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PCC interviews to wrap up

Interviews with the men vying to be the next president of Prestonsburg Community College are about to end.

Dr. Paul R. Brown will be the final candidate to be interviewed September 22. Brown is currently chief operational and academic officer for Ohio Community College's Findlay campus.

Brown holds a Doctor of Education degree from Vanderbilt University, as well as degrees from the University of Northern Colorado and University of Maryland.

The school invites members of the community to participate in the selection of its next president by attending a reception on September 21 at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held in the Pike Technology Building auditorium, room 102.

Two Day Forecast...

Today
Sunshine
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Big Branch residents challenge annexation

Times Staff Report

A petition against annexation of certain properties in the Big Branch area of Abbott Creek was presented this week to Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fanning by residents of the Big Branch area.

The petition comes as a response to Ordinance No. 8-2000, which calls for annexation by the city of an area that covers, respectively, the Big Branch to Osborne Branch areas of Abbott, including the newly developed Cedar Trace area.

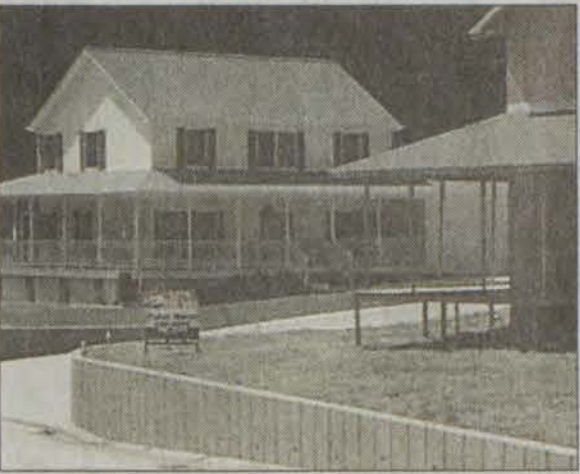
The chief complaints of the residents are that they do not wish to fall under compliance of certain city ordinances, such as city leash laws and laws pertaining to the burning of fires and the trimming of trees. They also do not wish to have

city taxes imposed upon them.

Petitioners also allege that the annexation of the area is being done in an effort to present an opportunity for certain city council members who own property in the area to benefit financially as a result of the action.

The petitioners say that they have no objection to the installation of city water and sewage lines throughout the area as long as the cost of installation is not exorbitant and the monthly service rates are reasonable.

The petitioners have retained Prestonsburg attorney Ralph Stevens to represent them in the matter.



The city of Prestonsburg is attempting to annex the Big Branch area, including the recently developed Cedar Trace subdivision. Some residents, however, are crying foul.

(See **BIG BRANCH**, page two)

Mountain majesty...

photo by Willie Elliott

Early pre-autumn mornings make for interesting displays of fog and mist among the mountains of Floyd County.

Groundwater contamination results in new waterlines for Turkey Creek

by **RALPH B. DAVIS**
MANAGING EDITOR

City water will soon be available to residents of Turkey Creek, thanks to a finding by the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet that groundwater in that area has been contaminated by mining.

On Friday, the Floyd County Fiscal Court gave County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson the authority to sign an agreement with the cabinet which will result in \$420,000 in funding for the project from the cabinet's

Abandoned Mine Lands program.

The money will be used to extend waterlines to 47 homes identified in a groundwater contamination study as being impacted by mining.

Shortly after approving the money, the court also approved another groundwater contamination study which could reap similar benefits for residents along Spurlock Creek and Gunstock Branch.

According to the second agreement, the cabinet will provide up to \$10,500 to conduct a study to see if mining has contaminated groundwa-

ter supplies in those areas. If so, those areas would also be eligible for money to install waterlines.

In other action, the court:

- Approved an agreement to receive \$170,790 from the Kentucky Housing Corporation's Home Investment Partnerships Program. The money will be used to increase the number of "decent and affordable homes" for low- and very low-income families.
- Gave final approval to two

(See **COURT**, page two)

School board sets property tax rate

by **WILLIE ELLIOTT**
STAFF WRITER

In a Thursday evening special-called meeting at Adams Middle School, the Floyd County Board of Education approved its tax rate for 2000-2001 and agreed on the method of evaluating the superintendent.

The board adopted the compensating rate of 63.2 cents per \$100 assessed value (compensating rate of 62.5 plus .07 cents allowed for recovery of prior losses due to exonerations) for both real and personal property.

According to information from the central office, "The district is experi-

encing financial stability without raising taxes; however, the rising costs of doing school business could force increases in tax levies in the very near future."

Documentation about the adoption of tax rates must be back to Frankfort by October 5.

After some discussion, the board agreed on a method for evaluating the superintendent. They chose a model suggested by the Kentucky School Boards Association. Superintendent Paul Fanning provided copies of forms that could be used in the evaluation.

Board member Carol Stumbo said it is important that the management

audit update report, as well as the consolidated plan, be used in the evaluation.

Board chairman Terry Dotson said it would be a difficult task to merge the two documents. Stumbo said, "Let's take out the audit and see where we are."

According to state manager Woody Carter, a new management audit will be conducted next month.

The board set an October 10 meeting to work out the particulars of the evaluation process.

The board agreed to a plan that will allow the finance department to look

(See **BOARD**, page two)

Ky.-W.Va. to downsize workforce

Times Staff Report

Kentucky West Virginia Gas has sent notice to its union employees that it is planning to reduce its workforce and has offered an enhanced retirement and voluntary severance package to minimize the number of layoffs.

Company officials are blaming the deregulation of the natural gas industry and resulting increased competition for the need to trim workers. In a statement given to the media Friday, the company said those changes have resulted in the loss of Kentucky West Virginia's largest customer, Equitable Production Company.

"The deregulation of the natural gas industry requires companies to become more efficient in their operations," company president Tom Blake said in the statement.

"The proposed changes are necessary adjustments to ensure the future viability of Kentucky West Virginia Gas and are consistent with the restructuring which has taken place in our parent company's other business units.

"It is our hope that our employees take advantage of the enhanced programs offered during these negotiations. The enhanced retirement and voluntary separation packages will provide the affected employees with economic stability and transition benefits such as health insurance, outplacement, relocation and education support."

The enhanced retirement and voluntary separation proposal is being offered to employees who have been

(See **WORKERS**, page two)

Magistrate issue heading to ballot without challenge

by **RALPH B. DAVIS**
MANAGING EDITOR

It now appears that an attempt to return Floyd County's fiscal court to magisterial representation will appear on the ballot unchallenged this fall.

Last month, a petition to place the question of whether voters wish to be represented by a commissioner or magistrate form of government was presented to County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, who ordered that the question be placed on the ballot.

But that petition came under fire after Republican Party chair an Bobby Stumbo and a group known as Floyd County Concerned Citizens questioned its legality.

Opponents of the petition noted that it didn't follow statutory guidelines which require it to list the number of magistrates who would compose the fiscal court in the event voters select the magisterial form of government.

Also in question were the signatures themselves. According to opponents of the ballot initiative, many of the signers appeared to have signed not only their names, but the names of other people as well. Stumbo said he counted 167 such signatures and asked that they be dis-

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Wild horses and burros need homes

Severe drought conditions and recent wildfires throughout the western United States have destroyed thousands of acres of habitat for America's wild horses and burros, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is conducting emergency gathers to save as many of these animals as possible.

"We could be facing emergency gathers of more than 4,000 animals," said Lee Delaney, group manager for the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro program. "Some of the animals are in bad shape and we need to rescue them as soon as possible."

BLM has scheduled four adoptions in the southeast over the next few months to find good homes for some of these animals. Adoptions are scheduled for Knoxville, Tennessee, on September 23-24; Murray, Kentucky, on October 7-8, and Cross Plains, Tennessee, on October 14-15. For the Cross Plains, Tennessee, adoptions, interested animal lovers can call 1-800-370-3936, and for

information on the adoptions in Knoxville, and Murray, call 1-888-274-2133.

Beyond the emergency gathers, BLM routinely monitors the herds and removes animals when they begin to over populate their herd area. These removals ensure the rangelands will remain healthy for the remaining wild horses and burros, native wildlife, and permitted livestock.

"BLM needs to find good homes for the 4,000 wild horses and burros we have in our corral facilities through the Bureau's Adopt-A-Horse or Burro Program," added Delaney. "We need to find as many good adopters as possible to make room for the animals that we will be gathering from the emergency."

To qualify to adopt a wild mustang or burro, individuals must be at least 18 years old, a resident of the United States, and have no convictions for inhumane treatment of animals. Adopters also must have ade-

quate facilities, the financial means to care for the animal(s), and should have some experience training or raising a horse or burro. A stock trailer will be required to transport the animal(s). Qualified adopters can adopt up to four animals.

Mustangs make excellent riding stock, and properly trained, some adopted mustangs have become national champions in dressage, snaffle bit competitions, trail, endurance, and jumping. The animals available for adoption have been wormed and vaccinated and are in good health.

After the first year, adopters may apply for title. BLM will pass title of the animal if all the stipulations of the adoption agreement have been met. The animal becomes the private property of the adopter only after BLM transfers title, which completes the adoption process. More than 175,000 animals have been placed in private homes since the Adopt-A-Horse or Burro Program began in 1973.

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Floyd County Board Budget Committee Membership

The Floyd County Board of Education is inviting representatives of the business community to serve on its budget committee starting October 1, 2000.

Four business community representatives will be selected to serve (one from the four high school attendance areas or their feeder schools-Allen, Central High School, Betsy Lane High School, Prestonsburg High School, and South Floyd High School). The business community group will be composed of the following individuals: 1 Owner or Chief Executive Officer of a business; 1 Technology Business Owner or Manager; 1 Attorney; and 1 Physician.

The board will reserve the right to modify the composition of the business representatives group depending on the background of candidates that are to be considered for the committee.

Interested committee candidates seeking to serve the future of Floyd County students are invited to submit a written statement of interest to the following office and address by September 21, 2000:

Superintendent
Re: Budget Committee Membership
Floyd County Schools
106 N. Front Avenue
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Election

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regarded, which would have left the petition with too few signatures for the question to be placed on the ballot.

However, Stumbo now says his group will focus its efforts on defeating the magistrate question at the polls, rather than attempting to have the question removed from the ballot prior to the election.

Stumbo said this week that there is too little time to adequately prepare for a court challenge to the petition and that his group's resources could be better spent fighting a return to the magistrate form of government.

But while commissioner supporters are now ending their effort to have the question removed from the ballot, the controversy still could end up in court later.

Stumbo said that if magistrate supporters are successful at the polls in November, his group would likely seek to have the results of the election set aside based on the same reason the petition was originally challenged.

This year's election will mark the second time in four years that Floyd County's voters have been asked to determine the composition of their county government. In 1996, an effort to change to commissioner representation was successful.

Under the commissioner form of government, voters choose partisan nominees for the office of commissioner within three districts in the May primary, but the nominees then must run countywide in the fall. Under the magistrate system, the fiscal court is composed of between three and eight magistrates, who run exclusively within their districts in both the primary and general elections.

Board

amendments to the county's budget to reflect \$106,600 in grants.

Entered into an agreement to develop an industrial development authority with Pike, Letcher and Knott counties. While any industrial development activities which result from the partnership will be located in Pike County, all four counties will split tax revenue generated by new development.

Approved an emergency resolution to pay Rudd Equipment \$12,993.70 for work performed for the road department.

Big Branch

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Mayor Fannin's response to the residents' complaints is to say that once all things are considered and the numbers are added up, city taxes actually are about one-fourth the cost of county taxes. This includes understanding that once the area is annexed the residents will find that their water rates are actually cheaper and that they need to consider that they will also benefit from city fire and police protection.

The mayor also said that farms will remain farms and that small, contained fires will present no problems. He said he could not foresee any problems associated with the cutting or trimming of trees.

Mayor Fannin answered with an emphatic "no" in response to the allegation that any city council members are out to gain personally from the annexation of the area. He went on to say that if and when any current property owners should put their property up for sale that they could stand to profit by selling their property in lots rather than as a farm.

Workers

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with the company for more than 20 years. A separate severance package is being offered to employees with less than 20 years who voluntarily leave their jobs.

The proposals were presented to the Paper, Allied Industries and Chemical Employees Union (PACE) Local 5-512 on Thursday in accordance with federal regulations which mandate that employers provide a 60-day notice of impending plant closings or layoffs.

In the notice, Kentucky West Virginia advised PACE of its intention to restructure to function as a pipeline company.

Kentucky West Virginia had had a well tending and services agreement with Equitable Production. Of the company's 150 union employees, 110 performed work associated with that agreement.

Company officials are saying

they have no concrete numbers on exactly how many employees will be affected by the downsizing, saying that will depend on the results of negotiations with PACE.

The union and management began negotiating in August 1999, but continued under their existing agreement when those talks failed.

Negotiations resumed this year on August 14 and continued off and on until September 15, when PACE canceled negotiations. The current contract expires October 15.

MSU offers computer training

If learning how to use computer software has been on your "to do list," Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education may have the classes to fulfill that goal.

Starlet Roberts, MSU's technology training coordinator, will teach "Introduction to Excel 2000" on

Mondays, September 18-October 9, and "Introduction to Word 2000" on Mondays, November 6-27. Each class, which will meet from 5 to 7 p.m., has a \$50 fee.

Two different, one-session courses will be taught by Darrell Smith, senior academic consultant. "Introduction to Web Page Development" will be offered from 5 to 7 p.m., on Tuesday, October 5, and repeated on Tuesday, November 14.

He will teach "Introduction to the World Wide Web" at the same time on Thursday, September 21, and again on Tuesday, October 24. There is a \$25 fee for either session.

Additional information and registration is available by calling 606/783-2875.

Court

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at the secondary priority items submitted by schools for use of Discretionary Funding (Section 7). Fanning said opening the whole process again would create a mess and the board agreed. Only second priority items from the schools will be considered in dispensing the \$58,000 funds that remain.

The board considered a date change for the September 24 regular board meeting. Dotson will not be able to attend the meeting. The board agreed to leave the date as it is and have vice-chairman Johnnie Ross conduct the meeting.

Jeff Stumbo, who is awaiting word on his appointment to the board to replace Don Roberts, who resigned, was in attendance.

terms on the Floyd County Library Board.

Accepted four roads into the county road system. The roads are 320 feet of Knoblett Lane in Emma, 1,800 feet of Dillon Branch Road at Ivy Creek, 2,000 feet of Pond Road Development at Sugar Loaf, and 250 feet of Panda Drive in Bear Hollow.

All members were present for Friday's meeting.

