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### briefs

#### Vandals strike at site of road disagreement

What began as a complaint between neighbors and grew into a public dispute involving several county officials still rests uneasy in the community of Dwayne.

Jeff Goble continues to say he is suffering personal attacks against him and his family.

Last week, Goble attended a meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court to complain that his neighbor, Sam Nelson, locks a gate along a gravel road leading to Goble's home. That gate became a problem last month when Goble attempted to take his grandson to a hospital and found the gate locked and the only other way from his property blocked by a mobile home being transported along the roadway.

Goble later filed a complaint against Nelson and obtained a temporary order for the gate to be opened.

Early Monday afternoon, Goble found himself patching two puncture holes in a front wheel of his wife's truck.

His wife's flat tire occurred after she ran

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#### 2 DAY FORECAST

##### Today

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##### Tomorrow

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# Jailing of mentally-ill suspect questioned

## Mother, jail staff say girl needs help

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

Mental illness is something Jennifer Walters of Prestonsburg says she knows much about, and it's something that she says authorities know nothing about.

Walters' daughter, Michala

Michele Walters, 18, who suffers from oppositional defiant disorder and borderline personality disorder, was arrested on April 27.

Facing two felony counts of first-degree arson after allegedly attempting to start a fire in two bathrooms at Prestonsburg Community College, Michala is now being held in protec-

tive custody at the Floyd County Detention Center.

"I want my daughter to be accountable for her actions," said Walters, "but this is ridiculous. The act that she did was a crime. I'm not saying that she should be set free and not stand up for what she did, but she needs help."

Upon her initial arrest, Michala was sent to Mountain Comprehensive Care for an evalua-

tion in Prestonsburg and later transferred to Hazard Psychiatric Center.

Michala was arraigned on April 30 and given a \$10,000 cash bond. Judge Eric Hall then ordered Michala to be transferred for further evaluation at the Kentucky Center for Psychiatric Care on the premises of La Grange Prison.

"My daughter has always been

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Michala Walters



photo by Mary Music

Shawn Flannery waited in the back of a sheriff's cruiser shortly after his brief flight for freedom. Now, in addition to two theft charges, Flannery faces a count of second-degree escape.

# Escapee recaptured after brief chase

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

A Prestonsburg resident facing two counts of theft by unlawful taking decided to take the high road Monday afternoon by fleeing from police custody while being transported from the Justice Center to the Floyd County Detention Center.

After being served with arrest warrants by Floyd County Bailiff Elmo B. Allen for two counts of theft by unlaw-

ful taking, Shawn Flannery, 20, decided he didn't want to go to jail.

At the time of Flannery's escape, Allen was transporting him to the Floyd County Detention Center.

Allen said that he didn't expect that Flannery would attempt to flee.

"They opened the garage door, and he just took off," said Allen.

By foot and by car, Floyd County sheriff's deputies, Prestonsburg City

(See ESCAPE, page ten)



Shawn Flannery

# Clothing give-away set for Saturday

Times Staff Report



Leighann Goble, daughter of Tommy and Diane Goble; Nathan Blackburn, son of Leisha Goble; and Seth Harrison Marcum, son of Blue and Krissy Marcum will be on hand Saturday to assist with the back-to-school clothing give-away. Leighann is wearing one of the outfits to be given away.

Children equate the return to school with the opportunity to purchase new clothing items. But sometimes parents can't quite swing the cost of new clothing with today's rising prices.

The Town Branch Church, in conjunction with Tender Loving Care Ministries, understands this dilemma and is offering a solution to those families in need of a little extra help.

Beginning at noon on Saturday, August 4, church officials and volunteers will be on hand to distribute clothing packages to area children.

The packages will contain dresses, slacks, tops, undergarments, socks, shoes and, usually, pajamas. Goodie packages containing items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes and shampoo will also be given away.

The clothing is brand new, some of it made by home craftspeople and other items fashioned by factory workers.

"We give away quality clothes," said Tom Nelson, pastor of the Town Branch Church. "The give-away gets a little bigger every year," he went on to say.

Last year, the church gave away approximately 4,000 complete outfits and about 1,800 coats. This year, they hope to exceed those numbers.

A wide assortment of clothing will be available, in various sizes, but generally, the clothing fits children's size 4 through 8.

(See CLOTHING, page two)

# Murder, drug charges await grand jury

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

It has been over three months and there are still no answers for the family of James David Childers, 52, of Wayland, who was pronounced dead upon arrival at Highlands Regional Medical Center on April 28.

Suffering multiple gunshot wounds to his body, Childers

was transported to the hospital in the back of his brother's pickup truck covered with a sheet, blanket and 4-foot by 8-foot piece of plywood, six hours after his body had supposedly been discovered.

Even though Childers' brother, Ed Childers, claimed to have found the body at the end of his driveway at Gobblers Knob in

(See MURDER, page two)

# Lawsuit alleges faulty slide caused mishap

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

Mashanda Mullins, the parent of a W.D. Osborne student, has filed a complaint against the Floyd County Board of Education in regard to a playground accident involving her daughter on May 17, 2000.

Mullins' daughter, according to the complaint, fell from a

playground slide and sustained severe injuries and damage, which her mother claims will impede the quality of her life in such way as to make it hard for her to earn a living and also forcing a mental strain on the minor child.

Mullins' attorney, Pikeville lawyer Glenn Hammond, was

(See LAWSUIT, page five)



Prestonsburg attorney Sheridan Martin covered his face on Monday morning as he was led by Constable Homer Neeley to the Floyd County Detention Center.

photo by Mary Music

# Attorney turns self in to face new charges

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

A Prestonsburg attorney who pleaded guilty to an amended charge of sexual abuse earlier this year, turned himself over to authorities on Monday to face additional sex abuse charges.

Sporting a stylish black suit and tie, Prestonsburg attorney

Sheridan Martin presented himself at Constable Homer Neeley's office early Monday morning to face charges of third-degree sexual abuse and second-degree unlawful imprisonment.

According to courthouse records, Martin pleaded guilty to an amended charge of sexual

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over a board full of nails that had been placed in their driveway, Goble said Monday. The roughly three-foot-long section of baseboard Goble displayed on Monday contained several large nails, and Goble says he believes the matter is related to the dispute

over the road. "I don't want no trouble with nobody," Goble said yesterday while he displayed the broken section of board." As of Monday, Nelson's gate was open, allowing traffic to pass along what has still not been fully defined by county officials as a county road, a private drive or a public passageway. This debate will be considered during a hearing later in August. Nelson said on Tuesday that

he has no knowledge of the the incident and also explained he is still keeping the gate closed and locked but that it may have been unlocked Monday by members of his family who have keys and can access the gate when needed. "I don't go around their property, least of all their driveway," said Nelson when asked about the damage to Goble's vehicle. "I'm satisfied to stay on my own property. I can't speak for anyone but me, but this thing has been blown out of proportion. It should have already been resolved."

Nelson claims that County Attorney Keith Bartley and county road foreman Mike Jarrell visited his home

approximately one year ago and, according to Nelson, could find nothing in the county system which included the road. Nelson mentioned during an interview late last month that Bartley cited 911 maps which allegedly placed the road within a functioning system. Nelson says the fiscal court, based on the observations made last year, should have ruled the road a section of his private property when Goble's complaint was brought before them last week. "I'm standing on solid ground and I'm legitimate in having these gates up," said Nelson. "This specifies that this is private property and if the courts find in my behalf, I'm not versed in the law, but

out of common courtesy I would expect an apology. If I wronged them I would apologize to them." Nelson detailed that he would expect apologies from the Gobles and the fiscal court if his actions are found to be

legally justified. "As for this business and problems with his (Goble's) driveway, I know nothing of that," Nelson said. "All I want is to be left alone. This back and forth is not going to solve anything."

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**Clothing**

Sometimes sizes 10-12 are available also. The day will begin with a short program in the church sanctuary, at which Rev. Carol Johnson, the founder of Tender Loving Care Ministries, will be present. Following the program, families will be called by number

to select their items. All that is required to participate in the clothing give-away is to show up and sign up. Excess clothing will be given away through distributions to churches around the region. For more information, contact Nelson at 886-3726 or 889-9286.

**Murder**

Estill, investigations by police have concluded that Childers was killed in Lawrence County at the home of his son, John Childers of Yatesville. Upon a search of the Yatesville residence, officials discovered an indoor marijuana growing operation, from which police seized 113 marijuana plants, along with 23 grow lights, approximately one pound of processed marijuana and other types of cultivating equipment. Three months later, officials from the Ashland post of Kentucky State Police, who have since taken over the investigation, have yet to make an arrest for the murder of Childers and no one has been charged in conjunction with the drug-related charges. In an interview with The

Times on Monday, Detective Keith Moore of the Ashland Post of the Kentucky State Police said that arrests are "forthcoming" in both the shooting and the drug-related charges. When asked why there has yet to be an arrest in the Childers' murder, Moore said that it is "just a matter of cooperation between the family and the state police." Those charges can't be addressed, said Moore, until the case is presented to a grand jury. "At this time, we're waiting to let the grand jury decide who gets charged with what," said Moore. "All the charges are pending the grand jury investigation. We're not just presenting part of the case. We want to put the whole thing in the basket." Kentucky State Police continues to investigate the incidents.



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**Inmate**

mentally ill," said Walters. "This isn't something that just popped up. She has 14 or 15 volumes of records at Mountain Comp."

"When all this happened," continued Walters, "Prestonsburg Community College had no desire to pursue charges. They simply asked us to withdraw her from school. She's stuck in a holding pattern, and if the grand jury indicts her, she can be held indefinitely."

Walters and her husband say that they fear for Michala's safety during her incarceration at the Floyd County Detention Center.

"When she was a toddler, she would bang her head on the tile floor and throw herself forward," said Walters. "That's how severe her illness is."

Walters says Michala's life

has been one of defiance. She was kicked out of kindergarten and elementary school and has spent years as a resident at the Buckhorn Children's Center. Walters even said that Michala set fire to her own home when she was 9 years old.

According to Roger Webb, Floyd County Jailor, Michala has shown evidence of her mental handicap during her incarceration at the jail.

Reports have been filed at the jail for several incidents which have occurred during Michala's incarceration.

Deputy Jailor Melissa Bentley filed a petition for involuntary hospitalization on July 25 following incidents prompted by Michala's behavioral problems.

The petition noted that Michala was a "threat to herself and others" after she allegedly tried to "attack" other inmates, "hit" a deputy jailor, threatened to hurt or kill herself, and bit herself.

"When she first came to the jail, she said she was fascinated with fire," said Bentley. "But we give her cigarettes and matches and she's never tried to start a fire at the jail. I just think she did that at the college because she wasn't on her medication. I know she broke the law, but I

don't think she was in her right mind when she done it."

Bentley says that Michala becomes "hysterical" when she is placed in a cell with other inmates or the lights are turned off.

"The whole time she's been at the jail we have had to deal with her," continued Bentley. "From what I've seen and what she's told me, she's not competent to stand up for these charges. She doesn't belong there."

Other petitions signed by other deputy jailors say that Michala throws herself against doors in the jail, kicks things and, according to Webb, tries to cut herself with a broken plastic shampoo bottle.

"I'm not a mental health doctor or psychiatrist," said Webb, "but I've been around long enough to know that this girl is mentally ill. She doesn't need to be here, that's for sure."

Walters said she wants help for her daughter, but that help is unavailable as long as she faces two felony charges.

"The mental health people have found her competent," said Larry Adams, Prestonsburg's fire marshal who investigated the incidents at PCC. "She has been charged with a couple of felony counts and she'll have to stand up for them."

"We've tried several times in the past to work with the family," continued Adams. "The asked me to hold off of the charges so she could receive treatment and then they told me we had to charge her in order for her to receive treatment. Now they're asking me to dismiss them again. I'm sorry they feel like they've been done wrong, but we can't play games with the legal system like that without the proper disposition."

The characteristics of oppositional defiant disorder, according to Chalmer Howard, shift supervisor at the Crisis Unit of Mountain Comprehensive Care, include a "pattern" of negative, hostile and defiant behavior in which the patient often "loses his or her temper," deliberately annoys people, blames others for mistakes, is "spiteful and vindictive," has low self-esteem and conflict issues, and refuses to comply with adults.

Characteristics of borderline personality disorder, said Howard,

include a "pervasive" pattern of instability in interpersonal relationships marked with intense impassivity beginning in early childhood. Howard also said that a person suffering from this disorder has conscious efforts to avoid real and imagined abandonment issues, shows a pattern of unstable and intense interpersonal rationalizations and alternates between the extremes of idealization and evaluations of their identity.

Suicide attempts are common with people who have this disorder, says Howard, because they possess chronic feelings of "emptiness" and intense anger with the inability to control that anger.

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For example, recently someone wanted to know if birds taste the seed they gulp down so fast. Birds have only a few taste buds, and they don't hold food in their

(See BIRD, page ten)

## Rogers: House votes to approve funding for PRIDE and Kentucky economic development efforts

The U.S. House of Representatives voted recently to approve legislation that includes funding for economic development efforts in southern and eastern Kentucky and the Kentucky PRIDE program. U.S. Representative Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-5) worked to include the funding in the FY 2002 federal spending bill for the U.S. Department of Commerce, which passed the House on a vote of 408 to 19.

Rogers voted with the majority of his House colleagues to approve the FY 2002 Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary Appropriations Bill. The measure fully funds the budget request by the Bush Administration for the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) which provides public works and economic development grants to government and community agencies across the nation. In the past year, Kentucky programs obtained more than \$8 million in EDA funding.

Rogers secured a total of \$13 million for the Kentucky PRIDE program. \$8 million underwrites the PRIDE effort that offers low-cost loans to communities seeking to replace failing septic systems and straight pipes. The program also provides commu-

nity grants for cleanup activities, and grants to schools for environment education efforts. The remaining \$5 million funds design and construction of special water and sewer projects to be administered by the PRIDE program.

