with the center's retail sales instructor, Sue McIntyre, left, and school-to-work coordinator, Kelly Miller, center.

Henry tours Perkins center

Special to The Times

Lieutenant Governor Steve Henry paid a visit to the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center on September 5.

The lieutenant governor began his visit with a tour of the center's facilities, including the various academic and vocational classrooms. He then met with a group of Kentucky students and praised them for their commitment to better their lives by joining the Job Corps program and taking advantage of the

educational opportunities that are available.

The lieutenant governor was extremely pleased with the growing number of Kentucky students who are enrolled at the Perkins Center.

"The more Kentuckians we have in this center, the more will stay here and help our job market," Henry said.

While addressing a full assembly of the Perkins staff and student employees, Henry went to say, "If we can have this Job Corps Center ready to produce a product, and that

is a trained work person, at any given time for any corporation, then it gives us greater likelihood that we are going to be able to bring very important jobs into the eastern Kentucky market."

Center Director Gary Tickles was pleased with the lieutenant governor's visit and his support of the Job Corps program.

"The Perkins Center not only makes a difference in the lives of the young people it serves, but communities across Kentucky benefit as well," Tickles said.

THIS ELEPHANT REALLY IS STANDING ON TOP OF A SWIMMING POOL!
 It's Covered By A LOOP-LOC Safety Cover.



Superior construction makes a LOOP-LOC cover so strong, it can support the weight of an elephant! Yet LOOP-LOC's extruded-polypropylene mesh lets rain pass right through, so no dangerous standing water can ever form on top.



A perfect fit is assured by custom computer design to your pool's exact dimensions. And your LOOP-LOC cover goes on and off in a snap. But remember, it has to say LOOP-LOC on the cover to be a genuine LOOP-LOC!

PATCO POOLS

Paintsville
789-1322

Pikeville
432-1702

Inez
298-5802

Wet weather driving tips...

Recent studies indicate that rain contributes to nearly 840,000 traffic accidents annually. Many factors play a role in safe wet weather driving. This list of tips can help drivers.

1. Rain showers are unpredictable. Be prepared BEFORE you leave the curb: make sure your windshield wipers, all of your lights and your climate controls (i.e., front and rear defoggers) are working properly.
2. Make sure your tires are properly inflated. The quality of your car's handling is directly related to size of the tire contact patch at the road. Over- or under-inflating tires can increase tire wear and decrease available traction.
3. Consider using high-performance rain tires such as the new Goodyear Aquatred 3 tire, which offers 12 percent better wet traction than its predecessor, the Aquatred 2.

4. Because of the mixture of oil, fluids and debris on the road, the driving surface can be slipperiest when rain first starts. SLOW DOWN at the first sign of precipitation.

5. Even in daylight, turn on your lights whenever you turn on your wipers-being seen is as important as seeing, and in some states, it's the law.

6. Conditions are constantly changing based on the severity and duration of the rain, as well as the surface characteristics and drainage capabilities of the road. Assume the worst. Increase following distances to accommodate the decreased traction, giving yourself more time to slow down and maneuver around trouble.

7. Watch out for "wagon wheel ruts" and other low-traction areas

that develop on heavily traveled or aging roads. These parallel troughs, as well other places where wear or sealant application has reduced the available traction, often appear as shiny spots on the driving surface.

8. Because there is less traction available on wet roads, try to avoid sudden sharp turns, slamming on the brakes or lead-foot starts. Execute all maneuvers gradually so as not to upset the balance of the car.

9. Although tires designed for the challenges of wet weather driving, such as the Aquatred 3, can improve handling and traction, hydroplaning can still happen, even in light rain. If it feels as if all four wheels are floating across the puddles, ease off of the accelerator or brake until you feel directional control return.

10. If the road end of the car

starts to slide, gently back out of the throttle or brake and steer into the skid. Remember to look in the direction you want to go, not in the direction you are sliding.

By following these tips, you can be better prepared for wet weather driving. For more information log onto www.goodyear.com.

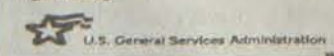


People know Pueblo for its...



Famous Hot Salsa?

In Pueblo, the free government information is also hot. Dip into the Consumer Information Center web site, www.pueblo.gsa.gov. You can download all the information right away.



Patton announces new Kentucky Innovations Commission

Frankfort — Gov. Paul Patton has assembled a team of newly appointed members of the Kentucky Innovations Commission to grow a knowledge-based economy in the Commonwealth.

"The key to wealth and job growth in Kentucky is knowledge, innovation, and technology," said Patton. "We must use the progress we've made in infrastructure, education and economic development to become competitive in the knowledge-based economy of the future."

The Commission was created by the enactment of House Bill 572 during the 2000 legislative session, and will serve as the primary advisor to state policymakers on issues related to Kentucky's competitiveness in the new economy.

Commission members include Gov. Patton, Speaker of the House Jody Richards, President of the Senate David Williams, Secretary of the Governor's Executive Cabinet Crit Luallen, State Budget Director Jim Ramsey, President of the Council on Postsecondary Education Gordon Davies, and Secretary of the Economic Development Cabinet Gene Strong.

Appointed members of the Commission are Nancy Martin, Louisville, and Ken Roberts, Lexington, both representing an engineer/scientist or an educator teaching highly skilled workers; Craig Greenberg, Louisville, representing experience in venture capital; E.C. (Eddy) Roberts Jr., Louisville, representing extensive experience and expertise relating to providing and supporting communications infrastructure; Henry Jackson, Lexington, Harold Doran, Murray, Dean Hughes, Princeton,

and Charleen Combs, Harlan, representing the private sector and high-tech experience.

The legislation also created a Commissioner of the New Economy to provide direction to the initiative. Jim Ramsey has been named acting Commissioner until a national search results in a permanent appointment.

The New Economy Initiative proposes several steps over the biennium to further develop the knowledge-based economy in Kentucky. The governor proposed and the General Assembly enacted

the budget plan to direct more than \$55 million to the knowledge-based economy effort over the course of the 2000-2002 biennium.

"If Kentucky plans to be a player in the fast-moving, global, high-tech economy of the 21st Century, we'll have to change the way we educate our people, train our workers, and grow our businesses. We must build on the foundations laid by KERA, Higher Ed Reform and Bucks for Brains," said Patton.

"This announcement is the next critical step toward a stronger economic future."

General Powell delivers Report to the Nation 2000 to President Clinton



(NAPS)-Retired General Colin L. Powell recently delivered the Report to the Nation 2000 to President Bill Clinton at the White House, saying, "I confidently tell America that our Alliance is fulfilling its promise to the country. We are pulling together the might of this nation to strengthen the character and competence of youth. We now have an active Alliance and a powerful movement."

America's Promise-The Alliance for Youth comprises nearly 500 communities and states, and around 500 national organizations. The Report to the Nation 2000 was compiled with information from Alliance partners and contains their significant achievements in fulfilling Five Promises for youth:

1. Ongoing relationships with caring adults-parents, mentors, tutors or coaches;
2. Safe places with structured activities during nonschool hours;
3. Healthy start and future;

4. Marketable skills through effective education; and
5. Opportunities to give back through community service.

General Powell shared the significant three-year progress with the president, showcasing how America is collaborating to identify needs and provide resources that fulfill the Five Promises. He said that businesses, faith-based groups, not-for-profits, government agencies, institutions of higher education, associations, communities, states and youth themselves are joining together to make youth a national priority.

The magnitude of these commitments is important, General Powell noted, because of what it means to kids; they not only benefit from increased skills, but make better decisions, learn how to solve problems, have increased confidence, trust and a sense of belonging. "Helping a child succeed also makes an adult feel good, like he is improving the society in which he lives," General Powell added.

"America's Promise is working, so we will keep working in 2000-and beyond-to expand our capacity, inspire new partnerships and make sure youth have a role in improving their communities," General Powell concluded. "To do that, we must take America's Promise to Main Street-to every town and city across the country."

The Report to the Nation 2000 is available as a book and a CD-ROM, and is fully search-able on the Internet at www.americaspromise.org. AOL Keyword: America's Promise, or by calling 1-888-55-YOUTH.

Sullivan University

Microsoft In Pikeville
CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL

Special Information Night
Thurs., Sept. 14, 6:00 p.m.

Pikeville Regional Technical Center
Room 205 North
120 S. Riverfill Dr.
Pikeville, Kentucky

Call Today for more Information
606/886-3863 x345 • 800/467-6281

MCSE classes start Oct 7!

In conjunction with Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College



Lexington and northern Kentucky's area code is now 859.

Because Kentucky's communications needs are growing, area code 859 is now in effect for Lexington and northern Kentucky. Starting October 1, you must dial 859 for your long distance calls to complete properly to and within the area shown on the map at left.

You may need to reprogram telecommunications equipment like speed dialers, fax machines, PBXs — virtually anything that dials numbers automatically (consult your vendor if you're not sure). And if your area code has changed, remember to let friends, relatives, and business associates know. Local calling rates will not be affected by this change.

For more information about area code 859, visit our Website at www.bellsouth.com/areacode. Or, call us at 1 800 964-7941.

PREFIXES CHANGING FROM 606 TO 859							
200	269	342	413	512	626	737	885
208	271	344	415	513	627	740	887
215	272	351	416	514	628	741	892
219	273	352	417	516	630	744	898
221	275	356	419	525	635	745	902
222	276	357	421	527	640	746	903
223	277	359	422	532	643	748	904
224	278	361	425	533	646	749	905
225	280	362	426	534	647	760	912
226	281	363	428	536	651	762	913
227	282	366	429	537	653	765	914
229	283	367	430	538	654	767	916
230	284	369	431	543	655	771	925
231	288	370	441	544	657	778	930
232	289	371	442	547	658	781	936
233	291	372	443	548	661	792	937
234	292	373	445	552	667	795	938
235	293	375	448	556	669	797	940
236	294	380	449	567	670	802	943
238	296	381	455	568	671	803	944
239	299	383	461	572	681	806	948
240	302	384	462	578	684	808	952
243	304	385	466	581	685	814	962
244	312	386	472	582	689	815	964
245	313	388	481	583	691	816	971
246	314	389	483	585	692	817	972
250	315	390	484	586	694	823	973
252	321	391	485	588	696	824	974
253	322	392	486	592	697	825	979
254	323	393	488	594	699	827	982
255	328	394	489	608	704	830	985
257	330	396	491	609	705	838	986
258	331	400	492	613	707	842	987
259	332	401	493	618	712	846	988
260	333	402	496	619	715	854	
261	334	403	497	620	719	858	
262	335	404	498	621	721	865	
263	336	405	499	622	727	866	
264	338	406	505	623	733	873	
266	339	408	506	624	734	879	
268	341	409	508	625	736	881	

> dial >>

>>> connect >> and create somethingSM



List of prefixes current as of July 2000; subject to change.
©BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. 1999-2000. All rights reserved. All trademarks and service marks contained herein are owned by BellSouth Intellectual Property Corporation.

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...

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.

—Mark Twain

Sunday, September 10, 2000 A4

Editorial

Don't back down

Minimum standards are not the best way to improve education because they tend to lower everyone's sights to the minimum. High standards are a far more effective tool. Nonetheless, the last thing Kentucky needs to do is weaken the new minimum requirements for those entering the teaching profession. We say this even though the higher requirement is aggravating an already acute shortage of black teachers. This shortage contributes to the achievement gap between black and white students. Closing this gap between black and white and, for that matter, rich and poor, and rural and suburban must be among Kentucky's top priorities.

But lowering standards for entering teachers would provide only temporary and illusory relief. More fundamental problems would continue to fester. And that would help no one, black or white.

Last year, Kentucky raised the cutoff scores on the national exam taken by college graduates of teacher-education programs. Failure rates then rose, but most sharply among blacks.

In elementary education, for example, 86 percent of white candidates passed, compared to 92 percent the year before. For blacks, the passing rate dropped from 79 percent to 42 percent.

As a result, it has become even harder to hire black teachers, says Jefferson County school superintendent Stephen Daeschner. Thirty percent of Jefferson County's students are black, but only about 4 percent of teacher hires are.

Daeschner and Shelby County school superintendent Leon Mooneyhan recently asked the state teacher certification board to lower the cutoff scores to the previous levels.

Daeschner correctly points out that the tests do not predict whether someone will be a good teacher. But they do measure how much someone knows about the subject he or she will be teaching. And the new standards are not onerous. On most tests, Kentucky requires a score that's better than only 15 percent to 25 percent of test takers nationally.

The focus needs to be not on lowering standards but on understanding why some graduates of some teacher-preparation programs have an excessive failure rate and how to fix it.

Education in Kentucky has long suffered because graduates of weak public schools study to become teachers in weak teacher-preparation programs and then go home to become teachers and repeat the cycle. (We'd be interested to know if the higher minimum standard has made it harder for some public schools to hire their own graduates as teachers.)

Higher cutoff scores won't guarantee that Kentucky has the best possible teachers. That will require a combination of changes such as higher pay, financial rewards for the best teachers, better teacher preparation and more meaningful professional development.

But backing down on the new minimum standards now would all but guarantee we'll never get around to even talking about high standards for new teachers.

—Lexington Herald-Leader



Letters to the Editor

Judge should not have undermined KHSAA

Editor:

As a member of the working press, in which I cover Kentucky high school sports, I was somewhat surprised at the ruling of a Christian County circuit judge. I do have some scared feelings toward overturning the Kentucky High School Athletics Association ruling on transfer eligibility.

Our KHSAA is as strong, if not the strongest sports association governing high schools in the nation. They are an elite group of people who have made our state high school sports program one which is highly

regarded among many other states.

The commissioner and his staff know the entire rules, regulations and a code of ethics that must be followed. Transferring athletes is always the toughest of any decision they must make. Although for the athletes, I'm happy they were allowed to play, I'm just not in agreement that a judge can overrule our commissioner. This could be the first of many problems ahead when a precedent like this is made.

Joe Back
Prestonsburg

Remember at election time

Editor:

The August 9 edition of The Floyd County Times listed the findings of Edward Hatchett, auditor of public accounts, Frankfort. The statement said the former county clerk owed \$2,012.28. Was the money collected? We, the public, need to know.

Now the three commissioners want to return to the magistrate form of government. They complain "too much work" when they have authority for the two hours that the fiscal court is in session to vote on the rules or ordinances. The rest of the time the road workers and other assorted employees do the work. If the two-hour fiscal court sessions are too much work, I would suggest they resign.

According to the local and other media, there are roads that are gravel or practically nonexistent, there are areas with no drinking water, and the commissioners are paid to represent Floyd Countians. What are they doing?

In the same issue of The Floyd County Times, there was a listing of the budget for Floyd County. Here is a listing of salaries for the three commissioners: \$105,949.68, plus worker's comp, Social Security, retirement, life insurance, health insurance, and unemployment insurance. The road workers make approximately \$23,849.44, plus all of the six above mentioned benefits. Now recent media reports say the judge-executive needs a new car and it was approved by the fiscal court.

It seems the people of Floyd County are not getting their money's worth and at election time we should remember or else picket the courthouse to get justice, if that's possible in this county.

Wake up, Floyd Countians. Enough is enough. Don't sit back and complain and do nothing. If you do, you deserve what you get.

Arnie Arnett
Prestonsburg



Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor are welcomed by The Floyd County Times. In accordance with our editorial page policy, all letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author. The Times reserves the right to reject or edit any letter deemed slanderous, libelous or otherwise objectionable. Letters should be no longer than two type-written pages, and may be edited for length or clarity. Opinions expressed in letters and other voices are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the newspaper. Send letters to: The Editor, The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 391, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

Poison Pen

by Ralph Davis
Managing Editor



A note of caution for our neighbors

Our neighbors to the north were given a good bit of news this week when Gov. Paul Patton designated Paintsville as the latest "new town" to take part in the Community Development Initiative.

That designation means a lot of things for Paintsville, but to put it succinctly, it opens the floodgates for new state and federal grant money to fund economic development projects in that community.

Certainly, the announcement means a lot to Paintsville, and it should to Floyd County as well. While our community may not see the barrels of money Johnson County will, it will reap some of the benefits.

Most notably, further development of Johnson County will mean new jobs in the area, and Floyd Countians will undoubtedly fill some of those jobs.

For that reason, there is no justification for the sour grapes reaction which often plagues communities in our area.

Too often it seems we look at the good fortune of our neighbors and feel jealous. But the arbitrary lines which separate our counties really do not mean much in terms of economics, and we all share when our neighbors succeed.

Still, I hope the powers that be in Paintsville will look upon their CDI status as a beginning rather than an end, a tool to begin the truly hard work rather than an accomplished goal to sit back and enjoy.

It's happened before. Several years ago, while I was working in Jackson County, that community received exceedingly good news when it was designated part of the federal Empowerment Zone program. That development meant \$40 million in funding for various projects, as well as tax breaks and preferential grant status which resulted in over \$100 million more in economic incentives.

As in Paintsville, Jackson County came together in a spirit of unprecedented cooperation in order to chart a future course and apply for Empowerment Zone status. People from all walks of life came together to dream about what they would do if such good fortune landed in their laps, and the goals which resulted were noteworthy.

But after the designation finally came, things changed considerably. Greed produced factionalism and self-interest replaced community spirit. Suddenly, the cooperation which marked the planning period was absent from the implementation phase, and many of the noble plans languished.

Don't get me wrong — Jackson County has certainly benefited from its participation in the Empowerment Zone and that community is further ahead in its efforts than it would have been if such a designation had never come.

But the Empowerment Zone never accomplished all it could have, primarily because the community spirit which marked the application process disappeared when the money arrived and different factions each tried to jockey for a bigger slice of the pie.

That's a history lesson Paintsville and Johnson County need to study during this moment of jubilation. Cooperation helped get that community where it is today. Only continued cooperation will allow it to take full advantage of its good fortune.

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 B. Davis	ext. 17	CIRCULATION MANAGER Patty Wilson	ext. 19
SENIOR EDITOR Pam Shingler	ext. 26	PRODUCTION 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 MANAGER R. Heath Wiley	ext. 29	DISTRIBUTION Theresa Garrett	ext. 31

Web Watch



and the dot com's to make it easier to find things online.

To learn how to host an online celebrity chat and which public chats are coming up, visit www.communities.com.

To find out about the Restaurant Neighbor Award program in which restaurants serve as launching pads for community action initiatives, visit www.restaurant.org/rna.

A free problem solving resource to help children overcome the crises of growing up may be found at Teen Central.Net, a site created by Kids Peace.

Ways that online training can make it easier to assess an employee's skill level, evaluate

an employee's performance, customize a training program that reflects their professional interests and needs, or provide an online mentor may now be found at www.edshop.com/pr.

For an assortment of easily mixed cocktail recipes visit www.beefeater.com to enhance your backyard bar.

To find out more about EEGP therapy for people with AINEA, visit www.naturalbypass.com.

For information on the Pokémon phenomenon and a new Pokémon video game, visit www.PokemonStation.com or www.Pokemon.com.

inshop.com (AOL Keyword: inshop), an Internet infomediary and online leader in local shopping and fashion intelligence, is now recruiting merchants to participate in this free service by listing offline retail information on its site. Retailers can promote shopping, sale and fashion events for free.

(NAPSA)-RealNames Corporation has developed a system known as Internet keywords, which takes out all the www's

Unity World Day Of Prayer Sept. 14



(NAPS)-On Thursday, Sept. 14, 2000, hundreds of thousands of people across the globe will join Unity School of Christianity and its non-denominational prayer ministry, Silent Unity, in a sacred partnership of prayer-the seventh annual World Day of Prayer.

World Day of Prayer is open to people of all faiths and walks of life. Unity believes prayer is a powerful way to achieve healing, harmony, and understanding. World Day of Prayer events will be held at many of the approximately 1,000 Unity churches and study groups around the world.

This year's theme is, "Experience the flow of God's love!" The affirmation for this year's World Day of Prayer is, "Centered in Your sacred presence, dear God, I join my spiritual family in a prayerful partnership that blesses the world."

At Unity Village, just outside Kansas City, Mo., Unity ministers, ministerial candidates and employees of Unity School of Christianity, will keep a special 24-hour prayer vigil from midnight Central Daylight Time Sept. 13, until midnight Sept. 14. The names of people sent to Unity will be prayerfully acknowledged.

Unity invites you to participate. Please take some time during this 24-hour period to pray with us-as often as you can, wherever you happen to be, alone or with others. If you would like to receive a free information packet, including a returnable prayer list for names you wish to have remembered in prayer, please call Unity's Customer Service Department at 1-800-669-0282 and ask for a World Day of Prayer Information Packet. The packets are also available in Spanish.

This spiritual event, always on the second Thursday of September, and first held in 1994, is organized by Unity School of Christianity. Hundreds of thousands of people have participated as prayer partners, and millions more were the focus of prayer during special World Day of Prayer vigils.

Unity School of Christianity

was founded in 1889 and is the home of a worldwide ministry of prayer, education, and publishing. Unity publishes Daily Word, a monthly magazine of daily inspirational messages. Unity's prayer ministry, Silent Unity, maintains a 24-hour prayer vigil every day of the year and receives more than two million letters and telephone calls for prayer annually.

Scholastic audit team members selected

Frankfort — Nearly 100 people from across the state will serve as Scholastic Audit team members for the 2000-01 school year, the Kentucky Department of Education has announced.

As required by House Bill 53, the department is required to conduct "audits" of those schools that fail to meet their achievement goals for each biennium. The audit is a comprehensive review of a school's learning environment, organizational efficiency and academic performance of students.

Results of the audits will be used to determine the level of support necessary to continuously improve student academic performance.

"This will enable schools to focus on their specific needs," said Pat Hurt, director of the department's Division of School Improvement. "The teams will help schools determine what they need to do to reach proficiency. The tools used by the teams, while used by the department to focus on low-performers, will be available to any school, regardless of its performance, that chooses to make use of them."

"And, as required by HB 53, we will be using the tools to randomly assess a sample of schools that are currently meeting or exceeding their goals."

Audit team members are active or retired teachers, building and district level administrators, highly skilled educators, university faculty and parents.

In Region 8, the auditors are

- James Lacy (alternate), Campton
- Joe Hignite, Hazard
- Carol Combs, Martin
- Carolene Ward, Mayking
- Willie Elliott, McDowell
- Diana Ingram, Stanton
- Cissie Bentley, Topmost
- Glen Hendrix, Yeaddiss

The scholastic audit teams' responsibilities include:

- making recommendations for assistance to schools
- submitting a report that will include the specific recommendations to improve teaching and learning; evaluation of school-based decision making decisions; and identification of assistance and resources needed for improvement.

Participants will undergo training through the department, enabling the teams to spend three to five days on-site in a minimum of four schools and prepare a report of findings for each school.

Each team member receives a daily stipend of \$150 during training and \$250 during the audit process.

PSC issues fines for 'slamming' violations

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Public Service Commission has ordered America's Tele-Network (ATN) to pay \$400,000 in fines for "slamming" violations.

ATN representatives were due to appear before the Commission on September 5 for a hearing on 40 counts of alleged slamming violations. No one from the company showed up for the hearing to answer or defend the counts against them.

Based upon the facts already collected by the Commission, and with no evidence presented by the company to counter the charges, the Commission decided unanimously to order ATN to pay the full fine, which is \$10,000 per count under a statute that passed in the 1998 legislative session.

The PSC order states, "The Commission takes the matter of 'slamming' seriously and will not allow Kentucky's telecommunications customers to become victims of unfair business practices. ATN has acted with reckless disregard of the laws and the rights of the citizens of Kentucky, and by this Order we demonstrate that such behavior

will not be tolerated."

"Slamming" is the practice of switching a customer's service without authorization of the customer. The General Assembly passed the 1998 statute increasing the possible fines for slamming from \$2,500 to \$10,000 in an effort to curb the practice, which developed along with the deregulated long distance telephone market.

The PSC decision also orders the company to refund all costs incurred by the 40 customers that were slammed, and fines ATN an additional \$2,500 for failure to comply with a Commission order to appear.

The PSC ran public service announcements from May 1999 through June of this year alerting customers to "slamming" practices, and advertised the PSC Utility Customer Hotline as a resource for customers who have been slammed.

During that time period, the number of complaints reported to the commission roughly doubled.

If you think you are a victim of slamming, you may contact the PSC hotline at 1-800-772-4636, or online at www.psc.state.ky.us.

Used car certification program help buyers, sellers

(NAPS)-If the next car you buy is a used one, you'll have plenty of company. If last year's figures are any indication, more than 40 million used vehicles will be sold in the United States this year, ten million of which will be sold privately.

The good news for buyers, as well as sellers of many of these cars, is the introduction of a new vehicle evaluation services program designed to support the buying and selling of used cars, trucks, vans and SUVs—a \$336 billion industry.

The certification program was introduced by Pep Boys to offer quality and value assurances to both buyers and sellers of all makes and models of used vehicles. Buyers of a Pep Boys-certified automobile will know that the vehicle is both mechanically and operationally sound, and sellers will have the assurance that the nation's leading full service automotive aftermarket chain stands behind the vehicle by offering a powertrain service contract and a roadside assistance plan to the new owner.

With the Pep Boys Vehicle Evaluation Services, vehicles qualify for three levels of evaluation and certification: Pep Boys Certified Gold, Pep Boys Quality Checked Plus, and Pep Boys Quality Check.