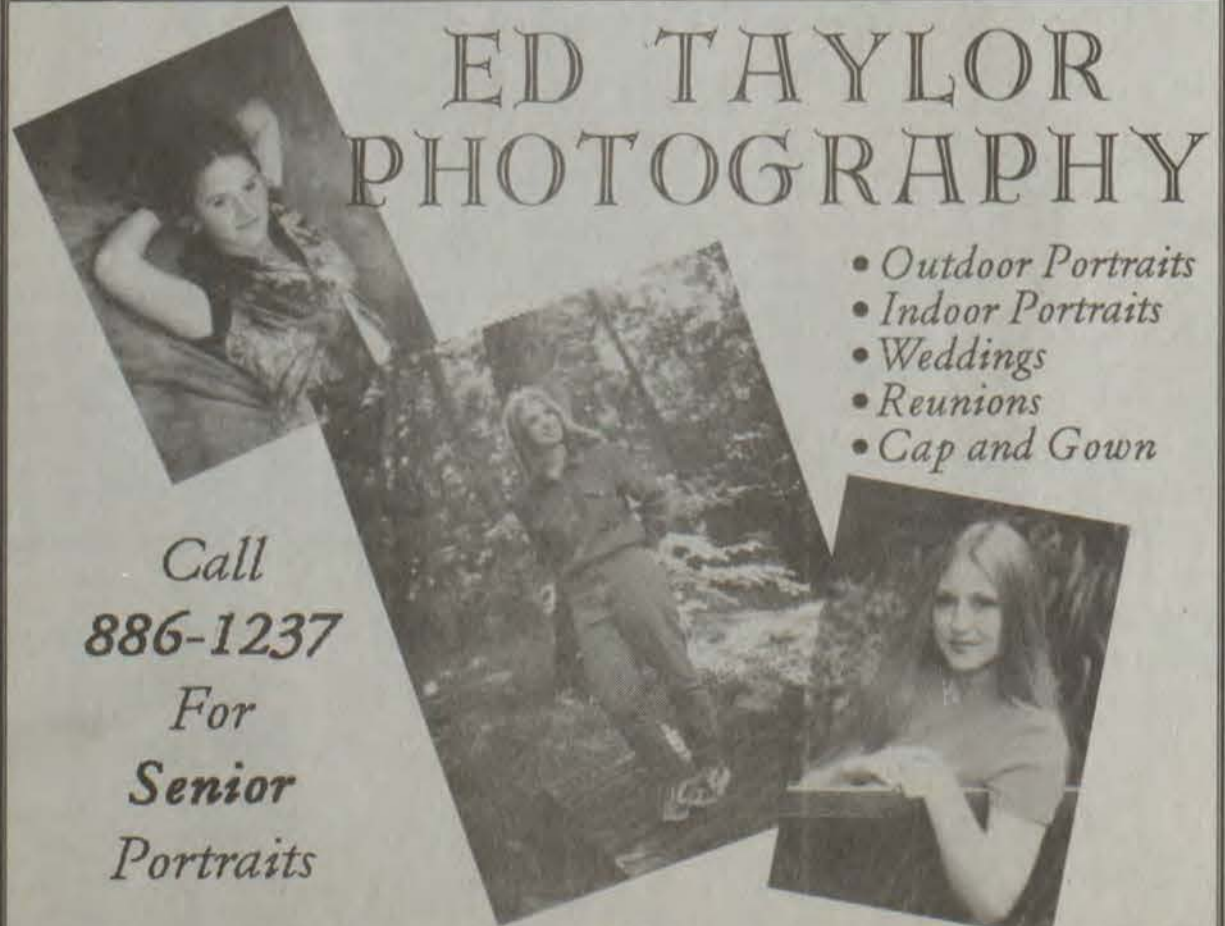


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CHARGES FILED

Timothy W. Blair, 34, Denver, alcohol intoxication.
 William R. Price, 23, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.
 Tammy L. Woods, 29, David, fourth-degree child abuse, resisting arrest.
 Osalene Triplett, 52, Wheelwright, trafficking of a controlled substance, possession of cocaine.
 Anita May, 37, Beaver, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Elvia Endicott, 61, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
 Deborah Halbert, 29, Martin, two counts of harassing communications.
 Belinda Walker Hall, 23, Weeksbury, harassment, second-degree criminal mischief.
 William Martin, 53, David, harassment.
 Elizabeth Horn, 45, Prestonsburg, harassment.
 Clayton Williams, 19, Drift, fourth-degree assault.
 Loretta Reynolds, age unknown, Prestonsburg, harassment.
 Elmer D. Stone, 43, David, fishing without a license.
 Dannie Ray, 51, Stanville, fishing without a license.
 Arnold Akers, 62, Grethel, drinking alcohol in public, criminal littering.
 Aaron DeWayne Tackett, 20, Galveston, three counts of first-degree assault.
 Benny Newcomb, Jr., 42, Lookout, affix false label to controlled substance, possession of controlled substance.
 Ricky Overbey, 32, Murray, public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia, prescription in improper container, possession of marijuana.
 Gary T. Conley, 22, Wayland, third-degree burglary, third-degree escape.
 Chad E. Jervis, 18, Prestonsburg, receiving stolen property.
 Jeremy Lafferty, 18, Minnie, auto theft by unlawful taking.
 Earl T. Patton, 46, Riceville, alcohol intoxication.
 Lisa Hall, 30, Melvin, theft by deception.
 Hayes Hall, 43, Galveston,

fourth-degree assault, spouse abuse.
 Thomas Brown, 21, Langley, theft by unlawful taking.
 Dennis Crisp, 31, Martin, alcohol intoxication, second-degree criminal trespass.
 Eddie Shepherd, 25, David, alcohol intoxication.
 Jeremy D. Lafferty, 18, Minnie, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, third-degree assault of police/probation officer, third-degree criminal mischief, unlawful transaction with a minor.
 Douglas E. Patton, 34, Weeksbury, fourth-degree assault.
 Ronnie Newsome, 31, Hi Hat, alcohol intoxication.
 Verlin E. Gannon, 45, Pikeville, alcohol intoxication.
 Tracy L. Conley, 25, Garrett, alcohol intoxication.
 Terry D. Boyd, 32, Dana, fourth-degree assault.
 Ira Maynard, 55, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
 James Franklin Osborne, 48, McDowell, alcohol intoxication.
 Michael Shepherd, 21, Banner, alcohol intoxication.
 Michael D. McDonald, 18, Martin, public intoxication.
 Ruby Johnson, age unknown, Bevinsville, theft by deception.
 Cassie L. Bays, 18, Auxier, public intoxication.
 Ali Reza Bakhtyareme, age unknown, Prestonsburg, theft by deception.
 Brandy Hall, 18, Galveston, two counts of first-degree facilitating assault.
 Robin Burchett, 25, Prestonsburg, harassment.
 Robert K. Hopkins, 27, McDowell, shoplifting.
 Kimberly R. Crace, 31, Allen, possession of marijuana.
 Ronnie Manuel, 28, Martin, fourth-degree assault, prescription in improper container, two counts of third-degree possession of a controlled substance.
 Ada D. Stone, 32, Langley, shoplifting, second-degree wanton endangerment of a police officer, attempt to elude police, reckless driving.
 William Skeens, 36, Garrett, terroristic threatening.
 Dawn Boyd, age unknown,

Tram, harassment.
 Ann Collins, 28, Prestonsburg, harassment.
 Ronnie J. Endicott, 20, Endicott, open season (wildlife) raw fur, possession of revoked/suspended license.
 Monroe Jarvis, Jr., 18, Endicott, fishing without license.
 Charles M. Keathley, 24, Endicott, open season (wildlife) raw fur, possession of a revoked/suspended license.
 Dustin S. Brown, 18, Garrett, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession marijuana.
 Shea Mullins, 18, Wheelwright, harassing communications.
 Darrell Triplett, 30, Wheelwright, possession of marijuana, first-degree trafficking of a controlled substance, cocaine, two counts possession of drug paraphernalia, cultivating marijuana.
 Rickey Harris, 36, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
 Millard Pennington, 41, Prestonsburg, two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment.
 Kimberly R. Crace, 31, Allen, fourth-degree assault, spouse abuse.
 Isaac Triplett, 44, Walbath, Ind., alcohol intoxication.
 Jamie Pennington, 35, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.
 Sterling J. Hamilton, 18, Prestonsburg, public intoxication, possession of marijuana, prescription in improper container.
SUITS FILED
 Rodgers, Carl, et al vs. Roop, Shawn, et al.
 Howell, Jerry F. vs. Delong, Arlen, et al.
 Elswick, Teddy W., et al vs. Jent, Ralph, et al.
 Akers, Rachael Allen vs. Akers, Bobby II
 Layne, Harold vs. Hicks, Donald Greenpoint Credit Corp. vs. McKinney, Stevie, et al.
 Hall, Billy vs. Layne Bros. Ford Martin, Gaylord, et al vs. Hicks, Kenneth, et al.
 Akers, Ashley vs. Turner, Jason L.
 Adams, Drema G. vs. Adams, Vernon, Jr.
 Conn, Marica vs. Conn, Howard Franklin
 Bailey, Michelle Louann vs.

Bailey, Keith Alan
 Citibank vs. Hall, Judy
 Hughes, Craig Lee et al. vs. The Mud Creek Fire Department et al.
 Progressive Ins. Co. vs. Blakenship, James L.
 California Commercial Capital vs. Hall, Ruth
 Littleton, Rickey Dean vs. Littleton, Mable Jarrell
 Hall, John D. vs. Hall, Mitzi A. Stafford, Sam et al. vs. Pruitt, Larry D.
 Overhead Door of East Kentucky, Inc. vs. F.E.E., Inc.
 Prater, Angie vs. Prater, Curtis E. Sr.
 Legal Recoveries, Inc. vs. Tackett, Joe P. et al.
 King, Randall D. vs. Hall, Dwayne, et al.
 Ford Motor Credit Co. vs. Harrison, Edgar
 Tackett, Emmitt vs. Akers, Larry Diskey, Gina M. vs. Diskey, Charles E., Jr.
 Jones, Brian Jeffrie vs. Jones, Amanda Rae
 Caudill, Ted vs. Westbrook Engineering, Inc. et al.
 Hall, Ernest vs. McNeil, Thomas G.
 Smith, Carter et al. vs. Akers, Sheila et al.
 Hall, Leonard vs. Woods, Tammy et al.

MARRIAGES

Kamilla Ann Daniel, 20, Thelma to David Jason Stephens, 21, Allen.
 Angela Gay Bailey, 25, Hippo to Vernon Matthew Porter, 24, Allen.
 Keisha Dawn Flannery, 19, Martin to Timothy Shawn Robinson, 23, Antioch, TN
 Opal Ann Cochran Slone, 32, Betsy Layne to Mark Anthony Garrett, 23, Betsy Layne.
 Angelena Kay Patton, 20, Prestonsburg to Christopher Allen Hall, 23 Prestonsburg.
 Susan Ann Ratliff, 49, Prestonsburg to James Allen Slone, 41, Prestonsburg.
 Teresa Gail Johnson, 31, Weeksbury to Phillip Joshua Newsome, 22, Weeksbury.
 Brooksie Fay Akers, 27, Banner to Michael Thurman Akers, 23, Dana.

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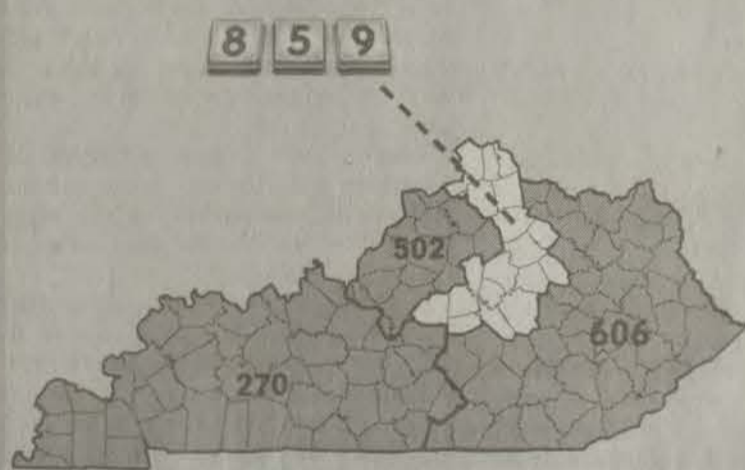
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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

The blazing evidence of immortality is our dissatisfaction with any other solution.

Ralph Waldo Emerson—

Sunday, September 17, 2000 A4

Editorial

Dealing with stray dogs

Summer has come and gone since a pack of dogs running wild in the little town of Blaine in Lawrence County pulled 11-year-old Heather Jarvis from her bicycle and mauled her.

But the horror of it still unnerves anyone who reads the account of that June 2 attack.

Doctors at the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital, where Heather was in critical condition, would later report that she had "hundreds" of bites on her face, arms and legs. She lost skin and muscle connective tissue from both arms and legs. She required a respirator and medications for breathing and circulation.

James M. Morris, an attorney who is working on Heather's behalf, said one problem is Kentucky's laws. They have, shall we say, no teeth.

A 50-year-old state law, Morris told the Lexington Herald-Leader, was created for the protection of livestock and poultry, not to protect the public from dogs.

"You can put down a dog quicker for biting a cow than you can for biting a child. It's absurd," Morris said.

We imagine a world with dog wardens and dog tags and dog pounds — but in reality, many cities and counties either don't have these or don't put them to full use.

Kentucky law requires every county to have a dog warden and a dog shelter, or share in the cost of a regional shelter. As of September, 113 of 120 counties had pounds and 118 reported hiring wardens. But some of the shelters are little more than pens and some of the wardens are paid very little, given little support and, in truth, are expected to do very little.

And yet many rural areas are plagued by stray dogs, many of which have been dropped off in the country by urban residents who no longer can or want to care for them and who somehow think the animal will be fine or be taken in out in the country.

In the 1998-99 fiscal year, the Herald-Leader reported, owners bought 81,399 Kentucky dog licenses, accounting for roughly 10 percent of the dogs in the state. And it's not as though Kentuckians are priced out of a license: A tag is \$1.50, the same as it has been for 46 years.

The result was an estimated \$2 million in revenue that could and should have been collected wasn't.

The low, poorly collected fee means less money for animal control, whether the need is shelters, control of strays, anti-rabies efforts, spaying campaigns or, when needed, euthanasia.

About once every 90 minutes, someone somewhere in Kentucky is bitten by an animal, usually a dog.

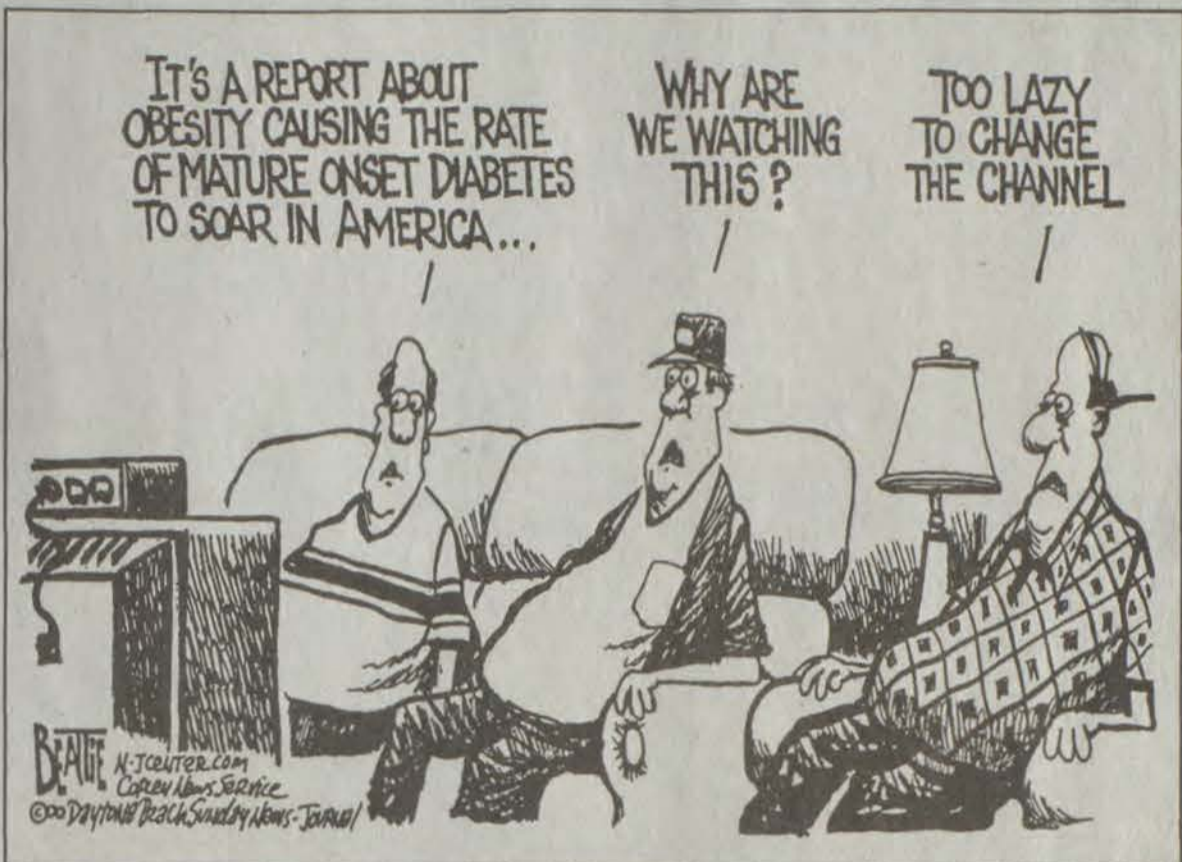
Most of these far too close encounters with canine teeth don't make news, since journalists — from the time we are pups — learn what real news is. It's when a man bites a dog, and not the other way around.

But Heather Jarvis made news. And now that we know, from her experience, that wandering, uncontrolled dogs aren't just a quaint, little problem, maybe we will have enough sense to act.

Maybe we cannot muster the political will to properly regulate mining or logging or air pollution or even chicken farms, much less chicken fighting.

But couldn't we at least do something about the dogs?

— Kentucky Post



Guest Column

Who is to blame?

by ROBERT LINNELL

Who is to blame for the high price of oil? Arabic princes, ungrateful for our saving them from Saddam? Greedy oil companies growing profits? State and federal gas taxes? A bungling Clinton administration? The unthinkable, ourselves?

Whenever we have a problem (and even in the land of plenty there are plenty of them) we always look elsewhere for blame. "It ain't my fault," is our first thought and as a result trial lawyers become millionaires. And external factors can always be found to blame.

Yet our own behavior plays an important role in causing most human problems and we would be better off to take some personal responsibility together with appropriate action.

For a quarter of a century we have had warnings that we are at the mercy of others for oil supplies. Our June 2000 trade deficit set a record with oil imports the major factor. American hard assets are being sold to foreigners for a consumable product.