"The Congress has again endorsed our efforts to improve the quality of life for our people, by cleaning up our region and providing new opportunities for economic development," Rogers said. "This important federal investment is part of that effort. We're working to clean up our communities for the people who live there and the tourists who will visit. At the same time, this investment gives us more tools to improve our economic climate—attracting new businesses and creating new jobs for our people."

Rogers works to provide funding for the Kentucky PRIDE program and economic development efforts in his role as a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee. The appropriations subcommittee of which Rogers is a senior member wrote the measure that the House approved.

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| 1:15-1:45 p.m.   | Maytown Grade School                             | Maytown              |
| 2:45-3:15 p.m.   | Martin Grade School                              | Martin               |
| 3:20-3:50 p.m.   | Bottom on right, just past<br>Mine Power Supply  | Arkansas Creek       |
| 4:05-4:35 p.m.   | Bill Woods' Grocery                              | Allen                |
| 4:40-5:10 p.m.   | Goble Lumber Company                             | Allen                |
| 5:15-5:45 p.m.   | Jenny Wiley Village                              | Lancer               |

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| 8:30-9:00 a.m.   | Dwale Post Office  | Dwale                    |
| 9:05-9:35 a.m.   | Allen Happy Mart   | Allen                    |
| 9:40-10:10 a.m.  | Banner Post Office   | Banner                   |
| 10:15-10:45 a.m. | Dollar Mart  | Ivel                     |
| 10:50-11:20 a.m. | Stanville Post Office                                      | Stanville                |
| 11:25-11:55 a.m. | Senior Citizens' Center<br>(Beside Betsy Layne Fire Dept.) | Betsy Layne              |
| 12:00-12:30 p.m. | Velocity Market  | Betsy Layne              |
| 12:35-1:05 p.m.  | Happy Mart   | Harold                   |
| 2:00-2:30 p.m.   | Shop-A-Lot   | Mouth of Toler Creek     |
| 2:45-3:15 p.m.   | Old Spruce Pine School                                     | Honaker                  |
| 3:25-3:55 p.m.   | Dana Post Office   | Dana                     |
| 4:10-4:40 p.m.   | Newman's Market  | Mouth of Branham's Creek |
| 4:45-5:15 p.m.   | John M. Stumbo Elementary                                  | Grethel                  |
| 5:20-5:50 p.m.   | Mud Creek Clinic   | Grethel                  |

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## Sitting

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abuse in January and received a 90-day probated sentence.

The court placed Martin on probation on January 30 on the condition that he continue good behavior, refrain from violating the law, complete 100 hours of community ser-

vice, and attend and successfully complete a counseling program at a residential facility.

Following a motion to revoke Martin's probation filed April 24 in Floyd Circuit Court, special prosecutor Luke

Morgan alleged that Martin "failed to comply" with a condition of the probationary sentence when he allegedly made unwanted sexual advances and comments to a woman in February.

Special Judge David Hagerman of the Floyd Circuit Court signed an agreed order on May 18 stating that further consideration of the motion for revocation would be continued until Martin's treatment was completed.

Upon his return from a treatment facility which was located in Texas, Martin now faces litigation for these additional sexual abuse charges in regard to an incident which allegedly occurred on April 27.

On that day, according to the report filed in circuit court, Martin allegedly restrained a female by locking her in his office.

The report further alleges

Martin subjected the woman to sexual contact by rubbing his groin area against her without her consent, and touching her breasts without her consent.

Martin was escorted to the Floyd County Detention Center and was later released on a partially-secured bond.

Martin also faces an allegation of improper solicitation of business in regard to a motion filed in a civil suit in Floyd Circuit Court on July 10.

Those charges came about after a traffic accident involving Girdle Moore, 89, his daughter, Gloria Salisbury, 66, and Hollie Stumbo.

In their complaints, Moore and Salisbury signed affidavits alleging that Martin, who was visiting his mother, attempted to solicit their business following the accident while they were patients at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Martin is awaiting a court hearing set for August 24.

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**Rural roads more dangerous than urban roads - association urges safe driving habits, construction changes**

Big cities often seem more threatening to public safety than small communities, but traffic accidents—especially on rural roads—pose a greater threat.

The fatality rate for rural areas in the United States is more than twice that of urban areas.

And more than two-thirds of Kentucky's traffic fatalities occur on rural roads. The top two factors in those deaths are the result of single vehicle accidents—cars dropping off the road, and collisions with fixed objects on the side of the road, which can be especially deadly on narrow, rural roads.

That's why the Plantmix Asphalt Industry of Kentucky (PAIKY) is urging caution on Kentucky roads this summer, especially with the heavy tourism and farming season underway.

"Traffic crashes pose a greater threat to public safety than crime," said Dean Blake, PAIKY's executive director. "More people are injured and killed each year in car crashes than assaulted and murdered by criminals. We must get in the habit of safe driving, teach our children these techniques, and improve dangerous roads."

"As a statewide transportation association, we see firsthand how poor driving and narrow roads can threaten our safety," National organizations and statewide ones such as PAIKY make the following recommendations to improve rural road safety, including:

- Drive within the speed limit, and slow down on roads that are unfamiliar, or if weather is bad. Nationally, 40 percent of all fatal crashes occurred on rural roads posted at 55 miles per hour or more.
  - Increase educational efforts to reduce alcohol-related incidents, increase seat belt usage, and promote proper child safety seats instructions.
  - Improve road design. Research done by the Kentucky Transportation Center estimates that lane widening can reduce accidents by as much as 25 percent. In addition, removing fixed objects within 10 feet of the roadside also can reduce accidents by 25 percent, according to AAA.
- "Widening and improving roads can be costly, but traffic accidents are costly in terms of losing lives, and the \$100 billion in costs each year," Blake said.
- "The Transportation Cabinet does an excellent job of

improving roads based on the budget available, but we must find ways to increase that budget. We also must work together—educators, parents, health-care providers and public safety officers—to reduce crashes on rural roads, and make our rural communities safer."

The Plantmix Asphalt Industry of Kentucky (PAIKY) is a statewide trade association established in 1938 to improve the quality and workmanship of asphalt construction and performance. PAIKY members provide 95 percent of the hot mix asphalt used in Kentucky. Members own and operate more than 140 hot mix asphalt plants throughout the commonwealth.

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- Must have an official birth certificate. (Must be full-size.)
- Valid Kentucky immunization certificate.
- Medical examination (KDE—dated December, 1999).
- REVISED SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE:** Beginning August 1, 2001, all children at least (19) months of age and less than seven (7) years of age who attend preschool programs and public schools shall have one dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, unless a parent, guardian, or physician states that the child has had chickenpox disease.

**YOUR CHILD CANNOT ENROLL INTO PRIMARY SCHOOL (KINDERGARTEN) FOR THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR UNLESS THEY HAVE MET THESE REQUIREMENTS.**

These items must be completed and the proper certificate for each item submitted to the school principal on the opening day of school.

**Kentucky Eye Examination form for school entry dated 8/2000.**  
The Early Childhood Development law, requires all children entering public preschool, public school headstart or public school for the first time this fall to have evidence of an eye examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

**6th Grade**

- Hepatitis B vaccines (new requirement).
- A second dose of MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) immunization. (Immunization certificate must list all shot dates.)
- A physical examination on KDE approved form—dated December, 1999.

**High School—Parents, check your child's immunization cert.(shot) record for expiration date.**  
TD (tetanus and diphtheria) vaccination needed in high school when immunization certificate has expired. ALL SHOTS must be listed on the immunization certification to be valid.

**Students who fail to meet these requirements cannot be allowed to enroll in school or begin classes.**

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**Obituaries**

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**Orbie Prater Vaughan**

Orbie Prater Vaughan, 94, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, July 30, 2001, at Riverview Health Care Center.



Born at Risner, Ky., (Floyd County), she was the daughter of the late Columbus (Lum) Prater and Caroline Johnson Prater. She was a member of the Community United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg, and a life member of Miriam Rebekah Lodge No. 31, Prestonsburg.

She was also a member of the Independent Christian Women's Fellowship and was named Mother of the Year in 1988.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David (Dove) J. Vaughan, January 25, 1984.

Survivors include three sons, John E. Vaughan of 5707 Laurel Ridge Rd., Chattanooga, Tn., Dr. Ronald E. Vaughan of 4221 Broadway St., South Salem, Oh., Joe L. Vaughan of 425 Severn Way, Lexington, Ky.; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Martin L. Vaughan, and one brother, Taylor Prater.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, August 1, 2001, at 1 p.m., at the Community United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Steven Pescosolido officiating.

Burial will be in the Mayo Cemetery, Prestonsburg, Ky., under the direction of Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

**Rhoda Magrum**

Rhoda Magrum, 79, of Albion, Mich., passed away Saturday, July 28, 2001, at Trillium Hospital, Albion.

She was born January 12, 1922, in Floyd County, Ky., the daughter of Jeff and Pearl (Combs) Frasure. Rhoda had been employed at the Holiday Inn in Albion, Lynn Farms in Homer, and Alice's Donut Factory. She enjoyed gardening, playing bingo, cooking, watching TV, and visiting with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Earl Wallen (1964) and Richard Magrum (2000).

Survivors include nine daughters, Delois Smith of Ky., Birdie Howard of Oh., Wilma Patrick of Homer, Mi., Marcella Kopp of Port Huron, Mi., Faye Smith of Jonesville, Mi.; and Jean Combs, Janice Goble, Gay Haywood and Wanda Zaremba, all of Albion, Mi.; three sons, Glidden Wallen of Oh., Carlos Wallen of Coldwater, Mi., Harlos Wallen of Albion, Mi.; five step-children, John Magrum and Joseph Magrum, both of Florida, Patricia Pollman of Albion, Mi., Kathryn Murray and Michelle Patterson, both of Florida; two sisters, Dollie McKee of Ohio and Willadean Scott of Ky.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death was a daughter, Christine.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, August 1, at 1 p.m., at the J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, 811 Finley Drive, Albion, with Reverend Earl Martin and Ham Trusty officiating.

Interment will follow at Albion Memory Gardens.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Mrs. Magrum's family. (Paid obituary)

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**KCTCS students place in national skills competition**

Two individual students and two teams, representing colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) placed in the top 10 in the recent Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) national competition for students who are interested in business and entrepreneurship.

At the PBL Leadership Conference, students competed in testing, skills and interview events to determine how they compare to their peers. First- and second-place winners at the state level were eligible to compete at the national conference.

Students who attended the conference also participated in workshops and other educational sessions.

Here are the KCTCS students who placed in the top 10 in various categories.

■ Paducah Community College, 5th in Chapter Website. Team members were Nicholas Schipp, Mindy Roper and Haley Gibbs.

■ Cumberland Valley Technical College, 2nd in Parliamentary Procedure. The KCTCS students were Elizabeth Tolliver, Bridget Asher and Jennifer Hopper; Carissa Howell from Bellarmine University also was on the team.

■ Ann Johnson from Central Kentucky Technical College-Lexington Campus placed 9th in Public Speaking.

■ Kristin Kiser from Central

Kentucky Technical College-Anderson Campus placed 3rd in Word Processing.

**Other awards and recognitions:**

■ Bowling Green Technical College was honored as a Gold Seal Chapter for being the top chapter in Kentucky.

■ Adviser Service Recognition awards went to Julie Coy of Elizabethtown Technical College, TiffineeMorgan and Marilyn Cook of West Kentucky Technical College, and Susan Chafin of Mayo Technical College.

■ Carla Draffen of Paducah Community College was honored as Outstanding Local Chapter Adviser.

"Phi Beta Lambda is working with KCTCS to change the lives of students by providing opportunities for them to showcase technical, academic, leadership and speaking skills," KCTCS

President Michael B. McCall said. "This alliance allows students to develop their skills, not only on the local and state levels, but on the national level as well."

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**THE FAMILY OF KATHERINE VIRGINIA OSBORNE**

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The family of Thelma Lavone Hicks wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.  
**THE FAMILY OF THELMA LAVONE HICKS**

**Card of Thanks**  
The family of Myrtle M. Jacobs would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: those who sent food and flowers or just spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the clergymen, Jerry Manns and Chester Lucas, for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.  
**THE FAMILY OF MYRTLE M. JACOBS**

**Card of Thanks**  
The family of Minnie B. Crisp would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to Clergyman Bennie Blankenship for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.  
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Escape

Police officers, Constable Homer Neeley and officers from the Division of Probation and Parole responded, searching the city of Prestonsburg for any sign of Flannery.

Flannery's hope for freedom, however, didn't last as long as he intended. The search culminated in about an hour, with Flannery captured and returned to jail, this time facing additional felony charges that will most likely end with a stiffer punishment.

Officers at the scene said that Flannery was found running on Riverside drive where he was recaptured.

According to Neeley, Gary Compton, an officer from Probation and Parole in Prestonsburg "took him down."

"He saw him on the riverbank and slipped up on him before he noticed," said Neeley.

Court records show that Flannery has seen his share of trouble with the law in both Floyd and Magoffin counties.

At the time of his attempted

escape, Flannery was on probation for charges he faced in Magoffin County.

On January 22, Flannery pleaded guilty to an amended charge of third-degree burglary in Magoffin County courts. He also found guilty on that day for two counts of theft by unlawful taking for allegedly selling an all-terrain vehicle owned by Judge David Barber.

In each of the three charges against him in Magoffin County, Flannery was sentenced to three years imprisonment, to each run concurrent, and was probated for the duration of those three years. Flannery faced a parole violation when he failed a drug test stipulated by his probation.

On May 8, Flannery was indicted twice by a grand jury in Floyd County on two counts of

theft by unlawful taking. His indictment on those charges followed two arrests for the alleged thefts of the same all-terrain vehicle from the home of Steve Potter.

Flannery was arrested on those charges on January 18 and

April 4 by Constable Homer Neeley. The all-terrain vehicle has not been recovered.

Flannery, who was arraigned on Tuesday for second-degree escape, will next appear in court for a pretrial conference on October 10.