Experts at Pep Boys have these suggestions before buying a used car:

- Get yourself a pad of paper and take notes when looking at a car. This can prompt a private seller to either reduce the price because of needed repairs, or to make the repairs before selling you the car.

- Examine the tires. Wear patterns on tires are an important indicator of car performance.

- Check the car's exterior. Test the shocks by pushing down hard on the bumpers and then releasing. The car should go up, then down, then return to position. It should not keep bouncing.

- Check for leaks.
- Test drive the car and most importantly, before you buy, get the car inspected.

More information on the used vehicle certification program is available by calling 1-800-PEP-BOYS or visiting pepboys.com.

Studies show that used cars that have been certified sell 50 percent faster than uncertified ones.

People know Pueblo for its...

Snazzy Web Site?
www.pueblo.gsa.gov

Famous Hot Salsa?

In Pueblo, the free government information is also hot. Dip into the Consumer Information Center web site, www.pueblo.gsa.gov. Or call toll-free 1-888-8 PUEBLO to order the Catalog. Sorry, salsa not available through our web site or Catalog.

U.S. General Services Administration

ED TAYLOR PHOTOGRAPHY

- Outdoor Portraits
- Indoor Portraits
- Weddings
- Reunions
- Cap and Gown

Call
886-1237
For
Senior
Portraits

IS YOUR POOL COVER THIS SAFE?

It's LOOP-LOC... the safety cover that can support an elephant! Computer-designed for perfect fit. Goes on and off in a snap. Don't forget to look for the name on the cover!

LOOP-LOC
SAFETY POOL COVERS
No Compromises... No Excuses!

PATCO POOLS

Paintsville
789-1322

Pikeville
432-1702

Inez
298-5802

Big Sandy Health Care, Inc., is proud to announce that the

Hope Family Pharmacy

at the Hope Family Medical Center is now open!

Tamara Bentley Maynard has joined Big Sandy Health Care as the pharmacist at the Hope Family Pharmacy.

Patients from Hope or one of Big Sandy's other clinics are

eligible to buy medications at the Hope Family Pharmacy at discounted prices.

Patients may pay as little as \$10 for a prescription, depending on income and family size.

BIG SANDY HEALTH CARE

Hope Family Pharmacy
114 Parkway Drive
Salyersville, KY 41465
606 349-5124

"A proud tradition of providing access to quality health care."

FOR THE RECORD

Charges filed

Conley R. Hayes, 24, Hemphill; DUI; no insurance; suspended license; failure to register transfer.
 Sallie Tackett, 22, Grethel; first-degree forgery; theft of property.
 Justin Newman, 20, Minnie; pleaded guilty to alcohol intoxication and disorderly conduct.
 Paul R. Setser, 24, West Prestonsburg; pleaded guilty to alcohol intoxication.
 Jennifer D. Vance, 25, Galveston; alcohol intoxication.
 Brian Lee Triplett, 21, Wheelwright; alcohol intoxication; disorderly conduct.
 Gary Thomas Conley, 22,

Wayland; alcohol intoxication.
 Jerry R. Gibson, 50, Wayland; alcohol intoxication.
 James Gilliam, 20, Wheelwright; alcohol intoxication.
 Charles Allen Clark, 19, Banner; alcohol intoxication; possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia, use and possession; prescription in improper container.
 Timothy L. Sammons, 29, Pippa Passes; public intoxication.
 Anita R. Noble, 41, Ivel; alcohol intoxication.
 Carl R. Carter, Jr., 25, Pikeville; alcohol intoxication; drinking alcohol in public; failure to wear seat-belt.
 Andy W. Branham, 21, Weeksbury; alcohol intoxication;

disorderly conduct.
 Birehel Reid, 42, Georgetown; alcohol intoxication; drinking alcohol in public; disorderly conduct.
 Sandra K. DeRossett, 31, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication; disorderly conduct.
 Jeffrey M. Thompson, 45, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
 Elmer Blakenship, Jr., 38, Prestonsburg; second-degree criminal trespassing; resisting arrest; possession of marijuana; public intoxication.

Marriage licenses

Mallena Sue Briggs, 22, Prestonsburg to George Alexander Kidd, 24, Honaker.
 Nancy K. Adams, 73, Prestonsburg to Sam Manuel, 79, Prestonsburg.
 Tanya Slone, 26, Auxier to Mark Anthony Bustle, 33, Auxier.
 Rachel Louise Robinson, 22, Prestonsburg to Johnny Woodford Rice, 34, Prestonsburg.
 Ada Sirena Mullins, 18, Gunlock to Keith Edward Kisner, 20, Gunlock.
 Katrina Marie Patton, 27, Weeksbury to Jonathan Nelson Johnson, 35, Weeksbury.

Willena Jean Howell, 32, Pikeville to Leonard Eugene Osborne, 29, Grethel.
 Jennifer Lynne Music, 18, Lackey to Michael David Combs, 20, Lackey.
 Karlin M. Begley, 29, Prestonsburg to Clyde D. Salyer, 29, Prestonsburg.
 Pamela Slone, 23, Lexington to Mark David Klinepeter, 25, Lexington.
 Veronica Sheilee Skeens, 21, Melvin to Christopher Michael Cicchetti, Sr., 29, Melvin.
 Tammy M. Williams, 30, Banner to Paul Williams, 39, Banner.
 Chassity Sue Jones, 18, Melvin to Dewey Robert Younce, 21, Melvin.
 Belinda Kay Williams, 25, Harold to Anthony Wayne Greer, 22, Harold.
 Jaclyn Alise Justice, 20, Wheelwright to William Arnold Robinette, 19, Betsy Layne.
 Angela Darlene Oney, 31, Hueysville to Jeffrey Lynn Campbell, 40, Hueysville.
 Crystal Dawn Brown, 20, Prestonsburg to Douglas Wayne Marsillett, 20, Auxier.

Bankruptcies (Pikeville district)

Adam Gwinn, Bonnyman, chapter 7.
 Barbara Jean West and Dennis Arthur West, Regina, chapter 7.
 James Woodrow Hall, Inez, chapter 7.
 Donna Dials Strong, Hazard,

chapter 7.
 Gregory Herald, Talbert, chapter 7.
 James Troy Anderson and Mary Ann Teresa Anderson, Inez, chapter 7.
 Jacqueline McFarland, Salyersville, chapter 7.
 Linda F. Sexton and Rodney Sexton, Cornettsville, chapter 7.
 George A. Turner and Guess Turner, Jackson, chapter 7.
 Carlos J. Adams and Marsha Adams, Whitesburg, chapter 7.
 Denise M. Hardin and James G. Hardin, Whitesburg, chapter 7.
 Johnny Wells, Isom, chapter 7.
 Linda Lewis, Hazard, chapter 7.
 Loretta L. Meade and Ricky L. Meade, Mallie, chapter 7.
 Geneva A. Widner and William L. Widner, Partridge, chapter 7.
 Derek G. Kincer and Penny Kincer, Whitesburg, chapter 7.
 Davida Ruth Bickford and Richard Casey Bickford, Salyersville, chapter 7.
 James D. Burchett, Pikeville, chapter 7.
 Lovada Compton, Pikeville, chapter 7.
 Jennifer Lynn Noble and Roger Dale Noble, Dryfork, chapter 7.
 Sarah R. Cook and Willie D. Cook, Letcher, chapter 7.
 Baron Mullins, Isom, chapter 7.
 Tammy Kaye Bolen and Tony Lee Bolen, Blackey, chapter 7.
 Flarrie Lowe, Burdine, chapter 7.
 Joey Erwin Cantrell, Ashcamp, chapter 7.
 Angela Diane Thornsby and

Stephen Herbert Thornsby, Freeburn, chapter 7.
 Charles Benton Smith and Rita Ruth Smith, Ashcamp, chapter 7.
 Paul Lafferty, Prestonsburg, chapter 7.
 Phillip Duffy Hays and Shirley Jean Hays, Jackson, chapter 7.
 Hays Chevrolet-Buick Inc., Jackson, chapter 7.
 Christine Deaton, Combs, chapter 7.
 Karen S. Ward, Prestonsburg, chapter 7.
 Alex Wells Jr., Van Lear, chapter 7.
 Roger Henderson, Wayland, chapter 7.
 Arnold Combs and Bernice Combs, Hazard, chapter 7.
 Davie Blanton and Shirley Blanton, Staffordsville, chapter 7.
 Rebecca Blevins, Staffordsville, chapter 7.
 Mary Caudill and Ronney D. Caudill, Jeremiah, chapter 7.
 Kenneth Bowman, Eolia, chapter 7.
 Jeffery L. Sandlin and Vicky E. Sandlin, Buckhorn, chapter 13.
 Benetta Patrick and Glen Patrick, Salyersville, chapter 13.
 Eddie W. Calton, Linefork, chapter 13.
 Timothy James Watts, Ary, chapter 13.
 Paul Richard Maynard, Belfry, chapter 13.
 Christopher W. Williams and Jennifer A. Williams, Cornettsville, chapter 13.
 Christopher K. Smith and Nella Renee Smith, Blackey, chapter 13.

DOCTOR RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS

LOSE WEIGHT the healthy way!

Safe, all natural, fast & easy!
 100% Guaranteed

You have nothing to lose but inches!

CALL TODAY: (606) 889-9817

Think of us as your on the Internet highway of life.

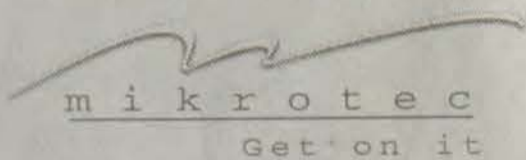
Pit Crew



www.mikrotec.com

What good is the Internet if you can't always get on when you want? And if it's too congested, why bother getting on at all? If you're ready for the Internet fast lane, you're ready for Mikrotec. We've got more muscle under our hood, so we're ready for anything you can dish out.

Call us today at 1-888-921-2525, to get \$5.00 off your first month of service, or sign up at www.mikrotec.com. Because anything else is just a drag.



Grand Prix is an all expense paid trip for two to the Texaco/Havoline Grand Prix of Houston, Sept. 29th - Oct. 1st, 2000 including round-trip airfare from Lexington, Kentucky to Houston, Texas, departing Thursday, Sept. 28th, four night lodging, double occupancy at the Hyatt Regency Houston, including transportation to the event, and reserved seating tickets with Packback Plus to the three-day event. Tax other offers expressed or implied. Not valid with any other offer or promotion. Its purchase necessary to use.



Staff and student employees of the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center participated in this year's American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Above, Perkins team members muscled their way to victory in the tug-of-war competition. This year's event raised over \$66,000.

Perkins' volunteers walk for life

Special to The Times

Staff and student employees of the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center recently participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life held at Johnson Central High School. This year's event featured over 25 teams who competed to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Team members walked from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., in a relay fashion and participated in various talent games through the night. Periods of heavy rain did not dampen the spirits of the participants, as over \$66,000 was raised for a worthy cause. The "Perkins Posse" team placed second overall

in this year's event. School to Work coordinator Kelly Miller, who organized the Perkins Center team, was pleased with the success of this year's relay. "So many members of the community gave of their talents and resources to make this event a success," Miller said. "I am particularly proud of our staff and student employees, who worked hard to contribute to this worthy cause." Miller also thanked Columbia Natural Resources and Papa John's for their contributions in sponsoring the Job Corps team.

Summer Heat: Dangerous For Your Car



And while there are simple ways to keep the interior temperature of the car down, not many people take such precautions. According to a survey commissioned by Axius, less than 41 percent of Americans regularly use a vehicle sunshade which could lower the inside temperature by as much as 49 degrees. A sunshade is also a highly affordable option, costing about the same as lunch. Weigh this against the cost of replacing damaged CDs (about \$15) or video tapes (as much as \$99), and a sunshade becomes an even "cooler" idea.

What else can you do to keep the temperature in your car more bearable? Park in the shade and avoid wide-open spaces. Use a steering wheel cover. Perhaps more important than heat is the damage caused by the sun's ultraviolet rays. Besides using a sunshade-which can block up to 99 percent of UV rays-tinted windows may be a smart choice. Washing and waxing a vehicle regularly, and using a water-based protectant on all rubber, plastic and vinyl areas, can also help. If you have to get into a hot car, open the doors and wait a few minutes to let air in. Set the air conditioner to "recycle" before switching to "maximum." And to that end, make sure your cooling system is in good working order.



The pharmacist you feel at home with is now at home with you.

Ask a question. Look up almost anything in healthcare. And shop for thousands of drugstore items, all just a click away. We're still the neighborhood drugstore you trust. We don't keep you waiting. We take the time to answer your questions, and give you the information that can be just as important as your medicine. It's the state-of-the-art caring. www.cornerdrugstore.com. Online convenience from the people you trust.

COOLEY APOTHECARY, INC.
 126 North Lake Drive
 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

HAROLD COOLEY
 Certified Patient Care Pharmacist (606) 886-8106
 800-342-3555

www.cornerdrugstore.com

Math

mance on the overall scores," Watson said.

Watson said the results on the CTBS are important but reminded that students also have to take the CATS test.

Watson has a favorite saying, "There is one way to really learn to do math and that is to do math." She contends that a student that really knows mathematical concepts can do well on any of the tests — whether it be CTBS, CATS, or ACT. She said it is a matter of the student acclimating to the test, which suggests that teachers should be teaching testing skills along with content matter.

As shown on the web page of the Kentucky Department of Education, the CTBS scores in elementary, middle and secondary would read as follows: Raw scores are shown in Figure 1.

One way to look at the scores is to compare the numbers. In this case math was higher than writing or science at two levels.

Another way to look at the scores is how far they deviate from the state average, as shown in Figure 2.

Using the two charts, a person can tell where Floyd County stands in relation to the region and state. For example, if you have a student in the ninth grade, you know that, as a county, we scored 30, while the region scored 34 and the state 47.

To check about school scores and individual student scores, check with your local school.

Students in region eight (which includes Floyd County) have historically scored lower than the state average. Watson said, "I don't believe that our students are any less capable in our area than in other areas. It has been my experience that our students are very capable of learning mathematics. We stress reading and writing, which we should of course. It is important that our students have a strong foundation in the knowledge in all content areas. We need to recognize that mathematics is becoming more and more important to our students' future."

The Floyd County school system has plans to emphasize training events and increase support for schools as they endeavor to improve scores. During the summer, teachers participated in the middle grades mathematics academies and the training programs sponsored by Appalachian Rural Systemic Initiative. The Appalachian

Educational Laboratory (AEL) at Arlington, Virginia, sponsored a Geometry for-All Institute in Floyd County.

A more specific teaching tool to help schools in improving scores and learning is a document entitled "Classroom Connections to Terra Nova: CTB." It appears this resource material contains material that presents math in such a way that students who master the concepts would do well on both CTBS and CATS.

An example from the third grade section:

"3. A classroom has 41 books. If the teacher orders 8 more books, how many books will the classroom have in all?"

"a. 23 b. 49 c. 58 d. 59 e. None of these"

An example of the material for grades 6 and 7 includes:

"7. Davis has a string that is 30 centimeters long. He made a rectangle with the string. If the length of the rectangle is 12 centimeters, what is the width?"

"a. 3 b. 6 c. 18 d. 24"

(Note: Similar questions appear on the CATS test, but students have to show their work, and can get varying degrees of credit.)

Watson encourages teachers to use this and other teaching tools that will enable students to see, what she calls, the beauty of mathematics.

Watson can recommend a variety of supplemental teaching aides for parents, teachers and tutors. Watson, a math major, says that skills are being taught at a much earlier age than in the past. For example, she learned about Venn diagrams in college while they are taught in the third grade now.

How do these scores affect students who go on to college? John D. Samons who teaches math at Prestonsburg Community College says that the greater majority of students entering the college take developmental math. He says he stays away from the term remedial because in many cases the students are encountering the material, at least on a serious basis, for the first time.

Samons speculates that many students do not plan to go to college and do not prepare themselves and at the last moment decide they will, in fact, attend college. He says the problem is as much, if not more, social as academic factors.

PCC follows the adage, "take

them where they are" and goes forward. The college has as many as three non-credit courses that help prepare students for the math class or classes required for their majors.

Samons said certain areas of study — medicine, pharmacy, dentistry and others — require at least one year of calculus. He said students who are willing to make the sacrifice and apply themselves can move from the developmental courses to successfully pass the required calculus class.

Samons refutes the myth that math is harder than science, reading or other core subjects. In fact, he says that a student needs to be a good reader to become a good math student.

Samons said he tried to get students "to think algebraically." If students figure out a problem using other means, they get partial credit

and a talk from Samons about learning how to set the problem up algebraically — telling them that they will encounter real-world problems that will be easier to solve if they learn to think that way.

Samons adamantly denies the old line of thinking: "I'll never use this (math ability) in real life." He offered these sample problems that represent various levels of mathematical ability:

"The real estate tax for a home that cost \$50,000 is \$625. at this rate, what is the value of a home for which the real estate tax is \$1,375?" This is a normal ratio problem found in Algebra I.

"A customer buys four tires, three at regular price and one for 20 percent off the regular price. The four tires cost \$323. What is the regular price of a tire?" This is a more-than average level of difficulty Algebra I

word problem.

Solve: $2X + 5X - 3 = 0$. This is a straight-forward everyday equation that is found in an Algebra II class.

A similar problem appeared on the 1999 CATS mathematics test for grade 8.

"Susan is going to the post office to mail six items. For each item, the post office charges 33 cents for the first ounce and 23 cents for each additional ounce.

"a. Copy and complete the table below showing how much it would cost Susan to mail each of her six items if the first item weighs one ounce, the second item weighs two ounces, the third item weighs three ounces, and so on up to the sixth item which weighs six ounces.

Ounces	cost
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	

"b. How much would it cost Susan to mail an item that weighs 25 ounces?"

"c. Write an expression that shows the cost of mailing an item that weighs in ounces, and explain your reasoning."

Regardless of the test, it is plain to see that math is more than just doing computation, just as reading is more than calling words. Samons says that

doing math is a process of seeing patterns and learning how to express those patterns.

Math consultant Paul Prater reminds teachers that additional help is available from the Region 8 Service Center. Prater says that this fall a session on integrating technology and math to meet the needs of exceptional children will be held at Hazard Technology College. This session will be for all grade levels.

Prater also encourages teachers to apply for next summer's math academy for middle schools. Past sessions have received rave reviews.

Prater also invites Floyd County teachers (and all Region 8 teachers) to take advantage of the services available at the center. Prater is just starting his new assignment and is eager to help his fellow math teachers teach a subject that in reality is no harder than any other subject.

Parents can help students by working with them on math homework. Parents, if you don't know the concepts, have your child explain it to you. You will be surprised how much your child can learn "teaching" you the subject.

Check on your child's work in school. If she/he is doing mostly computations, that is not enough. Math, like most of the other subjects on CATS, and to a lesser extent on CTBS, has as much to do with thinking as it does with computation.



Shane Crum is in deep thought as he works on a word problem at Allen Central Middle School. photo by Willie Elliott

Justice Cabinet, DOC issue data entry policy

Frankfort — The Kentucky Justice Cabinet and the Department of Corrections (DOC) have jointly issued a policy that precludes Kentucky Correctional Industries (KCI) from accepting any data entry work requiring the input of individual personal information by inmates.

This issue came to light last month when the Cabinet for Health Services sought approval from the Government Contract Review Committee for a contract with KCI to enter vital statistics data. At the hearing, members of the Committee voiced concerns over this practice.

"While not illegal, the entry of personal data by inmates raises valid privacy concerns," said Commissioner of the Department of Corrections Doug Sapp. "However, after this issue was brought to our attention by members of the General Assembly, we decided it would be a good public policy decision to halt such work."

The new policy will go into effect October 1. This effective date will allow KCI to complete any pending work and provide both public and private customers who utilize the services to be given reasonable notification of the new policy.

The policy also requires the establishment of a Privacy Standards Review Committee appointed by the Secretary of the Justice Cabinet to approve any future data entry jobs performed by inmates.

PRICED TO MOVE. BUILT TO KEEP MOVING.

Whether your looking to work or to play, John Deere has the right vehicle or tractor at the right price to make any job fun. Come in to your local John Deere dealer and see how owning a Deere can make your summertime easy.



LT133 Lawn Tractor

- 13-hp
- 38-inch mowing deck
- 5-speed shift-on-the-go transmission

Only \$38 per month*

JS60 Walk-Behind Mower

- 6 hp • 21-inch steel deck

Only \$329



1438GS Sabre® Lawn Tractor

- 14.5 hp
- 38-inch mower deck
- 5-speed shift-on-the-go transmission.

GT225 Lawn and Garden Tractor

- 15 hp • 42-inch Convertible mower deck
- Automatic transmission

Only \$77 per month*



325 Lawn and Garden Tractor

- 18-hp V-Twin engine
- Automatic transmission
- 48-inch Convertible mower deck

LX255 Lawn Tractor

- 15 hp • Automatic transmission
- 42-inch Convertible mower deck

Only \$66 per month*



NOTHING RUNS LIKE A DEERE®

www.deere.com

To Locate A John Deere Dealer Near You, Call: 888-MOW-PROS (Toll Free 888-669-7767)



* Offer ends October 31, 2000. Subject to approved credit on John Deere Credit Revolving Plan. Taxes, freight, setup and delivery charges could increase monthly payment. Other special rates and terms may be available, including installment financing and financing for commercial use. Available at participating dealers. Not all products available at all dealerships.

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!

We Love Our Grandparents



Gabriel Logan O'nan
Grandparents:
Archie & Janet Horn of
Martin, Ky.
Birthday: September 22, 1999



Kailey Dawn Shannon
Grandparents:
Gary & Beulah Compton of
Price, Ky.
Birthday: May 12, 1999



Lanah Gabrielle Gibson
Grandparents:
Rod & Pam Wiley of Hippo, Ky.
Eva Gibson & the late Russell
Gibson of Langley, Ky.
Birthday: September 7, 1996



Bryce O'nan
Grandparents:
Archie & Janet Horn of
Martin, Ky.
Birthday: October 23, 1998



Rodney Jacob Gardner
Grandparents:
Reba Carol Gardner of
Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: August 9, 1999



**Katherine Emily
Richmond Goble**
Grandparents:
Donald & Maxine Goble
Peggy & David Hereford
of Prestonsburg
Birthday: May 2, 1998



Dakota Hall
Grandparents:
Dwayne & Diana Hall of
McDowell, Ky.
Birthday: May 27, 1997



Megan Jones
Grandparents:
Sue Jones and the late
Jimmy Jones
of McDowell, Ky.
Birthday: January 8, 1994



Terry Lee Harrington
Grandparents:
Terry and Cheryl (Shepherd)
Harrington
of McDowell, Ky.
Birthday: June 22, 1994



Austin "Bailey" Hall
Grandparents:
Kenny Joe and
Rhonda Mitchell
of McDowell, Ky.
Birthday: January 7, 2000



Charles Keith Patton
Grandparents:
Linda & Walter Bartrum
Sharon & Keith Patton
of Martin, Ky.
Birthday: March 16, 1995



Jordan Blake Patton
Grandparents:
Linda & Walter Bartrum
Sharon & Keith Patton
of Martin, Ky.
Birthday: June 7, 1997



Lela Peppi
Grandparents:
Donna Castle of Prestonsburg
& Wade Castle of Drift
Ronnie & Nina Peppi
of Shelby Gap
Birthday: October



Joshua Wright
Grandparents:
John and Debbie Wright
of Prestonsburg
Birthday: March 9, 1993



Christan Lee Hammon
Grandparents:
Belinda and Milford Case
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: October 23, 1999



Brittany Raelea Davis
Grandparents:
Edgar & Gloria Rister
of Garrett, Ky.
Birthday: March 10, 1993



Brittni Wright
Grandparents:
John & Debbie Wright
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: October 11, 1996



Christopher Darrell Adams
Grandparents:
Shirley Adams
of Hager Hill, Ky.
Birthday: August 11, 1998



Kimbra Dawn Akers
Grandparents:
Kennith & Mary Kidd
Newman
of Grethel, Ky.
Birthday: January 28, 2000



Ian Joseph Scott
Grandparents:
Judy Marshall, Martin-Don
Marshall of Lake Rd.
Patsy & Woody Wells and the late
James Scott
of Auxier
Birthday: October 22, 1996



Haley Brooke Wright
Grandparents:
Mike & Linda Jarrell
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: January 5, 1999



Santana Paige Stumbo
Grandparents:
Johnny & Vicky Stumbo
of Harold, Ky.
Birthday: May 9, 1999



Amanda Conn
Grandparents:
David & Gaye Cooley
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: September 5, 1999



Angelique Celeste Turner
Grandparents:
Arnold & Libby Turner
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: October 9, 1999



**Arnold William Blake
Turner**
Grandparents:
Arnold & Libby Turner
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: September 21, 1995



**Arthur Jordan Taylor
Hughes**
Grandparents:
Arthur & Virginia Hughes
of Hueysville, Ky.
Birthday: January 8, 1999



Kennedy Brook Conley
Grandparents:
Gail Lawson & the
late Bill Walker
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: April 27, 1997



Ashleigh Willis
Grandparents:
Hillard & Irene Anderson
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: May 30, 1995



Sydney Meade
Grandparents:
Gary Rhonda Meade
of McDowell, Ky.
Age 5



Madison Meade
Grandparents:
Gary Rhonda Meade
of McDowell, Ky.
Age 1

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!