And what have we done? Federal fuel economy standards require new autos to have a minimum average of 27.5 miles/gallon (mpg) but for light trucks (which includes vans, pickups and SUVs), the standard is only 20.7 mpg.

The light truck category is highly profitable whereas high mileage cars are not. The incentive is to produce and market gas guzzlers and that is what has happened.

But if we didn't buy them, this could not happen. The annual Department of Transportation budget has been used by the House and Senate Republican majorities since 1995 to block both upward revisions in the fuel standards and changes in the light truck category.

The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, an influential trade group, wants to entirely eliminate mileage standards! Total gas mileage has fallen 8 percent since 1988. Consider also that autos and the light trucks produce 17 percent of global warming gases in the USA and that we produce 25 percent of total world warming gases.

Melting polar icecaps and larger ozone holes keep reminding us that time is running out. And in fact, current oil prices, adjusted for inflation, are about the same as they were almost 20 years ago.

And we complain about high oil prices? There is so much we could do even short term: More careful driving habits such as obeying speed limits, keeping tires fully inflated (under inflation decreases gas mileage), servicing vehicles on a routine basis, no jack rabbit starts and screeching stops, all of which reduce fuel consumption (with added safety benefits and lower insurance rates).

Firestone tires and Ford Explorer SUVs are much in the news. Lives have been lost, people have been injured and property has been damaged. Who is at fault?

Safety experts have warned for years that SUVs are dangerous because they roll over too easily; environmentalists have correctly called them "gas guzzlers." Clever promotions financed by profitability and historically low gas prices proved irresistible to consumers.

The Ford Explorer, singled out for the most publicity, has a high center of gravity making it exceptionally vulnerable to rollover and Ford knows this. The Firestone tires, used as standard equipment, should be inflated to 30 pounds. Since higher tire pressure increases the vulnerability to rollover, Ford recommended 26 pounds which reduces rollover problems from the high center of gravity. Under-inflated tires (exacerbated by high speeds and very hot weather) flex more, causing heating and rapid wear and tire failure. Both Ford and Firestone had reasons for not wanting to admit to a problem.

It is therefore clear that both Ford and Firestone bear some blame. Sales of SUVs have quadrupled since 1990 and rollover fatalities have trebled. Total Firestone tire failure fatalities (88) are dwarfed by total SUV rollover deaths (over 10,000). Clearly high speeds and other dangerous driving habits make a significant contribution to SUV deaths.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) had an extensive network of automobile repair shops from which it obtained data, warning of potential safety problems, but it was phased out by the

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Letters to the Editor

Proud to be of Floyd County

Editor:

It was the year 1946 that I was sent to Floyd County together with five other neighboring counties. I was a seminarian studying to be a priest. The bishop, of the time, wanted to form priests who would be anxious to serve the people of eastern Kentucky's Appalachian area. I spent the summer teaching Bible school, helping repair the Mayo Mansion, and turn it into Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic School.

I spent more time visiting all the towns and communities in the six-county parish. I also helped in the outdoor preaching that was done by Father Wimmers, the priest in charge of the counties. I actually preached twice that summer.

By the time I returned home to Campbell County, in northern Kentucky, I had fallen in love with eastern Kentucky and prayed that somehow I might return and serve the people of eastern Kentucky.

My dreams became a reality in 1950, when I was sent to Berea, in Madison County. I had three more counties to care for as well.

In 1960, the bishop in Covington appointed me dean of 31 counties in eastern Kentucky. I started outdoor preaching throughout those counties right away. Floyd County was in the first list of counties I visited. As dead, I assisted Father Poole in purchasing the old Presbyterian church in Prestonsburg. This became the first permanent Catholic church in Prestonsburg. Another Catholic parish had begun in Martin in conjunction with Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

In 1981, I was appointed pastor of the Catholic parish in Floyd County. I changed the location of the churches in Martin and Prestonsburg to a Baptist church that had been built in Water Gap. I named the church for my mother. It is called St. Martha. I then enlarged the church, built a rectory and another building for housing a rummage store.

When I came to Floyd County in 1981, I worked with various leaders in the county to see what they thought would be the most important work to begin that would help the people of the area. Their response was a Christian school.

With the help of Christian Appalachian Project, which I had founded in the 1960s while I was at Lancaster and Berea, I purchased land and built the school known as Mountain Christian Academy at

Martin.

I felt so proud to be a resident of Floyd County. Many exciting things were being done. Then a sad day came for me. My bishop was moving me from St. Martha and Floyd County. I was asked to travel throughout the country, speaking to people from one coast to the other about the needs of Appalachia and collecting funds for the well-being of the people of the area.

It was one of the hardest moves of my life.

I now live in Louisa, in Lawrence County, but in recent years I have received calls from people in Floyd County to come over and help them. What they were concerned about was the closing of schools in Auxier and Maytown.

After listening to those good people, I promised them that I would indeed help them. Through the kindness and cooperation of Mr. Terry Dotson, chairman of the board of education of the county, I purchased the schools in Auxier and Maytown.

For the last two years, I have worked hard to raise money and with the help of local people and volunteers, the two schools have come back to life.

On Labor Day weekend, more than 300 former students came back to Maytown to rejoice in its resurrection.

During the celebration on Saturday, I listened to people of every role in society express their love for the school and the county. Some of them cried in their joy for seeing what they loved come back to life.

As I drove home that afternoon, I also had to shed a tear. I was so proud to be a part of Floyd County again.

Our task that remains for both of the schools is great, but we have exciting plans for their development.

I felt I just had to write this letter to let the people of Floyd County know how proud I am to be a part of them again.

Please come and visit the schools. Help us plan for the enrichment of Floyd County. I know you will be proud to help bring a wonderful memorial back to new and exciting life.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,
Monsignor Ralph W. Beiting
Pastor, St. Jude's, St. John Neumann's
Louisa

Prestonsburg parking policy unfair

Editor:

Kentucky law states that anyone under the age of 18 must be enrolled in school to keep their driver's license.

Recently, at Prestonsburg High School, the students were told that only seniors and the top 25 juniors were allowed to park in the so-called student parking lot because there was not enough room for everyone. Instead of expanding the parking lot for the students, they spent \$10 million to expand the football field.

On September 5, my friend and I went into the school and asked if we were allowed to park in the student parking lot. We were asked if we had a sticker and we said no. We asked if we could have one and they said that they had already given the stickers out.



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Letters to the Editor

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Workshop goes underground

Learning will go beyond the classroom Saturday, September 30, when educators go underground for a lesson on Kentucky's caves and karst (formations such as fissures, underground streams, caves and sinkholes caused by erosion in limestone).

The East Kentucky Center for Science, Mathematics & Technology (EKCSMT) in Prestonsburg, the American Cave Conservation Association, Carter Caves State Park, and the Kentucky Division of Water are sponsoring a hands-on workshop for teachers September 30 at Carter Caves State Park. The workshop begins at 9 a.m. and should conclude around 3:30 p.m.

"The workshop will enhance teachers' knowledge of what Kentucky is like," said Cathy

Neeley, Outreach Program specialist with EKCSMT. "It's also free, fun, and a cave trip."

The workshop includes a slide program that covers the basic concept of how caves form and how caves are part of the landscape called karst, according to Julie Gee, with the American Cave Conservation Association and workshop presenter.

Gee said the workshop will feature a second slide program about a pollution problem at Hidden River Caves and Horse Caves when groundwater, the source of drinking water for the area, was contaminated by pollutants in the cave area. Gee said the example will show "what can really go wrong and how it was cleaned up."

After the slide shows, Gee will conduct hands-on experiments that

teachers can do in their classrooms with their students. Those experiments will include demonstrating the flow of groundwater in different situations through the use of two-liter soda bottles.

Another experiment will involve decision-making when teachers, through role-play of various community members, must place schools, industries and businesses on karst sites. That lesson is invaluable to teachers, Gee said, because Kentucky is 50 percent karst.

"Our pollution problems relate to that landscape," Gee said. "Every resident should be aware that everything they do affects the water. Through educating themselves, these teachers can grow some really good, concerned citizens who will make wise decisions

by learning about the impact of throwing garbage in sinkholes. It's really critical for us for our future to learn about this and about what type of decisions we need to make."

The session will conclude with a tour of Carter Caves, conducted by a naturalist at the park. The tour will focus on karst and groundwater flow. Teachers will receive a free curriculum guide listing a variety of hands-on activities for their classrooms.

To register for the event, call (270) 786-1466, or e-mail juliegee@cavern.org. Registration deadline is Friday, September 22. The workshop is funded by a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency through NPS Section 319 (h).



photo by Willie Elliott

Today (Sunday), Fitzpatrick Baptist church will dedicate its new facility with a special service at 2 p.m. The church was relocated to 1443 Big Branch of Abbott due to the widening of KY 114, the first stage of a program to four-lane the Mountain Parkway from Prestonsburg to Campton. The first service in the new facility was on May 14, a year after moving from the old location. The new facility, a 10,000 square-foot facility, offers many modern conveniences, including a basketball court. The public is invited to the Sunday 2 p.m. dedication ceremony, with an open house to follow.

Record

HEALTH DEPARTMENT INSPECTIONS

Sam n' Tonio's, Inc., reg. inspection, violations noted: stand-up freezer thermometer not working properly, stand-up freezer containing items not covered, walk-in freezer and cooler has food not stored at 6" min. from floor, large bin with broken lid, door of microwave broken, falling off, plates stored right side up in washing area.

Score: 94

Highlands Regional Medical Center, reg. inspection, no violations noted, Score: 100

Food City #457, reg. inspection, violations noted: thermometers not conspicuous or provided in all heating/cooling units, condensation present on walk-in freezer (meat room), also in deli freezer, wooden utensils in use, food (bananas) in stock room not stored on pallet 6" from floor, pan in seafood not well drained, ceiling in stock room above bread in poor repair, shields not provided at many cooling units, also in deli sections. Score: 95. Complaint inspection: Cat food stored near chemical items, insect

container in deodorant case. Score: 92

Golden Harvest, reg. inspection, complaint, violations noted: opening to kitchen unprotected (possible insect hazard), food items stored on freezer and walk-in cooler floor, utensil with wooden handle in use, soda dispenser nozzles with residue, restrooms not having self-closing doors. Score: 89

Snack Shack, reg. inspection, violations noted: private foods stored with commercial foods, not all refrigerators and freezer units have thermometers, restroom has no self-closing door, towels or soap. Score: 92

Snack Shack, follow-up inspection, violations noted: food storage problem corrected, thermometer and restroom violations not corrected. Score: 96

Lawson's Shop A Lot, reg. inspection, violations noted: Not all freezer units have conspicuous thermometers, back storage area should have a section set aside with a sign stating that damaged or distressed food items not for resale to the public, paper towels stored on the floor in back storage area, garbage can in the rest room should

be covered, floors in moderate disrepair, walls in back storage area in disrepair, also in restroom. Score: 92

Betsy Layne Elementary Cafeteria, reg. inspection, violations noted: ice scoop not stored in proper bucket, outside garbage containers have no lids, no drain plugs and some have rust holes, outside storage area has some accumulation of debris around containers. Score: 96

Lee's Famous Recipe, reg. inspection, violations noted: freezer in back room not closing completely, accurate test kits for sanitizer method, urinal in men's rest room out of order, floor and wall tiles in poor repair in bath rooms, tile on floor in kitchen missing or in poor repair, walls and wall tile in poor repair in kitchen area, ceiling vents have no guards. Score: 93

Betsy Layne High School cafe-

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Letters

We asked them what we were going to do and they told us, "You are not allowed to park anywhere on this property."

If students can't drive to school, then what is the point of going? We go to school to keep our licenses, but we aren't allowed to drive to school.

My friend counted the empty spaces and there were 64 empty. There is one student that still has to wait five months before he can get his license, but because he is in the

top 25 juniors, he has a space reserved.

We don't think this is fair. We have no other way to get to school. Our parents are busy and the buses are filled. So we've decided this — the school couldn't care too much about its students. Besides, what's more important? The children's education or the football field?

Ashli Bevins
Becca Stafford
Angela Montgomery
PHS students

Guest

Reagan administration as part of the campaign against "regulatory zeal."

Had this data source been available to NHTSA, Firestone tire and other SUV rollover problems might well have been detected with the saving of thousands of lives. Congress clearly shares in the blame for these problems.

We reap what we sow. And our behavior patterns interrelate. Our profligate use of oil not only damages the environment and increases

prices but relates to the "gas-guzzling" SUVs which rollover, injuring and killing us. We elect a Congress that opposes "regulatory zeal" which in turn prevents government from protecting us from unsafe vehicles and tires. And we have listed only two of countless issues.

It is time for us to wake up to the realities of our own behavior and turn around the trend of events.

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teria, reg. inspection, violations noted: no air gap between pop-off valve line from hot water heater into mop sink to prevent backflow or back siphonage, outside garbage dumpster not provided with lids, outside garbage dumpster not provided with drain plugs. Score: 93.
 Todra's Market, reg. inspection, violations noted: meat items in retail section of store with no labels-items removed by inspector and will not be made available for resale to public without proper labels, also private foods were observed stored with commercial foods, not all refrigerator and freezer units have thermometers, counter top/ food prep area in disrepair, proper dishwashing techniques, not being used, rest room has no self-closing door, cloth rags on floor of food prep area, light not

shielded in food prep area, cleaning utensils stored in food prep area next to hand wash sink. Score: 90
 McDowell Senior Citizen Center, reg. inspection, violations noted: test kits provided, but all strips are soaking wet, inside of microwave oven lightly soiled. Score: 97
 Sam n' Tonio's, complaint inspection, violations noted: chicken thawed improperly, need accurate test kit, using chlorine solution in dishwashing, need follow-up, hair restraint not in use. Score: not shown.
 Long John Silver's, reg. inspection, violations noted: gaskets/seals on reach-in freezer in food prep area in bad repair, food residue/ soil accumulation inside ice container and soda dispenser,

reach-in in food prep area has food residue buildup, outside garbage dumpster has no lid. Score: 95
 Allen Central High cafeteria, reg. inspection, violations noted: food stored in walk-in freezer under dripping condenser, no covers are provided in outside garbage dumpster. Score: 96
 Action Mart, reg. inspection, violations noted: not all coolers have conspicuous thermometers, aluminum foil with residue buildup being used as shelf covering inside cooler beside three compartment sink, inside microwave with heavy food residue, water faucet handle in men's restroom is missing. Score: 95
 Duff Elementary, reg. inspection, violations noted: microwave oven has food residue on upper inside, outside dumpster no lids or drain plug. Score: 96
 Campbell's Grocery, reg. inspection, violations noted: reach-in freezer not provided with thermometer, potatoes (already sliced) not covered in refrigerator, card board being used as floor in walk-in fridge, reach-in cooler containing meats has seal in bad repair, ceiling has tile/covering missing in back room behind food prep area. Score: 96 food service, 97 retail, S & J Market, follow-up inspection, violations noted: all packaged meats now have labels and net wts., all other violations from 7-20-00 have been corrected. Score: 97

May Valley Elementary, reg. inspection, violations noted: chair in library has back in disrepair. Score: 98
 Hamilton's Mobile Home Park, reg. inspection, violations noted: lots not numbered systematically, several lots do not have four thousand square feet, one mobile home has a small accumulation of debris buildup. Score: 94
 William Branch Mobile Home Park, reg. inspection, violations noted: none. Park appears clean and well designed. Score: 100.
 Super 8 Motel, reg. inspection, violations noted: third floor ice machine leaking on floor, furnace in room 817 in poor repair. Score: 94.
 John M. Stumbo, complaint inspection, violations noted: mobile unit class room damp with odor, first and second grade mobile units were damp at entrance due to rain water running under the door, this unit not in use, special ed. next to boiler room. Score: not shown.
 Betsy Layne High School, reg. inspection, violations noted: outside dumpster area with debris, one dumpster with no lid and no drain plug, some sinks and urinals in men's restroom not working, not all sinks in locker rooms have adequate water pressure, water fountains in second left hand hall have spigots in bad repair, library, gym and hallways have inadequate lighting, ceilings in several rooms have tiles missing and are in bad

Regional Obituaries

Pike County

Edith M. Bartley, 83, of Robinson Creek, died Wednesday, September 13, at Parkview. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 15, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Minnie Gross Lowe, 75, of Robinson Creek, died Tuesday, September 12, at Parkview Manor. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 15, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Rell C. Maynard, 60, of Turkey Creek, died Monday, September 11, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Norma Works Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 15, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

William Joseph Ray, 85, of Akron, Ohio, formerly of Brushy, died Tuesday, September 12, in Akron. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 16, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Victoria Roberts, 88, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, September 13, at Norton Suburban Hospital, Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 16, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Tessie F. Gibson, 62, Pikeville native, of Antwerp, Ohio, died Tuesday, September 12, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana. She is survived by her husband, Paul E. Gibson. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 15, under the direction of Den Herder Funeral Home Inc. of Paulding, Ohio.