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Incest is usually denied

by PETER O. SAMPLES, STATE CHAIRMAN

Even when faced with evidence, the denial system of the family usually is very strong. Generally, family members will assert that nothing has happened or, if confronted with undeniable evidence, claim that "it will never happen again." In this situation, treatment is very difficult. If the victim returns home without intensive intervention in the family system, the old patterns of sexual abuse will continue.

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Bird

beaks to chew it. That action takes place in the gizzard. It has been shown that birds at feeders choose seeds based on their nutritional value, as well as on some other cues.

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To learn more about this rewarding hobby, visit the National Bird-Feeding Society's website [www.birdfeeding.org](http://www.birdfeeding.org), and be sure to Ask Us. Or send a 34¢ stamp to get a free issue of the newsletter, P.O. Box 23, Northbrook, IL 60065.

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Obituaries

Millie H. Hamilton

Millie H. Hamilton, age 87, of Teaberry, Ky., wife of the late John D. Hamilton, passed away, Monday, July 30, 2001, at her residence.

She was born August 18, 1913, at Teaberry, Ky., the daughter of the late Sie and Dolly Pope Hamilton. She was a homemaker and was a member of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church.

She is survived by seven sons, Thomas Hamilton of Craynor, Ky., Alford Hamilton of Elkton, Md., Andy Lee Hamilton, Carter

Hamilton, Glenn Hamilton, Rexal Hamilton, all of Teaberry, Ky., and Ira Hamilton of Dayton, Oh.; four daughters, Rosie Brown and Alpha Donnellan, both of Teaberry, Ky., Dixie Slone and Eva Voshell, both of Elkton, Md.; six brothers, Thomas Hamilton, Mennis Hamilton, and Jimmy Ira Hamilton, all of Rising Sun, Md.; Jake Hamilton of Newark, De., Denzil Hamilton of Baltimore, Md., and Jay Lee Hamilton of Chicago, Ill.; four sisters, Ann Woods of Houston, Tx., Martha Fitzpatrick of

Scottsdale, Az., Debbie Wagner and Marilyn Doll, both of Rising Sun, Md., and 33 grandchildren, and a host of great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 2, 2001, at the Samaria Regular Baptist Church, Teaberry, Ky., with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Thomas Hamilton Cemetery, Teaberry, Ky., under the care of Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky.


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Hello, dear friends (and even you enemies), and welcome to what I'm sure will be the last phase of my checkered career as a journalist. I've been writing sports in this state since 1959. From 1974 until recently, I've written a column for either The Courier-Journal in Louisville or the Herald-Leader in Lexington. That's a lot of words, a lot of faces, a lot of memories.

So, you're probably asking now, what am I doing here, in your hometown newspaper? My first response is that I'm not quite ready to retire, no matter what you may have heard to the contrary, and that Community Newspaper Holdings, Inc., has offered me the opportunity to carry on for awhile, for which I'm very grateful.

The aging process is a funny thing. I just turned 58, which is young to some and ancient to others. I realize that the end of my career is nigh. Yet I still feel I have much to share and discuss before it's finally time for the game-ending whistle to blow. I don't ask much. Just a few more years.

One advantage to getting older is that your sense of perspective increases. I'm astonished, sometimes, when I read younger sports writers' accounts of people they never knew nor covered. So my role, at least partly, has become a matter of setting the record straight and defending ghosts who can no longer defend themselves.

Take Adolph Rupp, for example. I knew him well. Covered many of his teams. Ate chili with him and drank bourbon with him. I fiercely resent the idea that he was more of a racist than most other Southern coaches of his era. So when a young columnist who never met Rupp writes that he should have worn a white sheet to UK games instead of a brown suit, it gets my bile flowing.

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**Introduction**

Billy Reed, named Kentucky's best sports columnist the last two years, has found a new home from which to spread his insightful prose about University of Kentucky sports, horse racing, nostalgia, and sports in general.

Reed has signed on to write columns and feature stories for the Bluegrass Division of Community Newspaper Holdings Inc., which owns more newspapers in Kentucky than any other group and boasts a combined circulation of more than 125,000. The Floyd County Times is part of the Bluegrass Division, which includes the cities of Richmond, Somerset, London, Corbin, Middlesboro, Harlan, Hazard, Morehead, Prestonsburg and other Kentucky communities, as well as neighboring New Albany and Jeffersonville, Ind.

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**Highlanders bring home bronze**

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The Highlanders, an under 8 soccer team composed of girls from Floyd, Johnson and Pike counties, came away from the Summer Bluegrass Games undefeated, winning the bronze medal.

The team defeated the Lexington Honeybees, 3-1, the Woodford County Stars, 7-2 and the Lexington Hurricanes 1-0 in the bronze medal game. The Highlanders narrowly missed competing for the gold medal by reason of the 'goals scored' tie-breaker. During the two days of competition, the Highlanders managed to display great teamwork while play-

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**Betsy Layne girls wrap up busy summer**



■ Akers

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The old adage holds true: Basketball players are made in the summer.

The Betsy Layne Ladycats have had a busy summer of basketball. The Ladycats, under the guidance of head coach Cassandra Akers, participated in three team camps this summer.

First up for the Ladycats was the

15th Region Officials Camp held at Pike County Central High School. The Ladycats finished the officials tune up 7-2.

After a two week break Betsy Layne participated in the Pikeville College Team Camp and finished a near-perfect 7-1.

The Betsy Layne girls just returned, this past weekend, from the 2001 Bernadette Mattox U.K. Basketball Team Camp. The Ladycats played their way to the

championship game of the camp where they lost to Boyd County, 26-21.

A total of 16 teams, divided into two pools, played in the U.K. Camp.

Betsy Layne defeated Loudon High School from Tennessee, Milford High School, Mid-Fen High School Team 1 and Team 2 from Ohio, Grundy High School and Haysi High School from Virginia, and lost to Dayton Christian Academy from Ohio.

The Ladycats finished second in Pool B and had to play the winner of Pool A, Johnson Central, in the championship game prelude. Betsy Layne went on to defeat Johnson Central to advance into the championship game where they eventually lost to a very good Boyd County team.

Betsy Layne finished the summer with a 21-5 worksheet and will take

(See BUSY, page three)



photo by Steve LeMaster  
Rodger Bingham, A.K.A. 'Kentucky Joe', was the center of many athlete's attention during Friday's opening ceremonies. Bingham received a standing ovation from the crowd when he took to the podium to speak and when he ended his address.

**GAMES CONCLUDE**

**Floyd Countians capture 30 medals**

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

The last big weekend of the 2001 Bluegrass State Games concluded with Fayette County medalists leading the way with 824 medals. Jeff McClung of Scott County and Sandy Padgett of Kenton County led individual medals with McClung earning 13 medals and Padgett 12.

McClung earned medals in track and field, diving, swimming, canoeing/kayaking and cycling. Padgett won medals in swimming, track and field and the 5K road race.

In the county medal count, Jefferson County participants led with 401 medals, followed by Franklin with 150; Kenton, 149; Woodford, 139 and Campbell, 137. Rounding out the top 10 counties were: Scott, 117; Jessamine, 114; Madison, 109; Boone, 106; and Hardin, 100.

Johnson County athletes racked up 37 medals; Floyd, 30, and Pike, 22.

At the end of the Games, athletes from 105 Kentucky counties had earned 3,858 medals in 27 sports.

A medal county by county appears on page 2 of this sports section.

Because of the rain this weekend, some schedules had to be altered and one

division of girls' softball had to be canceled.

This past weekend was the second of two major weekends of competition in the Bluegrass State Games, Kentucky's largest amateur sporting event. More than 15,700 amateur athletes from 105 counties participated in the 17th annual



photo by Steve LeMaster  
Look out! Timothy Miller (second from top) and B.J. Hamilton (bottom) got in some play time before Friday's opening ceremonies of the Bluegrass State Games.

**Games**

Participants from this year's Bluegrass State Games can re-live the fun when Kentucky Educational Television (KET) broadcast a one-hour wrap-up show produced during the events.

Coverage includes highlights such as opening ceremonies at Applebee's Park, the torch run from Frankfort to Lexington and a variety of sports events throughout the two weekends the Games were held.

KET will show the program at 9 p.m. EDT Monday, Aug. 6.

Next up for the Bluegrass State Games is the 2002 Winter Games.

■ NASCAR

**In this sport, inches do matter**

by STEVE MICKEY  
NASCAR COLUMNIST

NASCAR finally made the announcement that everybody involved in the sport knew was coming. It wasn't the long awaited announcement concerning the finding from the investigation of Dale Earnhardt's fatal crash. Instead, it was one of those NASCAR rules modifications that are handed down in an effort to "level up" the playing field.

This time the happy recipients were the teams that campaign the Dodge Intrepid. The change calls for the Intrepid's front air dam to be extended two inches forward below the bumper. A couple of inches doesn't sound like much, but for Chevrolets, Fords and Pontiacs that have to go up against the Intrepid each week it was enough for them to scream foul!

The rule change is intended to give Dodge some additional force on the front end and it couldn't have come at a better time as the next stop on the schedule is Indianapolis which is considered a downforce track.

Downforce is what plants the front tires on the asphalt, which makes the cars turn better in the corners. With only 9 degrees of banking in its turns, Indianapolis demands a car have plenty of front-end downforce to navigate its way to victory lane.

The angry reactions that NASCAR got from those teams that have to race against the Dodges came in part to what they believed was just an attempt by the sanctioning body to get a Dodge into victory lane. Earlier in the season when NASCAR took all four makes of cars to the wind tunnel, the results showed that Dodge's downforce numbers were close to that of the Chevrolets.

(See NASCAR, page three)

**Rebels, Bobcats in action Saturday**

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Two county high school football teams will get together this weekend, both playing separate teams at one site.

The Allen Central High School football field is the place, and the host Rebels, Lexington Christian Academy, Betsy Layne and Jenkins are the combatants.

It was originally scheduled as a single game scrimmage between Allen Central and Lexington Christian Academy. Betsy Layne and Jenkins have since been added, making it a four-team two-game affair.

The four teams in action Saturday at Allen Central won a collective four games last season. Allen Central managed two wins, while Betsy Layne won a single game, and Lexington Christian went an even 1-1 in their first season of football. Jenkins was winless last season.

Host Allen Central will hook up with Lexington Christian in the opener at

(See REBELS, page three)

Troy Burchett's Black Dragon Kenpo Karate recently competed in the Kentucky State Open. Martial artists from the school brought home five first-place trophies, one second, one third, and one fourth.

Students from the school, collectively, won a total of five medals over the weekend at the Bluegrass State Games. Students from the school will be back in competition this weekend at Millard High School. The school recently got invited to the 2001 Battle of Columbus.

**Karate...**





**NASCAR**

The feeling in the garage area is that Dodge's on-track performance prompted the rules change, which is yet to pick up a win. The truth is that only Sterling Marlin has been able to run up front on a consistent basis in a Dodge while the rest of the teams campaigning the Intrepid have become middle to the back of the pack teams.

The sanctioning body's timing couldn't have come at a better time for Dodge or a worse time for the rest of the teams that don't race the Intrepid. Indy

is not only one of the most coveted wins in the series, it has the largest purse of any race on the schedule. Ask any driver and he will tell you that an Indy win is just a notch lower than winning the Daytona 500.

NASCAR wants the Dodge to experience on-track success this season. It knows Dodge's parent company, DaimlerChrysler has lost \$1.3 billion in the first six months of this year and with little success so far in its return to the series that it is not far fetched that Dodge

would have to pull back on its support of its Winston Cup teams.

Make no mistake, NASCAR is a business and it knows that in Chrysler's first year back on the tour since the 1970s that they have to experience enough success to justify the millions that it has poured into its Winston Cup effort. The largest crowd of the season is expected at Indy and NASCAR knows that it couldn't be a better time for a Dodge driver to accept the winner's trophy.

Ray Evernham, owner of the flagship Dodge teams, has been saying long before the season even started, that the Intrepid was going to need some help with downforce if it ever was to become competitive. His reaction to NASCAR's announcement was that it would have to help make a better balanced race car, but it would take a tremendous amount of work before it would show up on the track.

While the Dodge teams work with their newly acquired two inches of air dam this week, owners like Jack Roush and Richard Childress will make sure that NASCAR knows that they aren't happy with the

change. If they aren't happy now, what do you think their attitude would be next week if a Dodge wins the Brickyard 400? We might just get to find out!

**Busy**

a much deserved break until pre-season conditioning begins in October.

The Betsy Layne grade school along with four incoming freshman to Betsy Layne High School participated in the Junior Varsity Division at the University of Kentucky. The Lady cats finished with a 4-4 record and placed third among nine junior varsity teams.

The varsity team included: Amy Keathley, Tabitha Mitchell, Devon Reynolds, Kim Tackett, Tiffany Meade, Natasha Stratton, Whitney Lykens, Kesha Newman, Tabetha Witt and Kim Clark.

The J.V. team included: Breann Akers, Kristal Daniels, Lyndsey Frasure, Kristin Smith, Chasity Bentley, Jordan Collins, Lindsey Cross, Rachael Hunt, Amanda Hunter, Candice Meade, Nicole Spurlock, Bethany Tackett, and Kaitlin Lawson.

**Intro**

"As a native of Mount Sterling, Ky., I feel this is sort of returning to my roots," Reed said. "Having just turned 58 — I can remember when I thought that was ancient — I feel uniquely qualified to put today's events, issues, and personalities into historical perspective. I actually knew the likes of Adolph Rupp, Bear Bryant, Paul McBrayer, and Steve Hamilton."

Reed began his career as a sports writer for the Louisville Courier Journal and rose to become the paper's sports editor from 1977 to 1986. He has served as a senior writer for Sports Illustrated and most recently was a sports columnist for the Lexington Herald Leader.

In a story printed in April, the Herald Leader indicated Reed had retired, but Reed said his contract was not renewed after 15 years as part of the cutbacks that included many of the paper's longtime columnists.

"I still love the games, the players, the spirit, the fans, even the coaches," Reed wrote in his

first column in today's paper. "And I still love the challenge of writing, of standing up for the good guys against the bad guys, of searching for a sense of morality and compassion and ethics that too often seems to be lost in today's sports world."