We Love Our Grandparents



Steven Bradley Layne
Grandparents:
Bert & Janice Layne
of Eastern, Ky.
Birthday: August 26, 1992



Jessica Danielle Hall
Grandparents:
Harold Hall, Sr.
of Topmost, Ky.
Birthday: June 5, 1996



Cameron Blake Stephens
Grandparents:
Brenda & Daryll Hamilton
of McDowell, Ky.
Birthday: March 12, 1996



Brody Music
Grandparents:
Pete & Rose Johnson
David & Betty Music
of Drift, Ky.
Birthday: August 5, 1997



Gregory Austin Cooley
Grandparents:
Toby & Clara Cooley
Rick Smith & Judy McDonald
of Hippo, Ky.
Birthday: August 2, 2000



Seth Harrison Marcum
Grandparents:
Rabon & Judy Flanery of
Martin, Ky.
Jimmy & Karen Marcum of
Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: February 12, 1997



HaLeigh Hunt
Grandparents:
Jim and Margie Slone
of Langley, Ky.
Birthday: April 22, 2000



Paul Benjamin Davis
Grandparents:
Ralph & Ann Davis
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: September 23, 1998



Ralph Davis, IV
Grandparents:
Ralph & Ann Davis
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: January 29, 1994



Dylan & Delycia Parks
Grandparents:
Rosanna Case
of Harold, Ky.
Birthday: May 4
Birthday: January 30, 1998



Johnna Taylor Adams
Grandparents:
Johnie C. & Linda Adams
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: June 26, 1993



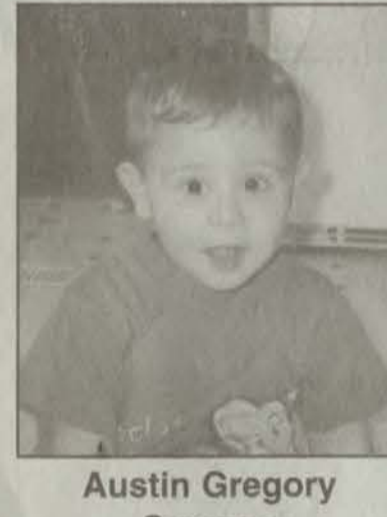
Tyler Johnson
Grandparents:
Mr. & Mrs. Elbert
& Linda Stratton
of Teaberry, Ky.
Birthday: May 4, 1992



Megan Thompson
Grandparents:
Okey Simpkins
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: March 7, 1999



Brianna Maria Prater
Grandparents:
Shirley Amburgey
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: March 4, 1998



Austin Gregory Samons
Grandparents:
Monroe and Wanda Samons
Jack & Juanita Shepherd
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: October 9, 1998



Brittney McKenzie
Grandparents:
Judy & Keith Coleman
Rita Blackburn
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: January 20, 1994



Conrad James Henderson
Grandparents:
Phillip and Helen Martin
of Hueysville, Ky.
Birthday: October 16, 1997



Hannah Elizabeth Henderson
Grandparents:
Phillip and Helen Martin
of Hueysville, Ky.
Birthday: November 2, 1994



Dylan Slone



Phillip Martin III
Grandparents:
Phillip and Helen Martin
of Hueysville, Ky.
Birthday: June 4, 1999



Mariana Victoria Jacobs
Grandparents:
Joe & Bea Jacobs
of Stanville, Ky.
Birthday: January 28, 1999



Alexis Ciera Sexton
Grandparents:
Doug Samons
of Auxier, Ky.
Birthday: November 10, 1999



M.K. McKinney III
Grandparents:
Loretta & Mickey McKinney
of Martin, Ky.
Birthday: February 2, 2000



Andrew Keith Slone
Grandparents:
Gold & Betty Slone
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: January 11, 1998

**Happy Grand Parents Day!
I Love You!**

Grandparents:
Poppie, Papaw & Mamaw Tussey,
Papaw & Glenna,
Papaw Elmer, Nanna
& Paw, Papaw & Mamaw Campbell
and
Granny Delong

Birthday:
May 4, 1998



Nikki Bradley
Grandparents:
Laura Vaughan
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: March 17, 1992



Brian Keith Handshoe, Jr.
Grandparents:
James & Jean Meade
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: May 16, 1995



Gregory Ryne Slone
Grandparents:
Gold & Betty Slone
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: October 26, 1999



Brandon Scott Woods
Grandparents:
Norma Wright & Ruth Meade
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: December 12, 1990



Christen Lashae Ousley
Grandparents:
Brenda Gail Hunter, Great
Grand parents Caner & Betty
Hunter
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: March 17, 1999

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!

We Love Our Grandparents



Andrew Ousley
Grandparents:
Bessie Davison
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: March 21, 2000



Jeremy Paul Shepherd
Grandparents:
Delmer & Dearl Faye Holbrook
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: June 17, 1986



Jacob Aaron Rudder
Grandparents:
Nellie Mullins & the late
Hatler Mullins
of Hi Hat, Ky.
Birthday: December 28, 1999



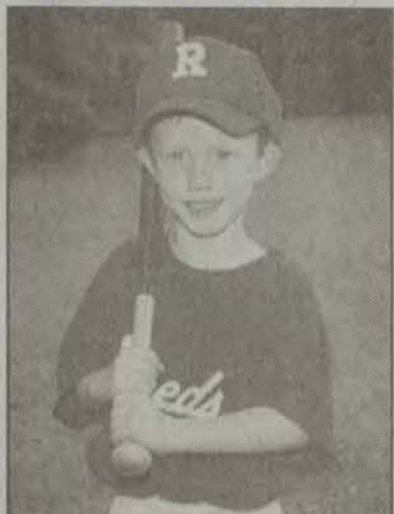
Isabella Gabrielle Jacobs
Grandparents:
Joe & Bea Jacobs
of Stanville, Ky.
Birthday: July 3, 2000



Troy McKenzie
Grandparents:
Judy & Keith Coleman
Rita Blackburn
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: May 15, 1996



Dustin Nikkolus Scott
Chaylee Nikkole Owens
Grandparents:
Buford & Debbie Owens
of Garrett, Ky.
Birthday: June 7, 2000



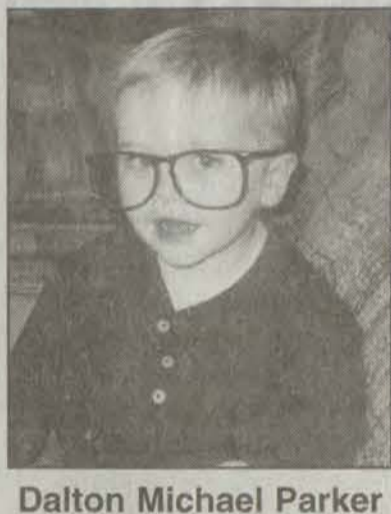
J.D. Adams, III
Grandparents:
Paul & Bonnie Spencer
of Martin, Ky.
Birthday: September 11, 1994



Ethan Hunter Dunn
Grandparents:
Rosanna Case
of Harold, Ky.
Birthday: October 1, 1999



C.C. Thompson
Grandparents:
Shirley Thompson
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: May 16, 1992



Dalton Michael Parker
Grandparents:
Willard & Linda Lafferty
of Bull Creek, Ky.
S.A.P & Polly Parker
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: December 28, 1997



**MaKayla Evelyn
Lashea McKinney**
Grandparents:
Ronnie & Brenda Patton
of Printer, Ky.
Birthday: March 2, 2000



Shania Edmonds
Grandparents:
Rosanna Case
of Harold, Ky.
Birthday: April 30, 1998



**River Stephen Ray
Koger**
Grandparents:
Stevie Hall & Phyllis Bentley
Hall of Allen, Ky.
Birthday: June 8, 2000



Allison Ann Conley
Grandparents:
Billy & Theda Hackworth
of Martin, Ky.
Birthday: February 23, 1994



Morgan Preslee Davis
Grandparents:
Ruth Ann Castle
of Langley, Ky.
Birthday: July 21, 2000



**Courtney Alison
Shepherd**
Grandparents:
Delmer & Dearl Faye Holbrook
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: June 2, 1994



Amber Newsom
Grandparents:
James & Stella Noble
of Allen, Ky.
Birthday: August 3, 1993



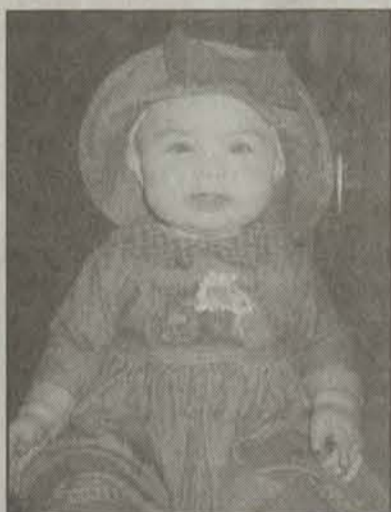
Logan Allen Conn
Grandparents:
Jimmy & Belle Conn
of Allen, Ky.
Birthday: May 19, 1998



Brittany Peppi
Grandparents:
Bill & Donna of Prestonsburg
Wade Castle of Drift
Ronnie & Nina of Shelby Gap
Birthday: February 20, 1992



Taylor Lynn Chaffins
Grandparents:
Frank & Sonja Chaffins
of McDowell, Ky.
Birthday: March 28, 1999



Megan Thompson
Grandparent:
Shirley Thompson
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: March 9, 1999



Mollie Thompson
Grandparent:
Shirley Thompson
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: January 12, 1994



Andrew Jacob Prater
Grandparents:
Buster & Kaye Eplin
of Betsy Layne, Ky.
Birthday: March 10, 2000



Carlie Lynn Frasure
Grandparents:
Ballard & Loretta Fannin
of Allen, Ky.
Birthday: June 11, 1992



Jayla Lauryn Hylton
Grandparents:
Kenneth Larry & Linda Hicks
of Snellville, Ga.
(formerly of Langley)
Birthday: March 30, 2000



Tanner Ray Hall
Grandparents:
Gwendolyn & Willie Martin, Jr.
Mable & Melvin Hall
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: December 3, 1997



Brittany Nikkole Hughes
Grandparents:
Bill & Margie Hughes
of Garrett, Ky.
Birthday: September 1, 1995



Tiffany Joyce Hall
Grandparents:
Bill & Margie Hughes
of Garrett, Ky.
Birthday: February 16, 1994



Brittany Cheyenne Dawson
Grandparents:
Larry & Barbara Shepherd
of McDowell, Ky.
Oma & Carlos Dawson
of Hi Hat, Ky.
Great-Grandparent:
Wiley Burke
of Hi Hat, Ky.



Matthew Ryan Sword
Grandparents:
Gail (G-G) Lawson & the
late Bill Walker
of Prestonsburg, Ky.
Birthday: January 20, 1991

Trip

waved and hollered back.

8:25

Sarah had driven down to the Wal-Mart bridge. I could see her car parked in the middle of the bridge and could tell she was waiting there as long as no traffic came. Then I noticed a police car approach her from the front and turn on his lights. She obviously talked to him a bit and then moved on out of the way. Later I learned that she told him she was having car trouble, which she was - sort of. It was making a funny noise.

8:40

I have been oaring a lot. There are many places where the water is deep and the current doesn't flow very fast. I try to add variety by oaring backward, then forward, then switching to the front of the boat and paddling it like a canoe. The motor would have been very useful 90% of the time. I am afraid I will get very tired before the day is over.

The river is plenty big and has been no problem. But I have not seen ANY take-out places so far. Haven't had any trouble following on the map either. Well, I have miles to go before I rest. Better oar some more.

9:45 - Mossy Bottom

I found a nice grassy place where I could hike up the hill to the Mossy Bottom bridge so I called Sarah on my cellular phone and asked her to come get me. I decided that I really needed that motor and it would be worth it to take a couple of hours and try again to get it started.

When I got home, I put the motor on a saw horse and a trash can full of water under it. I pulled some more with no luck. So I took the spark plug out and cleaned it. Then I sprayed some carburetor fluid into the piston and replaced the spark plug. The motor hit like it getting enough gas.

So I started taking the carburetor apart. I removed the bottom bowl with the float and it was obvious that it had no gas in it. So I started tracing the lines back to the tank, and discovered that the

gas was not even coming out of the tank. So I cleaned various parts and filters and replaced everything without even having any spare parts left. And to my surprise, the motor started right up. Eureka!

So Sarah hauled me and the motor and two gas cans back to Mossy Bottom where I toted them down the boat. On the way, we stopped at Wendy's for lunch.

11:45 Mossy Bottom

The motor started again and I was off, much relieved at the added advantage of the motor. I was back on the river and the motor was working GREAT.

Now I can write and drive the boat at the same time which is fun. And I am sure that I will make up for the lost time very quickly. There are a number of still places on the river. The current only carries me fast in the rapids. I would have been oaring A LOT! As it is, I'm just letting the motor run about half speed and it is moving me quickly down the river.

I just scared up some ducks. The fog is just now lifting from the river.

12:10 Broad Bottom

(no, that is now a woman's nickname, that is a place on the river)

I saw my first boat in the water with steps carved in the banks behind a house. It was a John boat without a motor. A little later I saw an old boat upside down with just the back part sticking out of the water. I hope that was not the last person crazy enough to try to float down this river. I saw another blue heron.

I am so comfortable sitting in my canvass chair with a tent pole in my hand. I use the tent pole as an extension for the boat motor handle. That way I can sit comfortably well forward in the chair and still steer. And that balances the boat better.

12:40

I had to work on the low speed idle control valve a good bit to adjust the motor. When I took the carburetor off, I changed the setting and didn't remem-

ber how it was. So after a good bit of experimentation, I had it adjusted just right.

12:45 Near Amba

I just saw my first old car in the water.

12:55 Harold Bridge

There are two shopping carts in the water here.

1:15 Betsy Lane

The boat is leaking a little. So I dip it out with the small tin can I have for such purposes. No boat ramps or river access YET! Makes me nervous.

I haven't had a real rapids since Mossy Bottom. The river is slowing down. Thank God for the motor.

This is genuinely GREAT! I am feeling fine, sitting in my comfortable chair, tent pole extension in my hand, motor purring like a kitten. Just the slightest tug or push on the tent pole keeps me in the middle of the stream. No problems! Most of my fears were ill-founded. Isn't that the way it always is?

Looks like I can make Prestonsburg by six.

And there are a good number of houses on the banks. I COULD get my boat out at many of them. But it would take dragging it up a steep hill to get it out of the water. But hey! It could be done.

1:30

I am finally beginning to settle down. Up until now I have been very anxious - those fears, you know.

The current isn't moving much. I would have been in big trouble without the motor. It would be frustratingly slow. And I would be exhausted by now.

1:35 Stanvill

I just saw a child's yellow plastic shovel caught in small branches about ten feet up a tree. And I have noticed that there are not many likely camping sites either.

Another bona fide rapids. Had to kill the motor and swing around and use the boat like a canoe. The rapids are too shallow for the motor, but I haven't scraped bottom of the boat on any of them yet.

There's a red 1967 Dodge pushed into the river along with lots of trash and tires. I guess it will be there for 100 years. Who would do such a crazy thing?

Somebody has electricity running down to a small fishing dock with a little 4X4X3 tin building on it. It must be used for keeping bait alive. But no boat and no boat ramp.

This river is a lot like the Saline River that Andy and I floated one Spring Break.

Except for the occasional car pushed in, this river is not too bad. It's not as smelly and trashy as I had expected. Someone should make more river accesses and boat ramps so it would be used more.

2:05 Bridge at Ivel

I found the remains of a low water bridge at Ivel and a huge water pump on the shore. There was one big concrete pillar left in the middle of the river, but the rest of the bridge stopped at the shore. No problem getting by.

2:15

Changed pages on my map. Yeah! Progress! I haven't seen any fish flounce.

2:17 Out of gas

Well, I went 2 hours on just a little over a half gallon of gas. That's not bad. At that rate, I probably have enough gas to get all the way to Ashland where the Big Sandy joins the Ohio River.

The motor occasionally makes some odd knocking noise which bothers me. But so far so good. I need a getting out place in Prestonsburg!

There's a blue basketball caught in the backwash behind a sandbar. But no boat ramps.

2:43 Banner bridge

It is clouing up now. Looks like rain. I just hit something in the water and I think I sheared a pin. No, it seems to be doing fine now. I think something in the foot of the motor needs oiling. But I checked the foot oil before I left. I don't understand this. But now it has

settled down and is running fine. I hope for a boat ramp in Prestonsburg. If I could see another boater, I would be hopeful for a boat ramp nearby. But I have seen none.

2:55

Another bona fide rapids. There are also signs of a low water bridge here. But the part across the river has been totally removed.

Oops, I DO have a sheared pin. I've got the tools to replace it, but I have to get the motor in the boat with me.

3:15 Allen Bridge

Well, it is all fixed up and we are under way again. The sound I was hearing was coming from the broken pieces of the shearing pin floating around where the prop is. I had to put the motor back in the boat AGAIN and take some more pieces out, but now there are no bad sounds. And hey, I'll know what it is next time.

Well, there's a yard on the left where I could probably get the boat out. It wouldn't be easy, but I could do it.

No bugs so far.

There's an old tank truck (a gas truck) pushed into the river, but it caught in the trees about five feet from the water. There's a grassy knoll (no, not the one for JFK) on the right. That could be another possibility for a take-out place, but it's not time yet. When I do get out, the first fifteen feet will be straight up the bank. There just aren't ANY accesses even like the primitive one in Pikeville.

3:25 Highway 23 Bridge

The wind has suddenly picked up and the clouds are very dark. There's a thunderstorm nearby. I got my rain coat out of my bag and opened the 5X7 tarp so I could cover myself up in case of a bad rain.

I just had to kill the motor for a 500 yard rapids. I am trying to be careful not to break another shearing pin. I hope it doesn't rain a long time.

3:55

I spotted a floating barge on the left with a fifteen foot crane on one end and huge water pumps on the other. It has six inch water pipes running out of it up the hill to some kind of manufacturing plant. As I motored closer, I was looking it over closely when suddenly I saw two half-inch cables stretching right

across the river about two feet off the water. I tried to turn the motor, but it was too late! The front of the boat caught the first cable and as I spun I could tell the cables were going to cut right across at the top edge of the boat. The back of the boat eased under the cable and I was able to pick them up enough to lift them over my head, and I drifted on under them. Whew! Wow! Why did he put those cables across the river like that? That's very dangerous. It was not friendly at all!

There are thunderstorms all around me now.

4:20 I finally saw a train

The map shows that the railroad tracks run parallel to the river all this way, but this is the first time I have known that it was there. It is raining hard now.

4:45 Highway 80 bridge

This is one of my preferred sites for exit. But I see nothing. No possibility of getting out here.

5:35 Highway 3384 bridge on the edge of Prestonsburg

Well, this is the place where the map indicates a boat ramp should be. This is the one I have been counting on all day, but it IS NOT THERE! No boat ramp. So now I am looking very seriously at each yard trying to figure out if I could possibly get the boat up the river bank. This is bad news. No boat ramp.

5:45 Prestonsburg

Wait! What's that ahead? It looks like a big rock on the side of the river, but it could be Yes, IT IS! A BOAT RAMP! A perfectly good boat ramp! Yahoo!

So I eased over to the ramp, parked the boat and walked up the hill right into downtown Prestonsburg. This is the Prestonsburg River Park INCLUDING a boat ramp. At the top of the hill, I noted that I was at the corner of West Court Street and Front Street so I whipped out my cellular phone and rejoiced that the batteries were still good. I called Sarah and explained exactly where I was. In forty minutes she and Will arrived to save the day.

Hey, I conquered my fears and it all worked out fine!

(Mickey Anders is pastor of the Disciples of Christ Church in Pikeville)

Continued from p3

Continued from p1

Allen Central

leys was witnessed as the two teams kept the ball in the air with some outstanding plays by Bartley, Jones, and Lee. It was a 9-6 affair before Allen Central began to put some distance between the two schools.

Osborne served up three consecutive points for a 12-6 Central lead. Jones' serves made it 12-8 with Allen Central pulling off the second game win behind Smith and Sizemore.

Coach Maynard said his team has improved in it's passing and digs.

"Communication is still a little bit slow and that is some of the fine tuning we need to do," he said. "They are getting the passes up to the setters and the setters

are getting their sets in. We are getting the spikes. We just need to work on our follow-throughs. We get that down our attack game will be good."

Coach Maynard complimented the Betsy Layne team for their effort. "We don't take any team for granted," he said. "Betsy Layne is doing a great job. They are making a good comeback and they are going to be strong. They are going to fight you."

Betsy Layne coach, Larry Wilson said his team was playing better.

"We have been practicing on the set factor. The girls are just not used to it right now," said Coach Wilson. "We're coming along. Each game we are improving."

Sports

Continued from p1

after stars. The game grows in popularity every season.

NASCAR got a real lift when Jeff Gordon made the Winston Cup Series circuit. The Richard Petty's and Cale Yarborough's were through and the racing world needed a lift and got it with the advent of Gordon and several others.

WAY TO GO DOUG!

Talking about golf, how about Allen Central golf coach Doug Derossett and his feat at the Jenkins Golf Course. In nine holes of golf, Derossett ace two with holes-in-ones on the sixth and eighth holes.

Quipped Prestonsburg coach Harold Tackett, "Those golf lessons are starting to pay off for him."

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACHES

Trojans

Continued from p1

Andrew Larsen. Larsen returned the ball, deep into Allen Central territory to set up the Trojans third touchdown. Johnny Napier carried the ball into the end zone for his second Dixie Bowl touchdown. A conversion pass from Trojan quarterback Bryan Lovely to split end Needham Saylor made it a 21-0 Cawood lead.

Ellis once again went back to work under center for the Rebels, although being shaken up by ferocious hits from the Cawood defense. Ellis was picked off twice again in the second quarter, once again by Larsen, and once by Cawood's Jimmy Campbell. The second interception would be the most costly of the three Ellis-thrown INT's. Campbell returned the third interception back to the Allen Central 23 yard line, where Lovely and company set up shop and punched in their fourth touchdown of the game. Napier scampered 23 yards for his third first half touchdown. The Clem PAT kick split the uprights, giving Cawood a 28-0 lead at the half. Johnny Napier led his team into the half with a three-touchdown 74 yards rushing performance.

Cawood returned fired up following half-time. The Trojans wasted little time adding to the 28 points they had

already put up on the scoreboard. Cawood marched the ball down field on the Rebels, fueled by the power running tandem of Napier and Ellington. Napier struck one last time when he scored his fourth touchdown on a 16 yard run midway through the third quarter. The Trojan running back finished the game with 111 yards on 13 carries. Cawood tacked on another third quarter score along with a PAT kick to post a 41-0 victory.

Good points and bright spots for Allen Central were few and hard to find in the Cawood game. Allen Central starters Jared Harlow, ZW Chaffins, James Prater and Jonathan Ellis all sustained injuries during the course of the game. The Rebels could only manage 88 yards of total offense compared to Cawood's 222 yards.

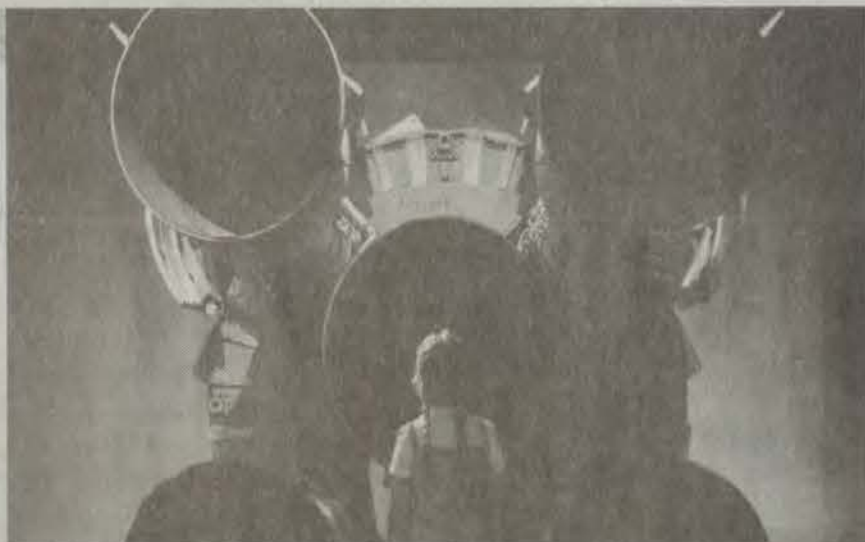
Junior D.J. Hoover was the leading rusher for Allen Central. Hoover carried the ball 17 times for 39 yards. P.D. Francis ran the ball well late in the second half. Francis totaled 33 yards rushing on 9 carries.

The Allen Central Rebels will be back in action next Friday night when they travel to Cumberland High School. The Rebels-Indians game is slated for a 7:30 kickoff.

U.S. Space and Rocket Center

From the moon landing to the International Space Station, visitors get a firsthand look at man's continuing conquest of space.