Edgar Maynard, 80, of Pinsonfork, died Wednesday, September 13, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Clemmie Ruth Hensley Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 16, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Lawrence E. Adkins, 56, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, September 12, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted

Thursday, September 14, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

David Earl Burton, 26, of McAndrews, died Thursday, September 14, the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, September 17, 1 p.m., under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Charlene Snedegar, of Ashland, died Sunday, September 2, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Clay B. Snedegar. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 7, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Lester Audrus Lyons, 84, of Hope Mills, North Carolina, formerly of Louisa, died Tuesday, September 5, at the home of his daughter-in-law, Vicki Lyon. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 9, under the direction of Heston Funeral Home.

Vernon Fitch, 60, of Louisa, died Friday, September 8, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 11, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Isaac John Beckman, son of Tracie Beckman of Reece, Michigan, was stillborn Monday, September 11, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 12, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Phillip Workman, 54, of Prospect, Ohio, died Sunday, September 10, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ginger R. Walker Workman. Funeral services were conducted Friday, September 15, under the direction of Boyd Funeral Home.

Johnson County

James B. "Jimmy" Akers, 58, native of Paintsville, died Sunday, August 27, at his home in Spring Hill, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Gould Akers. Graveside services were conducted Saturday, September 16, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

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11:00 a.m.
 Homecoming Worship Service

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Local tattoo shop rakes in awards

Small Town Tattoos of Prestonsburg recently received numerous awards for their original style of artistry. During Labor Day weekend, several contest sponsored by Easyriders were held in Chillicothe, Ohio. First place in the women's division was taken by Kim Partington of

Prestonsburg, who sported an original piece by tattoo artist Chris Walker of Prestonsburg.

Small Town Tattoos was also awarded first place best of show and a position in the January 2001 edition of Easyriders magazine and Tattoo Review.

The annual event is held in Chillicothe, Ohio, with attendance of over 100,000 riders.

Small Town Tattoos is Prestonsburg's newest tattoo parlor and is located on Court Street. It is owned by Chris Walker and Amy Curry of Prestonsburg.



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by DR. DENNIS J. PRUTOW
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The convicted couple threw themselves on the mercy of the court. "We understand our crimes. We promise the court we will reform. No more car-jacking and no more convenience store robberies." The judge takes pity. "Thirty days and five hundred dollars." It's a short time and a small fine.

The Bible makes an interesting statement with regard to courts and judges. "You shall not show pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot." (Deuteronomy 19:21). Ouch. When evidence is clear, pity should be in short supply.

The scene shifts. Billy Joe smacks

Michael across the cheek. The anger swells. "Not to me you don't." Michael's left cross blackens Billy Joe's eye.

Jesus makes the counter argument. "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also" (Matthew 5:38-39). It's easy to misuse directions for the courtroom and apply them to personal relationships.

We turn the Bible upside down. We are wishy-washy in the courtroom and harsh with individuals. It's the way of the world. The gospel of Christ upends the world (Acts 17:6). We learn lessons of love with friends and enemies (Matthew 5:44).

Obituaries

Brack Colwell

Brack Colwell, 85, of Campbellsville, died Wednesday, September 13, 2000.

Born on January 29, 1915, in Perry County, he was the son of the late James Colwell and Amanda Fugate Colwell.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was a retired coal miner and mine manager.

He is survived by his wife, Versie Combs Colwell.

Other survivors include one son, James Marion Colwell of Mauckport, Indiana; two daughters, Dawn Gloria Cavallo and Reta Newsome, both of Campbellsville; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 16, 11 a.m., at the Parrott & Ramsey Funeral Home in Campbellsville, with Rev. John Carroll Coomer officiating.

Burial was in the Campbellsville Memorial Gardens, under the direction of Parrott & Ramsey Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers were Joseph M. Cavallo, Louis Cavallo Jr., James Allen Colwell, Kenneth Wayne Colwell, Lester Colwell and Eric B. Newsome.

Creety "Creta" Gallagher

Creety "Creta" Gallagher, 83, of Chuluota, Florida, died Wednesday, September 13, 2000.

Born in McDowell, she moved to Central Florida in 1980 from McDowell. She was a member of the Hardshell Baptist Church, in McDowell, and was a licensed practical nurse.

Survivors include one daughter, Regenna Roberts of Chuluota, Florida; one son, Crus David Gallagher of Maryville, Tennessee; two brothers, Elisha Gayheart of St. Petersburg, Florida, Teddy Gayheart of Arizona; three sisters, Ocie Gamble of Forest City, Florida, Madge Crocker of Sanford, Florida, Rhonda Singleton of Louisville; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 16, at 11:00 a.m., at the Northside Baptist Church, Chuluota.

Burial was in the Chulotta Cemetery, under the direction of Baldwin-Fairchild Funeral Home.



Feature:
 PRESTONSBURG'S MICHAEL FANNIN (44) found no where to go as he was stopped by the Grundy defense

ED TAYLOR
 Times sports editor

By George, George to move up but will remain still

One of the Mr. Nice Guys of high school athletics, Ted George, will make yet another move up the ladder of success. George will become assistant principal at Adams Middle School tomorrow (Monday) as he moves up one more rung. George said the move is a matter of a family affair. "I have two daughters and a family to think of," he said. "I was hoping it would not happen until after the football season was over. Had I been single, then there was no way I would have done it."

George will continue to coach football at Betsy Layne High School for the remainder of the season. It was something he discussed with all involved. "The players know and they understand," he said. "Jack (Goodman) and Mrs. Vaughn have agreed to the arrangement."

Will he return to coach at Betsy Layne next season? "Next season is up in the air," said George. "I have always wanted to coach football. Football has kept me here at Betsy Layne. I love the people at Betsy Layne and it is a good school."

George used a Bobby Knight quote, "I am not through coaching. I even would like to coach basketball."

Basketball, Ted? "I have always loved basketball," he said. "I am looking forward to coming to Adams. I will not teach but be a full time assistant."

George said he will be permitted to leave school early to head to Betsy Layne and football practice. "I have to come in early to make up the hours," he said. "But it is something I want to do."

George said he worked on getting his certification over the summer and applied for the job at Adams Middle School. "And I got it," he said. "It is a good situation for me. I am from Prestonsburg and it will be closer to home for me."

Coach, er, Mr. George was getting his team ready for Evarts (Friday night's game). The Cats have suffered some injuries over the first four weeks of the season but...

"We are healing up right now," said the Betsy Layne mentor.

George was a one-time assistant at Prestonsburg High School under Bill Letton. He took the Betsy Layne job replacing John Derossett who came to Prestonsburg replacing Letton. Could George again become an assistant at Prestonsburg High School next season? "Who knows," he said.

Goodman was one of the more successful coaches in both basketball and football in Floyd County. He, too, was a one time assistant at Prestonsburg under Letton. He moved to Adams Middle School where his basketball and football teams were second to none. He later moved on to Allen Elementary where he built the Eagles program, both basketball and football, into county contenders.

Goodman moved to Adams Middle School this school year as the school's new principal. I had to kid Ted with the fact that the school now has two football coaches and there is no reason for a losing season.

But Adams Middle School is coached by James Derossett and he is doing an outstanding job with the Blackcats. In fact, one day down the road, Derossett will be a head high school football coach. What about Betsy Layne High School in the year 2001 if George does not return? Says here, Betsy Layne will look for a new football coach next season.

"I may take a year off from it," admitted George. "I just don't know yet."

I have always admired coaches who work hard and have a

■ District golf meet



photo by Ed Taylor

PRESTONSBURG'S Ryan Martin was the medalist winner this past week in the Lovel Hall Memorial Championship Golf Series. The meet was held at the Jenny Wiley Golf Course.

Prestonsburg takes first Lovel Hall Memorial Series

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

Under some very sunny skies and super weather, the Prestonsburg High School golf team edged Allen Central in winning the first-ever Lovel Hall Memorial Championship Series at the Jenny Wiley Golf Course this past Thursday evening.

The Lovel Hall series is in memory of Lovel Hall, long-time PVA in Floyd County who passed away last month.

The series is a replacement of the annual district meet that is held each year, an event that the Blackcats have dominated for the past five years.

Ryan Martin, a junior at

Prestonsburg, was the medalist winner, something he has won the last three years. Martin finished with a par-even-68 for the 18-hole tournament. He shot a 1-over-35 in the first

evening, a log jam existed in the medalists running with a four-way tie. Martin, Slone and Zack Collins, also of Prestonsburg along with Allen Central's Larry Mullins, was

round, to finish with a 286 for the 18 holes. Allen Central placed second with a 310 followed by Betsy Layne with a 354 and South Floyd a 370.

In girls' play, Jennifer Risner was the medalist winner. Risner shot a 44 in the first round and on the back nine finished with a 49. South Floyd's Leslie Holbrook shot a 113 for second place. Shawna Case placed third with a 114, with teammate Kyra Osborne shooting a 115. Amanda Mills, just a sixth grader, finished with a 126 for Allen Central.

Allen Central's girls shot a 224 in both rounds of the tournament.

(See GOLF, page three)

Blackcat's Martin medalist winner

round and finished 1-under in the back nine.

Prestonsburg's Josh Slone was a close second in the medalist run, finishing with a 2-over-par 70. After the first nine holes on Wednesday

evening, a log jam existed in the medalists running with a four-way tie. Martin, Slone and Zack Collins, also of Prestonsburg along with Allen Central's Larry Mullins, was

Collins settled for a third-place finish with a 72, with Mullins closing in fourth with a 73.

As a team, Prestonsburg shot a 143 in the first and sec-

■ Grundy at Prestonsburg

Grundy sweeps past Prestonsburg

Golden Wave fourth quarter explosion too much, 27-13

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

For three quarters the Prestonsburg Blackcats held their own against a much bigger and experienced Grundy, Va., football team.

The Golden Wave rallied in the fourth quarter to post a 27-13 win over the host Blackcats, but not before they had a scare thrown at them.

Shaking up his starting front line and bringing in an untested sophomore at quarterback, Prestonsburg Coach John Derossett was ready to rattle things before the Blackcats enter district play next Friday night against Whitesburg.

Joey Willis replaced Austin Clark at quarterback with Clark moving to the backfield. The move proved to be a good one for the Cats, at least for three quarters.

In the fourth quarter, the Golden Wave turned up their afterburners as the Cats' defense tired, and it was evident.

Willis, getting his first start on the varsity, completed six of 12 passes for 134 yards and threw for two touchdowns. Clark caught two of those passes, the first one for a 21-yard touchdown toss. Later Chris Spriggs took a 69-yard scoring pass from Willis. Michael Fannin and Matt Clay had one reception.

Matt Slone led the Cats ground game with 53 yards but he had nearly 100 called back because of penalties. Clay, who is recovering from a bad back, looked like his old self, but late in the third quarter and in the fourth, he was slowed.

The Blackcats managed only 84 yards on the ground and had a total of 220 yards of offense.

The Blackcat defense put on a show when Grundy had moved the ball to the Prestonsburg 3-yard line only to be held by the Cats. The drive stalled out when the Cats intercepted a John Dales pass.

After a scoreless first quarter, Prestonsburg struck first with a

(See GRUNDY, page three)

Raiders pounded by Panthers

Gibson paces balanced Pikeville offense

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER

Homecoming games have been known to take the home team out of it. In other words a team is sometimes preoccupied with other festivities that might be going on before the contest, at half-time or after the ball game.

That definitely wasn't the case with the Pikeville Panthers this past Friday night. The Panthers entertained the South Floyd Raiders and what an entertaining night it was for the Panther faithful.

Pikeville put 55 points on the scoreboard in the first half, cruising to a 55-22 win.

Pikeville's Jared Frasure got Pikeville on the scoreboard early in the first quarter with an 8-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Matt Branham. Senior Lincoln Soward's PAT made it 7-0.

B.J. Bryant took the football deep into Pikeville territory on the

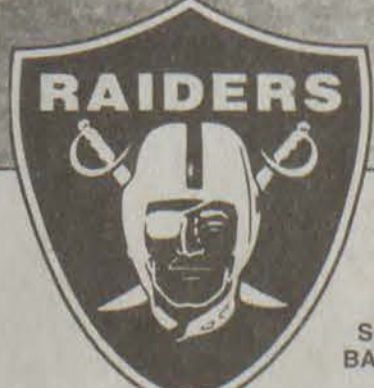
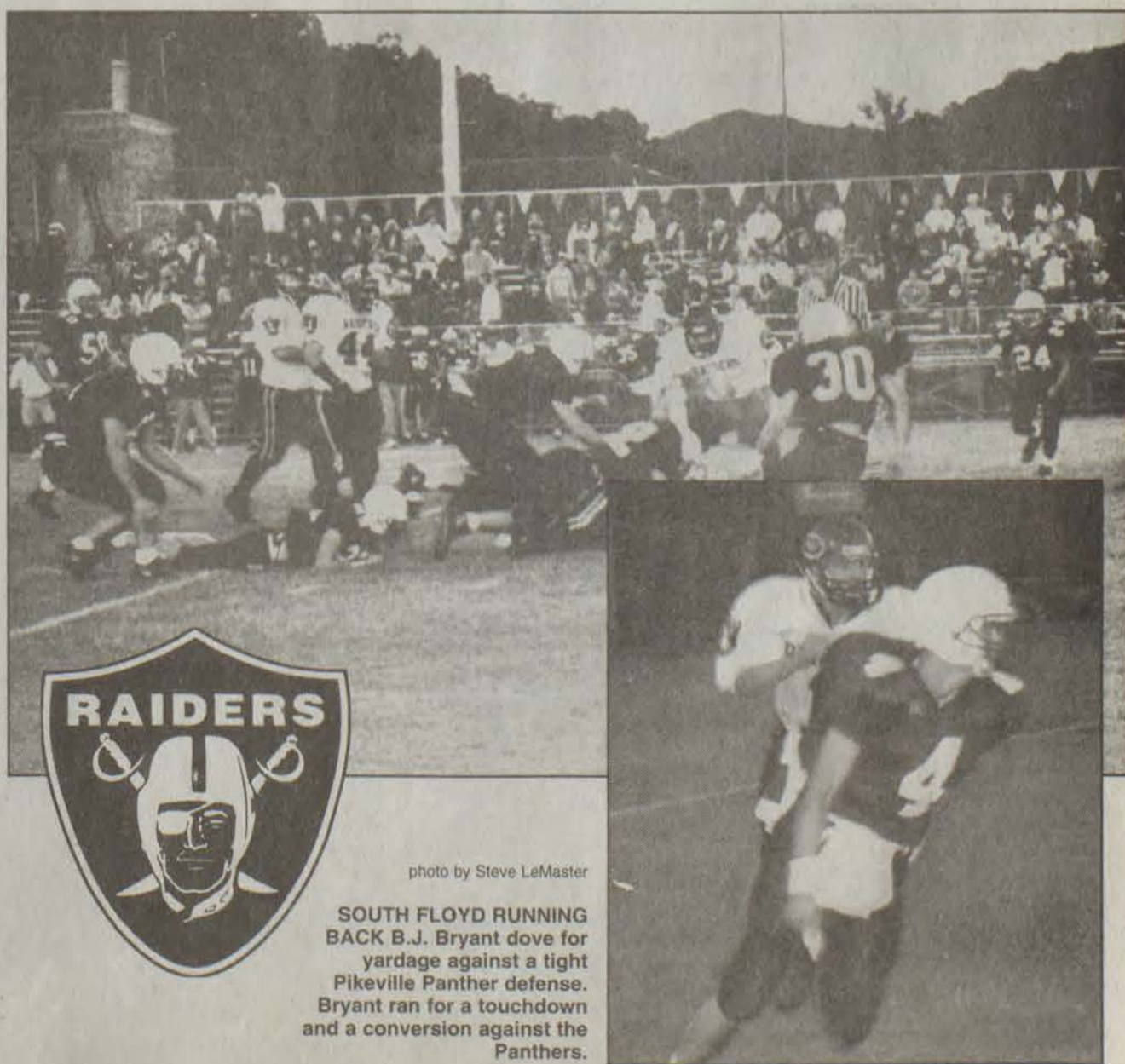


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SOUTH FLOYD RUNNING BACK B.J. Bryant dove for yardage against a tight Pikeville Panther defense. Bryant ran for a touchdown and a conversion against the Panthers.



Raiders

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ensuing kickoff, but couldn't get the offense going around him. On a fourth-and-4 situation, sophomore Josh McCray carried the ball short of the first down as he was swarmed by the Pikeville defense.