"I'm extremely pleased that we are able to add a writer of Billy Reed's caliber to the Bluegrass division of Community Newspaper Holdings Inc.," said Robert R. Hammond, vice president and division manager for CNHI. "Our readers deserve the best. And, having Billy's sports commentary in our newspapers is a major step toward our goal of fulfilling that mission."

Reed said he is excited to be writing for such a fine group of community newspapers.

"I look at the CNHI papers and I get a chill..." he said. "Over the next few years, I hope I can engage you, enlighten you, challenge you, amuse you, and entertain you."

Reed's column will appear every Wednesday in this newspaper.

**Rebels**

around noon or 12:30 p.m., while Betsy Layne and Jenkins are pitted against one another in the second contest.

Saturday's action will be a debut of sorts for two new county grid coaches. Robert Mayton will see his first game action as head coach of the Allen Central football team and Tim McCoy begins his tenure as head football coach of the Betsy Layne Bobcats.

**Reed**

Yet I also should point out that bringing perspective doesn't necessarily mean that you're an out-of-touch old fogey. I've recently established a positive personal and professional relationship with Jeff Zurcher, who last played football for UK in 1998. Allan Houston of the New York Knicks remains a friend, as do the likes of Rick Pitino, Tom Jurich, Tubby Smith, Muhammad Ali, Marty Brennaman, Nick Zito, Bob Baffert, Wayne Lukas, Bob Knight, and other newsmakers.

In other words, what I want to give you is the same as always — a healthy dose of the present combined with the perspective of the past and, sometimes, an educated peek at the future.

I'm not certain why the Herald-Leader decided to terminate my contract after 15-plus years. All I ever did for them was try to help them become a first-class paper, which I believe they are. In the last year, I've done free-lance work for NBC, CBS, ABC, the History Channel, TV Guide, and ESPN TV, radio and Classic. Every time, I was identified as a columnist for the Herald-Leader.

But one must move on, at least until the time comes when your can begin collecting your pensions and Social Security.

It's going to be easy for my detractors to say I've become a bitter old man. But I don't believe that's the case. I still love the games, the players, the spirit, the fans, even the coaches. And I still love the challenge of writing, of standing up for the good guys against the bad guys, of searching for a sense of morality and compassion and ethics that too often seems to be lost in today's sports world.

I'm going to be doing a Sunday nostalgia column for the Baltimore Sun, one of the country's best 10 newspapers. I'm going to be doing stuff in the Louisville area for my friend Ron Steiner. And I'm going to continue doing books and other projects for my friend Jim Host, the best friend any person could ever hope to have.

But, largely, I'm going to be writing stuff for you guys in Richmond and Somerset and Corbin and Morehead. I look at the list of CNHI's papers and I

get a chill. Harlan and Wallace "Wah Wah" Jones. Glasgow and Jerry Dunn. Morehead and Steve Hamilton. Hazard and Johnny Cox. And Floyd County and King Kelly Coleman.

On Sept. 10, I'll be inducted into the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame, the fifth sports writer to be so honored (the others are Earl Ruby, Mike Barry, Jim Bolus, and Earl Cox.) I'm not at all sure I deserve it, but I will gladly accept it. Because, you see, it's recognition, more than anything, of how much you've cared about this state and its sports icons.

Over the next few years, I hope I can engage you, enlighten you, challenge you, amuse you, and entertain you. You may get greater insight than me, and I'm willing to accept that. My only hope is that in these next few years, we can continue communicating, sharing ideas and opinions, in the hope of doing what's best for the state — not only a geographical area, but a state of mind — that we all love dearly.

Journalism is a funny thing. I've written cover stories for a publication with 24 million readers, world-wide. I've sat at Muhammad Ali's bedside after he lost the heavyweight title to Leon Spinks, walked with Bob Knight the evening he won an NCAA title for Indiana, and celebrated Triple Crown wins with the handlers of Seattle Slew and Affirmed. And did I mention that I've shared some bets with

Pete Rose at Churchill Downs? This is no big deal, really. No name-dropping. Just a recounting of a long career spent as a sports writer. My goodness, I'm still a guy from Mount Sterling who happened to catch a lucky break or two. So I hope you all welcome me into your homes, even when you disagree with me. And I hope you know that writing, and being published somewhere, is the most important thing, no matter the power or scope of your employer.

I'm pleased and happy about what appears to be the last phase of my career. My goal is to write columns interesting enough to make you want to read your local newspaper. I hope we can have some fun together. Silly as it may be, I still believe I have some insights to offer about the issues and personalities you care most about, without intruding on the talented journalists in your town.

When I first traveled with Coach Rupp, UK's mode of transportation was an old DC-3 that Pat Riley swore had a hole in the floor. But when everybody was aboard — and by heaven, you better be on time — Coach Rupp would look at the pilot and say, "Kick 'er, Doc."

And that's sort of how I feel about the final phase of my career. I'm happy to be on board with good folks who live in wonderful towns.

Kick 'er, Doc.

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Governor Paul Patton posed with Paintsville Starz players and coaches. Not all members of the Starz, a tee-ball team, were present for the photo. Patton, a Pike County native, wished the team good luck prior to their competition in the Games.

# Half Mountain Speedway announces its opening weekend

by JAMES TRIMBLE  
HMS TRACK WRITER

SALYERSVILLE- Finally, the wait is over. Half Mountain Speedway located in Royalton, just outside Salyersville will begin its 2001 racing season on August 4. Many drivers and fans have expressed interest in the progress at HMS and have waited ever so patiently while work crews continued to prepare Half Mountain Speedway for its debut.

Steve Howard Track Manager at HMS has received countless emails from raceteams and fans in Kentucky and surrounding states expressing interest on when the track will open along with many other questions.

Raceteams have their eyes on the impressive payout Half Mountain will post each and every week. The Late Model Division will host a \$2,000 to win with a nice pay through the field as well, total purse of \$9,050. All other divisions presents some splendid payouts as well. The \$1,000 to win Modified feature each week should draw some attention, this is one of the highest payouts in the country for the Modified division. Super Bomber Division is \$600 to win each week, \$400 to win top prize in the Bomber Division, and a \$200 top prize in both the Road Hog and the Four-Cylinder divisions. Add \$100 for quickest time trial and \$200 to the winner of the "Quick Six" race, and it all

adds up to almost \$16,000. This will be paid out each and every weekend, the highest payout in the area.

Many drivers may be drawn to Half Mountain Speedway simply for the track itself. It's unlike any other track in the area, the track is a 4/10th of a mile speed plant with sweeping turns and plenty of room to race. The track is 100-foot wide, most NASCAR sanctioned tracks aren't that wide. The wider track surface means a lot of different things to a lot of different people, for the drivers it means less wrecks which means safer racing since the track is so wide the driver will have plenty of room to dodge any trouble that might be ahead of them. For the fans it means some incredible side by side action with two and three abreast through the wide corners and still have room. The wider track will also be a major factor in speeds the cars will turn on the track, whereas the cars will have more room so they may not have to get out of the throttle as much, maybe not at all if the cars are handling good.

Half Mountain Speedway will offer some of the latest state of the art technology used in racing. With a Taug Heure timing device and the latest software available in the U.S. that is operated by a computer in the scoring tower. This will take out any possible human error during qualifying. Half Mountain Speedway officials realize that racing is a sport

where raceteams work extremely hard to trim any part of a second they can and this device will make sure they will be rewarded for their efforts in search for a quicker lap.

Half Mountain Speedway has put into place a sound system that has been described as "Awesome". "Big Al" Jordan the flagman at HMS jokingly said, he was afraid he would not be able to hear the tower on his headset during the race, not because of the loudness and the clarity of the sound system installed. Another big improvement that Half Mountain has over some tracks in the area are the lights. The lighting system has 150,000 watts of power behind it turning night into day both on the track and in the pits, they are so powerful the power company told Jim not to turn all the lights on at once because it would cause such a power surge that it would black out all of the surrounding area.

Jim Branham envisions Half Mountain Speedway as being one of the best tracks in the state and maybe the country. Branham has put all the pieces in place for the track to reach this goal. On August 4, as the Late Models enter the track to begin the first night of racing at Half Mountain Speedway, the face of dirt track racing in Eastern Kentucky will begin a changing process never to be the same again, the most modern dirt track in Eastern Kentucky begins its history mak-

ing season.

Gates will open at 4 p.m. with technical inspection for all divisions beginning at this time. Hot Laps will begin at 7 p.m. with qualification immediately after hot laps.

Half Mountain Speedway plans on giving the drivers and the fans a track to be proud of close to home, so the only question left to be answered is: Are you ready for Half Mountain Speedway? Because on August 4th Half Mountain Speedway is finally ready for you. For more information about the track such as directions, rules, payout, and all the latest updates check out the website at [www.halfmountain-speedway.com](http://www.halfmountain-speedway.com)

## Tachikara, NAIA introduce new volleyball for 2001 season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Tachikara and the National Association of Interscholastic Athletics have partnered to develop and introduce a new official volleyball for sanctioned competition beginning with the 2001 NAIA volleyball season. The new multi-colored ball will be used in competition at the 2001 NAIA Women's Volleyball National Championship.

Tachikara's latest design combines the same commitment to quality the company is renowned for with a variation that will permit players to see the ball better.

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In 1952, Tachikara revolutionized the sporting goods industry with new technology to produce a "seamless" ball. The company broke away from traditional hand stitched balls manufactured in that period to pioneer their Single Unit Construction method of manufacturing. Tachikara's ingenuity led to development of its patented Loose Bladder Construction method. This method, exclusive to Tachikara, is currently used in the manufacturing of all of its top quality volleyballs.

The seamless ball was introduced to the United States at the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo. The interest generated by the United States Volleyball Association led to the ball being imported for trade in the domestic market. Tachikara has been the Official Volleyball Supplier of the NAIA since 1981.

The new NAIA volleyball is now available through local sporting goods suppliers nationwide. To locate a Tachikara dealer, call 1-800-SAY-TACH.

## Akers selected for elk hunt

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Ten lucky people were drawn for Kentucky's first elk hunt in more than 150 years during a festival held in Hazard over the weekend.

Those drawn for a bull elk permit (by order of draw) include: Tracy Cerise, Lexington; Eugene "Gene" LeBrun Jr., Ashland; Jimmy Garrett, Jeffersontown; and Elihu "Buddy" Hoagland III, Island.

Those drawn for a cow elk permit (by order of draw) included a Floyd County resident along with five other lucky hunters. Tosh Akers of Grethel in Floyd County will have the chance as he was one of the lucky chosen ones for the upcoming hunt. Others drawn for the cow elk permit included: Richard Ikerd, Somerset; James

Durham, Bowling Green; Billy Hayes, Stanford; Kenneth Taulbee, Augusta; and Robert Edwards, Hardin.

A total of 9,235 people applied for the elk draw. The winners, whose ages range from 23 to 70, are all Kentucky residents from throughout the state.

Children recruited from the audience drew name cards from a large drum, in front of a crowd of more than 100 people.

The state auditor's office oversaw the drawing to ensure fairness.

Two of the winning permit applications were sold over the Internet; three at large retail stores; three by telephone; one at a county clerk's office; and one at a local bait shop. All the winning permit applications were sold before the May 31 general deadline.

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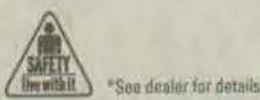
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by CLYDE PACK

Perhaps it's a sad commentary on my tenure as a coal-camp kid, but the only two reasons I was ever allowed to stay up late was when Mom and Dad would let me go to Bill Hampton's on Saturday nights to watch wrestling on TV, or when they'd let me, especially in the summertime, sit up with somebody dead.

In those days, it was absolutely unheard of, and probably even considered un-Christian, to leave a body at the funeral home, and the boys in the community would really feel important when we'd (usually uninvited) jump in and help the funeral-home man unload those battle-scared, wooden, fold-up chairs from the back of his pick-up and set them around the walls in a bereaved neighbor's living room.

I can't imagine why our parents let us do it. I don't know if they actually thought we wanted to sit up out of respect for the deceased's family, or if they really knew that we were just looking for an excuse to stay up late. For whatever reason, though, they'd let us, and along about dark, we'd (both boys and girls) start gathering at the home where the body had been carried for viewing.

Talking about it now, more than 50 years later, it really sounds bad, even disrespectful. But it really wasn't. Sitting with the dead was simply something we did when somebody died, and there were probably as many reasons for doing it, as there were kids who did it.

I can't speak for the motives of the others, and perhaps it may attest to the shape I'm in now, but one thing I always looked forward to was the food. Extra tables would have to be set up in the kitchen to hold it all, and women from as far away as around on Number Three and Greentown, would bring in chocolate pies and cakes and tons of fried chicken, and nearly always a baked ham. Sometimes they'd even bring something sort of exotic. As a matter of fact, it was on such an occasion that I ate my first pimento-cheese sandwich.

While the adults would sit around in the front room (or some other room adjacent to where the body was), we younger folks would congregate outside on the porch and steps. We knew enough not to make much noise while the folks inside would sing hymns, and even sometimes have a complete church service.

By eleven or so, most of the grownups, except two or three men who'd planned to stay the night, would have all gone home. If we were really lucky, there'd be a good storyteller or two among the grownups who'd stayed, and we'd sit on the porch and listen through the screen door as they'd smoke and drink black coffee, and tell tales of how it used to be before John L. Lewis.

By midnight, our ranks, which at one time had swollen to a dozen or more, would have diminished to a mere three or four boys who lived real close, and we'd sit and doze and wait for morning.

It wasn't something we talked about much, and it certainly wasn't something we'd plan nor look forward to, but sitting up with the dead was just simply something we did back then.

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# Beauty...



photo by Kathy J. Prater

An oasis for honeybees and butterflies alike.

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Garden spaces at the home of Della and Mike Ormerod, located on University Drive in Prestonsburg, are slightly limited. But this hasn't stopped the couple from making good use of what they have to work with. And utilizing this



photo by Kathy J. Prater  
Brightly colored zinnias and marigolds herald summer and celebrate sunny days in the gardens of Della and Mike Ormerod.

space well has earned their gardens the honor of being named "Garden of the Month" for the month of July by the Prestonsburg Woman's Club.