Call 256.837.3400 www.usrcc.com



9 years to put man on the moon. 9 seconds to put your child there.

"As Neil Armstrong stepped off that ladder and onto the surface of the moon, a look came over my father that I have never been able to express in words. When he leaned forward on the edge of his old recliner, I could see his face fill with wonder, pride and awe. As I grew older, I often thought of how younger generations would never have an appreciation for what that moment meant, simply because they never experienced it. But last summer, as my family toured the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, I caught a glimpse of my 10-year-old's face. As she stood at the base of the monstrous 365-foot Saturn V rocket, I saw the same look in her eyes that I had seen in my father's 30 years earlier.

The U.S. Space and Rocket Center - One of the many things that makes

Alabama

Call 1.800.ALABAMA for a free vacation guide or hit our website at www.toureabama.org



Serving The Area Since 1910

F. S. VANHOOSE & CO.

Fall Sale

TOLL FREE 1-800-722-4075

KURFEES PAINTS
Paintsville, Ky.

All sales strictly cash.

Delivery Available At Slight Additional Cost.

* FRAMING LUMBER *

Description	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'
2x4 *SPF* KD.	\$1.88	\$2.33	\$2.88	\$3.44	\$4.33
2x6 *SPF* KD.	3.19	3.77	4.77	5.44	6.33
2x8 *SPF* KD.	4.55	5.88	6.88	7.98	8.98
2x10 *SPF* KD.	5.88	7.33	8.98	10.88	11.88

Premium Spruce
 2x4x92 5/8" Studs..... **\$1.66**
 2x6x92 5/8" Studs..... **\$3.17**
 1x12 Sheathing Per M..... **\$439.00**
 24' Truss 4/12..... **\$34.44**

PLYWOODS

7/16" Waferboard..O.S.B...\$5.88
 19/32" Sturdy Floor...O.S.B.....10.88
 23/32" T & GO.S.B.....12.88
1/2" CDX Plywood..A.P.A..8.89
 5/8" CDX Sturdy Floor..... 13.98
 3/4" T&G Sturdy Floor 14.44
 3/8" One Side Ext..... 12.55

PRESSURE TREATED LUMBER

Description	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'
2x4 Treated	\$ 2.22	\$2.88	\$3.88	\$4.88	\$5.88
2x6 Treated	2.88	4.44	5.88	7.22	8.88
2x8 Treated	4.55	6.44	8.44	8.88	10.88
2x10 Treated	5.88	8.33	11.88	14.88	15.33
4x4 Treated	4.55	7.88	9.33	9.88	12.77
6x6 Treated	16.77	18.77	22.44	24.44	33.77
1x6 Treated	2.33		4.33		
5/4 x 6 Treated	3.33	4.44	5.33		7.77

2x2	\$2.19	4 Step Riser.....	\$7.55
48" Colonial Post	\$8.98	36" Spindle	\$1.55
8' Grooved Handrail	\$5.77	Ball Top	\$2.98
4 x 8 Treated Lattice			\$6.55

NAILS

No. 8 CC Nails, 50 lb. box..... \$13.77
 No. 16 CC Nails, 50 lb. box..... 13.77
 1" Galv. Roofing Nails, 50 lb. box..... 23.77
 Concrete Mesh, 5' x 150' roll..... 41.44

SIDING

8" Cedar Bevel Siding LIN. FT..... **59¢**
 5/8" x 4 x 8 Pine, 4" & 8" O.C..... \$18.44

Vinyl Siding - White - Twin 4	per sq.....	37.79
Gray	per sq.....	39.79
Cream	per sq.....	39.79
Tan	per sq.....	39.79
White - Dutch Lap	per sq.....	38.79
Clay - Dutch Lap	per sq.....	40.79

MISCELLANEOUS

24' x 100' Roll Plastic 4 mill..... \$24.24
 Key In Knob Locks..... 7.77



PAINT
(free tinting)



Premium White Latex Exterior..... \$12.88
 Premium White Gloss Exterior..... 15.88
 Premium Semi-Gloss..... 13.88
 Premium Flat Wall..... 10.88
 Deluxe Flat Wall..... 7.88
 Deluxe Satin Enamel..... 10.88
 Polyurethane Floor Enamel..... 17.88



ANDERSEN WINDOWS
OUR STOCK

35% Off

Andersen Distributor List



VINYL WINDOWS
WHITE INSULATED
* tilt* - w/screens

Window	Rough Opening	Price
2030	1' 11 1/2" x 2' 11 1/2"	\$77.77
2830	2' 7 1/2" x 2' 11 1/2"	82.77
2444	2' 3 1/2" x 4' 3 1/2"	91.77
2844	2' 7 1/2" x 4' 3 1/2"	93.77
3030	2' 11 1/2" x 2' 11 1/2"	87.77
3044	2' 11 1/2" x 4' 3 1/2"	98.77

WOOD DOUBLE HUNG WINDOWS (insulated glass)

Glass size	Rough Opening	Price
20x16	2' 2" x 3' 6"	\$78.55
24x16	2' 6" x 3' 6"	86.55
28x16	2' 10" x 3' 6"	89.55
32x16	3' 2" x 3' 6"	95.55
24x24	2' 6" x 4' 10"	98.55
28x24	2' 10" x 4' 10"	102.55

EXTERIOR DOORS

METAL CLAD INSULATED EXTERIOR UNITS

6 Panel	9 Lite	Fan Top	15 Lite
\$94.44	\$127.77	\$157.77	\$165.55
Colonial Entrance with Sidelights..... \$367.77			
Marquise Brass Entrance with Sidelights..... \$688.00			
Oval Brass Entrance with Sidelights..... \$755.55			

PATIO DOORS - Hinge Type (less lock & screen)

6/0 Wood Stain Grade.....\$344.44
 6/0 Metal Clad - 15 Lite.....355.55



6/0 Andersen FWH - White.....998.88

6/0 White Aluminum Sliding Door.....198.88

INTERIOR PREHUNG UNITS

WITH CASING

	1/6	2/0	2/4	2/6	2/8	3/0
6 PANEL MOULDED	52.77	54.77	57.77	57.77	59.77	62.77
6 PANEL WPP-CLEAR	114.88	129.88	136.88	136.88	142.88	148.88
LAUAN F.J.	48.77	52.77	53.77	53.77	54.77	55.77
BIRCH/CLEAR	77.88	79.88	82.88	82.88	85.88	87.88
	4/0	5/0	6/0			
Louver Byfold	\$84.77	\$95.77	\$99.77			
Moulded Panel Byfold	\$59.88	\$66.88	\$75.88			

MOULDING

W. P. Base - Ranch or Colonial F.J..... **44¢** ft.
 W. P. Casing - Ranch or Colonial F.J.... **30¢** ft.

INSULATION PRODUCTS

R MAX. 1/2" R-Max Sheathing..... **\$5.66**
 3/4" R-Max Sheathing..... **\$8.44**



3 1/2" Fiberglass K.B. R-11..... **17 1/2¢**
 3 1/2" Fiberglass K.B. R-13..... **21 1/2¢**
 6" Fiberglass K.B. R-19..... **27 1/2¢**
 10" Fiberglass K.B. R-30..... **45¢**

FIBERGLASS SHINGLES



STOCK COLORS

\$20.88 sq.



STOCK COLORS

\$20.88 sq.



30 YEAR Dimensional

\$39.66 sq.

GALVANIZED ROOFING

	8'	10'	12'	14'
26"-5V	4.04	5.21	6.34	7.37

ELECTRICAL

12-2 Wire with Ground 250' rolls..... **\$21.69**
 2x3 Metal Wall Box (code)..... 89¢
 4x4 Octagon Metal Box (code)..... 72¢
 100 AMP 20 Circuit Breaker Box (w/cover)..... **43.95**
 200 AMP 32 Circuit Breaker Box (w/cover)..... **92.95**

Nautilus

Vent & Fan	Heat-Vent & Light	Vent & Light
\$10.88	\$59.88	\$29.88

GALVANIZED CULVERT

	12"	15"	18"	24"	36"
20' Steel	91.91	113.31	141.36	182.38	279.97

PLUMBING

AQUA GLASS.

Fiberglass Tub Units (white)..... \$218.77
 Fiberglass Tub Units (color)..... 218.77

White Commode - A-Grade 68.88
 40 gal. Elec. Water Heater..... 145.88
 50 gal. Elec. Water Heater 149.88
 40 gal. Gas Water Heater..... 155.55
 Lavatory Faucet w/pop up (washerless)..... 28.88
 Sink Filler w/spray (washerless)..... 35.88
 Tub & Shower Filler (washerless)..... 45.88

Myers

Myers Submersible Pump 1/2 HP..... \$222.00
 Myers Submersible Pump 3/4 HP..... 309.88
 Myers Submersible Pump 1 HP..... 359.88

Special Discount
On Kitchen Cabinets
and Vanities

Sale starts
September 9, 2000
Sale ends
September 16, 2000

OPEN DAILY:
7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday
7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

TOLL FREE 1-800-722-4075

Delivery Available At
Slight Additional Cost.
No Sales To
Dealers Please!

F. S. VANHOOSE & CO.

QUANTITIES RIGHTS RESERVED CASH AND CARRY

QUANTITIES RIGHTS RESERVED CASH AND CARRY



Charles and Faye Gray's flower garden on South Arnold Avenue was chosen the Garden of the Month

page 2C



PostScript

by Pam Shingler
 Editor



Extras

Among all the reunions last weekend was a special one for me.

Some other graduates of Paintsville High School have formed an alumni association. There's nothing unusual about that; in fact, Paintsville is a little late in organizing its alumni.

Nor was the gathering of graduates unusual. A thousand or more showed up for the 100th anniversary of the Paintsville Independent School System in 1989, and several hundred came to the multi-class reunion, which included my class, six or eight years ago.

It was good to see old friends and acquaintances, others who shared my experiences, who also had the privilege to have attended a school where education was important, in a region where, by and large, it is not.

What was particularly special was the Saturday midday program where four graduates and one retired faculty member/honorary alumnus spoke.

Those who know me know that I get a little irritated at the overemphasis on sports at most of our schools—a lot irritated actually. So I was skeptical at the Saturday program when I learned that basketball coach Bill Mike Runyon and businessman, coach and retired professional baseball player Johnnie LeMaster were to speak.

But I was ashamed of my own cynicism after I heard them. First, I was proud that both of them are extremely articulate. I did not have to wince once over grammatical gaffs. In fact, I think both of them used the word "whom" correctly.

Second, I was pleasantly surprised by the emphasis both athletes put on academics. The gist of each speech concerned the positive experience each had at PHS, naming outstanding teachers who had touched their lives.

June Rice, former librarian and English teacher, gave her personal history of the school from the time she came here as a young wife from western Kentucky in 1950, until she retired in 1990. (She took a few years off in the 1950s to have some children.)

What was important to those of us who heard her talk was her account of the teachers and administrators she had known in her almost four decades at the school. All of us sat there awash in memories, as she talked about people we revered and sometimes feared—or both.

She garnered a hearty laugh when she recounted that she once told long-time principal and superintendent Oran Teater that he was a "scholar masquerading as a jock," which is exactly on target.

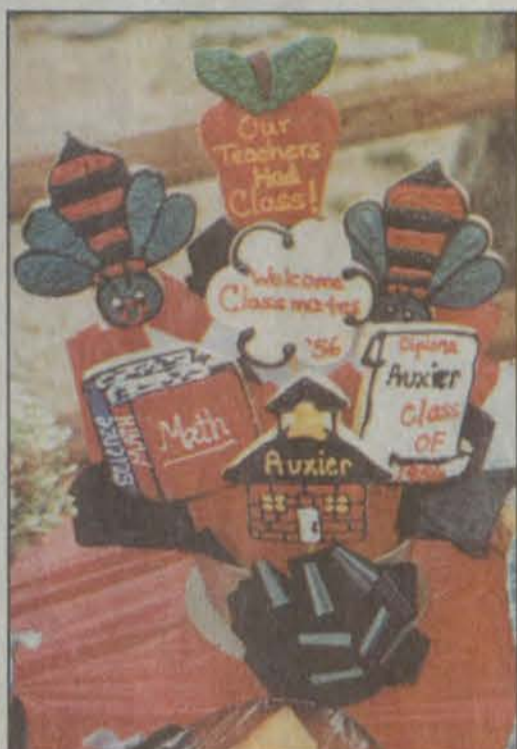
"I never sent a student to his office but that he came back with a better attitude," she said of Teater. "Often Teater could tell me what was going on in that student's life that was causing him to act out."

I wrote an essay several years ago about Alice Jane Howes Montgomery, who taught speech, journalism, English, and languages, coached forensics, advised the newspaper, and produced and directed plays. So I was asked to present a tribute to her, which I am always glad to do.

She was the quintessential teacher. I just wish I could have learned everything she taught. Beyond the classroom and extracurricular activities, she gave me spending money when we went to speech tournaments and newspaper clinics, and she gave me beautiful, expensive clothes when she cleaned out her closet. She never let anyone know that she helped me, and neither did I until I was older and she was gone.

Gary North, a high-up administra-

COMING HOME: Auxier



Suva Music made a centerpiece of decorated cookies to commemorate her Auxier High School class of 1956.

by on loud freight trains came from nearby hills, where they or their fathers, and sometimes grandfathers, mined coal for Northeast Coal Co.

Most also had pleasant memories of attending school in the big, red brick building with 1927 etched at the top.

"This was a good place to grow up," said Jack Music, a member of the Auxier High School class of 1956, who has spent most of his life in the town.

Music and his wife, Judy Price Music, hosted dinner at their Auxier home, a former coal company administrator's residence, on Friday evening for members of the AHS classes of '55, '56 and '57.

The gathering was not exclusive, so representatives of other classes joined in the fellowship and in the seamless conversations that began, often as not, with the word, "Remember ..."

One of the most popular guests was Jewel Castle, an AHS graduate herself, who taught there in the 1940s and '50s. She received a round of hugs throughout the weekend and saw more than a few tears, brought on by bouts of nostalgia on the part of her former students.

After leaving Auxier, she went on to teach in the Lexington area and then to work for many years as a librarian for IBM, before retiring.

She and other former teachers were recognized during a program on Saturday evening. Receiving accolades and loud applause were Bobby Wells, Carl Horn, Christine and Darwin Patton, Billie Ruth Burchett and Ruth Goble.

Jim Clark, a broadcaster from the Washington, DC, area, paid tribute to his hometown during the Saturday get-together in



Former Auxier School teacher Jewel Castle returned, to the delight of her students. An AHS alumnus, she taught at the school during the 1940s and '50s.

the gym of the old school, which is now the privately-run Auxier Lifetime Learning Center.

Members of the community and other former students of the school also participated in shared meals, listened to musical entertainment, played games and reminisced from Friday through the weekend.

At a Saturday meeting, they decided to have the next homecoming in three years.

No one at the Auxier Homecoming over Labor Day weekend could remember what the hamlet in northern Floyd County was like when it was established in 1902.

No one could remember when the community, in a sly bend of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy, was a post office, a store and a few farms on rich bottomlands, near the turn of the 20th century.

Most at the homecoming, however, have sweet memories of times when the coal going



Jim Cline, standing right, came from Florida for the homecoming. Here, he talks with Harrison Horn on the porch of the school lunchroom, in the presence of Randall Hager, Carl Horn and Peggy Wilcox.



AHS alumnus Jim Clark never fails to stir up emotions when he comes back to speak to his friends and former classmates. Saturday night, he was true to form as he talked about the privilege of growing up in the coal camp and going to the community school.



Paul Dwayne Hager, left, was among those who didn't want to leave the warm fellowship of the luncheon on Saturday afternoon. Hundreds took advantage of the food and friendship.



Betty Puckett and Russ Whitlock greet some old friends. They, along with Jim Daniels, background, are among planners of the homecoming at Auxier.

PHOTOS BY PAM SHINGLER



The old school gym was the setting for a tribute to former teachers and administrators at the Auxier School. In the seats of honor on the front row were, from left, Ruth Goble, Billie Ruth Burchett, Darwin Patton, Christine Patton, Jewel Castle, Carl Horn and Bobby Wells.

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.

LUCKY US!

Donna made her run through Florida and up the East coast. Now Edna threatens to set hearts a-flutter by taking a sweep slightly to the west. And eastern Kentucky, for all its economic woes, doesn't know how well it fares, especially when gals such as these go on the prowl. All we got out of it was delightfully cool weather after days of scorching heat.

THE WATCHERS

Still the squirrel-hunting stories come in... There's the one about the hunter arriving on a mountainside overlooking Dewey Lake and making his way to a hickory tree before day-break. A flashlight lighted the way.

Arrived at the predetermined spot, he switched on his light and swung it around. A pair of eyes shone, off there to the left, 20 feet or so away. This didn't look good. He sat, barely breathing for what seemed several minutes, then switched his light to the right. There, too, was another pair of eyes. More agonized waiting, then a quick flash of the torch uphill. More shining eyes. Silence—just the watching eyes, there in the darkness.

The poor man was in a fix—afraid to run, although he had an overpowering desire to make tracks. So he switched off his light, made himself as small as possible and sat there, quaking in his boots till came the inevitable dawn.

And what sight met his eyes when the dawn did arrive? Three other hunters, to his left, right and rear, waiting as he had waited for daylight and crack at a squirrel.

(The only thing wrong about this story is the matter of the eyes of humans shining. But the part about four hunters congregating under one tree does ring true, doesn't it?)

HAS ITS DRAWBACKS

A letter signed "An Elderly Reader," and published in The Virginia Mountaineer, Grundy, Virginia, emphasizes the fact that you can improve and improve, and still you fail to meet the needs of everybody. The gentleman who wrote the letter was complaining about the location of the new post office. Said he is 76 and for many of those years had got his mail at the old post office, near his place of business. And, now that his aching limbs must transport him to the new post office, he has been doing some calculating and gives with these detailed facts:

"I paced off the additional distance and found I would have to travel 80 additional steps to reach the new post office and an additional 80 steps to return to the old post office, making additional 160 steps in all, and counting three feet to each step makes 480 feet for me to walk, and, if I make the trip twice a day, that amounts to 960 extra feet each day, which amounts to 360,400 feet a year, and, if I live 40 years, I will have traveled an additional 2,793 miles than I would have traveled... I ask you... Is this fair to old age?"

He didn't ask us, but we would say it isn't fair at any time for steps to be added on a fellow as old age afflicts him, but around the first of the month, when the bills start coming in to the post office, it's plumb unfair.

Things to Ponder

If only I had ...

by MABLE ROWE LINEBERGER, PhD

Again, fall is in the air and beginning to show itself on our hills. It seems impossible that some of the trees have already begun to put on their beautiful, showy variety of colored leaves.

However, time, tide and the coming of the next season wait for no man. In fact, there are a lot of things that wait for no one and over which we have no control and very little choice.

Consider happenings such as birth, the awakening of growth hormones, falling in love, rites of passage — moving from one stage to another, and death.

But, like the trees, we can get ready for the future. We can stop and think if we are really doing what we want to do. Are we OK about our choices and are we content with them and their consequences?

Of course, every living thing goes through the process of conception, birth, living one's life, and then death. The question becomes, "Do you take time to look at where you are in your plan of things? Do you want to make any changes?"

This past weekend, we were out with friends. A major focus of their conversation was their desire to stop and "take stock" of where they were, where they wanted to go, and how they wanted to get there.

To them, it was an ideal time, as a married couple of about 25 years. Their two sons were well established in college and successfully working toward their own long-term goals.

After January 2001, the husband would no longer have the political office that he had had for many years as a member of his profession. The wife has been a self-employed professional for almost a year. Both professions could be practiced anywhere.

The timing seems perfect to explore their choices for change. Do they leave the wife's family home that they used to rear two sons? She supposedly had never liked living in the home her parents had built, even though it was handy for a young couple beginning their path together.

A general impression is that they have been perceived as "pillars of the community" and have given to others for so many years. Now, what were they to do for themselves? It seemed that they had allotted themselves at least six months to research, plan and attack. Would they stay and fix up their older home or would they move to new surroundings?

Of course, one of my opinions is that we need to review the past for the possibility of patterns that work and do not work for us, before we make a decision about the future. Are you pleased with most of your choices and, especially, in regard to your attitude about activities of daily living?

It was interesting that the above-mentioned wife sent me an e-mail a couple of weeks ago that supposedly was floating around in Internet World. The message was written by Erma Bombeck after she found out she was dying from cancer. Someone had labeled the item, "Life is Precious."

I could surely identify with one of her first statements: "(If only) I would have gone to bed when I was sick, instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day."

Now, as a mature person, I really get upset at times with myself that I have often bragged in the past about "never missing school or work due to sickness." I think Mable should have said, "So often, I never gave myself permission to take care of myself and not try to be in top-notch functioning condition, no matter what was going on."

Another of Erma's gems was, "(If only) I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose, before it melted in storage."

This one reminds me of when I was so focused on turning a "new leaf" the summer my divorce was final. In an effort to make changes in my environment, I opened a beautiful Damask, pale pink table linen from its original package, that we had received as a wedding gift.

For more than eight years, I had waited for "just the right occasion" to proudly place it on a "company" table. However, with the ups and downs of a dysfunctional marriage, that perfect chance never arrived. Or was it that I never could perceive that there was a time and a place that just we could have enjoyed it?

This is also similar to some of Erma's other comments: "(If only) I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained, or the sofa faded. (If only) I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil, or was guaranteed to last a lifetime."

Remember the long, often green, shag carpet of the '70s that was so valued because it was viewed as "never showing dirt," even though everyone was so tired of it? Where do we allow our fun in life to go? Why is it that so-called adults frequently do not allow themselves to relax and be accepting?

Erma also put some good points across about relationships and life in general. "(If only) I would have talked less and listened more ... taken time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth."

One thing for sure, I'm glad I heard Granny Grace repeat stories of her early experience as a 16-year-old bride on isolated Grapevine Creek and how the older women of the family pitched in to see that the learned all the "necessities" of living on a rural Kentucky farm.

She never forgot how she, a Flapper of the '20s, felt when she learned that she would need to cut her fingernails before she could successfully milk the cows.

Another great statement from Erma was, "There would have been more 'I love you's,' More 'I'm sorry's.'"

How about these? "Stop sweating the small stuff. Don't worry about who doesn't like you, who has more, or who's doing what. Instead, let's cherish the relationships we have with those who DO love us."

Can you recall times that you might have thought or said, "(If only) when my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, 'Later. Now go get washed up for dinner.'"

As expected, Erma had her thoughts about the future. "Life is too short to let it pass you by. We only have one shot at this and then it's gone." My sister often says, "This is not a dress rehearsal."

Hopefully, as you watch the trees get ready for winter, you will take the time to think about your own personal situation, evaluate the pros and cons, and design a plan of action.

Erma's conclusion was: "But mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute ... look at it and really see it ... live it ... and never give it back."

What do you think about your past and what you prefer to do in the future?

Dr. Lineberger is a Licensed Psychologist with a private practice in Prestonsburg. She sees clients of all ages in individual, family and couples sessions and does psychological testing.

Busy September seniors at McDowell

Ellen Brown, director of the McDowell Senior Citizens Center, shares the center schedule for the rest of September.

- Exercise on most Mondays and Fridays.
- Tuesday, September 12: Visit the Warehouse at Minnie, 12:30 p.m.
- Friday, September 15: Visit Fiscal Court meeting, eat at Prestonsburg.
- Tuesday, September 19: Visit another center after lunch.
- Wednesday, September 20: Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 21:

Program on falls in the home.

- Friday, September 22: Go to Sorghum Festival.
 - Tuesday, September 26: Visit Yoder's Bulk Foods/Bakery; eat at Hazard.
 - Thursday, September 28: Potluck lunch.
- "We are going to start giving something away every day, but you have to be here to get any item I give away," Brown said.
- She also pointed out that the center is free to anyone 60 years old or older and that transportation is available by calling 377-0171.

Lunch menus for the rest of the month are

- September 11: Hamburgers, baked beans, potato wedges.
- 12: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots.
- 13: Pork chops, tiny whole potatoes, greens.
- 14: Baked spaghetti, garden salad, garlic bread.
- 15: Ham, green beans, potato salad.
- 18: Barbecue, tater tots, cole slaw.
- 19: Beef, noodles, Brussel sprouts.

- 20: Wiener, white beans, greens, cornbread.
 - 21: Chicken tenders, peas, potato salad.
 - 22: Center closed
 - 25: Wiener, baked beans, chili, cole slaw.
 - 26: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, squash.
 - 27: Oven-baked chicken, macaroni salad, green beans.
 - 28: Fish, mashed potatoes, peas.
 - 29: Chicken livers, rice, cooked carrots.
- All meals include a bread, fruit or dessert, and milk.



Garden of the Month

Charles and Faye Gray's flower garden on South Arnold Avenue was chosen the Garden of the Month for July by the GFWC/KFWC Prestonsburg Woman's Club. It was honored for its many varieties of flowering plants. Each month from May until August, the club chooses a Garden of the Month within the city that exemplifies beautification of the community.

National delegate addresses Jenny Wiley AARP chapter Organizations

Judith Vermillion of Whitesburg, president of the Letcher County Chapter, AARP, was the guest speaker at the August 18 meeting of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg.