Pikeville took over on with 6:38 remaining in the first quarter and mounted a quick scoring drive. Senior Chase Gibson hauled in a long ball from Branham and the Panthers set up shop at the South Floyd 15-yard line.

Wide receiver Brandt Justice was the recipient of the next Branham-thrown ball, a 15-yard touchdown pass. Sowards' kick failed leaving the Panthers with a 13-0 lead with 5 minutes remaining in the first quarter.

South Floyd's B.J. Bryant returned the ensuing Pikeville kickoff up to the his own 30-yard line. On the very next play Bryant broke loose and carried the ball up to the Pikeville 41, before fumbling the ball back to Pikeville. Pikeville returned the fumble all the way down to the South Floyd 18-yard line.

Pikeville found its third first-quarter score when quarterback Matt Branham hit Jared Frasure for a 15-yard touchdown, his second of the game. Chase Gibson tacked on a two-point conversion pass score to make it a 21-0 lead with 1:47 remaining in the first quarter.

Three plays and out were all the South Floyd Raiders could muster on their first drive of the second quarter. A week 19-yard punt allowed the Panthers to set up shop in South Floyd territory at the South Floyd 33-yard line.

It wouldn't take the Panthers long to score in the second quarter as Gibson caught a short, over-the-top pass from Branham and took it in from 33 yards out. Sowards added the extra point kick to put Pikeville up 28-0 with at the 11:50 mark of the second quarter.

The South Floyd offense and defense continued to struggle throughout the second quarter. Brandt Justice took a short pass from Branham to score his second touchdown of the game. Sowards point after put the Panthers up 35-0

with 11 minutes remaining in the second quarter.

Coach Chris McNamme's team put more touchdowns and three more Sowards' point-after kicks to take a 55-0 lead into the homecoming halftime.

During the halftime homecoming ceremonies, Cassie Jones was crowned the 2000 Pikeville High School Homecoming Queen. A large crowd of parents, fans and friends were on hand to greet and congratulate Jones.

South Floyd saw two they hadn't seen in a while when the second half began. With a running clock being enforced (clock only stopped for touchdowns or time-outs) the South Floyd Raiders put some points on the score board and also played some stout defense.

Joe Platkus took set up the first Raider touchdown with a 24-yard run. With the ball on the Pikeville 4-yard line, Platkus bulled his way into the end zone for South Floyd's first score. Junior tailback B.J. Bryant ran in the conversion for the Raiders.

South Floyd put its second touchdown up in the fourth quarter. B.J. Bryant found pay dirt on a 9-yard scamper. The two-point conversion run try failed.

Following a defensive stop by South Floyd, Josh Johnson led his troops back out on the Pikeville field, in hopes of putting one more score on the scoreboard. A nearly intercepted pass was reeled in by Matt Tackett, courtesy of a Pikeville defender. The 48-yard touchdown reception was the longest completion of the game for Johnson. Josh McCray put South Floyd's final points of the game up when he found the end zone on a two-point conversion pass.

With the win, Pikeville improved to 5-0 on the season, and more importantly 3-0 in the district. The Panthers host cross-county rival Belfry next Friday night.

The South Floyd Raiders hit the road once again next week when they travel to Fleming-Neon to take on the Pirates in a district battle.



photo by Ed Taylor

MATT SLONE (22) carried the ball against Grundy, Va. last Friday night. Slone rushed for 53 yards in a 27-23 loss to the Green Wave.

Allen Central falls at Cumberland
Late TD spells 24-16 loss for Rebels

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Rebels dropped a 24-16 decision to the host Indians and fell to 1-3 on the season. It hasn't been that the Rebels have not played good football, but the breaks are just not going their way.

Allen Central played Cumberland tough through the first three periods but a late fourth quar-

ter touchdown spelled defeat for the third time for the Floyd County school.

The Rebels scored all their points in the final period. The two teams played to a scoreless tie after the first period but Cumberland took an 8-0 lead to the locker room at half time. The Indians scored in the third period to lead 16-0 and made it a 24-0 score in the fourth period.

Cumberland quarterback Eddie Creech hit Robbie Johnson with a 5-yard completion and then hit Matt Haynes with the two-point conversion pass for an 8-0 lead in the second quarter.

In the third, Creech connected with Haynes for a 34 yard scoring pass and it was Johnson running the conversion play for a 16-0 margin.

In the fourth period, Creech threw a 20 yard touchdown strike to Jamal Battle and then hit Battle in the end zone on the conversion try as the Indians led 24-0.

Allen Central got on the scoreboard late in the quarter when freshman James Prater jaunted 24 yards into the end zone and D.J. Hoover added the two-point conversion to pull to within 24-8.

The Rebels were not finished as they struck again late in the game. Jonathan Ellis found Dusty Hammonds for an 84 yard touchdown pass with Hoover running the conversion.

Allen Central will host Matewan, W.Va. this Friday night.



photo by Ed Taylor

AMANDA MILLS, Allen Central, shaded her eyes as she looked toward the fairway during the Lovel Hall Memorial golf series last Thursday evening. Allen Central girls won the golf event.



photo by Ed Taylor

IT WAS GIRLS' golf time as Jennifer Risner, Shauna Case and Kyra Osborne took part in the girls' division of the Lovel Hall Memorial Golf Championship Series last Thursday. Allen Central won the match.

Grundy

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scoring drive that concluded with the strike to Clark and Matt Slone's PAT for a 7-0 lead. Slone had 21 yards rushing on the drive. His second chance fumble turned into some valuable yardage. On a pitch out, Slone dropped the ball, had to go back and get it only to sweep to the right for 6 yards. After a 2-yard pickup by Fannin, who started at quarterback for the first time, Willis found Clark for the score.

Prestonsburg's defense was awesome the first half holding the Golden Wave in check through the first 24 minutes led by Dusty Scott, Rodney Porter and Kevin Younce. Grundy had only two first downs in the first half of play.

After a three-and-out to start the third period for Prestonsburg, the Golden Wave put together a drive that took 15 plays to covered 71 yards as they struck pay dirt and tied the game at 7. Grundy sent Justin Hipps to the right of the Prestonsburg defense in running their sweep and Prestonsburg failed to contain the run.

The Golden Wave moved up field, with the same tactics, late in the third quarter and had the ball resting on the Prestonsburg 22 when the period ended. With 11:29 to play in the fourth quarter, Grundy took a 13-7 lead on a 17-yard run by Luke Dales.

Andrew Howell's fumble recovery with less than 10 minutes to play set up the second Prestonsburg score.

Under big pressure, Willis lofted a 63-yard completion to Spriggs who weaved his way into the end zone to tie the game at 13 with 8:28 to play.

Behind the running of Hipps and up-the-gut running by Dales, Grundy drove the ball up field from their own 29-yard line to take a 19-13 lead with 3:56 left on the scoreboard.

The Golden Wave's final score came with 1:55 left in the game when Hipps went 46 yards for the touchdown and the PAT gave the visitors a 27-13 victory.

It was a game of nearly constant flags as both teams were flagged hard. Prestonsburg had 65 yards in penalties but Grundy had 90 in infractions.

GAME NOTES:

- It was a rough and vocal Grundy crowd that sat behind the Prestonsburg bench. Several times the Prestonsburg coaching staff had to tell their team to ignore what was being said from the crowd.
- It was homecoming night for the Blackcats as the second biggest crowd of the season filled the stadium. Very cool temperatures greeted the fans.
- Andrew Burchett did not play because of an injured shoulder. Josh Francis was seen on the sidelines with crutches.
- Prestonsburg opens district play at home this Friday night by hosting a very good Whitesburg team.

Sports

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desire to build a top program, of any sport. Coach George has worked hard in the four seasons he has been at Betsy Layne but, like the coaches before him, the numbers have never been there.

With a roster between 18-25 players, any coach will tell you it is hard to find success with no numbers. The Bobcats will lose some key skill people after this football season. It seems that the ranks get thinner and thinner each football season.

It is hopeful that with the return of football to John M. Stumbo, coupled with the Betsy Layne program, that the numbers would increase greatly in 2001. But it seems that once kids leave the elementary they lose that interest to play football at the next level.

There was a time when Prestonsburg High School would dress as many as 75 players. Today that number has shrunk into the low 40s. South Floyd, a success story in itself, has not seen the numbers of past years. Of course, Allen Central and Betsy Layne could never boast of big numbers.

In conversations with fans, who like to be realistic and not live in a dream world, they tell me they wonder if our county football programs can survive.

Basketball continues to be king in the mountains and if soccer, which is headed to the high schools, blossoms as it has in the youth leagues, then football could lose yet some more players.

Soccer should be a spring sport

only on the high school level. But coaches in the youth baseball leagues are complaining that soccer has hurt their leagues by taking players who once played baseball.

Now with high school soccer becoming more of a threat, high school football coaches are hoping it doesn't get off the ground. Take note: Don't hold your breath; it is coming and it will be a big high school sport once it gets here.

The answer to our dilemma in football is to put together a consistent winning program, much like Pikeville. But first, before that can be done, there has to be great support, much like they get at Pikeville.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports! See you in church today!

Golf

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Kimberly Howell and Sabrina Johnson competed for the Betsy Layne girls.

Robbie Johnson shot a 36 in the first round and recorded a 37 in the second nine to finish with a 73 for Betsy Layne. Brett Preston and Barrett Blakenship finished at 93 each.

Shane Allen had an 87 for South

Floyd, with Kevin McKinney finishing with a 91. Heath Hall shot a 91 with Coby Hayes, a fifth grader at Stumbo Elementary, firing an even 100. Hayes was playing with a broken arm.

"He wanted to play so I let him," said South Floyd coach Barry Hall. "We just shot so bad the first round."

Stewart "Bear" Halbert, manager of Jenny Wiley Golf Course, made sure the course was ready for the tournament.

"Bear did a great job for us," said Prestonsburg Coach Harold Tackett. "He has went out of his way to make it a good tournament. We appreciate all he did for us. A great job!

PRESTONSBURG SOCCER



Sports commentary...

High school soccer arrives

Prestonsburg fields junior varsity team

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a rather warm day for early April in the year of 1995. I remember the sun was out brightly with just a few lingering clouds. I was thinking how the weather had all of a sudden changed from all the snow we had in March.

The Floyd County Times was then located in the old building that was dilapidated and had leaking roofs. I was writing a story on the just completed state tournament.

Into my office entered a red-haired young man who came with a vision. A vision of starting a soccer league in, of all places, Floyd County.

After sharing his thoughts, he asked me, "do you think it will go?" Of course, Floyd County being a basketball county my first thoughts was,

"you are going to waste time and efforts on this projects."
Well, today soccer in the region drew a total of 1,100 players last year and the numbers are expected to increase this season.

Ryan Hagan's dream of soccer in and around Floyd County has certainly become a reality. Today, Floyd, Magoffin, Johnson, Pike, Martin, Letcher, and Perry counties are all part of one of the largest youth soccer leagues in the state.

In the year 2000, something no one ever thought would happen, has happened. Soccer has come to Prestonsburg High School and one of the founders of the league with Hagan's, Tim Banks, is the first high school soccer coach in Floyd County. That may be a good trivia question years down the road.

Banks has been involved with soccer in the youth league for the past seven years and beginning a high school program has not been that easy. But then again, neither was the start of the lead in '95.

"It seems like it has been hard to get started," said Banks.

The problem the high school team is experiencing is a place to call home.

"We need to get some more insurance so we can get on our fields," said Banks. "The thing we need now is land. A place to play. We need some public recognition. We would love to use the football field. But you use what you can. If we can get our insurance cleared we can use our old field

where the drive-in use to be."

The Prestonsburg team has been practicing at the old Clark Elementary football field. Banks said the field would be a good site but not feasible.

"It is too secluded," he said. "We would like to have a field that is more public."

Banks himself admits that he was not surprised that the youth soccer league has grown but the surprising thing is at the rate it has grown.

"When we first started it, we had hope it would get as big as it is now," said Banks. "But it has grown so fast the problem we have now with it is coaches. Getting parents to step up and say I will coach."

Like all other programs in high school, much of the responsibility of any function is dependent on parents involvement.

"Pat Barnett had really helped us a lot," said Banks. "Mary Neeley has made tons of phone calls getting in contact with all the right people."

"Without those two I don't think we could have made it. Don Chaffins has helped with donations. All the parents have come up and supported us."

The Prestonsburg squad will play a junior varsity scheduled this season.

"We will face teams from Morehead, Rose Hill, Perry Central and other places," the Prestonsburg coach said. "We are slow getting the schedule going. We will also play some of the recreation teams."

Coach Banks spoke of the hard work his first team has put forward.

"These are all great kids," he said. "They have really worked hard and they try. I think some of them didn't realize how hard practice was."

Banks says he believes eventually the other three high schools will offer soccer.

"This is the inaugural season and it will catch on," he said.

If only the red-haired kid from Jamestown, North Dakota could only see what has happened to his dream he had back in 1995.



Allen Central Golf Team



South Floyd Golf Team

Betsy Layne gets first varsity volleyball win of the season

Lady Bobcats pound Millard in straight sets

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

Coach Larry Wilson saw his Betsy Layne volleyball team get a monumental win this past Thursday.

The Betsy Layne girls recorded their first win in very big fashion, pounding the Millard Mustangs in two straight sets. Scores of 15-3 and 15-2 allowed Betsy Layne to cruise to an easy victory over visiting Millard High School.

A long, hard road led up to Betsy Layne's first victory. Coach Larry Wilson and his wife, assistant coach Karen Wilson, took over the Betsy Layne volleyball program earlier this season following a coaching position left vacant by former BLHS coach Roberta Epperson.

The Wilsons now have the program turned toward the winning side of the tracks and feel they can now compete in the district and on into the

regionals.

"Our program is coming along great," said Coach Larry Wilson. "We are playing with everyone that we play. We hope to be ready for districts and regionals. Our next game is Magoffin County at home on the 18th. If we play the way we've been playing, I feel we can compete with anyone we play."

Varsity volleyball got underway following a convincing Betsy Layne junior varsity sweep. Betsy Layne's junior varsity team defeated Millard's JV squad 15-3, 15-0 and 15-7 before varsity action took center court.

Betsy Layne senior Denise Jones got the home team started with a winning point. Natalie Newsome paced the Lady Bobcats in game one with five straight winning points.

Sabrina Hughes set up the game-winning serve after recording five straight winning scores of her own. Denise Jones tallied her second and final point of the game when she came on to put the game away with point 15.

All Millard could muster in game one was 2 points.

Coach Larry Wilson saw a different team on the floor in the first game of the Millard match; a team confident that they were capable of winning.

Betsy Layne reeled off four straight points in game two, to ease the game out of Millard's reach.

Junior Sabrina Hughes paced the Bobcat attack in game two. Hughes took over the serve with her

team 5-3 and never turned the ball over. The junior led Betsy Layne to a 15-3 drubbing of Millard.

More importantly the win could act as big motivation as Betsy Layne plays the rest of their schedule out and as they head into district play next

month.

Betsy Layne will be back in action at the Dome this Monday night when they play host to Magoffin County. JV action gets underway at 6 p.m. The varsity contest will begin shortly after the JV game.

PC volleyball team pounds Ohio Southern

The Pikeville College volleyball team continued their winning ways this past Tuesday by pounding visiting Ohio Southern.

Freshman Teresa Westray served a school record 15 straight winning points in the first game as the Lady Bears blanked OUS. Westray, a Louisville native, had five aces in the run.

In the third game, Kristie Shemwell, another freshman from Louisville, served the first 12 points in the 15-0 blanking.

For the match, Amanda Sammons, a freshman from Wyandotte, Mich., had 28 assists, while sophomore Nora Feagins had nine kills.

Pikeville (6-2) will return to action Wednesday night when it hosts Midway College.



Betsy Layne Golf Team



Prestonsburg Golf Team

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Outside the Huddle...



by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

(This column will be used to spotlight some of the young football players who could be either middle school, freshmen or junior varsity players.)

JOEY WILLIS, PRESTONSBURG

Several years ago, about seven to be exact, Don Willis stood on the sideline of a Prestonsburg High School game and said, "I can't wait until Joey is old enough to put on a Blackcat uniform."

Don was speaking of his son, Joey Willis, who quarterbacks the Prestonsburg junior varsity team and, through the first five games, has been a standout at the quarterback position. Willis has thrown for an average of 200 yards per game. He has passed for seven touchdowns (unofficially).

Today, Willis is the quarterback of the future for Prestonsburg as he backs up starting quarterback Austin Clark on the varsity.

He throws the football left

handed and has shown exceptional ability to read defenses of the other team.

Willis is one of the top young players in our area and has a good future in front of him.

JOSH MCCRAY, SOUTH FLOYD

When I first saw Josh McCray play football for South Floyd Middle School, right off I knew he was going to be a top runner in high school. But there has been another side of McCray you did not see that much in middle school and that is on the defensive side of the football.