The Ormerod's have planted liliun, hostas, marigolds, zinnias, irises, gladiolas and day lilies, as well as petunias and vinca vine throughout the space available to them at the sides and in the driveway areas of their home. Though the yard of the home is small, the Ormerod's have managed to make good use of the space and depth with their selection of plants.

The gardens are ablaze with color - bright reds, yellows, oranges, pinks and purples, as well as more subtle and pastel pinks and greens.

With their well-designed and meticu-

(See BEAUTY, page three)

## Bright colors and fragrant blooms say it's summertime!



photo by Kathy J. Prater

These blooms have found a nice home nestled against mounds of thick mulch and ornamental shrubbery.

## Small World...

### God's Country

Editor's note: Aileen Hall is out of town again, this time on a pleasure trip. I have decided to run the following piece. Again, I believe it to be in Mrs. Hall's style and I hope she will approve. Watch next week for a feature story written by Mrs. Hall entitled "Memories for Melodie." It's a very touching story and you may even be able to help with a special request. Now on with this week's submission by local native, Ken Crider:

—A man in Topeka, Kansas, decided to write a book about the churches of our great country. He began by flying to San Francisco. He planned to work his way east from this point.

Upon entering a very large church, he began taking photographs and making notes. As he worked, he noticed a golden telephone hanging on the vestibule wall. He was intrigued by a sign which read, "\$10,000 per minute." Seeking out the pastor, he asked about the phone and the sign. The

pastor informed him that the golden telephone was, in fact, a direct line to Heaven and that anyone paying the price could speak directly with God. The man thanked the pastor for the information and continued along his way.

He visited churches in cities such as Seattle, Austin, Detroit, Chicago, and so on, all around the United States. He happened upon a great many more golden telephones, all with the same sign attached - "\$10,000 per minute." Each time, he again sought out the pastor of the church and each time

received the same answer as the first. Finally, he arrived in Kentucky.

He found himself among the lush, beautiful landscape of eastern Kentucky - in a county known as Floyd. As he visited the many quaint churches dotted among the county's hills and valleys, he noted that the same golden telephone existed in each church, but that the attached sign contained a different message. The signs in these churches read, "25 cents per minute." Fascinated, the free-lancer sought out a local pastor,

"Reverend, I have been in cities all across this country and in each church I have found this golden telephone. In each of these churches I was informed that the phone contained a direct line to Heaven and that I could place a call that would connect me directly to God - for a fee of \$10,000 per minute. The signs in the churches in Floyd county read 25 cents per minute. Why?"

The pastor, smiling benignly, replied in a comforting tone, "Son, you're in eastern Kentucky now. It's a local call."



AILEEN HALL  
Contributing  
Writer

# School Happenings

## Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Center is open during the summer for any parent who would like to bring in their child's physical or immunization records. Call the center for more information.

Orientation for new parents/students will be held on Tuesday, August 7, at 6 p.m., in the school library. This is a good time to gather information about the school, meet staff, and tour the building.

Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more informa-

tion about the center or any of the listed activities, call 886-9812.

## Allen Central Middle School and Youth Service Center

Open House - Wednesday, August 8, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Youth Service Center Advisory Council meeting - August 13, 6:00 p.m., in center. Meeting open to the public.

Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. Call 358-0134 for more information. If your child has lost a coat at school, please check in the Youth Service

Center.

## Allen Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center

Service Center Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Telephone: 874-0621

Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

G.E.D. classes offered - FREE - each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through

11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

## Clark Elementary

Nurse in the center on Thursdays. Appointments for sixth grade physicals now being scheduled. 886-0815.

School office open during summer months - call first before visiting.

School begins August 9.

## James A. Duff Elementary

Regularly scheduled meetings of the Duff Elementary Site Based Decision Making Council will be held in the school's library from 5-6 p.m. on scheduled meeting dates throughout the school year 2001-2002.

## May Valley Elementary

Kindergarten orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 8, at 6 p.m. This orientation session will be geared toward those students already registered for kindergarten for the 2001-2002 school year.

## McDowell Family Resource Center

Floyd County Health Department nurse, Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday. Call to schedule your child's school physical. All children entering the sixth grade, kindergarten, or Head Start must have a physical evaluation before school begins. Immunizations and T.B. skin tests may also be given - immunization updates and student physicals are required by law. Call 377-2678 now to schedule appointments.

GED classes, free, Mondays, 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

## Mud Creek Family Resource Center

G.E.D. classes offered free each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Center is open weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

## Prestonsburg High School

SBDM Council will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, August 2, at 6 p.m., in the school library.

Freshman and New Student Orientation will be held on Monday, August 6, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

## South Floyd Youth Services Center

Walking track open to public, except during special event.

Adult education classes available.

The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

All new students and visitors, please stop by the center and see Mable Hall. The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or

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## Co-op News: National Kids Day

by CHUCK STAMPER,  
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT FOR  
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

We have several days devoted to recognizing various family members and how much we appreciate them. There's Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Grandparents Day. This year, let's also remember to celebrate National Kids Day on August 5. Spend some meaningful time with the kids you know. Take

time to convey the message, "You are special and loved," not only on just this one special day, but each day throughout the year as well. During this inaugural National Kids Day, devote some quality hours to a child you love, whether your own child, a niece or nephew, or a child who needs a mentor.

In recognition of National Kids Day, the Floyd County 4-H Council has put together a packet of fun ideas and games that

families can participate in together.

There are an endless number of things you can do in recognition of National Kids Day. Read a book together, take a bicycle ride, have a picnic, take a nature walk, visit a museum or library, go shopping, to a movie or sports event, or simply take the time to talk and listen.

On Kids Day, you might

(See **CO-OP**, page three)

# Our Yesterdays

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

## Ten Years Ago (July 31 and August 2, 1991)

Two Floyd Countians have been found dead this week due to unknown circumstances, according to Kentucky State Police reports. On Monday morning, Willimer Conn of Martin, was discovered by a nephew, dead in his car at the head of Arkansas Creek. The 56-year-old was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson, and the body was sent to Louisville for an autopsy on Tuesday. Nelson said that Conn had been dead for several hours before the body was discovered. The second death occurred on Tuesday morning. Lon Irvine Slone, 33, of Blue River was found dead in his bed at 7:30 a.m., by his wife. Nelson pronounced Slone dead at the scene, and estimated that time of death between midnight and 1 a.m., Tuesday. The body was also sent to Louisville for an autopsy...Floyd County could become one of just five counties in Kentucky to have two certified cities within its boundaries if the city of Martin is approved into the program. A state evaluation team was in Martin, Tuesday, reviewing the city's application package and making recommendations for improvements. The Certified City Program has been sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce for eight years, and is a program coordinated to challenge cities to improve themselves. Kentucky is the only state where the chamber sponsors this program, usually it is done by a state economic development cabinet...An investigation is being conducted at Dewey Lake following the discovery of discarded medical paraphernalia there, Friday. According to state police reports, visitors to the lake found a brown medical dispenser bottle containing an unknown substance floating in the water near the Goble Branch launch ramp. They notified the state park office who then notified David Chaffins, area coordinator for the Kentucky State Department of Disaster and Emergency Services (DES)...The face of justice in Floyd County is changing. After nearly 30 years on the bench, Circuit Court Judge Hollie Conley has decided to step down. On November 5, a successor for Conley will be chosen by Floyd County voters. The candidates for the position are Paul Burchett and Harold Stumbo...The death of a 63-year-old Martin woman is under investigation by the Kentucky State Police after she reportedly climbed into a ground well and drowned. Aggie Click of Stephens Branch, was found in the well near her home by her grandson at approximately 10 a.m., Wednesday. Members of the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad removed Click from the well and she was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson...A 33-year-old Floyd County man was killed in a one-car accident Tuesday night, and a passenger in the car is in critical condition. David L. Allen, 33, of Garrett, was pronounced dead on arrival at Our Lady of the Way Hospital after he lost control of the

vehicle he was driving which struck a utility pole and overturned, said trooper Ghomer Prater with the Kentucky State Police...An Indiana man is awaiting extradition to his home state after an observant state employee recognized his name from a warrant in the Floyd County Sheriff's Department. Frank McGuire Jr., 31, whose address was listed as Highland Heights in Prestonsburg, was arrested Wednesday, at 1:15 p.m., by deputy Mike Conn at the Floyd County courthouse while he was applying to get a Kentucky driver's license to replace his Indiana license...There died: Mrs. Gipsy LeMaster, 82, of Hager Hill, Wednesday, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center; Alonzo Patrick, 57, of Nappanee, Indiana, Monday, in the St. Joseph Hospital, Mishawaka, Indiana; Willimer Conn, 56, of Arkansas, at Martin, was found dead Monday, in a vehicle on Arkansas; Dr. John A. Patton, 76, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, formerly of Hueysville, Monday, at the Middle Tennessee Medical Center, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Proctor (Prock) Blevins, 82, of Pekin, Indiana, formerly of Staffordsville, Friday, at Washington County Memorial Hospital in Salem, Indiana; Dona Tackett, 91, of Virgie, July 25, at the Mountain View Health Care Center; Alberta Virginia Caldwell Williamson, 64, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mexico Spears, 70, of Banner, Saturday, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Lester Green, 72, of Smithville, Tennessee, formerly of Hi Hat; John D. Lemaster Jr., 66, of Springfield, Ohio, formerly of Martin, Thursday, at the Community Hospital in Springfield, Ohio; Dinah Osborne Hall, 80, of Prestonsburg, Friday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Harold Allen, 68, of Hueysville, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Erma Horne Wilcox, 85, of East Point, Monday, at her residence; Lon Irvin Slone, 32, of Blue River, Tuesday, at his residence; Thaniel Mosley, 47, of Frasure's Creek at McDowell, Tuesday, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

## Twenty Years Ago (August 5, 1981)

State spending cuts announced by Gov. John Y. Brown last week will cost the Floyd school system about \$254,000...State Police are as frustrated by their inability to locate two trucks that are missing as by the fact that the two youths who disappeared at the same time from an Allen service station have not been found...Even the Dog Days doldrums have hit circuit court with Circuit Judge Hollie Conley on annual vacation, and only one criminal case docketed for trial during the month...The end of the Jenny Wiley Trail system may be in sight, many fear, as funds to pay for its upkeep have been lost to budget-cutting...There died: Silas Burke, 73, of Halo, Friday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Elder Eugene Case, 52,

of Hunter, Sunday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Reba Eversole, 59, of McDowell, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Pearl Conley, 80, of Garrett, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way; Richard T. Vinson Sr., 73, Tuesday, in Shelbyville; Eddie Hall, 74, Monday, at Wheelwright; Rettie Donathan, 82, of Marion, Ohio, August 1, at her home; Carol B. May, 83, July 27, at the home of her daughter at Pikeville.

## Thirty Years Ago (August 5, 1971)

One of three water districts designed to afford water distribution to rural residents in as many communities of the county, drew a step nearer functional status with the appointment, Monday of the commissioners to serve the David Water District...The nationwide surplus of teachers is reflected in the Floyd County teaching situation, County Superintendent of Schools Charles Clark said this week. Ninety-eight persons, he said, have applied for teaching positions in this county and there is no place to put them... "Jenny Wiley!" a new musical with music by Benjamin Keaton, and book and lyrics by Mitch Douglas, will have its world premiere, Thursday, August 5, here at the Jenny Wiley Summer Music Theatre...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. George, of Findlay, Ohio, a daughter, Carolyn Sue, July 23, at Findlay; to Mr. and Mrs. Gary David Berry, formerly of Martin, a daughter, Elizabeth Carol, July 19, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington...There died: Hazel Wallen, 55, Thursday, at her home at Garrett; Dona Hall, 79, Thursday, at her home at Wheelwright; Edna Simmons Babb, 78, of Martin, July 26, at her home; Elizabeth Johnson McCoy, 63, of Weeksbury, last Wednesday, at the U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; Ed Hampton, 72, of Martin, last Thursday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Ollie Burchett, 74, native of Endicott, last Tuesday, at Gallipolis, O.; John Henderson Roberts, 67, of Prestonsburg, last Thursday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Ted Pemberton, 60, last Wednesday, at his home at Galveston.

## Forty Years Ago (August 3, 1961)

A warrant, charging a resident of the Auxier road section with willful murder was issued Tuesday afternoon by Judge Henry Stumbo after Deputy Sheriff Wesley Sanford Fannin, 38, had died at a Huntington, W. Va., hospital of bullet wounds...Floyd County wants its part of the highway from the Bluegrass to the Mountains, and wants it at the earliest possible moment, Department of Highway officials conducting a public

(See **YESTERDAYS**, page three)



# Weddings



## Couple to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie V. Akers of Columbus, Georgia are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jayme Lynn, to Lee Eugene Feagin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Feagin, also of Columbus. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Myrtle Akers and the late Simon Akers, of Dana, Kentucky. An August 18 wedding is planned at Epworth United Methodist Church, Columbus. The bride-elect is a graduate of Columbus High School and Auburn University. She is currently attending graduate school at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Her fiancée is a graduate of Columbus High School and is currently attending Georgia Tech and working as a co-op student with the Georgia Tech Research Institute in Atlanta, Georgia.



## Engagement announcement

Charles and Teresa Conn, of Harold, are happy to announce the engagement and forthcoming wedding ceremony of their daughter, Andrea, to Kevin Bradley, the son of Dan and Dede Bradley, of Anniston, Alabama. The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Betsy Layne High School and a 2001 graduate of Western Kentucky University. She is currently employed as a medical technologist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee. Her fiancée is a 1995 graduate of Pike Central High School and a 2000 graduate of Western Kentucky University. He is also currently employed by Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, as a web programmer. The couple plan to wed on August 11, 2001, at the afternoon hour of two o'clock, at St. James Methodist Church, Bowling Green, KY. A reception in the couple's honor will follow immediately after the ceremony, in the church fellowship hall. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed. The couple plan to honeymoon on a seven-day Carnival Cruise to the Western Caribbean and will reside in Nashville upon their return.