Garnett Fairchild, president, presided over the meeting; Sarah Laven read the devotional; all joined in the pledge to the American flag; Charlotte Goble, assistant secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, and James E. Goble presented the treasurer's report.

Gladys Allen introduced Judith Vermillion, who was one of the

three delegates from Kentucky who attended the national convention of AARP in Orlando, Florida. The other two delegates were Pauline Meriweather and Venious Kidd.

One of the actions taken at the national meeting was the establishment of a regional office in each state. It was also announced that Kentucky is in the Midwest Region, instead of the Eastern Region. Kentucky's regional office

should be operational by 2001, with a director and eight staff members. It will serve 47 chapters.

Maya Angelou, a 72-year-old author and poet, participated in the opening of the national convention with song, poetry reading and storytelling.

Vermillion shared photos of her trip and her activities.

Esther "Tess" Canja was elected the new national president of AARP

at the national meeting.

Vermillion closed her presentation with the reading of a poem, "I'm fine."

Following discussion, it was decided that a "55 Alive" driving course will be held on September 27-28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

The meeting was closed by the president reading a poem by Saint Francis of Assisi.

Attending the meeting were Garnett Fairchild, Charlotte Goble, Judith Vermillion, Margaret S. Ackerman, Margaret D. Collins, Minerva Cooley, Sarah Laven, Carol Ward, L.J. and Sylvia Allen, Dorothy Osborne, James E. and Marie Goble, Elizabeth B. Castle, Gladys S. Allen, Celia Ward Little, Ruby Akers and Roney Clark.

The next meeting will be September 15, at 6 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church.

Reunions

•• Prestonsburg High School, 1940-49 students and graduates reunion, September 22-23, Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Friday, 7-11 p.m.; Saturday, starting at 9 a.m., and including banquet at 5 p.m. Call Dallas Sammons, 606/886-2684.

•• Wolf Branch and Spears Elementary School cookout-reunion, Saturday, September 23, starting at 11:30 a.m., at the first homesite on Wolf Branch at Endicott. Bring a covered dish. Call 606/874-9186 or 886-9397.

•• 10th annual Calhoun family reunion, Saturday, September 16, Stumbo Park, Convention Center, Allen. Bring a covered dish. Special singing and door prizes. Call Darell or Vickie Calhoun, 606/874-9615.

•• Nathaniel Mosley/Mary Polly Moore family reunion, October 21, 11-6 p.m., Shelter No. 2, Carr Creek Lake, Knott County. Call Danny Huff, 606/785-9734; Judy Faultner, 606/368-2381; or Shelly Studer, 606/437-7514.

• Collins-Spears family reunion, descendants of Rhessa (Rece) and Mary Collins and Thomas and Rutha (Spears) Spears, Sunday, September 10, Picnic Hollow, Dewey Dam, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bring favorite food for dinner at noon.

Call Pat Womack, 606/473-7192; Bill "Wendell" Stafford, 740/532-4926, or Wanda Collins, 606/836-8297.

• Ramey reunion, descendants of Jacques Remy (1630-1721), Saturday, September 16, Kentucky Park at Jesse Stuart Bridge, near Greenup. Various names on old records: Remi, Remy, Remy, Ramey, Rainey, Rhamy, Ramee. Bring lawn chair, covered dish, small item for auction. Registration begins 11 a.m., lunch at 12:30 p.m., and auction at 3 p.m. Call Bob Ramey, 740/354-1239.

• Third annual Compton reunion, family of Rev. Layne Compton and Sally Layne Blackburn, September 17, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Shelter No. 1. Bring covered dish. Call 606/886-3028.

• Descendants of Elkaner Martin reunion, October 14, home of Thomas E. Martin on Turkey Creek, Langley. Bring covered dish, family pictures. Call Gaylord Martin, 606/285-9003.

(•• New to list)

The Reunion Calendar is a free service. Send reunion announcements to Pam Shingler, Floyd County Times, PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; fax 606/886-3603; e-mail fctimes@eastky.net.



Wins prize

Joshua Akers, the son of Monica Wright and Toby Akers, won a giant, stuffed wolf in a drawing at the recent Wayland homecoming. He is the grandson of Connie Younce, Charles Martin and Loretta and Mack Akers.

Entries sought for Miss Lexington

The Metropolitan Woman's Club is seeking contestants for the 41st annual Miss Lexington Scholarship Pageant, scheduled for February 17, 2001, at the Opera House in Lexington.

The contestant will compete in evening wear, talent and swimwear and private interview. Contestants must be 17-24 years of age.

Miss Lexington offers cash scholarships and in-kind scholarships and other prizes to the winners and runners-up and some prizes to all contestants, non-finalist award and community services award.

Orientation for the pageant is December 10, at 2200 Gulfstream Dr., Lexington. Call 859/224-4897 or 278-4450 for application forms.

Postscript

tor at the University of Michigan, followed my teary-eyed remembrance with a tribute to Mary McClafferty, a tiny woman who never weighed more than 90 pounds but who could make the football team shiver in their shoes.

North related how she had convinced him to go back to school two years after he had dropped out and how she had arranged with Mr. Teater for him to take classes in the morning so he could work in the afternoon, which he had to do. Now

he has a PhD.

After the program, we all stood around, not wanting to leave the moment. One of my classmates, who came to Paintsville as a freshman from a school in another state, told me and some others who were milling around that Miss McClafferty had taken her aside after the first week of school and offered to help her since she was so far behind the other students.

Several afternoons a week for an hour or more each time, Miss

McClafferty tutored the young woman in reading and study skills. That woman, like me no longer so young, earned a bachelor's degree at Morehead and has worked all these years as a medical technologist.

Swapping experiences, we began to realize that we probably were not the only ones helped in these ways by these teachers. I most likely am not the only student to whom Mrs. Montgomery had given spending money and clothes. My

old friend is most likely not the only student Miss McClafferty tutored.

At the time, we thought we were. I was way past grown before I ever told anyone how Mrs. Montgomery had helped me. The same is true for my classmate.

We were special, but we were not the only ones. And, in this case, that's all right.

Greetings to subscriber June Goble of Prestonsburg. Thanks for reading the Times.

Continued from p1

Youth News

OLW sponsors camp for kids

To describe the annual Kids Health Kamp as an ordinary camp would be an understatement. The camp is filled with activities, entertainment, education and, yes, some competition.

Our Lady of the Way Hospital began the camp in 1992, and the camp this year was co-sponsored by Christian Appalachian Project.

The camp is designed for children ages 7-13 who have asthma, diabetes, and/or weight control problems. Thirty-nine campers attended this year's camp at Camp Shawnee on July 24-28.

Traditionally, the campers enjoy dancing the first night of



Winners of Gift Cards: Raedawnua Slone, Jeffrey Sumner, Tiffany Tackett, Ethan Underwood, Brittany Bentley, Sara Bakay, Patrick Goble, Chrissy Blocker, Dustin Cox, and Grover Lewis.

See **CAMP**, page four



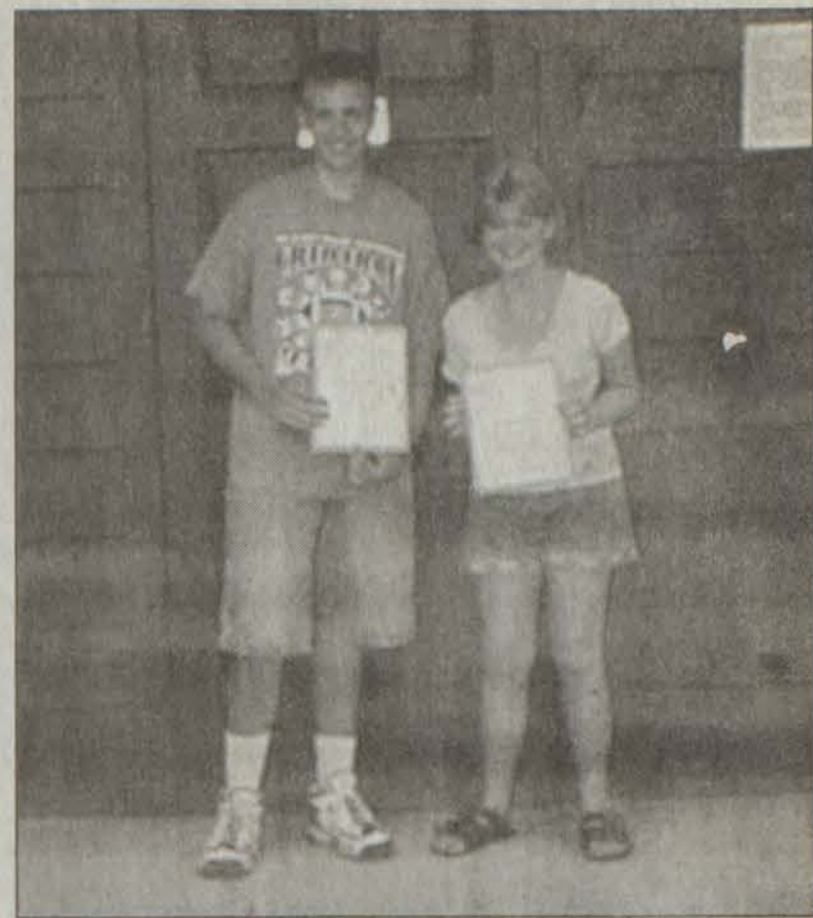
2000 Kids Health Kamp, sponsored by Our Lady of the Way Hospital and Christian Appalachian Project.



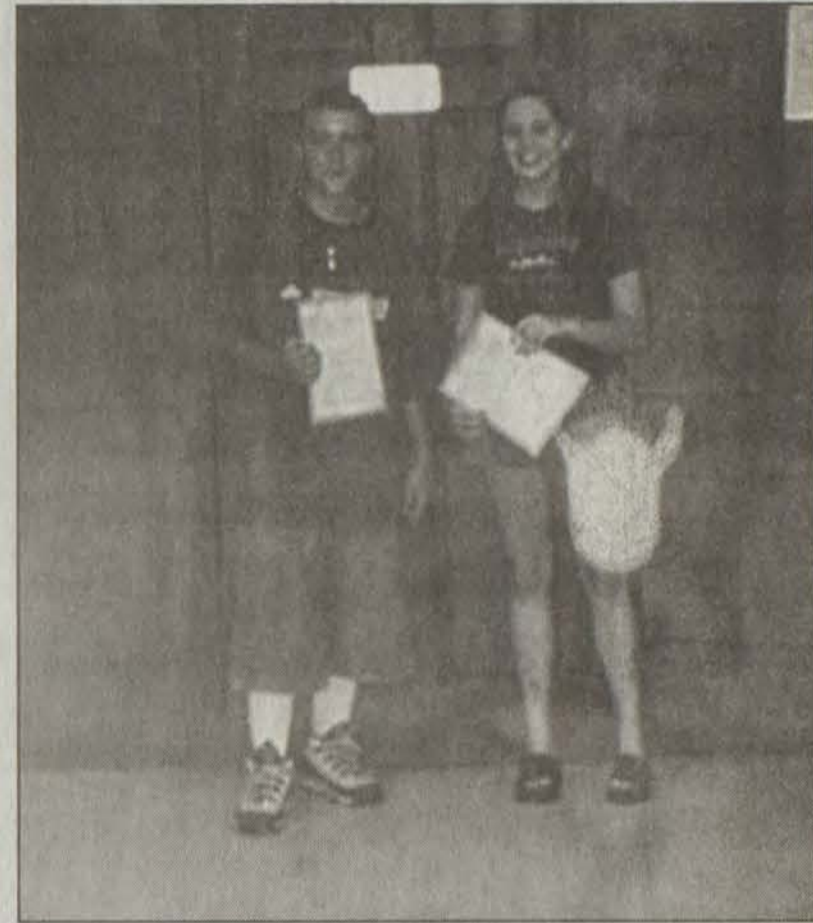
Taking part in the Mystery Theatre are Sheena Mullins, Chrissy Blocker, Johnathan Little, Sara Bakay, Anthony Buckley, Joe Bakay, Tiffany Tackett, and Cory Tackett.



Land Olympics Balloon Relay team: Cory Tackett, Erica Meade, Heather Green, Chris Goble, Michael Bednarz, Patrick Goble, Dustin Case, Jeffrey Sumner, and Brittany Bentley.



Most Experienced: Grover Lewis and Chrissy Blocker.



Most Talented: Joe Bakay and Heather Green.



Most Thoughtful: Michael Bednarz and Amanda Hall.



Most Outstanding: Chandler Slone and Sara Bakay.

Youth News



Dance King and Queen are Dewey Meade and Sara Bakay.



Dance Prince and Princess are Cory Tackett and Erica Meade.



Winners of the "Puttin' on the Hits" competition were Dewey Meade, first; Erica Meade, third, and Kala Jarrell, second.



Judged the Wittiest campers were Chris Goble and Courtney Blocker.



Most Courteous were Dewey Meade and Raedawnua Slone.



Group A Water Olympics: Erica Meade, Amber Tackett, Ethan Underwood, Tommy Joe Hall, Dewey Meade, Kyle Underwood, Zachariah Slone and Chandler Slone



The counselors for Kids Health Kamp 2000 participate in the "Decades Dance."



Arts and Crafts, Group B: Amanda Collins, Dustin Case, Elizabeth Curtis, Michael Bednarz, Amanda Hall and Counselor Sherry Blocker.



Olympics Hula Hoop winners: Sara Bakay, Elizabeth Curtis, Chandler Slone, Amanda Hall, Sheena Mullins, Amber Tackett, Tiffany Tackett and Heather Green.

Camp

Continued from p3

camp and this year was no exception. The music was a variety of tunes from the last four decades, lending to the party's theme, "Millennium Dance."

Crowned as the dance king and queen were Dewey Meade and Sara Bakay, and crowned as prince and princess were Cory Tackett and Erica Meade.

Dewey Meade continued his dance fever into the program "Puttin' on the Hits," as he took first place with his rendition of "Mambo #5." Kala Jarrell followed in second place performing "Honey, I'm Home," and Dewey came back to take third place with his sister Erica, performing "Hog Wild."

The fun had just begun as the campers continued their week with educational sessions covering their area of need and special classes on first aid and drug awareness.

They also participated in a variety of activities, including swimming, water exercise, water and land Olympics, carnival games, bingo, scavenger hunt, campfire, and a mystery theatre.

The campers were also treated to a night at the Jenny Wiley Theatre to see "The Legend of Jenny Wiley."

A tradition is that campers are chosen to wear certain titles that may represent their personality and disposition. The following campers were chosen and recognized at the awards ceremony:

- Wittiest, Chris Goble and Courtney Blocker.
- Most Thoughtful, Michael Bednarz and Amanda Hall.
- Most Courteous, Dewey Meade and Raedawnua Slone.
- Most Experienced, Grover Lewis and Chrissy Blocker.
- Most Talented, Joe Bakay and Heather Green.
- Most Outstanding, Chandler Slone and Sara Bakay.

During the awards ceremony on Friday, August 4, campers were presented a camp t-shirt, compact disc case and a certificate of participation. Various campers won gift certificates, autograph animals, hats and radios.

The camp was staffed by a physician, nurses, respiratory therapist, physical therapist, dietitian, counselors, lifeguards and a camp coordinator.

The following individuals and businesses contributed to making the camp possible: First Commonwealth Bank, Joyce A. Everly, Pleasant Valley Rebekah Lodge No. 116, Firststar Bank, Delano and Carol Jo May, Greg Hamlin and Sandy Valley Transportation.

For more information about Kids Health Kamp, call 606/285-5181.

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 Tammy 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

1993 POP-UP CAMPER: All fiberglass, has no air, \$5,500 firm. 874-4693.*

1988 FORD BRONCO: 4 wd, cass. player. Runs good. \$2,800 firm. 886-1237.

'88 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS SUPREME: For Sale or Trade. Very good condition. 889-0003.

'98 CHEVY BLAZER: ZR2, V-6, fully loaded. 50,000 miles. \$18,000. 587-2703.*

1989 CHEVY S-10 BLAZER: Tahoe package 4x4. Silver, 4.3 liter engine. \$4,300 OBO. 606-478-3508.*

'97 DODGE SONOMA: 23,000 miles. Asking \$8,000. 886-1728.*

Pets & Supplies

SHEPHERD MIX PUPPY: Female. Free to good home. 886-9645 or 886-6090.

PROPERTY FOR SALE

Businesses

WELL ESTABLISHED BUSINESS FOR SALE: Over 40 years. Harold Hardware, Harold, KY. Off US 23, just across the river on 979. 4400 sq.ft. building. Serious inquiries only! 478-3508.*

Lots

243 X 90 LOT: Already cleared and leveled, perk test done. In area with new homes and doublewides. Only 3.8 miles off of Rt.23. For more information call (606)889-9839.*

Mobile Homes

NEW 14' WIDE: \$250 down, \$149 per month. Free air, free skirting. 1-888-999-7410.

SAVE \$\$\$ 1996 Doublewide: Includes land, has all utilities, block foundation. Call 478-1579.

NEW 16' WIDE: 3 or 4 BR, \$800 down, \$245 per month. Free air & skirting. 1-888-999-7410.

3 BR, 2 BA DOUBLEWIDE: Excellent condition, new windows & carpet. Call 889-0734 or 886-9165.*

REPO'S, REPO'S, REPO'S: SW. DW, some with land, some without. Call 1-800-492-8259.

'91 MOBILE HOME: 2 BR, 1 BA, great condition. (606)377-2427 or (606)928-7629.*

MUST SELL! 24X44, 3 BR \$349 month. 24x52, 3 BR \$399 month. 28x52, 3 BR \$449 month. 606-638-4660.

2 NEW DOUBLEWIDES & 2 new singlewides. Best value in the market, come by and tour these homes & receive free satellite dish. Freedom Homes call 478-1600.

NEW 3 BR, 2 BA DOUBLEWIDE: \$300 down, \$245 per month. 1-888-999-7410.

Real Estate

3 -STORY HOUSE & MOBILE HOME: Fish pond & flower garden. 150x350 lot, located .7 mile off Rt 80 on Rt 122, Bucks Br. Rd. at Martin, KY. Call 285-0650.*

FOUR-RESIDENTIAL LOTS: 75x170 each. All city utilities available. Briarwood subdivision. B&O Rental Properties at 886-3991.*

Books

WORDS 'N STUFF
Call 606-789-3592 or visit us at:
The Intersection of KY. RT. 1107 & 302 at Van Lear, KY.
Your Regional Bookstore.*

Sale / Misc.

TWO - A/C/D/C WELDERS: \$300 each. 946-2833.*

IBANEZ ELECTRIC GUITAR & 200 Watt Peavey Amp, Tascem 4-track recorder (new). 886-9534.*

DINING ROOM TABLE: 4 chairs. 1989 Buick Park Avenue, 1992 Chevy Astro Van & 1982 Chevy Station wagon. Call 886-8001.*

ALL STEEL BUILDING CLEARANCE: 24x26 was \$7,290, sell \$3,375. 30x48 was \$10,380, sell \$5,650. 50x150 was \$32,540, sell \$18,875. New! Must Sell! (800)392-7817.

DINING ROOM SUITE: Maple table, 6 chairs & hutch. Almost new. \$750. Other estate items available. 886-3082.*

1 YR. OLD COMPACT COMP. SYSTEM: 17" monitor, Lexmark printer, Microtec scanner, keyboard, loaded with Windows '98 and much more. \$2,000 firm. 874-8983 before 9pm.*

TOOLS OF ALL SIZES: Sockets of all sizes. 3/4 drive, 1/2 inch drive, 3/8 drive & 1/4 inch drive. Many specialized tools & pressure testing equipment. 874-8983.*

Motorcycle / ATVS

FOR SALE: 450 ES Honda 4 wd 2000 model 4 wheeler. Call anytime 874-3254.

Furniture

RAY'S BARGAIN WAREHOUSE Clearance Sale! Everything in our warehouse must GO! Bargains galore on NEW & USED furniture, appliances, tools & etc. Come in today and let us save you MONEY! Shop At The Little Furniture Store & Save!! RT. #122, McDowell. Call 606-377-0143.

RAY'S BARGAIN WAREHOUSE Clearance Sale! Everything in our warehouse must GO! Bargains galore on NEW & USED furniture, appliances, tools & etc. Come in today and let us save you MONEY! Shop At The Little Furniture Store & Save!! RT. #122, McDowell. Call 606-377-0143.

RAY'S BARGAIN WAREHOUSE Clearance Sale! Everything in our warehouse must GO! Bargains galore on NEW & USED furniture, appliances, tools & etc. Come in today and let us save you MONEY! Shop At The Little Furniture Store & Save!! RT. #122, McDowell. Call 606-377-0143.

RAY'S BARGAIN WAREHOUSE Clearance Sale! Everything in our warehouse must GO! Bargains galore on NEW & USED furniture, appliances, tools & etc. Come in today and let us save you MONEY! Shop At The Little Furniture Store & Save!! RT. #122, McDowell. Call 606-377-0143.

RAY'S BARGAIN WAREHOUSE Clearance Sale! Everything in our warehouse must GO! Bargains galore on NEW & USED furniture, appliances, tools & etc. Come in today and let us save you MONEY! Shop At The Little Furniture Store & Save!! RT. #122, McDowell. Call 606-377-0143.

RAY'S BARGAIN WAREHOUSE Clearance Sale! Everything in our warehouse must GO! Bargains galore on NEW & USED furniture, appliances, tools & etc. Come in today and let us save you MONEY! Shop At The Little Furniture Store & Save!! RT. #122, McDowell. Call 606-377-0143.

RAY'S BARGAIN WAREHOUSE Clearance Sale! Everything in our warehouse must GO! Bargains galore on NEW & USED furniture, appliances, tools & etc. Come in today and let us save you MONEY! Shop At The Little Furniture Store & Save!! RT. #122, McDowell. Call 606-377-0143.

RAY'S BARGAIN WAREHOUSE Clearance Sale! Everything in our warehouse must GO! Bargains galore on NEW & USED furniture, appliances, tools & etc. Come in today and let us save you MONEY! Shop At The Little Furniture Store & Save!! RT. #122, McDowell. Call 606-377-0143.

Classifieds World Call 886-8506

LEGAL NOTICE

Legal notice: A special examination of prospective candidates for the office of Floyd County Property Valuation Administrator will be conducted at Jenny Wiley State Park, 9:00 a.m., Saturday, September 16, 2000. Persons who qualify by passing this examination will be eligible for appointment to the position of PVA during 2000.

Applicants must be at least 24 years of age at the time of the appointment or election, a citizen of Kentucky, and have resided in the state two years, and in Floyd County at least one year preceding the appointment. The examination is based on verbal and mathematical skills. All materials necessary to take the examination are supplied. Applicants will be notified of test results within one week.

HIGHLANDS REGIONAL
The Medical Center of Eastern Kentucky

Highlands Regional Medical Center, a non-profit organization, is seeking qualified applicants for the following positions. Highlands offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including: life insurance, dental insurance, 401(k), health insurance, paid vacation, sick time, and paid holidays.

- 1 Director of Patient Financial Services
Bachelors degree in Business, Finance or related field
- 2 House Directors—1 Full time and 1 PRN
Must have a current Ky. nursing license and 1-2 years charge nurse experience. BSN preferred.
- 1 RN—Dialysis Manager
BSN required. Experience in startup operation, budgeting, renal physiology, equipment QA
- 1 Social Worker—MSW, LPS, or LCSW - Outpatient Psych Unit
- 11 Registered Nurses—Full time
- Cardiac Floor
- Float Pool
- Med/Surg Floor
- Obstetrics
- Surgery
- Outpatient Psych Unit
- Dialysis Unit
- 2 Registered Nurses—PRN
- Obstetrics
- Emergency Department
- 1 Certified Recreational Therapeutic Specialist
- Outpatient Psych Unit
- 1 Licensed Practical Nurse—Part time - Support Care Unit
- 1 Licensed Practical Nurse—Temporary - Med/Surg
- 1 Medical Assistant—Part time—Highlands Clinic
High School Diploma or GED required. Medical office experience preferred.
- 1 Benefits Coordinator—Full time—Human Resources
Associate degree or 2 years experience in Human Resources
- 1 Radiologic Technologist—PRN—Must have a current Ky. license
- 1 OB Tech/clerk—Part time—OB
2 years of applicable related experience required
- 1 Certified Pharmacy Technician—Part time
Must be certified by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB)
- 1 Central Sterile Technician—Part time
High school diploma or equivalent
- 1 Housekeeper—Part time—High school diploma or equivalent
- 1 Unit Clerk/Van Driver
- Outpatient Psych Unit
- Must have high school diploma or equivalent. Also a current valid Ky. driver's license
- 3 Certified Nurse Aides—Full time - Home Health
- 1 Medical Transcriptionist—Full time - Home Health
- 1 Medical Transcriptionist—Part time - Radiology

Applications are accepted in Human Resources from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for non-licensed positions and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for licensed positions. Resumes may be mailed or faxed to the following address:

HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
ATTENTION: HUMAN RESOURCES
P.O. BOX 668
PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653
TELEPHONE: 606-886-7530
FAX: 606-886-7534

Highlands is an equal opportunity employer.