Just as quick off the ball on defense as he is on offense, McCray is a terror to the opposing quarterbacks. At his defensive end position, he has excel-

lent quickness.

McCray is just another one of those outstanding running backs that South Floyd keeps turning out. His ability to get to the hole quick makes him a problem for other teams. While he is playing in the shadows of a B.J. Bryant and Matt Tackett, still Coach Nathan Jones does not hesitate to put the ball in his hands.

PAUL HOWARD, PIKEVILLE

Pikeville High School has a dandy signal caller in Paul Howard, a freshman who quarterback the Panthers' junior varsity team. He is small and has a problem of seeing over the line but he can throw the football.

He is quick and seems to have a good read of what is happening

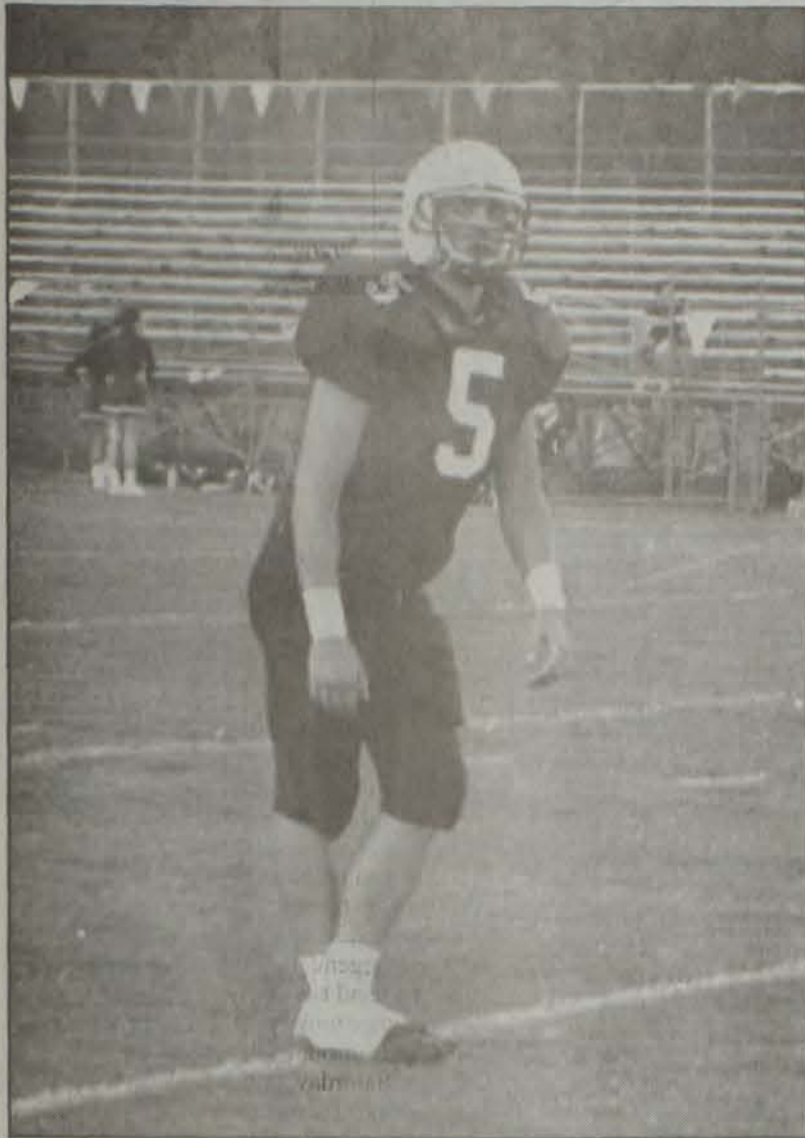
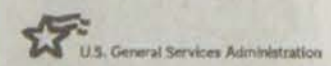
on the football field. Howard is just another product of the outstanding Pikeville football players who show up year in and year out.

People know Pueblo for its...



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SOUTH FLOYD QUARTERBACK/SAFETY JOSH JOHNSON comes up in anticipation of Pikeville's Brandt Justice catching the football. Justice went on to score on the next play.

Melvin gives Pikeville College verbal commitment

The girls' basketball class of 2001 has been called on the deepest in the history of the 15th Region and Pikeville College has landed on its most complete players.

Ashley Melvin, a 5-4 guard from Pike County Central High School has given a verbal commitment to play for the Lady Bears.

Despite being plagued by knee injuries, which has caused her to miss 12 games including post-season action in the last two seasons, Melvin has posted some amazing numbers. She will enter her senior

season already having scored 1,611 points, handed out 474 assists and recorded 293 steals in her career. If she remains healthy, Melvin will likely finish her high school basketball career with over 2,000 points.

For her career, she has hit on 48.59 percent of her field goal attempts, 34.49 percent of her three-point tries and 64.86 percent of her free throws.

Melvin last played in the post season as a freshman, when her team was in the Sweet 16. In her four-year career, Pike Central has a

record of 89-33.

"Obviously, Ashley is an outstanding player, and one we've been recruiting for a long time now," said Lady Bear Coach Bill Watson. "She brings so much to the table with her speed, quickness, and athleticism. She's had surgery on both of her knees, but she's still one of the quickest players you'll find."

Melvin is a player who should fit into the Pikeville College Lady Bear fold quite nicely.

"We also feel like Ashley is part of the family already. We have a positive relationship with her, and bringing her here will be a smooth transition for us. We hope this is the first of several commitments we get locally, and she can have a college career similar to her high school performance."

Watson is quick to credit assistant coach Robert Staggs for getting Melvin to commit.

"Robert is very close with Ashley's family, and that helped a lot," said Watson. "The family knows that she will be in good hands here, and that we emphasize academics as well as athletics. Rod did an outstanding job in recruiting Ashley, as he has with all our recruits."

Melvin will hope to lead her Pike County Central Hawks team to a second 15th Region crown come March.

A signing day for Melvin will be announced at a later date.



PRESTONSBURG found the Grunty, Va. Green Wave a hard team to run against as they dropped a 27-13 decision this past Friday night.

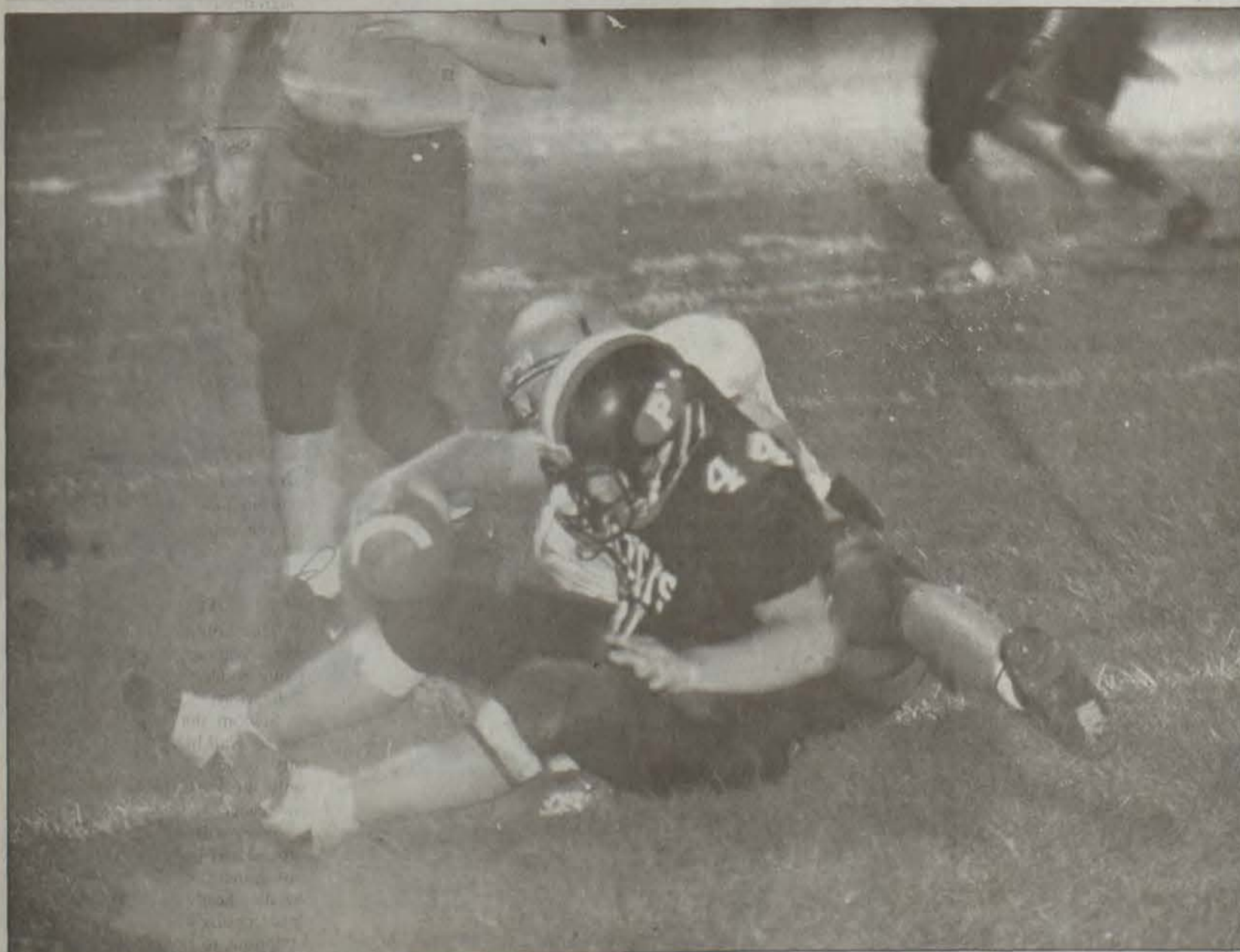
Boater testing idles into off-season

Kentucky's boating season idles down quickly following Labor Day. While thousands of visitors flock to the Bluegrass State's abundant waterways to combat the summer heat, as fall days become cooler and shorter, boating trips to the lake become more and more infrequent.

Beginning in September and throughout early spring, Kentucky state wildlife and boating officers will be giving boater certification tests by appointment only. Throughout the summer months, testing for boater certification was offered monthly at a standard time in each Kentucky county. Most testing was held at the county courthouse, or other local government facility during boating season.

Persons ages 12-17 who need boater certification during the off season should contact the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to arrange a test appointment. Those needing certification may also contact the Kentucky State Wildlife and Boating Officer assigned to their county to set up a test time and location.

For more information, call the KDFWR toll-free, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at (800) 858-1549.



PRESTONSBURG'S MICHAEL FANNIN (44) found no where to go as he was stopped by the Grundy defense. Prestonsburg will host Whitesburg in their first district game this Friday night.

Steve's Sideline Shots...

Spurlock looking forward to eight-man state tournament

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

To be a high school football coach and to know your team is in the post-season even before the high school football season begins in mid-to-late August must be great.

One such high school mentor here in Floyd County has that luxury.

Allen Central Coach Kevin Spurlock and his Rebels are out of district play and will be competing in the eight-man state championship this season.

The eight-man state championship involves teams who are not competing in district play. The Rebels will be competing against the likes of Beth Haven, Kentucky School for the Deaf and Jenkins, a team the Rebels rolled over two weeks ago.

Eight-man football is good for the smaller state football programs. If it were not for eight-man football, some of the smaller programs like Allen Central or a Jenkins could have completely folded by now.

It'll be great if Rebels can get back to full strength from injuries suffered this season. A healthy Allen Central team could go deep into the eight-man state playoffs, possibly even to the championship.

BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES FOR FRIDAY NIGHT'S HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

This Friday night looks to be a spectacular night for high school football in the area.

Locally, we have the Whitesburg Yellowjackets flying in to take on Coach John DeRossett's Prestonsburg Blackcats. West Virginia Class-A power Matewan High School will roll into Eastern to battle the Allen Central Rebels. South Floyd travels to Fleming-Neon to take on the Pirates in a key Class-A Region 4 District 8 game.

One of the biggest rivalry games will unfold up at Pikeville High School when the Panthers play host to the Belfry Pirates.

Friday night should definitely give all of your football fans your football fix before another full day of college football on Saturday.

REGARDLESS OF WHAT'S SAID, THE MAN CAN FLAT OUT COACH

The firing of Bobby Knight is a subject of conversation which has virtually been beaten into the ground.

My only wish is that people will take into consideration what kind of coaching record "The General" had at Indiana University. The three national championships he brought to the university along with the outstanding graduation rate speak volumes.

Coach Knight isn't done coaching, and I can't wait to see where he goes next. Although I don't think he will end up at another Big Ten school, the possibility is definitely there. It will be real interesting to see where the seasoned coach goes.

ANOTHER FLORIDA COLLEGE FOOTBALL POWER IN THE WORKS

It's hard to believe it but the state of Florida has yet another university ready to start a football program.

Florida International, a mostly commuter school of 32,000 in southwest Miami-Dade County, will start playing in Division I-AA in a small campus stadium. The squad is scheduled to begin play in 2002. Plans for a 7,000-seat facility are in the works.

It will take a while for FIU to even become the caliber of team as, say, a Central Florida or even a South Florida.

However, this is a Florida school, specifically a Miami, Florida, school and recruiting players to the school should be easy. Who wouldn't want to play football on a playing field practically on the beach?

That's all for now. Get out and watch a high school football game this Friday night.



Feature:

Students at May Valley Head Start had the opportunity to learn fire safety from one of the most recognized figures in forest fire prevention, Smokey the Bear



PostScript

by Pam Shingler
 Editor



Why?

I actually had more to write last week about my high school reunion, but I had to cut it short because of space. So, like it or not, I'm continuing.

June Rice, the retired Paintsville High School librarian who made us nostalgic with her talk about our old teachers, ended her presentation at one of the reunion programs by listing "what we're doing right" to keep Paintsville schools excellent.

What she said may be of benefit to people everywhere who are interested in quality education.

The first thing, she said, is not really something we do; it just is. "Hereditry" contributes to the school system's tradition of quality. "We have intelligent children to work with," she said. "Those intelligent children have intelligent parents who realize the worth of a good education."

A "stable community that is proud of and supportive of our school" is an important part of the mix, she said. "We are small enough for the parents to know the teachers and the teachers to know the parents. Even people whose children are grown and away are still proud of our school."

Attitude is another factor. "We have never taught our students that they are downtrodden, ignorant Appalachians," Rice said. "We teach them that they are as good as — or maybe a little better than — the next person, no matter where they are from."

The fourth measure of quality, she said, is that the board of education has "hired teachers on their merits, rather than who they are kin to." Enough said.

The fact that teachers and students have had input in running the school is important to quality education, she said.

The sixth factor is a humdinger. In Paintsville schools, she said, "academics and arts have been respected as much as athletics."

Again, enough said. The final element of quality schools, she said, is expectations. "We expect our students to behave and to excel, and we give them the skills to compete with anybody, from anywhere."

I think she's probably right, and I think her ideas were worth repeating.

Animals are almost as great a passion of mine as education. One follows the other, I suspect.

Lately, I've been driving past the dead bodies of a mama cat and a kitten, near the East Kentucky Flea Market, on KY 321, old US 23.

Do you suppose someone brought the mother cat and her kittens to the flea market, hoping to give away the kittens? Were the mother cat and a kitten left over — and then left?

That's one way to get rid of them.

But it's surely not the humane way, nor the responsible way.

I can't say it enough: If you are not committed to being a responsible pet owner, do not take on a pet, no matter how "cute" it may look. Puppies become dogs and kittens become cats, and they don't always remain "cute."

Please, please, please, if you do commit to having a pet, get it spayed or neutered. If a pet does not live up to your expectations or if for some other reason, you can't keep it, then take it to the animal shelter (and willingly make a donation).

Please, please, please, do not leave it by the side of the road.

Greetings to subscriber Willie Wright of Logansport, Indiana. Thanks for reading the Times.

Coming home: McDowell

STORY AND PHOTOS
 by Willie Elliott
 STAFF WRITER



The sign at McDowell Elementary welcomed people back to the school and community of McDowell.

They came from California, Texas, Missouri, Ohio, Indiana and Royal Holler, but for the Labor Day weekend, they were all Daredevils again as the McDowell School (K-12) and community celebrated the third reunion since McDowell was consolidated with Wheelwright.

Former students and teachers began to fill the campus on Friday evening in anticipation of a basketball game between the olders and the youngers, but not enough young ones showed up, so we did it the way we used to do it when we played roundtown — we "picked up sides."

The only player in all Floyd County who, as far as I can deter-

mine, played on a NCAA championship team, Steve Smith, forgot his shoes.

Yeah, Steve we believe that (like you couldn't go back home and get them — you live within a mile of the school). We think you took one look at the assembled players and thought, "I'm not going to be part of any of those old men having a heart attack."