## Wedding announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Swain, of Paintsville, KY, are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Courtney Elizabeth, to Stephen Alexander Boyd, the son of Kim Alexander and Steve Boyd, both of Lexington, KY. The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Mrs. Maxine Retterman, of Carlville, IL, and the late George A. Retterman and Mrs. Marie Simmons, of Coffeen, IL, and the late Clarence Swain. Her fiancée is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams, all of Prestonsburg. He is the great-grandson of Enid Alexander, also of Prestonsburg.

## Happy Birthday



## Happy Birthday

Sola Williams and her daughter, Palestene Gibson, will both celebrate birthdays on August 8, 2001. Sola will be seventy years "young" and Palestene will join the ranks of the "nifty-fifty." The mother and daughter have celebrated their birthdays together since Palestene was born on August 8, 1951, her mother's twentieth birthday. Friends and family all look forward to a joyous celebration this upcoming August 8. Palestene is the daughter of the late Ballard Williams.



## Birth Announcement

Chloe Lee Ward would like to announce the birth of her brother, Harrison Ray Ward. He was born March 26, 2001, at 7:33 p.m., at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Russell, KY, to Jeremy and Geneva Ward, of Prestonsburg. The baby weighed 8 lbs., 8 ozs. and measured 20 and one half inches in length. He is the grandson of Clifford and Anna Ward and Stephen and Lynn Boyd, of Prestonsburg. He is the great-grandson of Mona Boyd, of Dana.



## New arrival

Chad and Felicia Woody, of Tutor Key, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Chad Dalton, born on June 21, 2001, at 8:23 a.m., at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. The baby weighed 8 lbs., 11 oz. and measured 20 and one-half inches in length. He is the maternal grandson of Ron and Shelby Robinette, of Watergap, and the paternal grandson of Keith and Katie Woody, of Tutor Key. He is the maternal great-grandson of Macie Hunt, of Hunter, and the paternal great-grandson of Lloyd and Dolores Woody, of Weeksbury, and Betty Browning, of Paintsville.

## Anniversaries



## Celebration planned

The family of Eugene Rodney and Louann Hutchinson will host an open house in honor of the couple's 40th wedding anniversary. The event will take place on Saturday, August 18, 2001, from 1-6 p.m. at the Pines Building, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. The couple were married August 19, 1961. Louann is the daughter of Herbert and Alvina Ries, of Dyersville, Iowa. Rodney is the son of the late D.M. and Loretta Hutchinson, of Martin. The family respectfully requests that your presence alone be gift enough for this occasion.



Michael and Patricia Dye, of Prestonsburg, and Howard and Mary McFaddin of Paintsville, would like to announce the marriage of their children, Melissa LeAnn and David Thomas. Melissa is a 1998 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. She is a senior at Eastern Kentucky University where she is a Child and Family Studies Major. She plans to obtain her Masters in Marriage and Family Counseling from the University of Kentucky. David is a 1996 graduate of Johnson Central High School. He is a 1999 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in Public Relations. He is currently working in Georgetown as a Network Manager for Bellsouth. The wedding will take place at the Prestonsburg Church of Christ on August 4th, 2001, at two-thirty in the afternoon. A reception will follow at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center in Jenny Wiley State Park. The gracious custom of an open ceremony will be observed.

## Yesterdays

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hearing on the proposed route were told here Tuesday morning...Woodrow Fitzpatrick, of West Prestonsburg, was employed Monday by the Floyd Fiscal Court as supervisor of the county road program, to succeed Glenn C. Burchett, who resigned...Dr. James D. Adams, a native of Martin, is practicing where he always planned to be—back in Floyd County. He has opened his office in the Town Center building here...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Walker Prater of Maytown, a daughter, Tamayra Ann, July 23, at the McDowell Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ousley, of Hatfield, Ky.; a daughter, Tanda Kaye, June 29, at the McDowell Memorial Hospital...There died: Virgie Johnson Pruitt, 75, Friday, at her home at West Prestonsburg; George H. Kelly, 64, of Hi Hat, last Wednesday, at McDowell Memorial; Dottie Setser Lafferty, 38, of Cliff, Monday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; William L. Click, 69, Floyd County native, July 19, in Shelbyville, Ill.; Chester Wells, 39, of Auxier, Tuesday, while working in the mines of the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company at David; Marion Martin, 92, of Minnie, last Wednesday, at his home.

## Fifty Years Ago (August 2, 1951)

The rumor heard here this week to the effect that the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company at David contemplates closing its mine, unless a settlement of labor trouble there can be reached, was denied by officials of the company...Floyd County's Fiscal Court moved this week to cut down on its road department expenses by cutting in half the number of the department employees...Citing the increase in freight rates, with another raise sought, and the prospects of a greater demand for coal, Congressman Carl D. Perkins early last week branded as "unsound," the findings of the U.S. Corps of Engineers which in March, 1950, held that canalization of the Big Sandy river is unjustified...This month's preinduction quota of 137 is one of the heaviest for Floyd County since the resumption of the draft, it was pointed out here this week...A big double-feature was scheduled for Saturday, at the Abigail with "Buckaroo Sheriff of Texas," and "Snake River Desperados," providing the Western entertainment...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Grover L. Howard, a daughter, Mary Josephine, July 10, at Charleston, W. Va.; and Mr. and Mrs. James Barrett, of Baltimore, Md., a son, James Andrew July 16...There died: Osa Jones, 75, July 30, at Martin.

## Sixty Years Ago (July 31, 1941)

During the first six months of 1941, 372 workmen were injured, nine fatally, in, and around mines of the Big Sandy-Elkhorn field...Arrangements are practically complete for the free clinic planned by the Kentucky Crippled Children Commission to examine physically handicapped children in Floyd and three other nearby counties... "The Inlanders," Wheelwright's new dance band, will be presented to music lovers at the Grove, near Pikeville, Saturday, August 2...A complete seven-day, rail-ocean cruise tour was advertised this week by the Chessie System for \$55.20, all expenses paid...Born: A daughter, Tennessee Adkins, to Mr. and Mrs. Adkins of Dinwood, July 26; to Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Osborne, of Eastern, twins, a son and daughter...There died: Hampton Rice, 16-year-old Martin High School junior, and outstanding athlete, Monday, at Martin General Hospital, of typhoid; the Rev. John Joseph, 89, Monday night, at the home of a daughter at West Prestonsburg; Mrs. J. J. Mosley, of Fed, Saturday at the Martin General Hospital; Ella Akers, 23, Tuesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Fanny Conley, 68, of Lackey, Saturday, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital; Lula Belle Parker, 37, of Drift, July 24, at the Beaver Valley Hospital.

## Co-op

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want to take a trip down memory lane by looking through photographs and sharing favorite memories and activities you enjoyed when your kids were small. They might enjoy starting a scrapbook that they can later share with their own children. You could work together on an art project for this book. Another activity is to make a coupon book of activities the kids enjoy; then allow the kids to redeem them at a later date.

Research shows that children develop a positive self-image and a sense of belonging, usefulness and purpose when adults spend meaningful time with them. Another study revealed that kids are more likely to become caring, compassionate individuals with a zest for life when their fundamental needs are met.

Times will change and fads will come and go, but the special times you share with kids throughout the year will etch a place in a child's heart and memory that no amount of time can erase.

National Kid's Day is a cooperative effort of 4-H, the Boy's & Girl's Clubs of America, YMCA and KidsPeace. For more information, contact the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service Office at 886-2668, or visit <http://www.kidsday.net>.

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Source: Anna Lucas, Kentucky 4-H Specialist, Emeritus

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## Beauty

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## PHS new faculty members



Principle  
Ron Hampton

Prestonsburg High School has several new faculty members that will be on staff as the new school year opens in August. Ron Hampton has been hired as the school's new principal; Jerry Butcher is the new assistant principal; Tina Crum will serve as guidance counselor; Terry Music will be a new Math Department member; and, three to four other new teachers will be joining the Math and Special Education departments.

Using standardized test scores and results of the state scholastic audit, Hampton

hopes to continue the focus on curriculum and instruction initiated by Coy Samons, the school's former principal. Hampton says that he is proud of recent gains in CTBS and for also being a CATS reward school but insists that several areas still need improved upon. A focus on curriculum alignment and improvements in assessment and other instructional areas will be emphasized this coming school year.

Hampton is also proud to belong to one of only seven schools to be chosen nationally as part of a research project conducted by Old Dominion University. The end product of this research will be the development of a tutorial science program to be used in all high schools. Officials at Old Dominion have continually informed Hampton and his science department staff that they were more impressed with the students and teachers at PHS than with any of the other schools they had worked with.

Hampton reports that he is excited about the professional development program that is being offered at PHS this year. Professional development will be offered in assertive discipline, best practices for teachers, equity in the classroom, and other instructional areas. According to Hampton, the PHS Site-Based Decision Making Council has approved the creation of eight standing committees which will serve to increase and intensify focus on curriculum and instruction and will enhance individual teacher skills.

Freshman Orientation will also be conducted this year. The orientation session will occur on Monday, August 6, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Hampton encourages parents to sign up for school committees at the orientation session or at the school's first Open House.

The new principal says that he is sure exciting academic accomplishments such as last year's Governor's Scholars programs, will continue to occur during the upcoming school year in a variety of areas and programs. He plans to keep parents informed with academic department news reports to the media each nine weeks of the 2001-02 school year.

Hampton also credits the athletic success of PHS as a great morale booster and is very proud of the school's athletic progress. He, as well as the rest of PHS' faculty and staff, are looking forward to the first home football game against Paintsville in the new PHS stadium. He extends a cordial invitation to the community to join the PHS team for this special school event.

# Schools find a new way to send classroom lessons home

Elementary schools across Kentucky — including Duff Elementary School in Floyd County — are using a new monthly newsletter to help families see what their children should be learning in public school classrooms and how they'll be tested.

Starting this past fall, families of more than 38,000 elementary school children have access to Aiming Higher. The monthly newsletters were created by a Kentucky parent to give schools a new way help families and teachers get a better handle on Kentucky's academic goals.

"Too often parents are the last to know what their children are supposed to be learning," said Lonnie Harp of Danville, a former education reporter for The Courier-Journal and Lexington Herald-Leader. Harp started publishing Aiming Higher after seeing elementary schools from a parent's point of view last year.

"Teachers have worked hard to upgrade the academics they're covering," he said. "These newsletters give

schools a new way to really show parents and teachers what the state expects all children to know in reading and math and other subjects — and why."

"Parents need to be on the same page as teachers to really help their children learn and to help schools improve," Harp said.

One recent issue for parents explained that all Kentucky children are expected to know how to sort objects and materials into different groups as they learn how to "classify" in science. Another month brought information about how rhythm and tempo are basic concepts of music that all children should understand as they learn about arts.

This school year, 92 elementary schools, family resource centers, or parent-teacher groups have subscribed to Aiming Higher. Each issue features a sample question from Kentucky's state tests and an easy activity to reinforce the month's subject-area theme.

"A lot of principals and teachers really want parents to understand what their children should be learning and

stress those lessons at home," Harp said. "Schools just don't have the time to produce something like this."

Many schools have incorporated the Aiming Higher pages into their regular school newsletter.

Harp said that while many states now have school reform laws that define what children should know, parents are routinely the last to hear what those expectations are. The Aiming Higher newsletters are the first school publication in the country that focus on a state's academic goals.

Aiming Higher is nonpartisan and not affiliated with any education group. It arrives monthly to subscribing schools, which can copy the pages and distribute them. Each month, the school receives a four-page issue for parents and a separate issue for teachers.

For more information about the Aiming Higher newsletters, phone Lonnie Harp, publisher, at (859) 236-5494 or send e-mail to [aiming@o-book.com](mailto:aiming@o-book.com).



Sherrí Wright, secretary at May Valley Elementary read a Dr. Seuss story to students of Anna Shepherd's class.

## Puppy love...



To help celebrate Valentine's Day 2001, students, faculty and staff of Prestonsburg Elementary gathered food, rawhide chews, blankets, and toys for the animals at the Prestonsburg Animal Shelter located on Sally Stephens Branch. The students were pleased to realize that their combined efforts resulted in an entire truckload of items. The food alone weighed in at approximately 400 lbs. The students remained very committed to the cause of helping to feed the animals, one class, Mrs. Greene's fifth graders, used the money they had saved for a pizza party to purchase food for the animals. Kids can make a difference and Prestonsburg Elementary is very proud of all of their students!



Johnny McKinney and his Prestonsburg Dairy Queen staff provided great service to the primary classes of Allen Elementary on a recent outing.



As "Show and Tell" for the letter "Z" Katerina Halbert brought her brother, Zachary Halbert, to class. Zachary read a story to the class. Katerina is a student in Anna Shepherd's class at May Valley Elementary.



Rocky and Mrs. Anna Shepherd's students would like to say "thank you" to Aunt Mazolia Sammons for reading them a story.

Dara Bartley, a student from Donna Collins' primary class at Allen Elementary was voted "Miss Easter" by the members of her class.



## Accelerated Reader awards

The James A. Duff Elementary School's accelerated reader program rewarded the top grade level winners with gift certificates. The winners are pictured with Elizabeth Allen, school principal. First grade winner, Jeremy Conley; Second grade winner, Alecia Mosley; Third grade winner, Michalea Tussey; and Fourth grade winner, Anthony Knott.



Students in Anna Shepherd's May Valley Elementary classroom enjoyed having Tyler Tucker read them a story. Tyler is a third grade student at May Valley. His sister, Courtney Tucker, sat beside him as he read.



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A student from Donna Collins' Allen Elementary class observed as a Venus Fly-trap plant closes on a pencil held by a PCC instructor at the school's Science Day.