It Out!
Read your own Ad the first time it appears. The Floyd County Times is only responsible for one incorrect insertion!

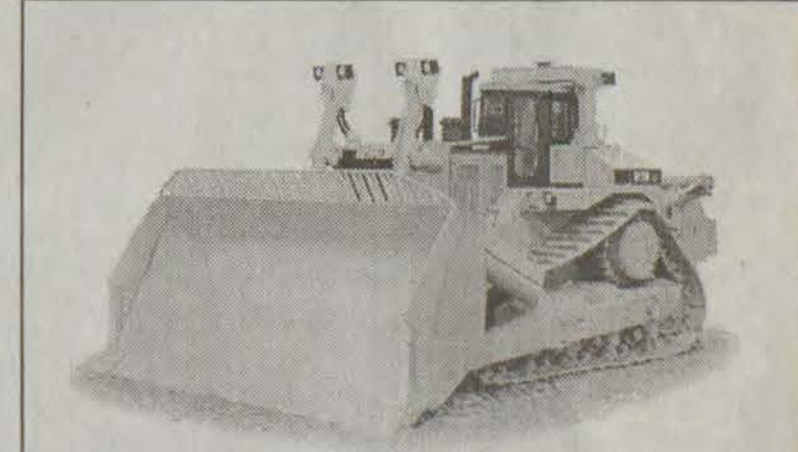
OPEN HOUSE
Monday, September 11th
from
10:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.
FOR SALE
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER BUILDING
224 3rd STREET
PAINTSVILLE, KY
One-story brick building containing 3,263 sq. ft. and 2,000 sq. ft. garage/shop building located on .392 acre with parking. Bid package available at open house or call Joyce Leachman, American Electric Power, 304-722-1308 and leave name and address.

Salyersville
HEALTH AND REHAB CENTER
571 Parkway Drive • Salyersville, Kentucky 41465
Phone (606) 349-6181 • Fax (606) 349-5962
POSITION AVAILABLE
Salyersville Health Care Center is seeking LPNs and RNs for 3-11 and 11-7 shifts. If you are interested in working with special people in a caring environment, contact Salyersville Health Care Center at (606) 349-6181. Competitive wages and benefits.
SALYERSVILLE HEALTH CARE CENTER
571 Parkway Drive
Salyersville, Ky. 41465
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

PRESTONSBURG COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Staff Support Associate II
Dental Assisting/Dental Hygiene Integrated Program
Job Responsibilities: Reports to the Dental Hygiene Coordinator, with responsibilities to include typing, filing, record maintenance, correspondence, ordering supplies and textbooks, planning evaluation, patient scheduling and registration, medical records, clinic fee collections, monito program, budget, accounts payable, financial reporting and records reconciliation. Minimum Salary \$9.28 per hour.
Procedure: Formal applications are available at Prestonsburg Community College, Office of Human Resources, Johnson Administration Building, Room 105 or via email: jackiececil@kctcs.net or by phone: (606) 886-3863, Ext. 339. Applicants must submit a completed application and current resumé with list of references to the Office of Human Resources at One Bert Combs Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Applications accepted through Monday, September 18, 2000.



KCTCS-Prestonsburg Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution and is committed to providing equal opportunity through its employment practices.



Heavy Equipment Technicians
Whayne Supply Company has immediate openings for experienced Caterpillar heavy equipment technicians at our PIKEVILLE shop location.
• Must have experience working on heavy earth moving equipment.
• Prefer diagnostic and repair experience in hydraulic, diesel engines and transmissions.
Openings are on the irregular workweek (Wednesday - Sunday). Excellent salary and benefits. To apply, please send resumé or work history to:
Mrs. Hamilton
WHAYNE
359 So. Lanks Branch Rd.
Pikeville, KY 41501
Equal Opportunity Employer

PROPERTY FOR RENT

Office Space

OFFICE SPACE: Downtown Prestonsburg, phone system, furniture, office equipment, or receptionist are optional with lease. Call 886-9165.*

Apartments

Apartments for Rent: 1 & 2 BR. Executive suite also available. Call 349-5135 or 349-7285, leave message.

NEW 2 BR DUPLEX: Total electric, central heat & air. 3 miles from P-burg. No pets. 886-9007.

NICE, 1 BR APT.: At Hueysville. Call 886-5738 (beeper).*

1 BR FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED APT.: No pets. 886-8991.*

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS for 2 BR apts. Good neighborhood. Must have ref. & dep. 358-9142.

FURNISHED 1 BR APT.: \$400 month + \$100 deposit. Furnished sleeping rooms, \$300 month + \$100 deposit. All utilities paid. Located near hospital at Martin. 285-0650.

3 BR HOUSE: 1 BA, total electric. 1 mile from Prestonsburg on US 23. No pets. 886-9007.

2 BR BRICK: Full-size basement & family room. Located between P'burg & Paintsville. 886-9007.

Mobile Home Lots

MOBILE HOME LOT FOR LEASE: Large, city water, farm setting. Van Lear area. \$165 month, \$165 dep. 606-789-5296 or 1-803-957-5931.*

Mobile Homes

3 BR, 2 FULL BA MOBILE HOME: Large private lot near HRMC. \$400 month. 886-8400.*

14X70, 2 BR TRAILER: \$475 + sec. dep. & utilities. With dream kitchen, washer & dryer. Located at Wells Trailer Park, Prestonsburg. Call 377-2439.

EMPLOYMENT

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 individual.

ATTENTION: GROWING COMPANY NEEDS HELP. Work from home. \$500 mo. part time. \$4,500 mo full time. Full training, free booklet, 608-849-1395 www.gmoneytalks.com*

MOTHERS & OTHERS on \$499 P/T, \$4,000+ F/T from home. 304-736-0162*

Repair Services

LAWNBOY MOWERS Sales-Parts-Repair **SANDY VALLEY HARDWARE** 119-Main Street Allen, 874-0072 Small Engine Equipment Plumbing Supplies Hardware / Tools

STOP! You've cleaned out your attic, your basement, your garage and now you're ready to host a garage sale. Before you proceed, follow these signs for placing the type of classified ad that will help turn your event into a best-seller.

Be sure to include in your Garage or Yard Sale ad...

- 1 WHAT.** Describe the type of sale you're hosting: Is it mostly household goods? Nursery furniture? Apparel?
- 2 WHEN.** Give dates and time of sale, and rain date information.
- 3 WHERE.** Where the sale will be held, with directions or phone number for directions.
- 4 WHY.** Reason for sale, especially if it is a "moving" sale, since these tend to attract more customers.

Let one of our "ad-visors" help you with your ad. Call **886-8506**

The Floyd County Times

PATIENT CARE COORDINATOR

The ARH Division of Home Health Services is accepting resumes from RRT or CRT RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS interested in the position of Patient Care Coordinator with the not-for-profit health care system's Hazard, KY ARH Home Care Store.

As Patient Care Coordinator, the successful candidate will assure that needed services are available and accessible to patients with respiratory problems. Working with physicians, the Patient Care Coordinator will establish a treatment plan to meet needs of patients and will work closely with patients' families to ensure understanding and participation in the treatment plan.

Requirements include successful completion of a formal respiratory therapy training program with RRT or CRT Certification and appropriate state licensure or certification as required.

ARH offers an excellent compensation package which includes a very competitive salary based on education and experience criteria and benefits which include fully paid family plan health insurance, paid vacation, sick and holiday leaves.

Please send resume to or contact: Floyd Davis, ARH Division of Home Services, 100 Airport Gardens Road, Hazard, KY 41701, or call: 606-439-4106, Ext. 6914. EOE.

Visit ARH on the web: www.arh.org

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL HEALTHCARE

2 BR MOBILE HOME: Located at Watergap. \$250 month, HUD approved. 789-6776.*

3 BR TRAILER: At Estill, KY. Will accept HUD. 946-2833.*

IT'S ILLEGAL for companies doing business by phone to promise you a loan and ask you to pay for it before they deliver. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from The Floyd County Times and the Federal Trade Commission. PSA

Business Opportunity

AT&T - MCI Payphone Rtes. 40 Est. loc's, (All Local) Proven income. 800-800-3470.

BRAND NAME GREETING CARD Rte. 50 Est. Loc's. (All local) Proven income. 800-277-5212.

Job Listing

SAM AN TONIO'S Now Hiring ALL Positions: Apply in Person between 11 and 3. 886-3600*

POSITIONS AVAILABLE: Mountain Manor of Paintsville is accepting applications for all licensed Nursing Personnel, LPN and Certified Nursing Assistants. YOU MUST BE CERTIFIED. Please apply in person to: 1025 Euclid Avenue, Paintsville, KY. Between the hours of 8am and 4pm.*

HAIRDRESSER NEEDED: To rent hair station, must have masters. Call 889-9292.*

AVON: Earn extra pocket money or for Christmas. Call 1-800-796-7070 or 639-4294.*

REGISTERED DIETITIAN CONSULTANT NEEDED: Part-time with long-term care experience. Great pay, training, benefits and flexible hours. Phone 888-546-3273 or fax resume to 480-835-8860.*

Help Wanted

TWO JOB OPENINGS: Seamstress (experienced) & Press Operator. Both part-time, 20-30 hrs. a week. Apply in person at 535 S. Lake Dr, Prestonsburg, KY.*

PEOPLE NEEDED \$450-\$4,963/MO. PT/FT 888-360-9148 www.cash-street.com*

EARN \$30 WEEKLY distributing phone calls. No experience necessary. Full or part time. Call 1-800-362-7885.

OWN A COMPUTER? Put it to Work! \$500-\$8,000 PT/FT www.TeamWorkBiz.com

Wanted

NEED A BABYSITTER for evenings. Call before 3pm. 874-4339.*

SERVICES

Classes Offered

EASTERN KY. BARBER SCHOOL Classes now forming! School loans available. Located in Paintsville. Call (606)789-7277.

Professional Services

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABLED. We can get you approved. No fees unless you win. Personal representation by retired Social Security Executive. You win with us 1-800-782-0059.*

Advance-Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from The Floyd County Times and the Federal Trade Commission. PSA

Free

MISC. BECOME DEBT FREE! Cut payments without new loans. It's easy! 1 hr. approval.

FOR SALE

4x8 Trailer \$300

Call **606-886-2573** after 5:00 p.m.

RECREATION THERAPIST

The Appalachian Regional Healthcare Psychiatric Center in Hazard, KY, is currently accepting resumes for a full-time Recreation Therapist position with the Department of Activity Therapy. Responsibilities will include assessment of newly admitted patients, facilitation of patient groups, participation and entry into the multidisciplinary treatment plan at the 100-bed adult psychiatric hospital.

Qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in Recreation Therapy with certification by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation or eligibility including completion of the required hours of clinical training required for certification.

ARH offers an excellent compensation package including a very competitive salary and benefits which include fully paid family plan health insurance coverage, paid vacation, sick and holiday leaves, etc.

Please send resume to: Marilyn Hamblin, ARH Corporate Human Resource Dept., P.O. Box 8086, Lexington, KY 40533; FAX: 859-226-2586; e-mail: mhamblin@arh.org or call 1-800-888-7045. Ext. 532. EOE. Visit ARH on the web: www.arh.org

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL HEALTHCARE

Be an Angel.

Become a Kentucky organ & tissue donor. Sign the back of your drivers license or place a Donor Dot on it - & tell your family of your wishes.

For information contact: 1-800-525-3456, or www.trustforlife.org

TRUST FOR LIFE

Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks Association Organ And Tissue Donation Awareness

PSA

POSITION AVAILABLE

Head Golf Professional Stonecrest Golf Course of Prestonsburg, Kentucky

Employment bulletins may be obtained at the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Building of the City of Prestonsburg, 200 No. Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, Ky., or by calling (606) 886-2335.

Deadline for resumes is September 18, 2000.

Send resumes to: City of Prestonsburg 200 No. Lake Dr. Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653 Attn: Paul P. Hughes

REPORTER

The Floyd County Times is seeking a General Assignment Reporter for its newsroom. The ideal applicant will have strong writing skills, an ability to handle several tasks at once and a "go-getter" attitude. Previous reporting experience is preferred, although not required. Computer skills are a plus. The position is full-time and includes salary, insurance, paid vacation, retirement and other benefits.

To apply, send resume with references, salary requirements and, if available, writing samples to:

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

Help Wanted

TWO JOB OPENINGS: Seamstress (experienced) & Press Operator. Both part-time, 20-30 hrs. a week. Apply in person at 535 S. Lake Dr, Prestonsburg, KY.*

Advance-Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from The Floyd County Times and the Federal Trade Commission. PSA

ESTATE SALE

234 BOBCAT BLVD. Near the Betsy Layne High School

September 11 - September 16 Open Daily, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Everything must be sold!

It Out! Read your own Ad the first time it appears. The Floyd County Times is only responsible for one incorrect insertion!

The Ones Who KNOW!!!

LONG BRANCH DOZER & BACKHOE SERVICE

Dozer, backhoe & dump truck services at reasonable rates.

Free Estimates!

Call (606) 889-9547

BEAUTY SHOP FOR SALE

14x60 Trailer with central heat & air, and two 40-gal. hot water heaters.

3 STATIONS, NAIL STATION, WITH LOTS OF EXTRAS. Will sell with or without tanning bed & sauna.

Serious inquiries only, call 889-9292

Can be moved, or will rent lot.

Dozer, Excavator & Backhoe

Equipment, operator and fuel included in hourly rate.

More information, call 606-285-9472 (day) 606-889-9538 (night)

Compton's Market

6 miles west of Prestonsburg on Rt. 114, Mtn. Parkway

Is now a wholesaler and retailer in silk flowers, and all your floral supplies.

Also ceramic, resin, and much more.

Phone 886-6041

KENTUCKY MOBILE HOME DEALER Selling New & Repo Trailers with Financing Available and **CRUM'S MOBILE HOME MOVING SERVICE** Insured with permits. 886-6665 • Fax: 889-9662 5 miles west of Prestonsburg on Rt. 114, Mtn. Parkway Also: Backhoe & Dozer For Hire

FAITH BUILDERS

All types of Carpentry at affordable rates! Small jobs welcome.

Greydon Howard, 606-358-2292 or Jackie Conley 358-4426

STEVENS CONSTRUCTION

- Certified Septic Installation
- Aerator Systems Installed
- Backhoe, Dozer and Dump Truck For Hire

Free Estimates!

Call Scottie Stevens 478-4422

Your Ad Could Be Here!

Call 886-8506 for details

R.A. Taylor Painting Interior & Exterior

With references.

886-8453 or 285-1119

Gutterworks III Roofing, Seamless Gutters, Siding & Soffit. Residential & Commercial

FREE ESTIMATES GUARANTEE

1-888-258-1165

Smith Contracting New homes, pole barns, metal buildings, concrete, drywall, cabinets, vanities, remodeling.

No Job Too Small! 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE

Call 874-9297, 886-6999 or 886-6212

Leave message if no one answers.

TREE CUTTING AND TRIMMING

Topping, Land Clearing, etc.

Free estimates. References furnished.

Call 874-5333

Consolidate All Your Credit Cards and Loans Into One Monthly Payment.

GOOD OR BAD CREDIT. BANKRUPTCY ACCEPTED.

Call toll-free: 1-888-350-2027

HOWELL'S CONCRETE & CONSTRUCTION

Specializing in all flat work, such as: driveways, patios, sidewalks, footers, small walls, etc.

All types of floor covering, building new additions, and remodeling.

For free estimate & reasonable prices, call 377-6937, 377-2762, or 358-5504

Rita's Beauty Shop

NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Operator: Ernestine (Ernie) Ward Formerly of Pro-Hair

For appointments, call 285-2691

Walk-ins Welcome!

Open: Tuesday-Friday, 10-6:30; Saturday, 9-5:30

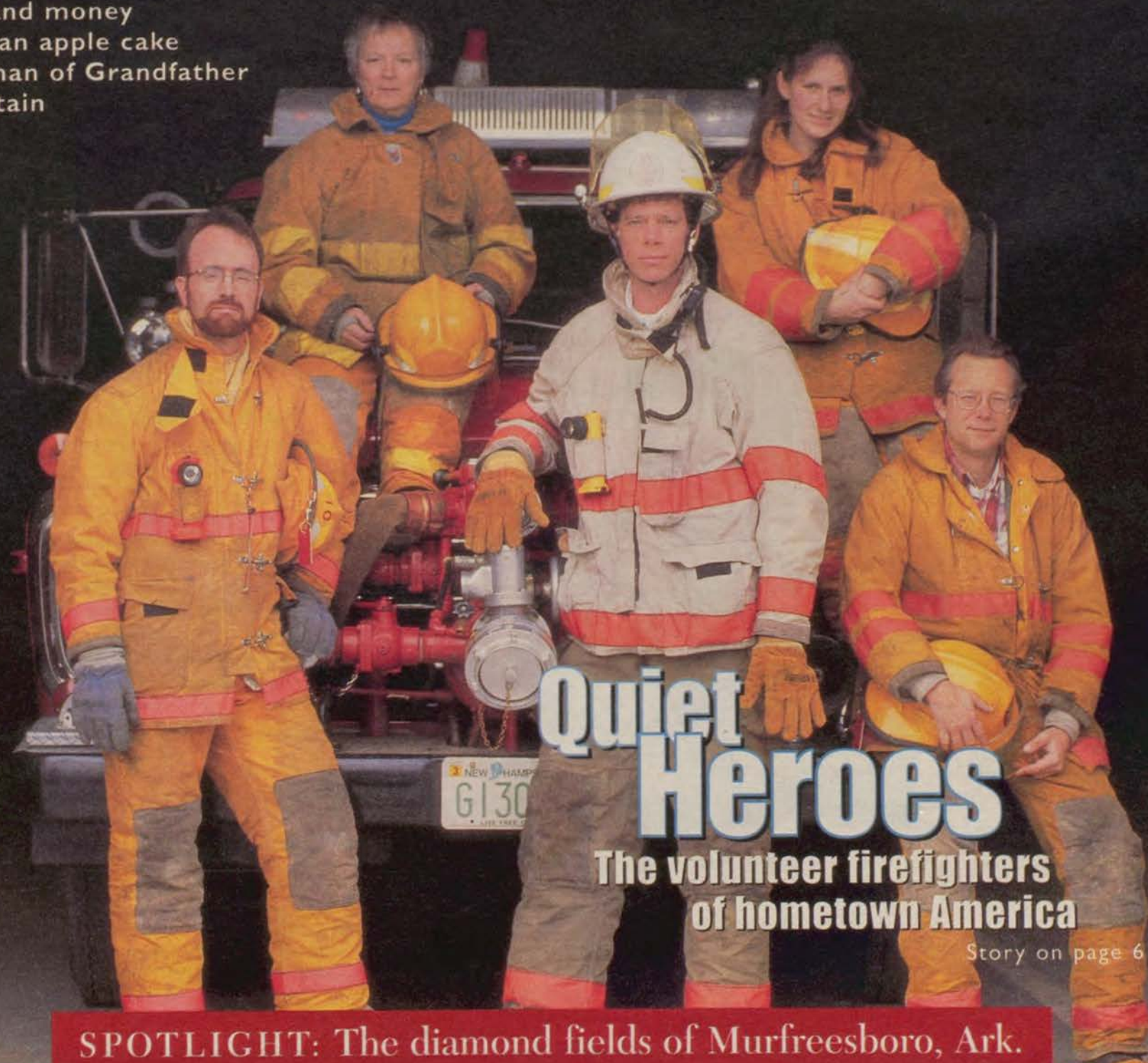


American Profile



INSIDE:

- Kids and money
- German apple cake
- The man of Grandfather Mountain



Quiet Heroes

The volunteer firefighters of hometown America

Story on page 6

SPOTLIGHT: The diamond fields of Murfreesboro, Ark.

Our Picks



Music

Allison Moorer
The Hardest Part
MCA Records

If you seek a contemporary singer who sings aching, traditional country music, look no further. Allison Moorer's new album, due out at the end of the month, specializes in forthright, unfrivolous lyrics, sung with a smoldering intensity and strong alto voice.

"Most of the songs I hear these days only represent one side of love," Moorer says, "but love has many sides."

The first single from the album, the wistful *Send Down An Angel*, already is climbing the charts. Moorer may be a relatively new artist, but she's already known success: she received an Academy Award nomination for *A Soft Place to Fall* (from the album *Alabama Song*), which was included in Robert Redford's movie, *The Horse Whisperer*.

Moorer's album is traditional, but she adds an element of surprise. After the last notes from the final song fade, keep listening. There's a buried track, which reveals the most painful episode in Moorer's life.

Books

You Go Girl!
Winning the Woman's Way
Kim Doren and Charlie Jones
Andrews McMeel Publishing

"The only person who can stop you from reaching your goals is you." That's from someone who ought to know: Jackie Joyner-Kersey, winner of six Olympic gold medals. Joyner-Kersey is included in this inspirational collection of first-person insights and stories from such successful women athletes as Chris Evert, Mia Hamm, Kerri Strug, Nancy Lopez, Peggy Fleming, and dozens of others.

Their common thread: they all set a goal, had faith in themselves, overcame setbacks, and reached their goals. Indeed, the recipe for athletic success sounds like a recipe for life.

Here's a small sampling:

- "We feel we are on the brink of something great. It transcends soccer. There's a bigger message out there: When people tell you, 'no,' just smile and tell them, 'Yes, I can.'" —Julie Foudy, member, U.S. women's national soccer team

- "Make it a point to be around those with positive energy—people who want what's best for you, people who understand your goals and priorities." —Rebecca Lobo, Female Athlete of the Year and Female College Basketball Player of the Year, all in 1995. ✨



Able County[®]

by TOM MILNER



"Granny! The cats are swarming!"

©2000 R.J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO.



Food

by KAREN A. LEVIN

Photo: R. Janoski

About 25 years ago, while

on a visit to a small town in Pennsylvania Dutch country, Judy Kehr of Charlevoix, Mich., found an old cookbook containing a handwritten recipe for apple cake. Over the years she tinkered with the recipe and named it in honor of her German heritage.

Using different apple varieties in the cake is best, says Kehr, who prefers locally grown Paula Reds and Jonagolds because of their firm, juicy texture, and balance of tartness and sweetness. Other varieties such as Empire, Jonathan, and Ida Reds also work well. Kehr recommends avoiding MacIntosh or Rome apples because of their soft texture.

Kehr bakes about 25 of the cakes a year to serve at the Charlevoix Applefest. Over the last 16 years, she's handed out thousands of free samples on behalf of Friske Orchards, a sponsor of the event.

Kehr won't be attending the October festival this year because of her new full-time job as manager of the Friske's Farm Market. However, she still makes the cake for people to sample and was kind enough to share the recipe with *American Profile* readers. ✨

Karen Levin, a freelance food writer and cookbook author, lives in Highland Park, Ill.



RECIPE:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 4 cups peeled and chopped tart apples
- 3/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1-1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 16 walnut halves (optional)

German Apple Cake

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt; mix well and set aside.

In a large bowl, beat eggs. Stir in oil and vanilla. Add sugar; mix well. Add flour mixture, mixing just until dry ingredients are moistened. Stir in apples and nuts. Spread batter into a greased 13 x 9-inch baking pan. Bake 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Transfer to a wire cooling rack; cool completely. (At this point, cake may be frozen up to three months. Kehr says the unfrosted dessert tastes even better after a stint in the freezer. Let thaw at room temperature before frosting.)

For frosting, beat together cream cheese and powdered sugar; spread over cooled cake. Cut into 16 servings; top each with a walnut half, if desired. Serve at room temperature. Cover and refrigerate any remaining cake for up to one week.



**PACKED
TIGHT
BURNS
SLOW™**



Doral Full Flavor

13 mg. "tar", 0.8 mg. nicotine av. per cigarette by FTC method.

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking By Pregnant Women May Result in Fetal Injury, Premature Birth, And Low Birth Weight.

Hometown Spotlight

Murfreesboro,
Arkansas:

A Treasure Trove at Your Feet

by MARCIA SCHNEDLER

Marshall Rieff first hunted precious gems in the "finders keepers" Crater of Diamonds State Park while on a camping trip with his father at age 12 and quickly learned that digging for diamonds is a delightfully dirty job—one that quickly coats prospectors in the field's sticky olive-green soil.

©Crater of Diamonds State Park



Two examples of the sparkling loot. At left, Marshall Rieff's find. At right, fellow Arkansan Shirley Strawn's 1993 discovery.

Rieff, now a 43-year-old plant supervisor in Fayetteville, Ark., often has heard the siren that warbles over the diamond field with each discovery of a precious stone. The siren recently blasted for him when he found a 5.5-carat white diamond, whose value has not been determined.

"Two-thirds of it is so clear you can see through it," Rieff says. "It just took hours for my heart to slow down once I found it." Rieff actually has found dozens of diamonds over the years. One day, 23 of them turned up in just four buckets of dirt.

"The only thing that tickles me more than finding a diamond is the look on people's faces when they find one themselves," he says.

Few are as lucky as Rieff. Still, more than 70,000

diamonds have been excavated since 1906 at the state park, which surrounds an ancient volcanic crater near Murfreesboro, 56 miles southwest of Hot Springs. Treasure hunters discover about two to three diamonds daily, including a 2.25-carat rock a high school freshman took home from spring break last March.