The two coaches, Peter Grigsby Jr. and Johnnie Ray Turner, both exclaimed, "There is no way we can win this game." Their prediction turned out to be prophetic or maybe they knew something we didn't as Chucky Hall, as only he could do it, managed to finagle a 50-50 tie.

Jessie Osborne, I know your forte is passing, but to let your wife Melinda outscore you 10-2 was a little disconcerting to us male chauvin-

ists. (And we resent being called pigs).

I think Renee Thornsberry outscored you also. But I will give it to you on passing — you made some lovely passes. Unfortunately, they were directed at the cheerleaders.

Legendary Wild Bill Stumbo was on hand but did not play, and Ray Turner took one shot, fell and took himself out of the game.

Saturday, things took on a more serious tone as several participants met at McDowell First Baptist Church to enjoy a delicious old-fashioned breakfast.

A rare event was witnessed during the morning — a preacher (in the person of Reverend Harry Hargis) working. (Just kidding Rev. Hargis).

Fortified for the day, these and others were on hand as various people were recognized during the Saturday session. Even though none of them could be in attendance, the reunion committee had special awards for the three remaining classmates of the first graduating class (1934): Melvina Newman, Chloe Meade and Stella Howell.

Other citizens who have taken on legendary status in the community were honored. Troy Hayes, who has reached the age of 100, was honored. He was a bus driver for the school for many years. Even though he couldn't be at the reunion, he was represented by his son Doug, and Troy made a gentlemanly gesture: he sent his regards to Miss Ruby Akers.

Lizzie Hayes, who ran a restaurant below the school for more years than any of us could figure out, was noted for her dedication to children. One former student and teacher (yours truly) remarked how he could go to Miss Hayes' restaurant and get a hot-dog, bottle of pop and bag of chips for a quarter.

Joan Chaffins added, "And sometimes Mommy and Daddy didn't have a quarter to give me and Miss Hayes would let me charge."

The family of Omery (deceased) and Helen Hall had eight children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild at the reunion. Chucky is the baby in this family, so it's hard telling what all those other siblings taught him through the years. All the other things, he just improvises himself.

Sunday was the dinner and I don't need to tell you that fried chicken was the center of the menu. In addition to the chicken, mashed potatoes, slaw, and other items, there was enough dessert to make you favorite cardiologist cringe. Not many participants were thinking of their cardiologist on this day.

Ray Allen was on hand to promote

(See **MCDOWELL**, page two)



This was truly a family affair for the Osborne family as both Jesse and Melinda played and Little Jesse was ready to play in case either of his parents was injured.



Both Verman Caudill and Sandra Hall Stevens came all the way from California — Sandra from the San Diego area and Verman the Redding area.



Pete Grigsby and Johnny Ray Turner were chosen as coaches for the basketball game — no one else would take the job.



Basketball great "Wild" Bill Stumbo can't shoot too well now, but he sure can eat those country breakfasts.



The landscaping of Betty McCleese at 358 Maple Ave. in Prestonsburg received the Garden of the Month designation for August, given by the GFWC/KFWC Prestonsburg Woman's Club. The gardens have been carefully designed to exhibit beauty and color throughout the seasons. Particularly showy at this time is the purple verbena that graces the gently curving beds by the front porch. Young crabapple trees are hanging with lush red fruit in front of the home, near the sidewalk. The home sits on a corner lot and has been landscaped to exhibit beauty from all angles. Climbing vines hang with bright orange berries on the fence that encloses the backyard. Passersby can catch a glimpse of the backyard that is filled with a riot of color due to the profusion of shade-loving impatiens. A practical, yet attractive raised vegetable bed is just inside the board fence. The club awards Garden of the Month honors to residential landscapes within the city during the summer months. It supports the cleanup and beautification of the area and gives this award in the spirit of pride for our community. (submitted by Kathy Lowe)

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.

APOLOGIA

This column is unwritten this week with apologies. The senior editor suddenly found it necessary to be away.

Seldom does the associate editor fail to avail himself of an opportunity to move into this column and only the pressure of work spares the reader.

Believe it or not, there's work around here on press day. There are last minute stories to check and handle, heads to write, proofs to read, cutlines to write, new subscriptions to "single out, et cetera, and infinitum.

And don't say, "No apology necessary." We love our illusions.

Things to Ponder

Center of the Universe: The Binky

by MABLE ROWE LINEBERGER, PH.D.

Although many things are important to the child and his family, in some families, nothing can beat how life evolves around the child's pacifier, aka the Binky, the Pacie, the Plug. One of my earliest unforgettable moments about a child with a pacifier was when we made nursing rounds one morning on Pediatrics in the early 1960's. We opened the door of a private room where a 5-year-old boy with his Palm Beach governess was assigned. There, lo and behold, was a seemingly larger than usual pre-schooler propped up in bed watching TV with a pacifier in his mouth. He showed the greatest of social etiquette by quickly taking the object from his mouth and politely saying, "Good Morning." Where ever his parents were, they would have been very proud of his ability to interact appropriately with strangers. However, the combination of that age of child and the object in his mouth was unexpected. Of course, like everything else, studies have been done about the influence of the pacifier on different aspects of a child's life. What do you think about them? Are they necessary? If they are, what did the early cave-families and pioneers do for one or did they design one from animal hide?

Also, like other topics of life, the pros and cons of parents teaching children to use a pacifier have been debated. One "anti-pacifier" writer (Mizin Kawasaki, M.D., 1998) wrote, "Infants do not need to suck on pacifiers." His belief is that babies are not supposed to "suck" all of the time, but need to "suckle" at the breast, which pertains to the infant nursing on cue at the breast. His opinion was that, "Rather, they (the babies) learn to want pacifiers because they are taught (by parents) to want them... When parents place a pacifier into an infant's mouth, he may suck a little, but he will almost certainly expel it from his mouth... Many parents will continue to place the pacifier into the infant's mouth repeatedly until the infant learns to keep it in his mouth. Ultimately, the infant learns to suck on the pacifier because his parents want him to do and praise him for doing so." So, who benefits most, the parents or the child?

In addition, the same writer wrote about "nipple confusion" being created when a breast baby is given a pacifier or bottle on which to suck. According to his descriptions, suckling requires several facial parts to work together in order to obtain milk from the breast. In contrast, the infant must learn to bite down on the bottle's nipple to stop nursing. Thus, the baby is likely to bite the mother's nipple due to being confused by the differing nursing methods being offered. It is not unusual for nipple confusion to contribute to breast-feeding being stopped. This is one of the reported reasons why many pediatricians advocate a ban on pacifiers.

Then concerns are also great about transferring germs to the child with a pacifier. How many times have you seen a child's pacifier dropped with various unclean behaviors to follow? Some times the pacifier is returned to the baby's mouth without being cleaned in any way. Yet, adults often throw a fit if any other item is picked up off the floor and put directly into the baby's mouth. Another thing I've seen and could not believe was the mother that picked up a dropped pacifier, placed it into her mouth to "clean it off", and plopped it back into the baby's mouth. Can you think of the various germs that were transmitted?

Another possible drawback to the child's habitual use of a pacifier is the negative impact on the development of gums and teeth. Since I paid out many bucks for son John's orthodontic work due to congenital problems, I cannot imagine paying it out for a condition that I helped to create. Then there are the speech pathologists recommending that children not be allowed to use a pacifier for an extended period of time due to the child's tendency to not talk as much when he has a plug in his mouth. Practice is so important where speech is concerned.

Recent results (Pediatrics, September) of a study done in Finland related the positive benefits of limiting the use of pacifiers with regard to risk of ear infections. Of course, one group of children did not have suggestions to limit the use of pacifiers. Another group had the intervention, which was designed to not increase the parents' anxiety; parents were advised to give children over six months old their pacifiers only when they were falling asleep and to discontinue the use of the pacifier at 10 months of age. The "treatment" group decreased the continuous use of the pacifier by 21 percent and had more than one-fourth reduction in ear infections. The outcomes also showed that children who were "never continuous users of pacifiers" had 33 percent fewer ear infections. The authors did not focus on factors such as cleanliness, genetic predisposition, exposure to second hand smoke, and/or the influence of day care.

After these physical and medical issues of a child using a pacifier...

(See PONDER, page three)

McDowell

his new book "Beyond Star Bottom and Other Poems." The following day the Times ran an article by Pam Shingler about the book.

Following the opening sessions, students met with their classmates and tall tales reigned supreme. Some students who barely graduated boasted of GPA higher than those of students today (which was not possible for most classes). Some average to good ball players had been elevated to all-state status.

As would be fitting, Sunday took on a religious tone. The crowd was treated to some old-time gospel songs by the choir—the only requirement to being in the choir was the ability to get to the spot where they were gathered — and the singing was finished with "Amazing Grace" sung by the choir and audience.

Don Fraley Jr. gave the message, and, to

his credit, he managed to impart a serious and challenging thought to all reunion participants — Make Christ a part of life — without taking all afternoon to do it. We thank you for that, Don.

After his talk, an emotional candle lighting ceremony took place. The only principal in attendance, Hugo Miller, lit a candle for deceased former principals, and Clara Johnson lit a candle in honor of deceased teachers.

Then a person from each decade was chosen to light a candle for all deceased students in that decade. Ruby Akers lit a candle for the '30s, Geraldine Ward for the '40s, Mary Anderson for the '50s, Donna Allen for the '60s, Steve Smith for the '70s, Sandra Justice for '80s and Angie Adams Mullins for the '90s.

During the comment session, several students expressed gratitude for the guidance,

support and instruction they received during their stay at McDowell.

A Monday brunch was set aside for the part of the weekend festivities that many consider the favorite part of the celebration — the farewell "fuzzy feeling" time.

This group was small and afforded every individual present to comment on what the school meant to him or her. Needless to say, some stories were told that are best left among the few gathered that day.

Just as we had to do when we finished our class work at McDowell, we had to say goodbye at the end of the weekend.

We went, but we left with the motto of the 1993 class on our mind:

We met as strangers,
We leave as friends
We hope to meet again
So our friendship may never end.

Can't have a high school reunion without a dance. Here alumni get caught up on news before they hit the floor. Just for the record, Clennon Ray Brown is still the best dancer in eastern Kentucky.



These people (among others) deserve a big hand for planning and pulling off a wonderful reunion — do it again, ladies (and Darrell). First row from right Kathryn Youmans, Helen Stumbo, Mary Anderson, Donna Allen, and Joan Chaffins; second row: Darrell Youmans, Trish Cieslak, Delano Lawson, Maudie Osborne, Ruby Akers (standing) and Geraldine Ward.

Reunions

• Annual reunion of former students of Bonanza High and Grade School, Saturday, September 23, Bonanza Freewill Baptist Annex. Bring salad or dessert and old pictures. Call Helen Neeley, 606/886-3453.

• 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.

• 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.

• Descendants of Elkaner Martin reunion, October 14, home of Thomas E. Martin on Turkey Creek, Langley. Bring covered dish, family pic-

tures. Call Gaylord Martin, 606/285-9003.

• 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.

(** 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.

BIRTHDAYS



Celebrates six years

Seth Aaron Bentley celebrated his sixth birthday on August 14, 2000, at Prestonsburg Pizza Hut, with family and friends. He is the son of Ricky and Melissa Bentley of Garrett. His grandparents are John and Georgia Dalton of Wayland and the late Norman and Mable Bentley, formerly of Garrett. He has two brothers, Jason and Rodney Bentley.



Turns 92

John Endicott celebrated his 92nd birthday on Wednesday, August 23, 2000, with a party at Riverview Nursing Home. Attending were Rosa Lee, Matthew, Darrell and Tammy Jervis, Anna Belle and David Goble, Jack and Elvia Endicott, Norma Jarrell and Norcia Stephens.



Is three now

Jesse Michael James Morrison celebrated his third birthday on June 30, 2000, with a party with family and friends at Pizza Hut. His party theme was Rugrats. He is the son of Michael and Shirley Morrison of Endicott, and he has a baby sister, Raven Mikaya. His maternal grandparents are Avery and Virginia Gail Lowe of Left Fork of Abbott Creek, and his paternal grandparents are Mildred Morrison Fannin of Endicott and the late Bobby Donald Morrison.



Celebrates first year

Dakota Ryan Slone celebrated his first birthday on Saturday, September 2, 2000, with family and friends at a Teletubbie party at the Archer Park Skating Rink. He is the son of Brian and Rachel Slone of Eastern. His grandparents are Dennis and Susie Bradford of Blue River and Terry and Patricia Slone of Eastern.



Is one

Alexis Reed Tussey of Grayson celebrated her first birthday on July 21, 2000, with a party at her home. She is the daughter of Missy and Robert Tussey and the great-granddaughter of Jimmie and Pat Hopkins of Grayson. She is also the great-great-granddaughter of Luna Combs, formerly of Knott County, and of the late Andy and Thursa Reed, formerly of Martin.

Put your little one in the news. Let the Times help you celebrate your child or grandchild's birthday. We'll print the youngster's picture and birthday information — free. Stop by 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; send to PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or email fctimes@eastky.net.

Family reunion?

Share your family news. If your family has had a reunion within the last six months, the Times will publish a picture or two and basic information about the gathering. Stop by 263 S. Central Avenue; send to PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or email fctimes@eastky.net.



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Family Medicine

John C. Wolf, D.O.
Associate Professor
of Family Medicine



Ulcerative Colitis

Medicine provides relief for most ulcerative colitis sufferers

Question: I am 45 years old and was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis in February. I've been taking Asacol since then and have only had some stomach upset and occasional diarrhea. What causes my

disease, and are there other things I should be doing to get well?

Answer: Ulcerative colitis should be thought of as an illness that affects the entire person—a systemic illness—and usually causes colon problems as its first symptom. These symptoms are the consequence of chronic inflammation of the walls of the large intestine, which is also called the colon. The illness derives its name, ulcerative colitis, from the presence of ulcers

within the inflamed areas. These ulcers and areas of inflammation are the cause of the symptoms of abdominal pain, cramping and diarrhea that are characteristic of ulcerative colitis. In acute episodes, there may be 20 or more bowel movements each day, and blood is frequently present in the diarrhea, too.

Symptoms of ulcerative colitis aren't restricted to the colon, however. Diarrhea and blood in the stools can, in turn, cause anemia, iron loss and vitamin deficiency. Other problems can also occur from this disease such as arthritis, eye inflammation and liver disease. Fortunately, treatment that improves the colon condition usually dramatically improves these other non-colon symptoms, too.

We aren't certain about the cause of ulcerative colitis, although it appears to be an immune system disorder that produces damage to the involved tissues. Fortunately

for those with ulcerative colitis and their loved ones, there are a number of effective medicines to treat the condition. The Asacol you take, which is a common first choice for treatment of this condition, apparently is giving you satisfactory relief. The medications sulfasalazine, Dipentum, Rowasa and Pentasa also are common first choices. They act to reduce the inflammation within the colon and, thereby, relieve the symptoms. They don't cure the underlying disorder, however.

If prompt relief isn't obtained with these drugs, then other drugs such as prednisone and antibiotics such as metronidazole, ciprofloxacin or clarithromycin are often added. In more severe cases, medications such as 6-mercaptopurine, azathioprine or cyclosporine can be used.

Treatment with one or more of these medicines gives relief for most sufferers and produces a com-

plete remission of symptoms lasting at least five years for 70 percent of individuals.

A relapse of ulcerative colitis is often brought about by events that stimulate the immune system. Infection, either of the digestive system or in other body systems, and allergy are frequent triggers. In addition, like the first episode of ulcerative colitis, repeat episodes are usually brought under control with medicine.

Regardless of your response to the Asacol, you should have periodic examinations by a gastroenterologist (specialist in digestive diseases). You see, those with ulcerative colitis have an increased risk of developing colon cancer. This is particularly true if the onset was before age 20 or after 60, and if the entire length of the colon is involved in the disorder. This risk remains high whether or not the disease calms down with treatment or not.

In the most severely effected individuals, and this is about 8 percent of the total, symptoms persist requiring the continual use of medicine. In a small portion of this already small percent of the total, surgery becomes a viable treatment option. The most damaged portions of the colon—or in extreme cases, the entire thing—is surgically removed. This is necessary when a type of cell that suggests cancer may be but a few months away is found in the colon tissue—a condition called dysplasia. The colon may also need to be removed when bleeding and/or infection are severe and longstanding. Fortunately, this drastic but important treatment isn't needed very often.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701.