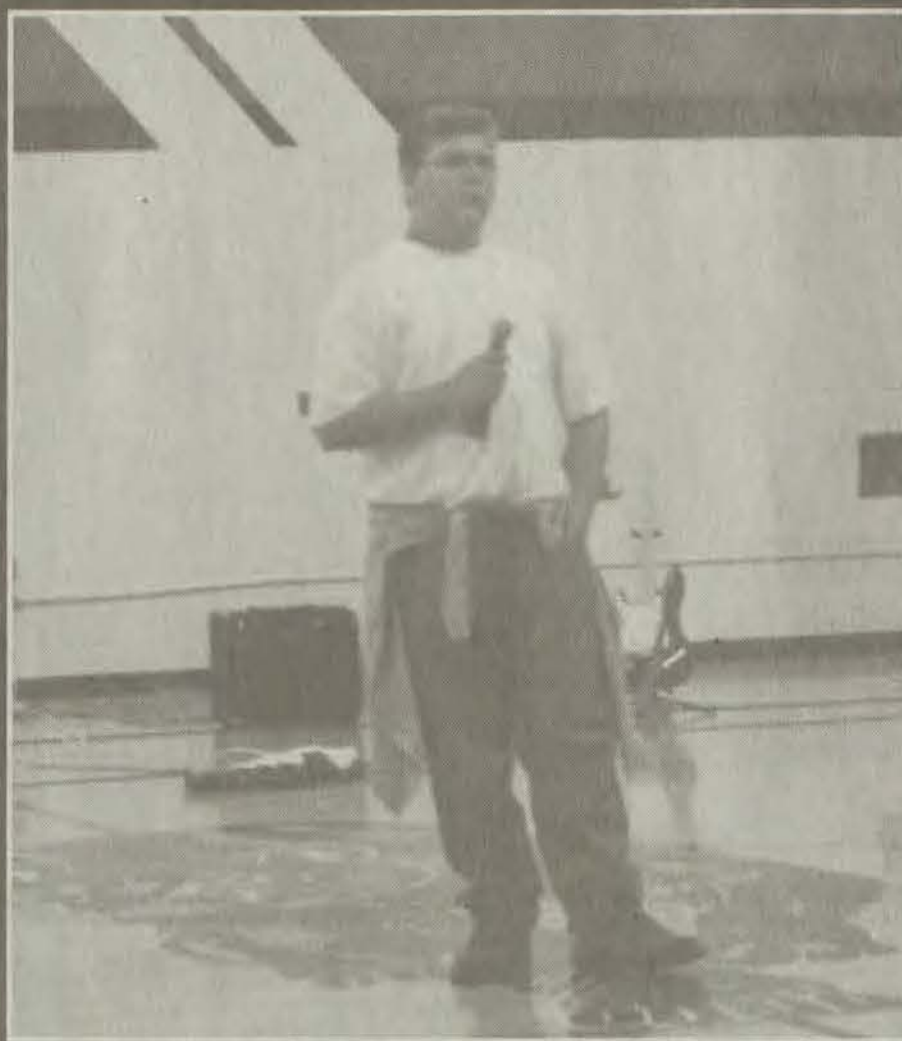
Christopher Reffitt enjoys his "green eggs and ham" after hearing the Dr. Seuss story read in his May Valley Elementary classroom.



The last day of school 2001 was full of fun for Adams Middle School students. The students were granted permission to bring cameras to school to take memorabilia pictures of friends and faculty. As evidenced by these submitted photographs, seventh grade students were excited about moving on to become eighth graders and were eager to celebrate the occasion with funny faces and the "latest hair-styles."



# Talent Showcase...



The Adams Middle School held a talent show on Friday, May 25 at 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Music teacher Valeria Hale Coburn sponsored the event. Technical assistance was given by Kyle Colley and Daryl Martin, eighth graders at Adams.



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Eighth graders Joe Gilliam and Zach Lafferty served as emcee's.

Among the student performers were: Jesse Chaffin and Ben Chaffin who played guitar and drums and sang "You Shook Me All Night Long."

Megan Goble, who sang "He Loves You Not" and performed a dance routine.

Desirae Allen, Jessika Barker, Ashley Evans, Lea Hayton, Megan Patton, Brittany Porter, and Sheena Slone, who performed a dance routine.

Amber Dudrick, baton twirling.

Tira Adams, Luka Baldrige, Caitlin Hale, Renee Maynard and Amy Wallen, all sang "Pain" and performed a dance routine.

Casey Price, who sang "Lean on Me."

Donna Cecil and Rachael Hill, performed a flute duet entitled "Country Wildflowers."

Holly Pack, Jenny Griffith, and Felicia Webb, sang "Angel."

Michelle Hackworth, Echo Rathiff, Ashanti Risner and Ashley Slone sang "Don't Laugh at Me."

Jessica Ramey sang "I Can Love You Better Than That."

Jenny Griffith sang "He Loves You Not."

Jesse Chaffin and Kristofer Bentley played guitar and drums and sang "Pretty Woman."

Megan Goble, Jesse Chaffin, and Sam Chaffin performed "The Last Kiss" with Sam Chaffin on drums.

Daimen Short, Chris Short and Chris Branham gave a Kenpo Karate demonstration.

Adams Middle School secretary Carolyn Rowe sang "I Will Testify."

Adams Middle School special education teacher Jeff Howard sang "I Will Be Here" and accompanied himself on guitar.

During intermission "New Kentucky Grass" performed for all with Tim Maynard on banjo, Glen Childers on mandolin, Ben Childers on guitar and Ralph Cole on bass.

Parents, faculty, staff and administration were all very supportive of the talent show performers.

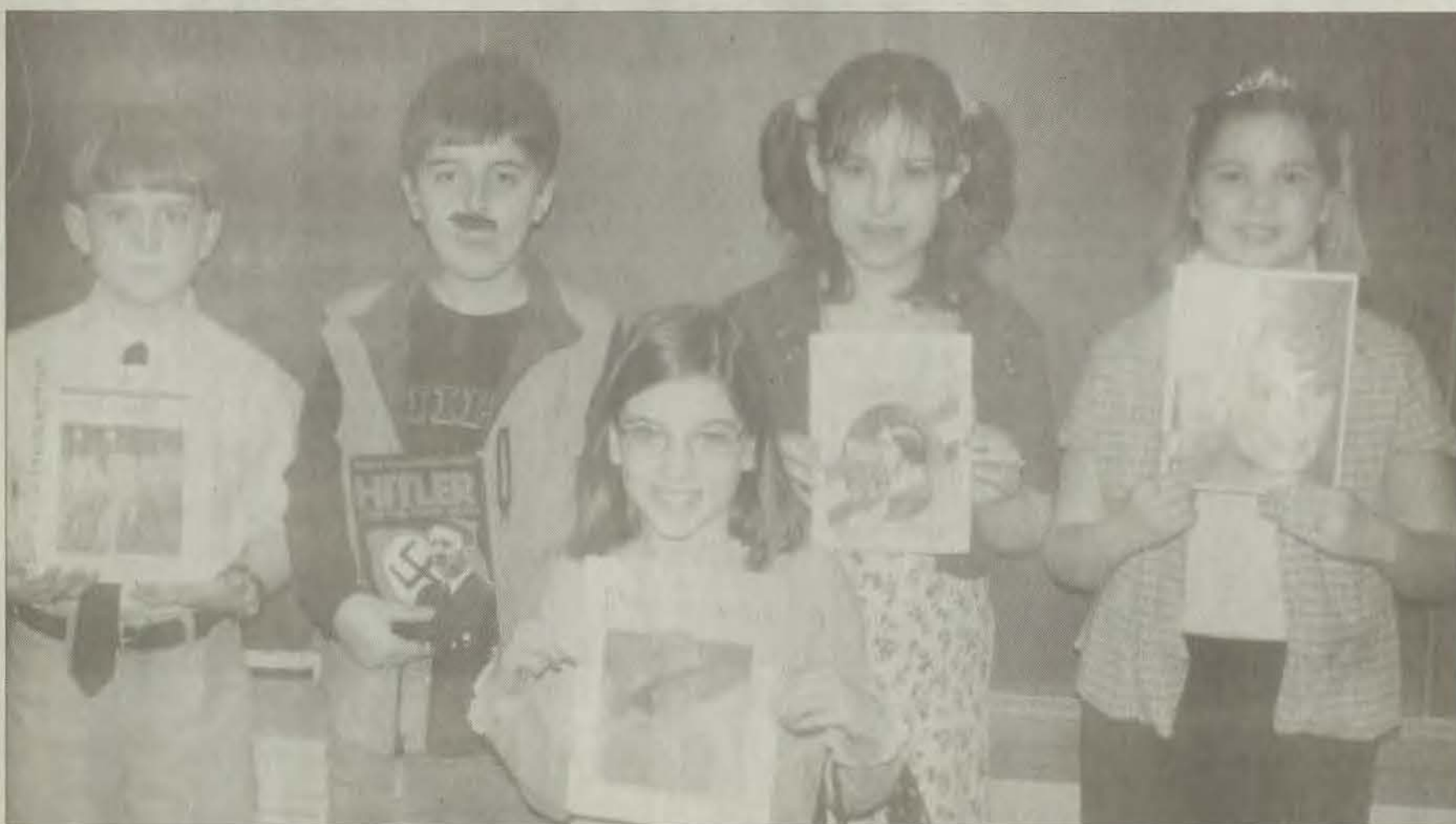


Brandeis Machinery provided a tour of their facility as part of the CEDAR unit on coal studies. Donna Collins' primary class from Allen Elementary thanks them for their hospitality.

## Reading is FUN...



*Students in Mrs. Greene's fifth grade class at Prestonsburg Elementary presented a biography of his or her choice during "Reading is Fun" week activities at the school.*



## Diggin' in the dirt...



Students in Mrs. Conn's third grade class at Prestonsburg Elementary worked at pulling weeds from an unused flower bed on the school's grounds. Plans are underway to replace the flower bed with a goldfish pond.

## Exploring literature

As part of a literature extension activity second graders at Prestonsburg Elementary participated in the creation of the character "Stanley Lambchop" from the children's book "Flat Stanley" by Jeff Brown. Students then visited the local post office to mail their "Flat Stanley's" along with letters asking recipients to allow "Flat Stanley" to visit with them and then send a letter, postcard, or pictures back to the student describing "Stanley's" adventures.

Thanks to an overwhelming response from many dedicated friends and family members, "Flat Stanley" traveled to four continents as well as some very interesting places in the United States.

Michael Marsillett, a student in Tonja Little's class, mailed his "Flat Stanley" to the White House. Michael received an 8 x 10 picture of President Bush along with a letter detailing "Stanley's" visit to Washington, D.C. In the letter, President Bush described "Stanley" as a "good listener" and a "respectful house guest." Michael said his favorite part of the letter was learning about the pets that live at the White House with the President and First Lady.

The literature project proved to be an exciting opportunity for students to develop their understanding of culture, geography, and history.

## Kentucky Derby horses at ACHS

Allen Central High School students recently had the opportunity to participate in a project coordinated through Region 8 Service Center, Kentucky Department of Education. The students were provided with wooden horses that they decorated for display at the Governor's Derby Day Breakfast held each year in Frankfort.

The horses were then auctioned off to those who attended the various Derby festivities, many of whom were well-known celebrities and public figures.

Proceeds from the auction go to various children's charities.

All students involved in the project were invited to attend Derby Day festivities as the guests of Gov. Patton and his wife.

ACHS students involved in the project were advanced art students that worked under the instruction of Mrs. Caralita O'Quinn, ACHS art teacher. The students were: Dwight McKinney, Amber Flannery, Nathan Hackworth, Jennifer Risner, Megan Robinson, Tomma Martin, Z.W. Chaffins, and Stephanie Slone.

## Area middle school students compete on state level

Academic teams from Floyd County had several students who were regional winners in the Governor's Cup academic team competitions. These students advanced to the state competitions that were held in Louisville, KY. The students that competed at the advanced level were Casey Price and Savannah Campbell, both Adams Middle School students; Ashley Gunnels, Justin Frazier, and Ronnie Thompson, from Allen Central Middle School; Jayme Staggs, from South Floyd Middle School; Kim Garrett, Allen Elementary; and Mason Rivers, Betsy Layne Elementary.

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photo by Kathy J. Prater  
Prestonsburg Elementary principal, Gwen Hale-Frazier, took part in the hot air balloon rides that were given to exiting fifth grade students during some of the "end of school" festivities that took place during the last week of the past school year.

# Duff Elementary news from students

## Oceans

by JEREMY CONLEY,  
MRS. LAWSON'S P2 CLASS

In our classroom we have been studying oceans. We have learned that the ocean has salt water. We should not throw garbage in the ocean because it could hurt the animals.

We also learned that the blue whale is longer than six school buses and is bigger than the biggest dinosaur that ever lived.

It is important to learn about oceans because we can make medicine, help sea animals, or we may want to be a marine biologist when we grow up.

## M & M's Math

by MIKE HOWARD,  
MRS. WRIGHT'S THIRD GRADE

Recently in Mrs. Wright's third grade math class, we did a project using M & M's. First, we estimated how many were in the bag, then we had to count how many we were off. We had to put them in groups and count how many we had of each color. We used addition in counting the colors together. We had to put 15 in front of us and subtract from the pile. But after all of that, we got to eat them and we also proved that M & M's melt in your mouth and in your hands. Then the next day, we got to do a bar graph using our data. We did this activity because we were learning about data and probability.

## Ocean experiment

by CALEB CONN,  
MRS. SEXTON'S CLASS

Mrs. Sexton's class is studying the oceans. The class is going to see *The Little Mermaid*. Some of the things that are in the ocean, well, there are seals and also puffer fish, sharks, octopus, and a Flat Flounder.

Here is a project for you to do at home. First you need a cup, then you put salt in the cup, and then you pour water in the cup. Now what is left in the cup, salt or water or sand?

# Johnson wins scholarship from Morehead State University

Kelli N. Johnson, a senior at Betsy Layne High School, was the winner of Morehead State University's 15th annual Constitutional Essay and Scholarship Competition. Her essay addressed the question: "Does the Display of the Ten Commandments in a Courthouse as Part of a Collection of Historical Documents Violate the U.S. Constitution?"