That's bigger than the first one found, a 1.5-carat yellow diamond that a barely literate farmer named John Huddleston unearthed 94 years ago while spreading rock salt on his hog farm in the crater. Then he noticed another glittering stone nearby, this one a 3-carat white beauty.

Park exhibits explain how the diamonds got here. During the Age of Reptiles 95 million years ago, a volcanic eruption blasted this lode of minerals from 70 miles below the earth's surface. It formed a 35-acre crater filled with volcanic rock that quickly broke down into the sticky greenish soil studded with minerals, including garnets, amethysts, and diamonds. Park workers often plow the crater floor to churn up fresh soil and rocks.

Exhibits also show uncut diamonds of various colors and qualities and describe how to tell them from quartz, calcite, and glittery mica.

Diamonds are usually small and well-rounded with an average size about that of a kitchen match head. A diamond will be shiny, and you cannot scratch its surface with a key or other metal object as you can a piece of quartz. Its color may be yellow, brown, or white, and its value is determined by the four c's: cut, color, clarity, and carat weight.

Park staff will identify, weigh, and certify diamonds, as well as demonstrate digging techniques.

The largest uncut stone discovered at Crater of

Diamonds was the "Uncle Sam" at 40.23 carats, found in 1924. A 3.3-carat diamond that Arkansan Shirley Strawn found in 1993 may be the finest stone turned up here. After the internationally known diamond-cutters, Kaplan & Sons in New York City, recently cut the flawless diamond perfectly into a 58-faceted surface, the Gemological Institute of America certified it at the top rating possible for its cut, color, and clarity—worth about \$35,000.

That's a little less than Huddleston received for his farm—which included part of the diamond-bearing formation—soon after his find. The rest of the crater was owned by M.M. Mauney, the first to charge visitors a fee to hunt diamonds.

Through the decades, the property changed hands with various attempts at commercial mining, marked by a weathered wooden mine shaft built by Austin Millar in the 1910s. In 1972, the state bought the land from General Earth Minerals of Dallas, and tests two years ago confirmed that the crater doesn't yield enough diamonds for profitable mining.

That suits Rieff and other prospectors just fine.

"To me, it's like an adventure every time," he says. "Remember how excited you got when you were a kid the night before you were going somewhere? It's that same way every single time I go." ✨

Marcia Schnedler writes from her home in Little Rock, Ark.

GETTING THERE...

ARKANSAS

Little Rock
Hot Springs

Murfreesboro
Texarkana

Murfreesboro is about 20 miles north of Interstate 30 between Hot Springs and Texarkana. For more information on Crater of Diamonds State Park, call (870) 285-3113.

©Crater of Diamonds State Park



Diamond hunters seek fortune in front of the mine shaft once used by ambitious commercial miners searching for their own treasure.

Around the Home

by KATHY PEEL

If it's hard to walk through your garage, let alone find anything, it's probably time to clear out the clutter and organize.

Start by taking everything out of your garage, or move as much as possible to the center, and paint the walls a light color. Clean the floor by saturating grease and oil spots with paint thinner, then cover the soiled areas with car litter or sawdust. Sweep it away the following day, and paint the floor with porch paint, which is much easier to clean.

Then begin throwing things out. If you haven't used it or missed it lately, out it goes. Or get together with neighbors for a yard sale. Or both.

Put things back in a manner that makes sense to you. Two precautions: (1) flat surfaces tend to attract piles, and (2) never put anything in front of, or atop anything else. Keep everything handy. Use these tips to help you organize:

- Group like items together—sporting equipment, tools, gardening utensils.
- Install utility shelves on one wall for storing things such as gardening supplies, paint, and auto maintenance supplies. Put poisonous products on a high shelf.

Uncluttering the



Photo: Ken Robinson

GARAGE

- Designate shelves for work boots and sports equipment.
- Put pegboard on walls for hanging tools and other items.
- Use a marker to silhouette your tools on the pegboard so you'll always know where things go, what you have, and what's missing.
- Install a rack to hold saws, shovels, rakes, and extension cords.
- Screw towel racks into walls to hold long poles, lumber, and other tall items that might topple.

- Use clear, labeled storage containers so you don't have to dump the contents each time you need something.
- Clip loose sheets of sandpaper to a clipboard and hang from a wall hook.
- Use an old golf bag and pull cart to haul tools during yard work. The golf bag can double as tool storage, and the pockets are ideal for holding small tools and gloves.
- Think high. Hang bicycles and other sports equipment from the garage ceiling. Put boards across the rafters for a ministorage loft. (This is great for seasonal items — outdoor holiday decorations, snow shovels, or lawn furniture.)
- Use large plastic tubs or trash cans with lids for potting soils, compost materials, fertilizers, etc.
- Keep a trash can on the driver's side of the garage so you can easily toss car litter.
- Paint parking spaces on your garage floor for tricycles, skateboards, wagons, and scooters.

Set up a worktable (you can use sawhorses and an old door) or have a fold-down table handy for repair work and other tasks.

Your cleanup efforts won't last forever but will feel good at the time. And your next cleanup will be easier. ✨

Kathy Peel is president of Family Manager Inc. and the author of 15 books, including her newest, *Be Your Best: The Family Manager's Guide to Personal Success* (Ballantine, 2000).

Labels! Name, Address, Tags, etc.

Why pay more for quality Self Stick Roll Labels?



500 Labels
only \$4.95!

Your choice of Block, Italic, or with Initial Monogram

250 Labels
only \$3.65!

Order by Color #

Gold 101 Clear 103
White 102 Rainbow 104

Up to 4 lines, 28 spaces per line

Buy Factory Direct and Save!

Specify Label Color #
Style: Block Italic Initial
Quantity: 250 for \$3.65 500 for \$4.95
1st Line _____
2nd Line _____
3rd Line _____
4th Line _____

MAIL COUPON WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO: LABELS, Dept. # 7880, AM-1
Box 3200, Salem, VA 24153

For additional orders or if mailing address is different please use separate sheet of paper.
Sub-Total: \$ _____
Add \$1.50 per set P&H...\$ _____
VA residents add sales tax: \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Your Child's Name becomes a Poem!



Mat & Frame not included

The Beauty of Poetry . . .
The Art of Calligraphy

Folk poet, artist Debra Brim uses the letters of a child's first name to compose an original, inspirational poem that will be treasured as a work of art.

Save \$3
Child's Name Poem
~~\$6.95~~ \$3.95

Reproduced on 8 x 10 parchment weight paper, ideal for framing.

MAIL CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:
Information Products, Dept. 7889,
PO Box 3200 • Salem, VA 24153

First names only. Print 12 letters max.

Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

AM-P

TOTAL: _____

\$3.95 Each poem
Add \$1 postage handling each poem
Use separate sheet of paper if more space is needed.
VA res. add sales tax

The volunteers
of Grafton, New
Hampshire.


Quiet Heroes

by KEN TEXTOR

The volunteer firefighters of hometown America

Thick smoke was billowing out of the second-floor windows when volunteer firefighter Eugene Paterson arrived on the scene. As other Orland, Maine, firefighters arrived, all could hear the screams of a woman trapped on the second floor of the burning building. Paterson and the other firefighters went to work.

"I could just barely see her in the window, the smoke was so thick," recalls Paterson, a 52-year-old mill worker with 30 years of experience as a volunteer firefighter. "I knew we had to act fast to save her. My adrenaline was really pumping."

As soon as the ladder went up, Paterson was climbing, ascending into the rapidly spreading flames and gray smoke produced by the old wood-framed residence. When he reached the elderly, dazed woman in the window, he literally threw her over his shoulder and began his descent. "I just kept thinking we had to get her to (the paramedics) as fast as we could."

That July day last year, the firefighter most everyone in the town of Orland knows as Eli fulfilled the personal pledge of nearly every volunteer firefighter in America: He was responsible for saving a life.

Although the 80-year-old woman suffered second- and third-degree burns, most of her injuries have healed. And, she has earned a place on Paterson's list of local people to visit on a

regular basis. But even more importantly, it's likely she inadvertently has contributed to the long-range stability of the Orland Volunteer Fire Department.

"Yes, that's the kind of thing that really helps with recruitment," says Steve Willis, Maine's chief coordinator of volunteer firefighter training programs. "We always seem to need help with recruitment."

Volunteer firefighters from Maine to California are increasingly difficult to find, train, and keep. Firefighting officials nationwide bemoan this, but they don't bemoan it publicly, and that may be part of the problem.

"We're not much to toot our own horns," says Woody Will of the Kentucky Firefighters Association. "We might get newspaper coverage now and then, but we don't look on ourselves as heroes."

The number of volunteer firefighters has dropped nationwide by 10 percent since 1983, according to the National Fire Protection Association, and while the reasons are compelling, they are not insurmountable. Firefighters don't believe in that word.



The life-saver, Eli Paterson.

Photo: R. Janoski

"Parents have more demands on their time than ever," says Will. "Kids have so many activities these days, you can spend every night of the week going to one thing or another. You don't have time to volunteer."



Southeast Happenings

Oct. 1-15

ALABAMA

Central Alabama Fair—

Selma, Oct. 2-7. This agricultural and industrial fair at Lions Fair Park offers wildlife exhibits, livestock judging, beauty pageants, and entertainment.

(334) 875-2970 (evenings).

ARKANSAS

Annual Rollin' on the River Festival—

Clarendon, Oct. 6-7. Live gospel and bluegrass music, talent show, craft show, food vendors, and children's area.

(870) 747-5355.

FLORIDA

Country Jam—Live Oak, Oct.

13-14. Suwannee River Music Park. Features a variety of country music entertainers, horseback riding, bikes, and swimming.

(904) 364-1683.

GEORGIA

American Indian Festival—

Lawrenceville, Oct. 6-8. Exhibition dancing by Native Americans of many tribes, Indian storytelling, and arts & crafts demonstrations.

(770) 963-6522.

KENTUCKY

Logan County Tobacco Festival—Russellville, Oct. 7-14. Features a craft show, golf games, car show, parade, 5K run/walk, carnival rides, tamale fest, health fair, live entertainment, and a Jesse James robbery re-enactment.

(270) 726-2206.

LOUISIANA

Roberts Cove Germanfest—

Rayne, Oct. 7-8. This small German community showcases its culture, folklore, foods, music, crafts, dancing, and antique farm equipment.

(337) 334-8354.

MISSISSIPPI

Fall Flower And Garden Fest—

Crystal Springs, Oct. 13-14. This event is a field day for showcasing flower, vegetable, and herb gardens. Features seminars, wagon rides, tours, and educational exhibits.

(601) 892-3731.



NORTH CAROLINA

MumFest 2000—New Bern,

Oct. 13-15. Includes 200 vendors, classic car show, bass tournament, regatta, softball tournament, judged flower show, kid stuff, street festival, music, dancing, food, carnival rides, and exhibits.

(252) 638-5781.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Fall Plant and Flower Festival—

Florence, Oct. 6-8. The Pee Dee State Farmers Market is the setting for this fall festival showcasing autumn flowers, trees, and plants, fresh produce, and fall decorations.

(843) 665-5154.

TENNESSEE

Davy Crockett Days—Rutherford,

Oct. 1-7. Honors the early settlers of Gibson County, including Col. David Crockett. Activities include gospel singing, historical arts & crafts displays, a street dance, flea market, parade, barbecue, and softball.

(901) 665-7253.

VIRGINIA

Norfolk's Salute to Fleet Week Concert—Norfolk, Oct. 13. A free country music concert kicks off a week of festivities honoring the U.S. Navy's 224th anniversary.

(757) 441-2345.



WEST VIRGINIA

Apple Butter Festival—Berkeley Springs, Oct. 7-8. Fall festival with apple butter making, farm produce, music, 200 arts & crafts booths, and a parade.

(304) 258-3738. ☆



I'm diabetic, and this is my wish list.

- Testing supplies covered by Medicare.
- Testing supplies delivered directly to my door.
- No up-front out-of-pocket costs.
- No Medicare or insurance paperwork.
- One phone call could take care of everything.

MAX+Well
MEDICAL

MAX Well Medical can make these wishes a reality.
We do everything we can to make living with diabetes as easy as possible. Until there's a cure, there's MAX Well Medical.

Call **1-800-820-3897** or visit
<http://www.maxwellmedical.com> to find out more.

Hugh Morton's Mountain

Visit Grandfather Mountain
But don't try to change it—even
if you're the federal government

by ANDREA GROSS

People in Linville, N.C., can't decide

what to call Hugh Morton: environmentalist, educator, or employer. "All three," concludes Harvey Ritch, the owner of a small shop near the community's only stoplight. "Around here we just call him 'The Man Who Owns the Mountain.'"



Charles Kurault, left, with Hugh Morton, 1992.

The mountain is Grandfather Mountain, a mile-high peak with craggy outcroppings forming the profile of an old man.

It's the highest peak in the Blue Ridge, is considered the most biologically diverse mountain in eastern North America, and has been in Hugh Morton's family since 1885, when his mother's father purchased it. In 1952 the property was divided among family members.

"My relatives wanted the flat land, which was easier to develop into resorts," he says. "But I loved the mountain."

Two people were responsible for teaching Morton to love and respect nature: his mother, who helped him learn the names of plants and animals, and a camp counselor who showed him how to use a camera.

Today Morton, who lives at the base of the mountain, is a superb nature photographer whose pictures are on postcards and in books. One photo of the mountain—a view of the Linn Cove Viaduct—is on the cover of this year's Rand McNally Millennium Atlas.

The viaduct may be Morton's most enduring legacy. Soon after he inherited his land, the National Park Service announced plans for the Blue Ridge Parkway, a 470-mile scenic road stretching from Shenandoah National Park in Virginia to the Great Smoky Moun-

tains National Park in North Carolina. The route would require deep cuts into the eastern slope of Grandfather Mountain.

"That would have been like taking a switch-blade to the Mona Lisa," he says. "I told them they had to find another way."

The battle took 12 years. Under Morton's prodding,



Black bears and other wildlife can be seen in their native habitat.

the Park Service imported technology from Europe—never before used in the United States—which resulted in a quarter-mile bridge that cantilevers out from the mountain, supported by piers. It has won 12 design awards.

Morton is modest about this and numerous other accomplishments. He led a group that successfully lobbied for a law to protect North Carolina mountain peaks from environmentally damaging development and served as executive director of a one-hour PBS television

program on air pollution, narrated by Walter Cronkite.

In 1991 Morton ceded 1,766 acres of the mountain to The Nature Conservancy and the North Carolina Natural Heritage Program. This land, known as "the backcountry," is a permanent, protected habitat for endangered animals, such as the northern flying squirrel and the peregrine falcon. Other wildlife includes black bears, river otters, panthers, and deer.

A year later, Grandfather Mountain, whose 3,500 acres contain an unusually large variety of plants and animals, became an International Biosphere Reserve, designated by the United Nations as a place for scientific research.

But Morton wants everyone to understand the importance of preserving the environment. With the help of experts from the Smithsonian Institution, he built a small museum to teach the mountain's visitors about flora and fauna. He also constructed an animal habitat, where folks stand behind rock walls to see

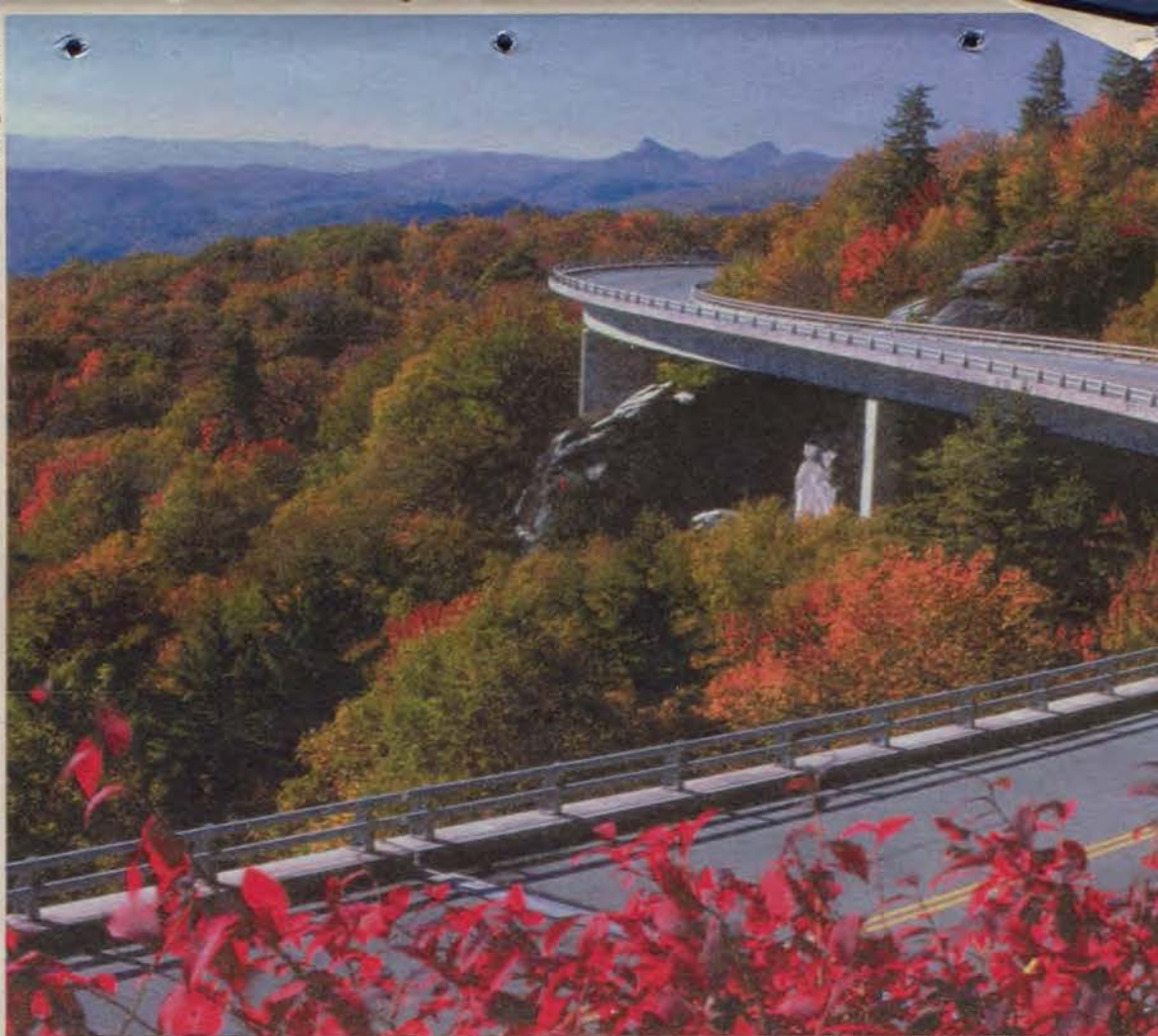
GETTING THERE...

Grandfather Mountain is on U.S. 221, two miles north of Linville, N.C., and 70 miles northeast of Asheville.

It's open year-round, weather permitting. Hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., April through October; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., November through March. Admission is \$10 for adults (13 and older), \$5 for children.

For more information, call (800) 468-7325 or visit the website at www.grandfather.com.

Photo: Hugh Morton



The National Park Service wanted to blast into the sides of Grandfather Mountain for the Blue Ridge Parkway, but



Hugh Morton had a different idea, imported from Europe.

black bears and other native animals.

Because of his work in conservation and education, Morton received the state's highest honor, the North Carolina Award for Public Service in 1983. In 1997 he was honored with the Outstanding Conservationist Award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the North Carolinian of the Year Award from the state press association.

"I'm just having a good time. I've never aspired to any awards," he says. "My biggest reward comes when I see a group of school children sit around Mildred's feet."

He gestures to a life-size model of Mildred, one of two black bears he bought from the Atlanta Zoo in 1968. He intended to free the animals so they would reproduce and repopulate the mountain, but Mildred wouldn't adapt to the wild. Instead she became the mountain mascot, entertaining and educating visitors right up to her death in 1993 at the old-bear age of 26.

About 250,000 people visit Grandfather Mountain each year, and Morton strives to balance convenience and conservation. He's made it visitor-friendly with paved roads, restrooms, a restaurant, well-marked trails, and a swinging bridge spanning a mile-high chasm. But he's also preserved its essence: a refuge where people can enjoy the natural beauty of North Carolina, the state he loves. ✨

Andrea Gross writes from her home in Asheville, N.C.



Give daughter
New Sportz™ Crackers.

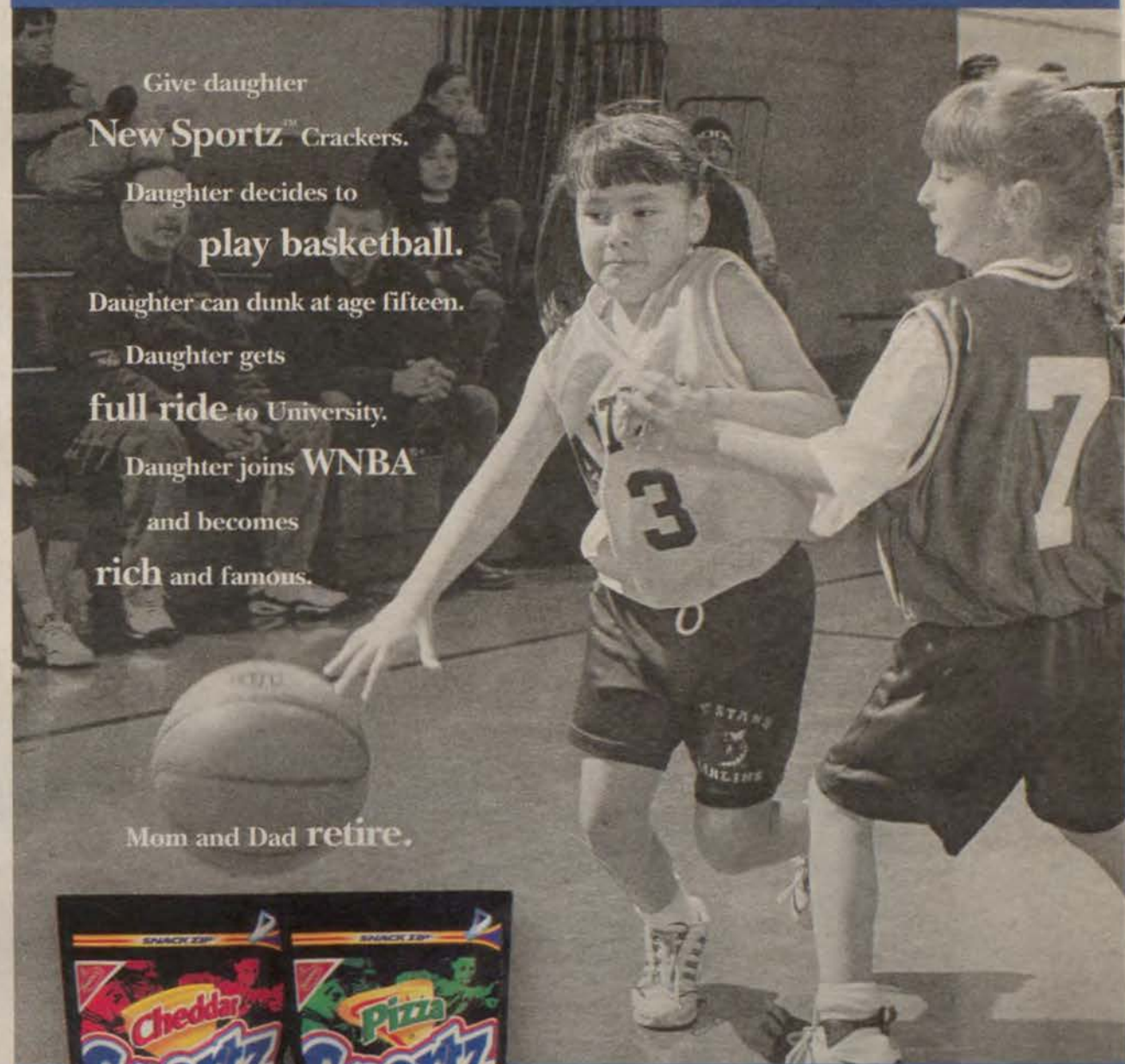
Daughter decides to
play basketball.

Daughter can dunk at age fifteen.

Daughter gets
full ride to University.

Daughter joins WNBA®
and becomes
rich and famous.

Mom and Dad retire.



GOOD FOR BOTH OF YOU

Delicious sports shaped crackers
made with real cheese.
Baked not fried.

NabiscoWorld.com ©Nabisco, Inc. 2009
*WNBA is a registered trademark of WNBA Enterprises, LLC, not connected with Nabisco.

Join the National Arbor Day Foundation and Get

FREE TREES



10 Colorado Blue Spruces

© 2000 National Arbor Day Foundation


- Evergreen for year-round beauty. The most magnificent silver blue-green color.
- Their perfectly symmetrical conical shape makes them the loveliest of all Christmas trees.
- Group these densely foliated trees together and you'll have a superb privacy screen, wind break or hedge.
- No pruning necessary...naturally symmetrical.
- Hardy variety, and excellent in or near cities because it resists air pollution better than most trees.
- Attractive 2-to-6 inch brown cones perfect for your Christmas displays.