Ponder

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er, you should know that I would have an opinion about the possible psychological impact of parents giving their child a pacifier. I have to admit that I gave John one until he was 6 months old. It was comforting to think that I could soothe him, when he stopped crying after the plug was inserted. Also it was nice to postpone feeding time, when he had colic and he was having an "I want to eat" attack. However, while pregnant, the decision was made that the baby would not have a pacifier past six months. So he did not. Needless to say, he cried at times when the pacie was put away in a drawer. He was not going to be walking and have a pacifier pinned to his shirt, if I had anything to do with it. An even more significant issue, in my opinion, is that the older child are more like to be aware of the pacie being taken away. There are probably more important issues in parent-child relationships than struggling with a child's habit that was created by the parent. Wonder what a parent, who smokes almost constantly, would think if a "higher power" took away all cigarettes and the adult had no control?

Well, my sense is that some folks would perceive this as being really against pacifiers. But I'm not. They are great for the young baby who has colic with a need to suck more than other babies without colic. Also it is a great relief for parents to feel that they have been able to soothe their crying infant, to a point of moderation. So often we used pacifiers to quieten babies who had surgery and could not eat. In very short summary, pacifiers need to be used in moderation, if parents chose to use them at all. It is one of those things that tend to be difficult to stop once it begins. If your baby has one, it should not be used all day every day, but at those typical moments of family distress.

Yard-Man of the Year

NAPS-Kids can nominate their dads as the "Yard-Man of the Year." For complete contest details and rules, write to: "Yard-Man of the Year" Contest, 200 E. Randolph Dr., 63rd Fl, Chicago, IL 60601 or visit www.yardman.com. All requests for rules must be received in Chicago by May 1, 2000. All contest entries to be postmarked by May 5, 2000.

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NEW ARRIVALS



Michael Tyler Shortridge

Michael and Jodie Shortridge of Prestonsburg announce the birth of their son, Michael Tyler Shortridge, on August 12, 2000, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He weighed six pounds, one ounce, and was 19-1/2 inches long. Johnny and Julia Hall of Allen are the maternal grandparents, and Michael and Irma Shortridge of Prestonsburg are paternal grandparents.



Miss Williams

Kevin and Tina Williams of Dwale announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, Rachel Gabrielle Williams. She was born on July 18, 2000, at Frankfort Regional Medical Center. Born at 6:19 p.m., she weighed seven pounds, four-and-one-half ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long. She is the baby sister of Joshua Williams and the granddaughter of John and Sheila Williams of Banner and Rita Davis Stumbo of Dwale. She is the great-granddaughter of Stella Davis of Dwale and Christine Stumbo of Drift.

Highlands Regional Medical Center

August 30: A daughter, Jocelyn Tayler, to Lindsay and Robert Meek of Paintsville.

August 31: A daughter, Alexis Taylor, to Stephanie and David Montgomery of Salyersville; a daughter, Kaitlin Leigh, to Steve and Shonnna Blankenship of Thelma; a daughter, Sarah Beth Renea Johnson, to Amie Ousley of Prestonsburg.

September 1: A son, Dustin Alexander, to Jeremy and Latitia Huff of Ligon; a son, Isaiah Reece, to Kelly and Duran Byrant of Salyersville.

September 2: A daughter, Abigail Lauren, to Dara Michelle and Joshua Darrel Fannin of Staffordsville; a son, Austin Chase, to Shandra Stacy of Mousie; a son, Camron O'Ryan, to Randall and Jessica Tackett of Melvin.

September 3: A son, Kenny Michael, to Rose Anna and Kenny Stacy of Inez.

September 5: A daughter, Peggy Nashae, to Tammy Craft of Salyersville.



These individual were selected to light candles in honor of deceased principals, teachers and students. From left Hugo Miller (principals) Clara Johnson (teachers) and for the students of each decade Ruby Akers (30s), Geraldine Ward (40s), Mary Anderson (50s), Donna Allen (60s), Steve Smith (70s), Sandra Justice (80) and Angie Mullins (90s). Reverend Don Fraley was delivering the religious message.

Dealing With Congestive Heart Failure

(NAPSA)-Nearly five million Americans of all ages currently live with congestive heart failure.

The term "heart failure" means that the heart isn't pumping as well as it should. Usually the heart has been weakened over time by an underlying problem, such as clogged arteries, high blood pressure, a defect in its muscular walls or valves or some other medical condition. People with congestive heart failure may experience shortness of breath, persistent coughing or wheezing, fatigue and swelling in the feet, ankles, legs or abdomen.

While heart failure is a serious condition, it can be managed by taking medications and by making healthy lifestyle changes.

A section of the American Heart Association's Web site deals specifically with congestive heart failure. In addition to explaining the disease, the site helps friends and loved ones better understand their role as caregiver, offers a place for family members and patients to share their stories and provides suggestions to help people with congestive heart failure stay active and manage stress. The following are some of the tips available at www.americanheart.org/chf.

Caregivers Guide

■ Cope with the new demands by learning more about heart disease. Enlist the help of friends and family members.

■ Check out other resources. Contact organizations that provide services for the elderly and that provide additional care and support.

■ Take the time to get a good feel for your financial picture. Understand your loved ones insurance plan, seek financial assistance for treatment, and consider changes in household finances.

■ Learn what to expect from your loved one. Changes in their lifestyle will take time. Encourage and help them without doing everything for them.

Exercise

■ Start slowly. Gradually build up to 30 minutes of activity three to four times per week (or whatever your doctor recommends).

■ Look for opportunities to be more active during the day. Walk the mall before shopping. Walk up stairs instead of taking the elevator.

Managing Stress

■ Take 15 to 20 minutes a day to sit quietly, breathe deeply and think of a peaceful scene.

■ Count to ten before answering or responding when you feel angry.

For more information, visit www.americanheart.org/chf.

Every year 400,000 new cases of congestive heart failure are diagnosed. For more information about the disease, visit www.americanheart.org/chf.

BIRTHDAYS



Emily Madyson Slone celebrated her second birthday September 9. She is the daughter of Mason and Michelle Slone of Lackey. She is the granddaughter of Jerry Patton of Hueysville, Lou Jean and Glenn Martin of Topmost, and Madelyn Slone of Lackey.



Jeffery Ryan Gayheart, son of Jeff and Audra "Midge" Gayheart of Prestonsburg, turned 3 on Sunday, September 10. He is the grandson of Diana Jarrell of East Point and the late Ty Jarrell and Eddie and Betty Gayheart of Prestonsburg. He celebrated his third birthday at home with family members and friends with a Scooby Doo party theme.

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Youth News

Conservation

Kentucky students in elementary, middle and high schools have the opportunity to learn more about the importance of tree conservation, thanks to an educational partnership between the Kentucky Farm Bureau Companies, The Courier-Journal, and the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts.

"Trees...Kentucky's Renewable Resource," a 16-page student text presently being distributed to students in all Kentucky counties, is sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation and Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies. This educational tool, produced by The Courier-Journal in cooperation with many state agencies, explains the many uses of trees and suggests practical ways for each of us to conserve this valuable natural resource. The tabloid is packed with interesting activities designed for family, class and individual participation.

A teacher's guide is included along with contest rules for the Conservation Writing and Jim Claypool Conservation Art contests sponsored annually by The Courier-Journal and the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts. These contests are worth thousands of dollars in prizes to winning students throughout Kentucky. Awards are given at the school, county, area and state levels of competition.

Free copies of "Trees...Kentucky's Renewable Resource," can be picked up at any Kentucky Farm Bureau office or county Conservation District (for large quantities call ahead to assure availability). Copies may also be obtained by calling The Courier-Journal toll free at 1-800-765-4011, ext. 4551.

EKU open house is Sept. 19 at Jenny Wiley State Park

Prospective college students and their parents will have a chance to learn more about college life at Eastern Kentucky University during EKU's Open House, Tuesday, September 19, at Jenny Wiley State Park.

The event, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Park's Convention Center, will give students and their parents from Floyd, Pike, Magoffin, Johnson, Martin and Knott counties an opportunity to talk to representatives from all academic areas. Staff members from EKU's admissions and student financial assistance offices also will be present. High school students, non-traditional students and those planning to transfer from a community college are encouraged to attend.

"Prospective college students are naturally concerned about admission requirements, courses of study, social and recreational opportunities, living and study facilities, costs and career decisions," said Stephen Byrn, director of admissions. "Our open house will answer many of those questions."

About 650 students from the six-county area now attend EKU. Some of the 1,300-plus Eastern alumni from the area also will attend the Open House.

Byrn said that many prospective students and their parents are surprised to learn that about 75 percent of EKU students receive some type of financial assistance.

"Students tell us this information is important in helping them make their college choice," Byrn said. "We encourage them to explore the many opportunities available to help meet the cost of a college education."

Refreshments will be served, and students may register to win EKU merchandise.

For more information, call EKU's Division of Admissions, toll-free, at 1-800-465-9191, or visit the re-designed EKU web site at www.eku.edu.

Girl Scouting benefits girls, parents and the community

What organization has been helping girls develop values, character and citizenship for nearly 90 years? Where can a girl go to learn life skills such as getting along with others, planning and decision-making, goal setting and respect for others? The Girl Scouts where girls grow strong.

Girls today have lots of choices in extracurricular activities, and Girl Scouts offers more choices than most other youth organizations. In the Girl Scouts, girls can enjoy sports, art, horseback riding, science experiments, camping, music, travel, crafts, rappelling, dance, making friends and more! Today's Girl Scouts have more quality choices than ever before.

Not only do girls benefit from being involved in Girl Scouting, but parents benefit, too. Parents involved in Girl Scout activities with their daughters enjoy quality time that builds a strong family relationship.

However, you don't have to have a daughter in Girl Scouting to be involved in one of the world's preeminent organizations. Adult Girl Scout volunteers say they enjoy building friendships with other adults and learning valuable skills through Girl Scout training and leadership experiences.

Being a Girl Scout leader is one important way adults lead their talents to help build tomorrow's leaders, but there are also many other volunteer opportunities available in Girl Scouting. Other positions include being a mentor, teaching a special skill, planning special events, becoming a trainer, plus many more.

If you would like to register your daughter for Girl Scouts and/or become a valuable Girl Scout volunteer, contact the Girl Scouts-Wilderness Road Council at 800-475-2621.

U of L offering executive MBA focused on health care

The University of Louisville's College of Business and Public Administration will offer an executive MBA aimed at building entrepreneurial skills among health care professionals and others interested in the field beginning in January 2001.

Building on the strength of the college's nationally acclaimed focus on entrepreneurship, the executive MBA program is designed to teach a wide range of skills including technical, management and legal aspects of health care.

Professionals who may benefit include physicians, dentists, nurses, business managers of medical practice groups, executives in health care companies, and professionals whose clientele includes health care companies. The curriculum is designed to help graduates make informed decisions, recognize and manage new venture opportunities within organizations and perhaps launch their own businesses.

Students will meet one weekend a month for 24 months, which will allow them to continue their careers. The weekends will begin with dinner and a speaker on Thursday. Classes will be Friday and Saturday and a half-day on Sunday.

The curriculum will include existing MBA core courses. Throughout the program, lectures, discussions, projects and cases will examine different facets of health care. Topics will include the business of health care, health care marketing and health law.

The application deadline is November 15. A reception/open house is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, September 28, at U of L's University Club.

For more information, call program director Lyle Sussman at (502) 852-4679, or check the Web site at <http://cbpa.louisville.edu/emba>.



With the forest fire season fast approaching, students at May Valley Head Start had the opportunity to learn fire safety from one of the most recognized figures in forest fire prevention, Smokey the Bear. Jane Quillen of the Division of Forestry and Tony Grubb of the Floyd County Conservation District did the presentation. The classes of Kim Grubb and Jamie Stone were given coloring books, pencils, rulers and forest fire prevention badges.

Piano class

Piano playing for busy people will be the subject of three different courses offered this fall by Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education.

"In one morning or afternoon you can learn the secrets to play just about any song," said Stephanie Evans, continuing education coordinator.

The courses will be taught by Bernie Schweickart, a professional pianist from Louisville, whose music career spans 35 years.

"Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People" is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and "How to Play Piano by Ear" is slated for the same day, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Participants in the afternoon class must have a grasp of basic piano chords, Evans said.

Holiday music will be the focus of the third course taught, Thursday, November 9, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The cost of each course is \$30 plus a \$20 materials fee that includes a study book and a 60-minute cassette tape.

Additional information and reservations are available by calling Evans at (606) 783-2875.



Morehead State University has announced that Alicia Shell of Betsy Layne, is a new member of MSU's Academic Honors Program.

A graduate of Betsy Layne High School, she is the daughter of Jack and Joycie Shell. Listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students," she is a member of National Honor Society and Beta Club.

Shell is the recipient of MSU's Academic Honors and Regional Honors scholarships and the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship.

Students are accepted into the Academic Honors Program for outstanding academic performance with an ACT composite score of 26 or higher and a strong academic record. College students are eligible to join the program if they meet the criteria.

Additional information is available by calling the Academic Honors Program at (606) 783-2807.

EKU spotlight day offers information for Floyd County students, parents

If you are a high school senior considering Eastern Kentucky University, but have more questions than answers at this point, you're far from alone. But the best news of all is that you can get many of your questions answered, Saturday, September 30 at EKU's first Spotlight Day.

High school seniors and their parents in Floyd County have a special invitation to visit the Richmond campus for the event, which will be held 9 a.m.-2 p.m., beginning in Brock Auditorium and continuing in various campus locations. Students planning to attend must make reservations by September 22, by calling 859-622-2106 or, toll-free 1-800-465-9191. Registration forms also are available from high school guidance counselors.

Spotlight Day will include academic exhibits, campus tours, refreshments and information about admission and various student services. Included are financial aid, scholarships, housing, residential development and education, co-op education, Career Services, financial services, Student Development activities, Multicultural Student Services, Student Support Services and the Student Success Institute. Also, complimentary tickets will be available for a 7 p.m. football game between nationally-ranked EKU and Southeast Missouri.

Students and parents will benefit from activities designed especially for them and geared to student success and academic expectations. Students will attend a session on "Preparing to Succeed in College" and hear a panel discussion on "Life at EKU." Parents will attend a session on "Financial Planning for College" and another on academic expectations for EKU students.

"Students and parents will be able to talk with current students, faculty members and residence hall directors," said Stephen Byrn, director of EKU's Division of Admissions.

"They can get a sense of what EKU has to offer."

"Already about 150 Floyd Countians are studying with us at Eastern," Byrn said. "We're delighted that some of the county's best and brightest students have come to Eastern, where we're committed to each student's success."

"The combination of innovative academic programs, affordable costs and a competitive financial aid program make EKU an educational bargain," Byrn added.

Each of EKU's five academic colleges will be represented at the event. The exhibits will be set up like an information fair, where students can browse and get as much information as they want.

"Choosing the right place to continue an education is an important decision," Byrn said. "We believe Spotlight Day gives students a feel for the special atmosphere of our University."

A second Spotlight Day for high school seniors will be held Saturday, November 11. Additional events will be held during the spring semester for other groups of prospective students.

New admission requirements designed to enhance academic quality while preserving EKU's "School of Opportunity" tradition were recently approved.

Effective in Fall 2001, to be granted full admission to EKU, students must have earned a minimum 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale in high school, or received a General Equivalency Diploma or completed an EKU-approved home school or distance learning program; achieved a minimum ACT composite score of 18 (with no standard scores below 18 in English, reading and math); and met the Kentucky Pre-College Curriculum or its equivalent of ACT scores of 21 in English, a 20 in math, a 22 in reading and a 21 in science reasoning.

Provisional admission status will

be granted to students who meet the first two requirements for full admission but not the third. Probationary admission will be granted to those who meet the first requirement but have minimum ACT composite scores of 15, 16 or 17.

Students who do not meet probationary admission status may apply for special admissions status, which will require their participation in a retention support program.

For more information about EKU, visit www.eku.edu.

Local student at Duke



Michael Scott Craft

Michael Scott Craft, 1999 valedictorian of Paintsville High School, recently returned to Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, for his sophomore year of undergraduate studies.

During his first year attending the school he was named to the Dean's List with Distinction, both semesters, achieving the highest academic honor undergraduates can pursue until senior year.

In addition to finishing the year with straight A's, he was inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma national freshmen honor society, was invited to join the Duke chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and was initiated into the Epsilon Rho chapter

of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, where he will serve the upcoming academic year in the capacity of rush and pledging co-chairman.

He was also an active member of the Duke GOP and Duke Conservative Union, and this year will serve as vice president of the Duke Committee to Elect George W. Bush.

He is the son of Mike and Debbie Craft of Paintsville. His maternal grandparents are the late Ivel and Lillian Hall Ratliff, formerly of McDowell. His paternal grandparents are the late Scott Craft formerly of Bull Creek, and Helen Vanhose Craft of Paintsville.

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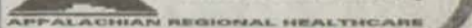
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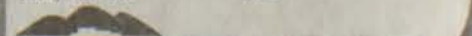
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