As the constitutional scholarship winner, Johnson received a \$1,500 award for study at MSU as a full-time student for the 2001-2002 academic year. The scholarship, renewable for three academic years, has a total value of \$6,000.

The award was presented to Johnson, the daughter of Lynn and Carolyn Johnson of Pikeville, during BLHS's awards night, June 11.

The Constitutional Essay and Scholarship competition is sponsored by Societas Pro

(See JOHNSON, page eight)

## Class creates 'Jamestown' at Duff

The P-4 classes at Duff Elementary have been studying colonial America as part of their core knowledge curriculum. Students went on-line to research life in Jamestown. Several students participated in family home projects for this unit. Shown are students in Ms. Kitty's class with their "colonial homes." From left to right are Kayla Rector, Billy Damron, Brittany Brown, April Conley, Sara Martin, and Tina Paige.



## Local students participate in All-State Chorus

Students from Adams Middle School and Prestonsburg Elementary School recently participated in the Kentucky All-State Children's Chorus. The chorus is comprised of 200 fifth and sixth graders who are selected by audition. Prominent composer, educator, pianist and conductor, Dr. David L. Brunner, directed this year's chorus. The chorus was held in Louisville on February 7 and 8, 2001 as part of the Kentucky Music Educator's Association's annual professional development conference.



Austin Mullins and Chris Plummer had lots of fun working with graphs and Valentine candies. The activity took place in Lisa Thornsberry's May Valley Elementary kindergarten class.

Tiffany Amburgey and William Powers made edible Christmas trees in Lisa Thornsberry's May Valley Elementary kindergarten class.



These students are Point Leaders in the accelerated reading program at Allen Elementary. They spent a day with the KFC Chicken celebrating reading at their school.



"The Cat in the Hat" visited Prestonsburg Elementary on March 3 to help celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and "Read Across America Day." The visitor (Corey Caudill, the son of Keith and Kathy Caudill), received a cordial welcome from staff and students alike. The "Cat" visited each homeroom and distributed books to each student.



Tommy Osborne, a student in Mrs. Allison's kindergarten class at Prestonsburg Elementary, shares a book with Mildred Potts, a resident at Prestonsburg Health Care Center.



Nick Hancock enjoyed "Dr. Seuss Day" at May Valley Elementary. He is a student in Lisa Thornsberry's May Valley Elementary kindergarten class.

## ••• Prestonsburg Elementary 4th Grade •••





### Allen Elementary Academics

The Allen Elementary Academic Team (grades 4-5) placed second in the District Governor's Cup Academic Competition at Mountain Christian Academy on March 3. The district is made up of teams from Allen Elementary, Mountain Christian Academy, May Valley, and Prestonsburg Elementary.

All the students that placed at the meet advanced to the Regional Governor's Cup at May Valley on March 24. Those members were: Brennan Case - fifth in social studies and fourth in general knowledge; Adam Gearheart - fifth in general knowledge and fifth in science; Austin Gearheart - fifth in mathematics; Emily Holbrook - fourth in composition and second in mathematics; Tanner Keathley -

third in general knowledge and fourth in science; and, Mallory Ward - first in composition and second in language arts.

Other team members that competed at the meet were: Leslie Bentley, Misty Nelson, Jaide Ousley, Josh Parks, Brittney Rudder, and Jarad Wright.

The students were coached by Janet Shepherd. Linda Gearheart served as scorer for composition and Terry Keathley served as proctor for written assessment.

Pictured from left to right are Josh Park, Misty Nelson, Austin Gearheart, Brennan Case, Tanner Keathley, Leslie Bentley, Jared Wright, Emily Holbrook, Adam Gearheart, Jaide Ousley, Mallory Ward, Brittney Rudder, and Coach Janet Shepherd.



### Allen Elementary students score!

The Allen Elementary Einstein and Darwin teams competed at the Regional Science Olympiad held at Prestonsburg Community College on March 31.

Young scientists meet once each year in this competition which provides the opportunity to improve and increase student interest in science, develop teamwork and cooperation skills, and realize student potential in areas that most interest them.

Allen Elementary students took home many trophies, with second place overall honors going to the Einstein team. The Darwin team placed fourth overall.

#### First place category winners in the elementary division were:

- Battery Buggy** - Andrew Shepherd and Alanna Cline.
- Bridge Building** - Shane Miller.
- Egg Drop** - Josh Carter and Blake Combs.
- Road Scholar** - Bobby Hughes and James Lafferty.
- Reach for the Stars** - James Lafferty and Bobby Hughes.
- Get Your Bearings** - Blake Combs and Josh Carter.
- Mission Possible** - Courtney Lewis.

#### Second place category winners were:

- Experimental Design** - Tyler Hall and Amanda Keathley.
- Battery Buggy** - Tyler Layne and Thomas Samons.
- Road Scholar** - Josh Carter and Blake Combs.
- Mystery Architecture** - Brittney Waugh and Evan Spears.
- Physical Science Lab** - Kelly Clark and Alanna Cline.
- Rocks and Minerals** - Josh McKinney and Sarah Tackett.
- Science of Fitness** - Sarah Tackett and Dustin Gibson.

#### Third place category winners were:

- Life Science Lab** - Lindsay Ward and Gerri Vance.
- Metric Estimation** - Tyler Layne and Thomas Samons.
- Amphibians and Reptiles** - Rikki Murray and Allison Hamilton.
- Experimental Design** - Jenna Gearheart, Jackie Joseph, and Kelly Jarrell.
- Science Crimebusters** - Kelly Clark and Joseph McKinney.



The members of the Betsy Layne Jr. High School Supernova Science Olympiad team. The members are: Seated, left to right, Ryan McKinney, Alyssa Reed, Kevin Rogers. Standing, second row, left to right, Adam Chaffins, Shaina Parsons, T.J. Hollyfield, Robert Collum. Third row, left to right, Trai Witt, Tyler Hamilton, Colby Nunemaker. Fourth row, Coach Tammy Meade, Brittney Story.

## Jumpin' rope...



Megan Goble (left) and Brittany Collins (right) prepare to throw a jump-rope for Jaime Lafferty. The girls are all members of Prestonsburg Elementary's Jump Rope Club.



Cody McCoy (left) and John Ferrari (right) displayed their jump-rope skills during a presentation program held for the Prestonsburg Elementary PTA. The boys are members of the school's Jump Rope Club, which helps students to improve their fitness levels.



Drew Diddle, forefront, and Ashton Crisp, far right, hone their skills during a practice session of the Jump Rope Club held in the Prestonsburg Elementary lunchroom and gymnasium.



#### Howard-Carter Collaborative Unit

The seventh grade social studies and science classes of Allen Elementary participated in a collaborative unit involving the study of Ancient Egypt and the systems of the body. As a culminating event, students "mummified" their dissected fetal pigs using the mummification process performed by ancient Egyptians.



The KFC chicken entertained students at Allen Elementary as a participant in the accelerated reader program. Mona Dingus, of WMDJ Radio Station, helped form the partnership with Allen Elementary and Kentucky Fried Chicken to encourage student reading. An award program was held while the chicken played games with the students and teachers. Prizes were awarded to the winners. The accelerated reader program is a reward program in which students receive points for reading books and are able to "spend" these points to purchase items from the school store.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Kathern Johnson's class at W.D. Osborne Elementary did some "hands-on" experiments and activities after studying about different types of electricity and how it is used. These students are experimenting with the effects of static electricity.



Wayne Taylor, Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, visited Prestonsburg Elementary fifth grade students on Law Day. The students enjoyed his presentation and had many questions to ask Mr. Taylor. The students issued an open invitation to him to visit their school anytime.





**Sixth grade quilters**

Sixth grade reading students in Mrs. Stamper's class at Betsy Layne Elementary, after finishing a unit on "Number The Stars" by Lois Lowry, decided to create a quilt to show what they learned from the unit. The novel deals with how the people of Denmark, during their occupation by the Nazis during W.W.II, protected and saved their Jewish countrymen. The students hope the quilt will encourage a sense of Brotherhood and Love for all people. Anita Rogers, an instructional aide and friend to the students at Betsy Layne Elementary, worked closely with the students on the quilt and did the actual quilting. Small groups of the students will be going around to other classrooms to share and explain the meaning of their quilt.



Betsy Layne Middle School sixth graders finished up their "Slick Tracy Home Team Program" with a poster exhibit at their school. The Slick Tracy program is a five-week curriculum of the KIP program (Kentucky Incentives for Prevention). The program allows a means for students to learn about the dangers of alcohol, drugs, and peer pressure. Each child enrolled in the program work at home on workbook activities with their parents. For more information about this program, or about other services surrounding alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, contact the Mountain Regional Prevention Center at 1-800-432-9337, or 606-886-6883.



Prestonsburg Elementary students pose with members of the Wulfe Brothers Band. The students are from left to right, McKinley Minix, Morgan Nunnery, and Ashley Willis.



John M. Stumbo Elementary recently hosted a beauty pageant for students who had perfect attendance during the CATS testing. Male faculty dressed in their favorite fashions to vie for "2000-2001 Miss Mustang." The winner of this year's pageant was 5th Generation Granny (Jody Roberts, 5th grade teacher).



Judy Halbert's kindergarten class at Allen Elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss week by painting their faces, wearing hats, and reading Dr. Seuss stories.

**Young Author  
County Winner**



We made some new friends,  
some young and some old.  
We didn't get to play much,  
because it was getting too cold.

When we awoke the next morning,  
much to our delight, we  
looked outside,  
the sun was shining bright.

We rode on our float,  
it was so much fun to ride.  
But when we hit the waves, I  
almost died.

The day of camping was now  
at an end,  
I told them next year, I would  
see them again.

My Guardian Angel  
There is a guardian angel  
watching over me,  
holding my hand and helping  
me to see.

One day earth will come to an  
end.  
So, I hope you find Jesus,  
before it's too late, my friend.

Tiffany Perry, a fifth grade student at Clark Elementary, was a county winner in the Young Author's program. She is the daughter of Jack and Anita Perry of Prestonsburg. Following are some excerpts from her book, "My Poems."  
Camping  
When we went camping,  
it was so much fun.  
Swimming in the water,  
lying in the sun.



The Allen Elementary primary classes took a ride on the Polar Express with Conductor Deidra Gearheart to celebrate the meaning of Christmas. The children are all students in the classrooms of Donna Collins and Anita Vanover. Everyone wore pajamas for their ride on the Polar Express.



Students placing first in the Allen Central High School Math Day event. The students are Christine Hall, Shane Hall and Josh Carter.



Students use geometric reasoning to manipulate tangrams to match pictures.

**Math Day 2001 at Allen Central High School**

by EVA DUNCAN AND MISTY SAMONS

On Tuesday, May 8, 2001, the Allen Central High School Math Club held their annual Math Day event. The schools that participated in the event were Allen Central Middle School, Allen Elementary, and John M. Stumbo Elementary. The students were involved in various activities, including Taboo, Jeopardy, Foil Boats, Tangrams, Scavenger Hunt, Masterminds, Spaghetti and Marbles and Correct Path. Each group competed against one another for an assortment of prizes. In each group there was one student from each school paired together as a team.

When asked about the Math Day program, many students replied, "Math Day is fun." Math Day provides for a very unique way to learn math.

Many of the students also said that they would come back



**Betsy Layne Jr. High Science Team**

The Betsy Layne Jr. High Science Olympiad Supernova Team competed at Morehead State University on April 21. The team had two state third place winners in the category of "Science of Fitness." Adam Chaffins, left, and Robert Collum were the Supernova Team placement winners.



Allen Elementary primary teachers Donna Collins and Anita Vanover held a "Buddy" activity at the school to celebrate the 100th day of school. Students listened to stories, received 100th day glasses, and measured 100 steps down the hallway. The 100th day of school fell on Valentine's Day.

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Legibus pre-law society and the Department of Geography, Government and History, in cooperation with the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Dr. William Green, MSU professor of government, coordinated the scholarship competition. "This is another example of how MSU uses its resources to encourage high school teachers and students in the service region to accomplish the goals of the Kentucky Education Reform Act," he said.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Green at (606) 783-2128.



### Artists Korner...



Nikki Mullins  
Kindergarten-L. Manns Duff Elem



Math Club

### Math Day

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next year if they possibly could and that they were interested in being a member of the Math Club when they enter high school.

Students taking first place in Math Day events were: Shane Hall, Josh Carter, and Christine Hall. All three students each received a calculator, compositional notebook, a Big Mac, free pop and french fries from McDonald's, a t-shirt, and mechanical pencil.

The students taking second place were Brittany Zimmerman, Rachel Cooley, and Kevin Bray. Each of these students received a mechanical pencil, compositional notebook, a McChicken sandwich and pop from McDonald's, a protractor, compass and t-shirt.

The students taking third place were Blair Hall, Scott Allen, and Brad Adams. These students each received a mechanical pencil, graph paper notebook, a free pop and cone from McDonald's, and a t-shirt.

The Math Club consists of the following members: Ashley Hancock, Tabitha Bays, Allison Hancock, Angie Boyd, Kevin O'Quinn, Stephanie Baker, Shannon Sizemore, Dwight McKinney, Johnna Ison, Carrie Martin, Kelli Campbell, Tyler Green, Kris Fultz, Tracey Cooley, Krystal Deaton, Tiffany Turner, Kyle O'Quinn, Deanna Mullins, Sarah Noble, Jennifer Goble, Jeni Spurlock, Misty Samons, Eva Duncan, Trista McKinney, Sarah Smith, Laura Chaney, Tara Howard, Shauna Case, Tomma Martin, Larry Mullins, Brandon Sizemore, Lauren Majakey, Chad Samons, Kyra Osborne, Misty Scott, Heather Handshoe, Kendra Bailey, Erin Majakey, Tia Dobson, Brett Whitaker, Chad Webb, Brett Watson and John Slone.

The Allen Central High School Math Department consists of Charlotte Moore, Amy Halbert, Robert Mayton, and Marsha Smith.

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