Join The National Arbor Day Foundation, a nonprofit organization, and you'll receive ten free Colorado Blue Spruces, or other conifers selected for growing in your area.

You will also receive the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, a membership card, and *The Tree Book* with tree planting and care information with your six month membership. Your six to twelve inch

trees are guaranteed to grow and come postpaid with easy planting instructions. Trees are shipped at the right time for planting in your area, Feb. through May in the spring or Oct. through mid-Dec. in the fall. **Join today, and plant your Trees for America!**

 **The National Arbor Day Foundation**



Bonus - a FREE lilac shrub if you join now!

YES! Please send my 10 free Colorado Blue Spruce trees, and free French lilac. My \$10 membership contribution is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

National Arbor Day Foundation
211 N. 12th Street Lincoln • NE 68508 State _____ Zip _____

3658 001

Finances

Dollars and Sense for Kids

by JOHN D. NARDINI II

What you teach your children about managing money will affect their entire lives. Children must handle money often, and from an early age, to become financially responsible adults. It's never too early—or too late—to begin.

At ages 3-5, children understand simple concepts, so start on the basics. Teach them to identify coins and their values. Take them banking, and explain that banks keep money safe until you want it. Discuss the grocery items you choose, and allow them to pay the cashier. Keep it simple and fun.

From ages 6-11, an allowance is an excellent way to show how to earn money. Simultaneously, help your child develop a simple budget to manage resources. Decide together what percentage he or she will spend, save, or give, then provide a container for each category. A few tips:

- Allow a child to choose (within reason) how to spend money. Experience is the greatest teacher, so allow mistakes.
- Encourage giving to foster a spirit of generosity.
- Add a few pennies of "interest" occasionally to the savings jar, showing that money can earn money.
- Focus on delayed gratification and the benefits of saving.
- During ages 12-15, increase your child's allowance and responsibilities to prepare for independence. Create a more detailed budget. Add new savings categories for clothing, activities,

and entertainment. Allow plenty of freedom, especially in shopping decisions; poor choices reinforce the importance of savvy shopping. Also review advertisements and discuss what each ad is stating, and why.

- Let your child see you paying bills, and show how to make out checks, bank deposits, and withdrawal slips. Explain stocks and bonds, and track a stock together from one of his favorite brands, such as Nike or McDonald's.

- By age 16, your child is ready for complete financial training. Open up your budget to show how you plan for and manage saving, spending, and giving. Ask questions about your decisions, and solicit opinions. Use classified ads to discuss salaries, housing costs, and buying a car. Create scenarios for your teenager regarding possible career choices and the lifestyle each would afford.

- If you get your child a credit card to teach responsible use of credit (and many believe this is a bad idea), I recommend that the first time a monthly payment can't be made, the card should be destroyed.

Ultimately, the best way to teach your children about handling money is by example. As you live out good money practices, they will reproduce themselves in your children. ✨

John Nardini has more than seven years' experience as a personal finance coach. He writes from his home in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Photo: R. Janaski



Get 200 checks for only 95¢

FREE Custom Lettering!

WOW! ANY 2nd box just 95¢!

Here's how: Order one box of checks—any design, and your 2nd box is just 95¢! In addition, get **FREE Custom Lettering!** You get the second box for 95¢ when you order duplicate and Special Edition checks, too! See Order Form. Join over **30 million Customers** who've made Checks Unlimited their #1 choice for checks. **Limited-time offer—for first-time Customers only.**

SAFE SECURE SITE

NOW ORDER ONLINE

Visit our Web site to see ALL of our check designs.

www.ChecksUnlimited.com

2-box minimum on internet orders

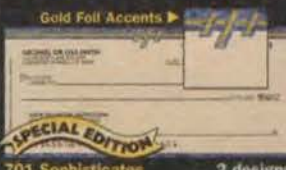
SPECIAL EDITION

Check out our Special Edition Checks—featuring interesting characters, favorite subjects, and exceptional detailing at a lower introductory price.

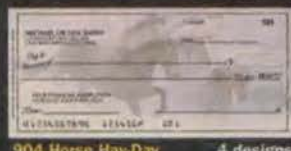
CHECKS UNLIMITED™

by Current®

#1 for Checks Direct™



701 Sophisticates 2 designs



904 Horse Hay-Day 4 designs



903 Golf Getaways 4 designs



115 Sesame Street 8 designs



808 Expedition 1 design



116 Birds of a Feather 4 designs



907 National Parks 5 designs



100 Parchment 1 design



308 Summer Splendor 4 designs



902 Endangered Young'uns 4 designs



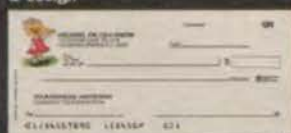
NBA 28833 Bulls, 28843 Jazz, 28826 Knicks, 28847 Lakers, 28836 Pacers, 28842 Spurs



NHL 29151 Blackhawks, 29150 Colorado, 29161 Flyers, 29170 Penguins, 29172 Rangers, 29173 Red Wings



201 Vintage Harley-Davidson 4 designs



309 Suzy's Zoo 8 designs



111 Coca-Cola 4 designs



219 Garfield 4 designs



PICK YOUR TEAM! All 28 Teams Available!



PICK YOUR TEAM! All 30 Teams Available!



908 Noah's Ark 1 design



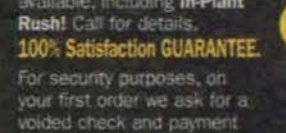
804 Museum Angels 4 designs



301 Reflections 1 design



317 Peanuts 4 designs



311 Garden Palette 4 designs



119 Platinum 1 design



217 Ocean World 4 designs



905 Barnyard Buddies 4 designs



114 Song of the Sea 4 designs



209 Precious Moments 4 designs



708 Serenity 4 designs



802 Serenity with verse



307 Beautiful Blessings 4 designs



403 Executive Gray 1 design



206 Nature's Majesty 5 designs



708 Serenity with verse



802 Serenity with verse



708 Serenity with verse



608 Century Remembered 10 designs



607 Country Club 4 designs



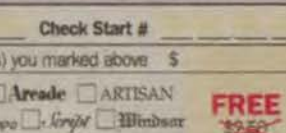
700 Flavia Celebrations of Life 4 designs



708 Serenity with verse



802 Serenity with verse



708 Serenity with verse



809 Treasured Friends 4 designs



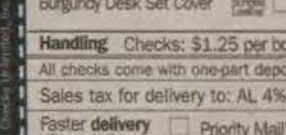
108 Blue Safety 1 design



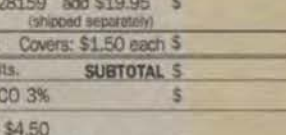
106 Country Scapes 8 designs



708 Serenity with verse



802 Serenity with verse



708 Serenity with verse

If your team's not listed, call for details.

Our checks exceed all American Bankers Association specifications and are produced with advanced security features that work to prevent fraud. We print on high-quality safety paper to process accurately at your financial institution. **GUARANTEED.** Your checks should arrive in 2-3 weeks. Faster options available, including **In-Plant Rush!** Call for details. **100% Satisfaction GUARANTEE.**

For security purposes, on your first order we ask for a voided check and payment check from your account. Return Customers may call 1-800-204-2244 to take advantage of special offers. Se habla español.

To order, send...
 • Completed Order Form.
 Also include from same account:
 • Payment Check made out to Checks Unlimited.
 • Reorder Form from your existing check supply OR
 • Voided Check (note any changes).
 • Deposit Slip.
 Mail to address below:

CHECKS UNLIMITED™
 by Current®
 PO Box 35630
 Colorado Springs, CO 80935-3563
1-800-565-8332
www.ChecksUnlimited.com

Business & Computer Checks for Quicken®, QuickBooks®, QuickBooks Pro®, & More!
 Call for a FREE Brochure

Checks Unlimited Order Form Offer expires January 15, 2001.

NAME _____ DAYTIME PHONE (____) _____
 EMAIL _____

Check Prices [X] choice(s) and enter price total below

DESIGNER COLLECTION CHECKS — SPECIAL FIRST-TIME ORDER PRICING			
QTY. 1 BOX	QTY. 2 BOXES	QTY. 4 BOXES	QTY. 8 BOXES
ONE-PART <input type="checkbox"/> 200 \$6.95	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 \$ 7.90	2ND BOX <input type="checkbox"/> 800 \$21.80	<input type="checkbox"/> 800 \$21.80
DUPLICATE <input type="checkbox"/> 150 \$9.95	<input type="checkbox"/> 300 \$10.90	ONLY 95¢!	<input type="checkbox"/> 600 \$30.80

SPECIAL EDITION FIRST-TIME ORDER PRICING!

QTY. 1 BOX	QTY. 2 BOXES	QTY. 4 BOXES	QTY. 8 BOXES
ONE-PART <input type="checkbox"/> 200 \$ 9.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 \$10.45	2ND BOX <input type="checkbox"/> 800 \$29.45	<input type="checkbox"/> 800 \$29.45
DUPLICATE <input type="checkbox"/> 150 \$12.50	<input type="checkbox"/> 300 \$13.45	ONLY 95¢!	<input type="checkbox"/> 600 \$38.45

PERSONAL DESK SET CHECKS ALL QUANTITIES COME IN 1 BOX

ONE-PART <input type="checkbox"/> 300 \$21.95	<input type="checkbox"/> 600 \$38.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 1200 \$68.00
DUPLICATE <input type="checkbox"/> 300 \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 600 \$52.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 1200 \$93.00

Check Design # _____ Check Start # _____

Check price total from the box(es) you marked above \$ _____

STANDARD OR LETTERING ALWAYS FREE Custom Lettering Areade ARTISAN **FREE \$9.50**

Calligraphy Concepts Knight Windsor

Burgundy Checkbook Cover 18834 add \$13.95

Burgundy Desk Set Cover 28159 add \$19.95 \$ (shipped separately)

Handling: Checks: \$1.25 per box Covers: \$1.50 each \$

All checks come with one-part deposits. **SUBTOTAL \$**

Sales tax for delivery to: AL 4%, CO 3% \$

Paster delivery after printing (checks only) Priority Mail™ \$4.50 Guaranteed 2-Day \$8.95 no PO boxes \$ (2-Day not available on Desk Sets)

kc: LMM2 ob: NG94 **TOTAL DUE \$**

DESK SET CHECKS

Desk Sets Available in Polypropylene, one-part and duplicate. **FREE** with order and one-part deposits.

Call for details on our new Polypropylene Desk Sets.

Current #1
 Value, Selection, Quality, & Service more than any other brand.
 A Poll-Company Survey

Based on a survey conducted by The Poll Company in a customer research firm of purchases of voided checks from July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999.

©2000 Current Direct Checks, Inc.

It's the right time. It's the right place.

Please help build the National
World War II Memorial, here on
the Mall in Washington, D.C.

Because, incredibly, there is still no
national memorial to honor the
achievements of this great generation.

It's time to say thank you.

Tom Hanks



TM

1-800-639-4WW2

WWII Memorial.com

Ad
Council

AMERICAN BATTLE
MONUMENTS COMMISSION

Ask American Profile



Olympic skier Picabo Street, named for the town of "shining waters."

Q How did skier Picabo Street get her unusual name?

— Bob W., Alabama

Her unforgettable name, combined with photogenic charisma and brutal speed, have made Picabo Street, 29, one of the best known of the superstar skiers. An Idaho native, she is named after the Idaho town of — what else? — Picabo, south-east of Sun Valley. As an infant, she also loved to play peek-a-boo. In Native American, her name means "shining waters."

Q My favorite actor is Harvey Keitel, but I don't know much about him. Can you help?

— James H., Alabama

Harvey Keitel, 61, who first gained fame starring in the 1973 feature film *Mean Streets*, was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., served in the U.S. Marine Corps, and once was a shoe salesman. Keitel attended the Actors Studio

where he studied under legendary acting coach Lee Strasberg. He has been awarded the National Society of Film Critics Award for Best Supporting Actor for *Thelma & Louise*, *Bugsy*, and *Mortal Thoughts*, and won the Australian Film Institute Award for Best Actor for *The Piano*. Keitel has a daughter, Stella, born in 1986.

Q Whatever happened to Randolph Mantooth, the actor who played paramedic John Gage in the 1970s television series, *Emergency!*? The last time I saw him, he was on a soap opera.

— Maggie D., Michigan

Since his *Emergency!* days, Mantooth has appeared in numerous television guest roles, including *Diagnosis Murder*, *JAG*, *The Promised Land*, and *Walker, Texas Ranger*, as well as many television movies. Sharp-eyed fans such as you remember Mantooth from the soap operas *General Hospital*, *Loving*, and *The City*.

Q My son and I would love to know where we can see Fats Domino. We understand he doesn't do concerts anymore.

— Eunice R., Georgia



Rock 'n' roller Fats Domino is best known for his hit *Blueberry Hill*, but also recorded favorites such as *Walking to New Orleans*, and *I Want to Walk You Home*.

Antoine "Fats" Domino, whose most famous recording was *Blueberry Hill*, performs mostly at casinos and resort hotels in the Deep South. Born in New Orleans in 1928 to French speaking parents, Fats Domino grew up singing and playing a pounding rhythm-and-blues-style piano. Domino's first million-selling record, *The Fat Man*, was released in 1949. He eventually recorded 23 gold singles, most of them during rock 'n' roll's formative years, 1955-60. ✨



Randolph Mantooth, above right: out of the fires and into the soaps.

Tell us your HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

Thanksgiving dinner may be the occasion that each family member expresses his or her thankfulness. Each Hanukkah, children take turns helping to make latkes. Christmas Eve is the special time for some children to set up the Nativity scene. On Kwanzaa, families make a tradition of reciting The Black Family Pledge by poet Maya Angelou ("We pledge to bind ourselves to one another ... We are our brothers and sisters."). And for some, the New Year's meal isn't complete without black-eyed peas, believed to bring good luck for the coming year.

American Profile wants to hear about your family's holiday traditions for an upcoming story. Please send your traditions, and how they developed, either by e-mail to: holiday-traditions@americanprofile.com or by regular mail to: **Holiday Traditions, American Profile, 701 Murfreesboro Road, Nashville, TN 37210**. Include your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address if you are online.

* Cover Photo by Geoff Forester

American Profile

American Profile is published by:
Publishing Group of America
701 Murfreesboro Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37210
Phone: 1-800-720-6323

L. Daniel Hammond: PUBLISHER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Stephen C. Duggan: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER Steve Young: SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF SALES

Peter Fossel: VICE PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE EDITOR Carol Davis: NATIONAL EDITOR Stuart Engler: MIDWEST EDITOR Laura Sewell: SOUTHEAST EDITOR Richard Matthews: NORTH-EAST EDITOR Joyce Caruthers: EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

Charlie Cox: VICE PRESIDENT/CREATIVE & PRODUCTION SERVICES Brennan Sharp: SENIOR DESIGNER Randy Janoski: NATIONAL PHOTO EDITOR Kristie Anderson: MANAGER OF PRINTING DISTRIBUTION

Sam Payne: PRODUCTION MANAGER Matt Johnston: MANAGER OF INTERNET CONTENT Jan Miller: DESIGNER Lisa Wysody: CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Tracey Almar: VICE PRESIDENT OF ADVERTISING Leslie T. Reagan: DIRECTOR OF MARKETING Sari Schneider: ADVERTISING COORDINATOR REGIONAL ADVERTISING DIRECTORS: Amy Chernoff, Deborah A. Gardner, Scott Connolly, Frank Zier

Jerry Lee Lyles: DIRECTOR OF PUBLISHER RELATIONS CIRCULATION ACCOUNT MANAGERS: Sandi Baylis, James S. Boyd, Gary Stephen Dorris, Jr., Tiffany D. Green, Pamela LaChapelle, Bob M. Mitchell, W. David Platz

Stephanie L. Jameson: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION Suzan J. Thurber: ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER SALES Cheryl A. Buehring: ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST Gwen Archuleta: BILLING SPECIALIST

Advertising Sales: New York 1-800-716-6271 Chicago 1-800-708-5669 Corporate Office 615-843-6011

©2000 Publishing Group of America, Inc. American Profile™ is a trademark of Publishing Group of America, Inc. All rights reserved. Reproduction in whole or part of any article, photograph, or other portion of this magazine without the express written permission of Publishing Group of America, Inc. is prohibited. Mail editorial queries and contributions to Editor, American Profile, 701 Murfreesboro Road, Nashville, TN 37210. Publishing Group of America, Inc. will not be responsible for unsolicited materials and cannot guarantee the return of any materials submitted to it.

www.americanprofile.com

LENOX

My Very Own Snowman

Fine china Christmas ornament with *Your* name in 24 karat gold



Ornament shown
actual size. Height: 4"

Choose either Block
or Script lettering.

Block:

Ashley

Script:

Ashley

Visit us at: www.LenoxCollections.com

This jolly and generous snowman celebrates the holiday season with gifts full of merriment—and they're all just for you!

My Very Own Snowman is a sculptured Christmas ornament, crafted of Lenox ivory fine china with festive highlights in pure 24 karat gold. The snowman's friendly face comes to life with hand painting...and an irresistible smile.

Inscribed just for you

Once your ornament has been crafted, Lenox® artists will add the final touch—your name, or the name of someone special to you, inscribed in 24 karat gold.

My Very Own Snowman is available direct from Lenox at just \$24.90, payable in convenient installments. To order this imported fine china ornament for yourself—or as a cherished gift—simply complete and mail the attached form promptly. As always, Lenox guarantees your full satisfaction.



Inscribed with your name...or
the name of someone special



Ivory china...hand painting...gold accents. This is the look of classic elegance created by Walter Scott Lenox more than a century ago...treasured for generations...and sought after by collectors today.

Order Form • Mail by October 2, 2000

I wish to order ____ (qty.) My Very Own Snowman ornament(s), each to be personalized as I've indicated below.

I need send no money now. Bill me for each ornament in two monthly installments of \$12.45*.

Personalization Instructions: Please print name(s) clearly in block letters as shown (up to 10 characters, including spaces and punctuation):

ASHLEY

First Ornament:

(To order more than two, attach separate sheet.)

Second Ornament:

Indicate your choice of lettering (check only one):

Block: Ashley or Script: Ashley
2243442 2243459

Signature _____ Telephone (____) _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

* Plus \$4.98 per ornament for shipping, handling and insurance. Your sales tax will be added. All orders are subject to acceptance.

Mail to: Lenox Collections
P.O. Box 3020 • Langhorne, PA 19047-9120

© LENOX, Inc. 2000

Did You Know...

ALABAMA—AT 2,407 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL, Cheaha Mountain in Lineville is the state's highest point. The Creek Indians named the mountain Cheaha, which means "high place" in their language.

ARKANSAS—THE ONLY REVOLUTIONARY WAR skirmish in Arkansas was the Colbert Incident, which occurred at Arkansas Post in 1783. The incident was an attack by pro-English forces, led by James Colbert, a retired British captain. American soldiers, along with Quapaw Indians and Spanish allies, repulsed the attack.

FLORIDA—TARPON FISHING ORIGINATED IN southwest Florida's Pine Island Sound in the late 1880s. The "Tarpon Fishing Capital of the World" is said to be Boca Grande Pass, the opening between Cayo Costa (island) and Gasparilla Island.

GEORGIA—IN 1842, DR. CRAWFORD W. LONG OF Jefferson was the first person to use ether as an anesthetic during an operation. He administered sulfuric ether to a patient before removing a tumor from the man's neck.

KENTUCKY—IN 1980, JOE BOWEN SET THE WORLD record for stilt walking. He walked from Los Angeles to just outside his hometown of Bowen, Ky.—a distance of 3,008 miles—to raise \$100,000 for muscular dystrophy.

LOUISIANA—LOUISIANA'S STATE SONG, *YOU ARE My Sunshine*, was co-written by former governor Jimmie Davis in 1940. The tune became the official state song in 1977. Davis was governor from 1944-1948 and 1960-1964.

MISSISSIPPI—EDWARD BARQ SR. INVENTED BARQ'S Root Beer in Biloxi in 1898. Barq's was one of the first companies to charge a nickel for a 12-ounce bottle—the same price that most other 6-ounce soft drinks cost.

NORTH CAROLINA—AT 6,684 FEET, MOUNT Mitchell in western North Carolina is the highest peak east of the Mississippi River.

SOUTH CAROLINA—NO, IT'S NOT THE Charleston. South Carolina's state dance is the Shag, designated in 1984.

TENNESSEE—TENNESSEE'S NICKNAME "THE Volunteer State" originates from the War of 1812 when volunteer soldiers from Tennessee, serving under Gen. Andrew Jackson, defeated the British at the Battle of New Orleans.

VIRGINIA—THEY'RE MIGHTY RESOURCEFUL. Mount Trashmore in Virginia Beach is a city park built over a landfill.

WEST VIRGINIA—GOV. CECIL UNDERWOOD became the state's youngest governor when he was first elected in 1956 at the age of 34. He was elected again in 1996, making him the nation's oldest governor. He is 77. ✨

Patty's first brand new album
in three years!



patty strong
loveless heart

featuring the hit
"That's The Kind
Of Mood I'm In"

PRODUCED BY EMORY GORDY, JR.

Available NOW at **BORDERS**



© 1998 Sony Music Entertainment Inc. www.sonymusic.com

In a time of crisis, people who need help usually know the men and women who are helping them.



Photo: Joe Devenny

Former Arrowsic (Maine) fire chief Don Bryant, above left, his son Jake.

"At the same time," he adds, "firefighters need more training than ever: 150 hours to be certified (in Kentucky), and 20 hours a year after that. Modern trucks are computerized, and homes are filled with so much plastic that the smoke isn't noxious, it's deadly, so you need a breathing apparatus."

So what's the good news? The good news, according to Will, is pride, determination, and a few other things.

"If the truck gets low on fuel, you hold a bake sale," Will says flatly.

And, more women than ever are joining volunteer departments today. "In the town of White Mills (Ky.) by day, the whole fire department is women. Five of them. When the men get home, it's men."

Many towns have learned that a volunteer fire department enables it to spend its limited funds on equipment, not salaries—though sometimes the equipment isn't grand.

"We've got towns with an old flatbed truck, a tank off the farm, and a pump—and it might not be high tech, but it puts out fires," he says. "And they're just as proud of that truck as anything."

To keep their trained people, many volunteer fire departments are offering retirement plans, scholarship funds, and other incentives. They also look for state help, and an intense effort was under way this year to secure federal aid through the National Volunteer Fire Council. It failed, but only for now.

The help is crucial, because volunteer fire departments are ubiquitous across America.

In Maine, 11,000 of the state's 12,000 firefighters are on volunteer rosters. Don Bryant of Arrowsic is one of them.

"I got into it because my father was a volunteer firefighter," says Bryant, who grew up in the central Maine town of Dexter. As with many volunteer fire departments, Dexter's was a social organization, as well as a place to learn the demanding work of a firefighter.

Bean or spaghetti suppers and other fund-raising events brought townspeople together, focusing attention on the department, and its needs and opportunities. The department was a place where teenagers and young men could channel their energies into something productive for the community, Bryant says.

In a time of crisis, people who needed help usually knew the men and women who were helping them. "There was a good feeling about that," recalls Bryant, 42.

Bryant left his hometown of Dexter to go to college, and eventually landed a management job at a shipbuilding company, the Bath Iron Works in distant Bath, Maine. He settled into the small, nearby coastal community of Arrowsic, where he and his son both joined the volunteer fire department, and Bryant himself served for six years as chief of a dozen volunteers (two of whom are women).

"There's an awful lot of work in it, and that means committing a lot of time to it," says Bryant, whose three children were approaching college age. His regular work duties at the shipyard also were increasing. Something had to give, and finally the father-son team of the Bryants had to end their volunteer duties.

"Arrowsic is a perfect example of how communities are struggling to protect themselves from fire," says Maine's fire administrator, Willis. Even with technological advances in firefighting—lighter, quicker water-based foams in some regions are steadily replacing plain old hose-and-water applications—Willis says more volunteers will always be needed. And the accolades from saving a life or a house are still an attraction.

"Generally speaking, when the world falls apart, people call the fire department," says Fred Windisch, the former head of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, noting that a firefighter's need to be needed is a big draw to a tough, payless job.

Orland firefighter Paterson agrees. His rescue last year earned him the American Red Cross' Real Heroes Award, which he describes as an enormous honor.

Age, and nothing else, will eventually prevent Paterson from being a firefighter, he says, but even then he'll continue helping the department with fund-raising, training, and in other ways.

"We've got a lot of good people coming up in the department," he says, with no small hint of pride. ✨

Ken Tector is a freelance writer and editor living in Maine.

How you can help

In our mobile society, many new citizens of a town aren't even aware that their fire department is a volunteer force, and most residents don't realize their help is needed, according to the National Volunteer Fire Council.

To rectify that, the council has prevailed on 28 states so far to set up a free volunteer help line, through which residents can learn if help is needed locally. The number is 1-800-FIRE-LINE. Call to see if your state is part of the program.

For more information, call the National Volunteer Fire Council in Washington, D.C., at (202) 887-5700, or visit its website, www.nvfc.org.

The volunteer fire company of Orland—where fires aren't the only challenge.



Photo: Joe Devenny